

DELIVERANCES OF THE COMMISSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2019

THE ASSEMBLY TRUSTEES

The Commission of the General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report.
2. a) Approve the merger of the work of the Ministries Council (other than as set out in paragraph 1.4.6 below and paragraphs 7 and 15 of the remit of the Faith Nurture Forum in Appendix I) with the work of the Mission and Discipleship Council under the working title Faith Nurture Forum, to take effect on 1 January 2020, and to have the structure, principal remits and membership set out in Appendix I to the Report, but subject to the following amendment: in paragraph 7 of Appendix I under the heading The Faith Nurture Forum delete “the statutory employer” and substitute “one of the statutory employers”.
- b) Approve the merger of the work of the Church and Society Council with the work of the World Mission Council (other than as set out in paragraph 1.4.6 below and paragraphs 7 and 15 of the remit of the Faith Impact Forum in Appendix I) under the working title Faith Impact Forum, to take effect on 1 January 2020, and to have the structure, principal remits and membership set out in Appendix I to the Report, but subject to the following amendments:
 - (i) in paragraph 7 of Appendix I under the heading The Faith Impact Forum delete “the statutory employer” and substitute “one of the statutory employers”;
 - (ii) in paragraph 23 of Appendix I under the heading The Faith Impact Forum delete “five” and substitute “the”;
 - (iii) in the schedule in Appendix I headed The Salvesen Trust, delete paragraph 3 and substitute “The Trustees shall be the members of the Forum and shall serve for the period of their membership of the Forum” and in paragraph 5, line 2, delete “shall” and substitute “may”.
- c) Thank and discharge the current members of the Church and Society Council, the Ministries Council, the Mission and Discipleship Council and the World Mission Council noting that the Ministries Council shall remain as a constituent committee of the Faith Nurture Forum and that the World Mission Council shall remain as a constituent committee of the Faith Impact Forum for the purposes of acting as the statutory employer for the Church of Scotland Pension Scheme for Ministers and Overseas Missionaries and the Church of Scotland Pension Scheme for Ministries Development Staff.

3. a) Instruct the Assembly Trustees, in consultation with the Faith Nurture Forum, to identify and propose to the 