

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2022

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**ASSEMBLY BUSINESS COMMITTEE MAY 2022****Proposed Deliverance****The General Assembly:**

1. Receive the Report.
2. Approve the order of business for the first two days.
3. Appoint Rev Colin Renwick to be Precentor until May 2023.
4. Appoint Mr Roy Pinkerton to index the verbatim record.
5. Invite Commissioners to submit to the Procedure Committee via email: **pcoffice@churchofscotland.org.uk** by Monday 23 May at 12pm, nominations for consideration to serve on the Selection Committee.
6. Note the expenses levels for those attending at least 12 of the 15 General Assembly sessions in person.
7. Note the proposed timetable of Moderator's visits to Presbyteries.
8. Acknowledge the consultation work undertaken by the Committee in the area of General Assembly Reform as reported in section 8 of the Report and instruct the Committee to bring in-depth proposals to the General Assembly of 2023.
9. Give thanks for the ongoing work of the Scottish Bible Society and:-
  - a) urge the Scottish Bible Society to pursue its ongoing efforts to address the challenge of global Bible translation and distribution;
  - b) support the Society in its desire to work in partnership with congregations to improve people's experience of the Bible and its impact on their life;
  - c) endorse the Society in its efforts to encourage confidence in the gospel and in providing Scripture resources for mission purposes; and
  - d) commend the Society's global outreach to the generosity of congregations and members.

## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY BUSINESS COMMITTEE MAY 2022

### **Proposed Deliverance**

#### **The General Assembly:**

1. Receive the Supplementary Report.

## ASSEMBLY TRUSTEES MAY 2022

### Proposed Deliverance

#### The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report.
2. Acknowledge with gratitude the continuing work and ministry of the Church at all levels during the enduring Covid-19 pandemic. (*Section 1*)
3. Receive the 2021 Report and Accounts of the Church of Scotland Unincorporated Entities. (*Section 2*)
4. Affirm the overriding priority in budget planning to support the maintenance and growth of the local Church and note the continuance of the challenging financial situation facing the Church as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. (*Section 5*)
5. Agree to implement the Giving to Grow scheme from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 (*Section 9*) and approve the proposed Regulations. (*Appendix A*).
6. Repeal the Parish Ministries Fund Regulations (Regs IV 2016). (*Section 9.4*)
7. Approve the amendments to the Regulations for Contributions from Congregations in the Presbytery of International Charges (Regs V 2016) and the Regulations for Allocations in Local Ecumenical Partnerships (2007) (*Appendix C*) for use from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023. (*Section 9.3*)
8. Repeal the Pilot Presbytery Staffing Fund Regulations (Regs V 2011). (*Section 9.4*)
9. Encourage Kirk Sessions to engage with the Christian Aid and ecumenical partners' promotion of legacy giving in September 2022. (*Section 12.4*)
10. Encourage Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions to use the National Stewardship Team as a resource to help congregations steward their resources in line with their vision and mission plans. (*Section 12.5*)
11. Instruct the Assembly Trustees, working in the terms outlined in Section 13 of the Report, to bring to the General Assembly of 2023 detailed descriptions and remits and finalised titles for an Active Faith Leadership Team and the following Programme Groups:- (*Section 13*)
  - i. Mission
  - ii. People & Training
  - iii. Public Life & Global Justice
  - iv. Resource & Presence
12. Instruct the Trustees to work with the Nomination Committee and Presbyteries to enable the Nomination Committee to bring names of nominees for the leaders and members of the Active Faith Leadership Team and each of the Programme Groups to the General Assembly of 2023. (*Section 13*)
13. Affirm the faithful and dedicated work of the Faith Nurture Forum and Faith Impact Forum since their inception in January 2020, the leadership of those Forums and the commitment of their members and commend their continuing involvement in the development of the Faith Action Programme. (*Section 13*)
14. Instruct the Trustees, working in the terms outlined in Appendix E, Section 9 of the Report, to bring to the General Assembly of 2023 detailed proposals for the Ecumenical Relations Committee and the Theological Forum in relation to the structural arrangements for the Faith Action Programme, whilst retaining their direct accountability to the General Assembly. (*Appendix E, Section 9*).
15. Note the Vision Statement which frames the discussion around the Review of Initial Training for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament (*Appendix D*), agree the principles for ministerial education and training outlined in Section 14 of the Report and authorise the Faith Nurture Forum to engage with academic providers and others as necessary in order to ensure the best possible infrastructure and curriculum for ministry formation. (*Section 14*)
16. Instruct the General Trustees, jointly with the Assembly Trustees, the Legal Questions Committee and the Faith Nurture Forum, to review current law and practice with a view to proposing legislation that would allow greater flexibility in relation to the allocation of the sale proceeds of properties found to be surplus to requirements following the dissolution of a congregation or the union of one or more congregations and provide a transparent process with adequate criteria by which decisions on the use of such funds are made and report to the General Assembly of 2023. (*Section 22*)
17. Approve the amended remit of the Audit Committee. (*Section 23.5*)
18. Approve the amended Constitution and Remit of the Assembly Trustees. (*Section 23.6*)
19. Note the revised Job Description for the post of Principal Clerk as set out in recruitment pack <https://churchofscotland.org.uk/about-us/general-assembly/redirects/principal-clerk-recruitment-pack>, ratify the appointment of Rev Fiona Smith as Associate Principal Clerk from the 19<sup>th</sup> April and appoint her as Principal Clerk to the General Assembly with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022. (*Section 24*)
20. Approve the change in membership numbers for the Committee on Chaplains to Her Majesty's Forces. (*Section 25*)

## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY TRUSTEES MAY 2022

### **Proposed Deliverance**

#### **The General Assembly:**

1. Receive the Supplementary Report.
2. Receive the 2021 Report and Accounts of the Church of Scotland Unincorporated Entities.
3. Note the budget for 2023 and the indicative budgets for 2024 to 2027. **(Section 2 and Appendices 1 and 2)**
4. Approve the arrangements proposed in respect of the Pioneer Mission Fund. **(Section 5)**
5. Repeal the Growth Fund Regulations (Regulations I 2019) and pass the Seeds for Growth Fund Regulations set out in **Appendix 3**.
6. Discharge with thanks the members of the Seeds for Change Committee.

## REPORT ON RETURNS TO OVERTURES MAY 2022

### Proposed Deliverance

#### The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report.
2. Convert into a Standing Law of the Church the Overture Amending the Church Courts Act (Act III 2000) as printed in Appendix C.
3. Convert into a Standing Law of the Church the Solemnisation of Same-Sex Marriage Overture as printed at Appendix D.

**LEGAL QUESTIONS COMMITTEE MAY 2022****Proposed Deliverance****The General Assembly:**

1. Receive the Report.
2. Amend Standing Orders as detailed in (i) section 2 and Appendix A of this Report, (ii) section 4 and Appendix B of the Report of the Assembly Business Committee and (iii) the Supplementary Report of the Assembly Business Committee. *(Section 2 – Amendments to Standing Orders)*
3. Agree to send the draft Church Courts Act as set out in Appendix B to Presbyteries for consultation and direct that comments be sent to the Principal Clerk by 31 December 2022. *(Section 3 – Draft Church Courts Act)*
4. Instruct the Committee, in consultation with the Faith Nurture Forum and the Theological Forum, to undertake a review of the Ministers and Deacons in Same Sex Marriages and Civil Partnerships Act (Act I 2015) and to report to a future General Assembly. *(Section 4 – Same Sex Marriage)*
5. Instruct the Committee to continue with the development of Presbytery Review and to bring a Presbytery Review Act to the General Assembly of 2024. *(Section 5 – Presbytery Review)*
6. Pass an Act amending the Presbytery Mission Plan Act (Act VIII 2021) as set out in Appendix D. *(Section 7 – Aspects of the Presbytery Mission Plan Act)*
7. Pass an Act amending the Appeals Act (Act I 2014) as set out in Appendix E. *(Section 8 – Appeals Act drafting)*
8. Pass an Act amending the Intimation of Appeals Act (Act VI 2004) as set out in Appendix F. *(Section 8 – Appeals Act drafting)*
9. Pass an Act amending the Commission of Assembly Act (Act VI 1997) as set out in Appendix G. *(Section 9 – Assembly Online)*
10. Note that the following arrangements have proved useful:-
  - (a) the Vacancy Protocol and the arrangements for Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions to meet and vote by video-conferencing or audio-conferencing, agreed by the Commission of Assembly on 7 July 2020,
  - (b) the three Protocols agreed by the General Assembly of October 2020 (the Congregational Meetings on Bases of Adjustment Protocol, the Congregational Meetings for Adopting the Unitary Constitution Protocol and the Congregational Meetings on Sale or Disposal of Church Buildings Protocol),
  - (c) the arrangements for Financial Boards to meet and vote by video-conferencing or audio-conferencing agreed by the General Assembly of October 2020, and
  - (d) the arrangements agreed by the General Assembly of 2021 in relation to appointments and elections to Congregational Boards;
 and, therefore, continue all of these arrangements as required until the General Assembly of 2023, provided that in the case of the Congregational Meetings on Bases of Adjustment Protocol, this shall be read as relating to section 10.2 of the Presbytery Mission Plan Act (Act VIII 2021). *(Section 10 – Covid-19 Protocols)*
11. Pass an Act amending the Discipline Act (Act I 2019) as set out in Appendix H. *(Section 11 – The Discipline Act)*
12. Repeal the Licensing of Probationers Act (Act XI 1932), the Trials for Licence Act (Act VIII 1936) and the Ministerial Staffing in the Presbytery of Shetland Regulations (Regs VI 2007). *(Section 12 – Repeal of legislation)*
13. Instruct Kirk Sessions to take steps to adopt a conflict of interest policy in the form prepared by the Law department (with any future changes which may be made to the style policy to reflect changing guidance or best practice) as soon as may be practicable and in any event by 31 December 2022. *(Section 13 – Conflict of interest policy)*

## ECUMENICAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MAY 2022

### Proposed Deliverance

#### The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report.
2. Commend *Koinonia: God's Gift and Calling*, the report of the International Reformed-Anglican Dialogue, to the wider Church and, in particular, to the *Columba Declaration* Contact Group and the *Saint Andrew Declaration* Working Group (Section 2).
3. Approve the *Declaration of Friendship* between the Church of Scotland and the Catholic Church in Scotland (Section 3, 3.5.2).
4. Welcome the participation of an increasing number of churches in the Scottish Church Leaders' Forum and other ecumenical bodies in Scotland, and encourage the further development of an effective and coherent ecumenical network (Section 6).
5. Thank Mr Bob Fyffe, former General Secretary of CTBI, and Rev Dr Paul Goodliff, former General Secretary of CTE for their service, and welcome Dr Nicola Brady and Bishop Mike Royal as their respective successors (Sections 8 and 9).
6. Approve the delegates to Assemblies, Synods and Conferences of other Churches, and the appointment of representatives to Ecumenical Bodies, as detailed in Appendix 2.



## THEOLOGICAL FORUM MAY 2022

### Proposed Deliverance

#### The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report.
2. Commend the Report “The Earth is the Lord’s: A Theological Account of Creation Care” to congregations for study and instruct the Faith Impact Forum to provide opportunities and resources to aid reflection, conversation and response. (*Section 3; Appendix 2*)
3. Receive the Report “The Confessional Position of the Church of Scotland: Proposals for Reform” as a response to the instruction given by the General Assembly of 2021. (*Section 2; Appendix 1*)
4. Instruct the Faith Nurture Forum and the Theological Forum to introduce teaching on the confessional position of the Church and the vows of office holders for those entering into recognised ministries and eldership. (*Appendix 1, Section 4.3*)
5. Approve in principle the proposals for creating a Book of Confessions and corresponding changes to the vows and subscription of office holders, and instruct the Theological Forum and the Legal Questions Committee to bring an Overture effecting these changes to the General Assembly of 2023. (*Appendix 1, Sections 4.4 & 4.6*)

## CHURCH OF SCOTLAND INVESTORS TRUST MAY 2022

### **Proposed Deliverance**

#### **The General Assembly:**

1. Receive the Report.
2. Appoint Mr R D Burgon as Chairman of the Investors Trust from 1 June 2022.
3. Reappoint Ms E Crichton as a member and as Vice-Chairman of the Investors Trust from 1 June 2022.
4. Approve the reappointment of Mr M G S Yuille and Mr J G Wilson as members of the Investors Trust from 1 June 2022.
5. Approve the appointment of Mr I Blair and Mr A Richmond as members from 1 June 2022.
6. Receive the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Investors Trust for 2021.

## CHURCH OF SCOTLAND PENSION TRUSTEES MAY 2022

### **Proposed Deliverance**

#### **The General Assembly:**

1. Receive the Report.
2. Approve the appointment of Gillian Graham and Gordon Taylor as Employer Nominated Trustees of all three Schemes.

## THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND TRUST MAY 2022

### Proposed Deliverance

#### The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report and thank the members of the Trust for their diligence.
2. Appoint Mr Leon Marshall as Chairman from 1 June 2022.
3. Appoint Mrs Morag Angus as Vice-Chairman from 1 June 2022.
4. Re-appoint Mr Angus Bethune and the Very Rev Dr John P Chalmers as members of the Trust from 1 June 2022.
5. Thank Mr W F Stuart Lynch for his 26 years' service to the Trust and Rev Iain Cunningham for his 6 years' service to the Trust.
6. Appoint Mrs Valerie Macniven as a member of the Trust from 1 June 2022.

**REPORT OF THE CHURCH HYMNARY TRUSTEES  
A REGISTERED SCOTTISH CHARITY (SCOTTISH CHARITY NO. SC002769) TO  
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND  
IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**Proposed Deliverance**

**The General Assembly:**

1. Receive the Report.

## DELEGATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY 2022

### Proposed Deliverance

#### The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report and thank the Delegation for its work.
2. Continue the appointment of the Delegation with the same powers as hitherto - the Principal Clerk of the General Assembly to be Chair, the Depute Clerk of the General Assembly to be Vice-Chair and the Solicitor of the Church to act as Secretary.

## FAITH IMPACT FORUM MAY 2022

### Proposed Deliverance

#### The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report.

#### Safeguarding the Integrity of Creation

2. Instruct the Forum, in partnership with the Assembly Trustees, General Trustees, Social Care Council and Eco-Congregation Scotland, to continue to develop plans and activities towards meeting a 'Net Zero by 2030 Strategy' and to report to the General Assembly in 2023. (*Section 3*)

#### Global Justice and International Partnerships

3. Give thanks for the life and witness of Mission Partners who have died, acknowledge with gratitude those who have completed their period of service overseas, and uphold in prayer all who continue to serve. (*Section 4*)
4. Urge the UK Government to do more to ensure Covid-19 vaccines are available throughout the world, particularly in resource poor countries, and instruct the Forum to make representations and to promote this campaign with church members. (*Section 4.1*)
5. Instruct the Forum to share with congregations and Presbyteries the work of Mediterranean Hope and other international partners providing humanitarian and integration support to displaced people, and promote opportunities for local churches to respond with prayer, action and giving. (*Section 4.2*)
6. Instruct the Forum to continue to support work with asylum seekers and refugees, alongside Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees, and encourage congregations to participate in the 'Faithful Welcome' project and to explore Community Sponsorship so that they may be directly involved in refugee resettlement. (*Section 4.6*)
7. Commend the Korea Peace Appeal and instruct the Forum to promote the appeal to church members and congregations for them to sign as part of the effort to bring an end to the Korean War. (*Section 4.8*)
8. Note the report of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Pakistani Minorities: Abductions, Forced Conversions, and Forced Marriages of Religious Minority Women and Girls in Pakistan; instruct the Forum to continue to engage with ecumenical and international partners on the issue and to provide resources to encourage church members to write to MPs urging the UK Government to implement the Report's recommendations. (*Section 4.9*)
9. Commend to congregations this year's Stamp Appeal which will support the Church in Lebanon in its ministry. (*Section 4.10*)

#### Interfaith Relations

10. Commend the Jewish-Christian glossary produced this year for study and action particularly by ministers, OLMs, readers and worship leaders, to shed light on divergent uses and understandings of theological and political terms that relate to the Holy Land. (*Section 5.1*)
11. Note with concern that Islamophobia remains widespread in the UK, and in line with other faith-based, social, political and governmental organisations, adopt for internal use the All-Party Parliamentary Group's (APPG) definition of Islamophobia, and its guidelines, to aid the Church of Scotland in challenging Islamophobia. (*Section 5.2*)

#### Societal and Political Issues

12. Acknowledge that the practice of Conversion Therapy is harmful and endorse the definition of Conversion Therapy as outlined in the 'Memorandum of Understanding on Conversion Therapy in the UK', noting that the Methodist Conference have supported and adopted this definition and the Church of England General Synod have endorsed a similar statement; urge the Scottish Government to ban Conversion Therapy and instruct the Forum to make representations to the Scottish Government and Scottish Parliament. (*Section 7.3*)
13. Instruct the Forum, in consultation with CrossReach and others, to report to the General Assembly of 2023 on issues relating to drugs and substance use. (*Section 7.4*)
14. Instruct the Forum to convene a cross-Church group to explore the benefits and opportunities afforded to the Church of Scotland by digital technologies and to support congregations in their utilisation of these. (*Section 7.8*)

## FAITH NURTURE FORUM MAY 2022

### Proposed Deliverance

#### The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report.
2. Instruct the Faith Nurture Forum to continue work on the Capability framework (*Section 2.1*) (*Appendix 1*).
3. Adopt the Code of Professional Practice and Good Conduct for the Ministries of the Church of Scotland as a standard to which all those involved in the recognised ministries of the Church should be expected to adhere (*Section 2.2*) (*Appendix 2*).
4. Instruct the Forum to update the relevant Handbooks with the revised Code of Conduct at the earliest opportunity, make an electronic copy available on the Ascend website, and alert all those engaged in the recognised ministries of the Church to the revised Code by email.
5. Invite comment on the working of the Vacancy Procedure Act (Act VIII, 2003) with submissions being emailed to **VacancyAct@churchofscotland.org.uk** (*Section 2.6*).
6. Pass an Act amending the terms of the Presbytery Mission Plan Act (Act VIII 2021) (*Appendix 3*).
7. Approve the figures contained in Appendix 11 as the total number of ministry posts to be allocated among the Presbyteries, and this to be the basis for the next five years, subject to annual reporting and agreement of the General Assembly as required in the Presbytery Mission Plan Act. (*Section 8.1.11*) (*Appendix 11*).
8. Pass the Admission and Readmission of Ministers Act Act (*Appendix 4*).
9. Pass an Act amending the Selection and Training for Full-Time Ministry Act [Act X 2004] (*Appendix 5*).
10. Pass an Act amending the Readership Act (Act XVII 1992) (*Appendix 6*).
11. Pass an Act amending the Ordained Local Ministry Act (Act IX 2011) (*Appendix 7*).
12. Express thanks for the service given by Rev Prof Susan Hardman Moore as Principal of New College, Edinburgh, and affirm the proposal that Rev Dr Alison Jack be appointed as her successor from 1 September 2022 (*Section 5.14*).
13. Nominate as trustees of the Housing and Loan Fund; (*Section 8*).
  - i. Dr Eilidh Renwick to serve for a second term;
  - ii. The Reverend Scott McCarthy.
14. Affirm the commitment of the Church to place priority for the poorest at the heart of all that it does, recognising the mission of Priority Area congregations in this (*Section 15*).
15. Instruct the Forum to continue to develop and deliver the key priority of implementing the whole Church strategy of prioritising support for those living in poverty and at the margins within the Faith Action Plan, through the Priority Areas Implementation Group and Priority Areas Team.



## TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND HOUSING AND LOAN FUND FOR RETIRED MINISTERS AND WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS OF MINISTERS MAY 2022

### **Proposed Deliverance**

#### **The General Assembly:**

1. Receive the Report.
2. Appoint Mrs Barbara Finlayson as a Trustee of the Fund.

## REGISTRATION OF MINISTRIES COMMITTEE MAY 2022

### **Proposed Deliverance**

#### **The General Assembly:**

1. Receive the Report.

## COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAINS TO HM FORCES MAY 2022

### Proposed Deliverance

#### The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report.
2. Thank those who serve in Her Majesty's Forces as Chaplains for their service to Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force personnel, their families and the wider military community.
3. Recognise the particular service of those Chaplains who have served in support of the contribution of the Armed Services to efforts relating to Covid-19 and on operations in Afghanistan in summer 2021.
4. Recognise the contribution of Forces Chaplains to the Church's engagement with many young adults, some of whom might not otherwise come into contact with the ministry of the Church.
5. Commend to the prayers of the Church all Chaplains and all those whom they serve.
6. Encourage eligible ministers of the Church to consider service as a Chaplain to HM Forces, Regular or Reservist.
7. Encourage those eligible to consider service as Chaplains in any of the Cadet organisations and thank all serving Cadet Chaplains.

## REPORT OF THE SOCIAL CARE COUNCIL (KNOWN AS CROSSREACH BOARD) MAY 2022

### Proposed Deliverance

#### The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report.
2. Commend the staff for their continued efforts throughout the past year in dealing with the challenges of an ongoing pandemic and give thanks for their dedicated service in Christ's name. *(Section 2)*
3. Note the financial impact of Covid-19 as it has affected occupancy, recruitment, service delivery and fundraising. *(Section 2)*
4. Thank all those who have supported CrossReach over the past year and encourage congregations to adopt CrossReach as a charity of choice for the next year and beyond so that services can be maintained and developed. *(Section 3)*
5. Commend the close collaboration between CrossReach and the Faith Impact Forum in responding to areas of concern to the Church as they impact on wider society and instruct the Faith Impact Forum to continue to work with CrossReach to make representation on issues of national importance including the proposed legislation on a National Care Service; the investment needed to support a net carbon zero target in the care sector; and the policy and funding framework required to tackle Scotland's high level of drugs related deaths. *(Section 3)*
6. Encourage the newly formed Presbyteries to recommit to the Presbytery Pledge at the earliest opportunity and consider how they might work more closely with CrossReach in their congregations and communities as they develop plans for the future. *(Section 3)*
7. Note the concerted efforts already made by CrossReach to deal with the challenges which pose a risk to future operations and endorse the priorities identified by the Board which will help set the conditions for consolidation and growth as part of a missional Church. *(Section 3)*
8. Welcome the investment being made by Scottish Government to ensure that a Living Wage can be paid to all staff within the regulated Adult Care Workforce; thank the Assembly Trustees for their continued commitment to tackling this area of gender inequality and social injustice and encourage the Assembly Trustees and CrossReach Board to continue to push for the necessary resources to ensure parity across the whole workforce. *(Section 3)*
9. Give thanks for the thousands of people who have engaged with CrossReach services over the last year and who have enriched the life of CrossReach by sharing their stories and situations; rejoice in the achievements of those who have worked so hard to overcome personal challenges; commit to hold all who are being supported through the services in prayer. *(Section 4)*

## CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GUILD MAY 2022

### Proposed Deliverance

#### The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report.
2. Welcome the Guild's 135th anniversary and acknowledge the significant impact the Guild has had in congregations and in the wider world during that time. *(Section 1.1.1)*
3. Commend the Guild on its efforts to maintain contact with and involvement of its membership as they emerge from pandemic restrictions. *(Section 2.4)*
4. Encourage Presbyteries and Guilds Together Groups to explore ways in which they can work together to support the greater involvement of Guilds in the mission of the Church. *(Section 3.6.2)*
5. Commend the further exploration of hybrid methods of meeting to enable wider participation in the national decision-making of the Guild. *(Section 3.7.2)*
6. Celebrate the significant number of new members who have joined this year and welcome the establishment of two new Guild branches. *(Section 5.1.2)*
7. Welcome new branches where Guilds have come together to provide a vibrant, sustainable local group and commend this approach as a model for future development. *(Section 5.1.4)*
8. Congratulate the Guild on the work of its Project Partnership Scheme 2021-24 and recognise the important issues tackled and vital monies raised. *(Section 4.3)*

## IONA COMMUNITY BOARD - MAY 2022

### Proposed Deliverance

#### The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report.
2. Commend the Unlocked programme to congregations, ecumenical partners and other agencies as a model for supporting those in poverty, and call on local and national church leaders to resist those proposed increases in fuel and National Insurance Contributions which most affect those in poverty. (*Sections 3.2 - 3.5*)
3. Urge congregations and all people of goodwill to remember the people of Israel / Palestine in their prayers and to press HM Government and MPs to persuade the international community and the Israeli Government in particular to bring about change in the pursuit of human rights, justice and peace for all in the Holy Land. (*Sections 4.4/4.5*)
4. Call upon all people of goodwill to raise awareness of the historical legacy of slavery, and to support congregations and faith communities in their endeavours to research the historical legacy of slavery in their own areas, particularly in relation to local religious buildings. (*Sections 4.8/4.9*)

## GENERAL TRUSTEES MAY 2022

### Proposed Deliverance

#### The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report and 2021 Accounts of the General Trustees. *(Section 1.2)*
2. Welcome progress on the Presbytery Mission Plan Act (Act VIII 2021). *(Section 2.1)*
3. Welcome:-
  - (a) the decision to provide 50% of the cost of centrally employed Presbytery Buildings Officers for reformed Presbyteries for three years and *(Section 3.5.2)*
  - (b) the appointments of Presbytery Buildings Officers in Fife and Clyde. *(Section 3.5.3)*
4. Remind Financial Boards of their duty to provide a habitable manse and to keep it in a good state of repair and decoration and remind Presbyteries of their oversight obligations in terms of Regulations VII 2007. *(Section 4.3.8)*
5. Welcome the proposed Consolidating Act for General Assembly 2023. *(Section 6.1.3)*
6. Note that the appointment of the Chair and the Vice-Chair has been delayed due to resignation of the Chair in March 2022. *(Section 6.2.1)*
7. Authorise payment of £1,900 to each of Mr Ian Townsend as the Chair and Rev Fiona Mathieson as the Vice-Chair for their services over the past year *(Section 6.2.2)*.
8. Note and endorse the position of the General Trustees in relation to ongoing discussions with the Scottish Government about the significant adverse impact on the Church of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding Controlled Interest in Land) Regulations 2021. *(Section 7.2)*

## SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE MAY 2022

### Proposed Deliverance

#### The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report.
2. Note the Safeguarding Service Annual Statistical Report and thank all Safeguarding Co-ordinators for their continued commitment to safeguarding in the Church. (*Section 2*)
3. Note the work being undertaken by the Safeguarding Committee to manage those who pose a risk in Church communities and thank congregational Safeguarding Panels for their work in this area. (*Section 3*)
4. Instruct Ministers (for this purpose to include parish ministers, Interim Ministers, Transition Ministers, Associate Ministers, auxiliary ministers, probationers, OLM, readers, locums, and Armed Forces chaplains), to undertake safeguarding training as prescribed by the Safeguarding Service. (*Section 4.1.3*)
5. Instruct Presbyteries to maintain a Presbytery Safeguarding Register and to ensure compliance with the recommended safeguarding training in accordance with the process set out in Appendix 1. (*Section 4.1.5*)
6. Note the change of title from Kirk Session Safeguarding Training to Trustee Safeguarding Training and instruct all active charity trustees to attend. (*Section 4.3*)
7. Instruct Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions to ensure that all those doing regulated work (paid or voluntary) and charity trustees attend refresher Safeguarding Training appropriate to their role no less frequently than every five years. (*Section 4.4*)
8. Encourage congregations to mark 'Safeguarding Sunday' on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022, or any other suitable Sunday in June. (*Section 5.1*)
9. Instruct Kirk Sessions and Presbyteries to put in place a Whistleblowing Policy as soon as practicable. (*Section 6*)
10. Note the collaborative work with the Communications Department to bring an online Safeguarding Handbook to the Church of Scotland website. (*Section 7.1.2*)
11. Note the work of the Survivor Working Group. (*Section 8*)
12. Note the work to bring an online solution to SG7 and SG11. (*Section 9*)
13. Note the updated position in relation to the Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020. (*Section 10*)



## NOMINATION COMMITTEE MAY 2022

### Proposed Deliverance

#### The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report.
2. The Standing Committees and each of the Presbyteries are encouraged to invite members of Standing Committees to speak to Presbytery about the benefits of serving the wider Church and subsequently encouraged to generate nominations. *(Section 1.2)*
3. Make alterations to the Standing Committees of the General Assembly as set forth in the Report. *(Section 7)*
4. Appoint David Di Paola and John Wilson, both solicitors in the Law Dept, as Assessors in terms of the Discipline Act (Act I 2019). *(Section 7.1)*
5. Reappoint Roddy John MacLeod as a Convener of the Discipline Tribunal. *(Section 7.2)*
6. Reappoint Ian Miller as a Convener of the Discipline Tribunal. *(Section 7.2)*
7. Reappoint Richard McFarlane as a Convener of the Judicial Commission. *(Section 7.2)*
8. Reappoint Morag Ross as a Convener of the Judicial Commission. *(Section 7.2)*
9. Appoint Kenneth Baldwin as Convener of the Audit Committee. *(Section 7.4)*
10. Appoint Scott Brown as Convener of the Chaplains to Her Majesty's Forces Committee. *(Section 7.4)*
11. Appoint Ross Blackman as Convener of the Ecumenical Relations Committee. *(Section 7.4)*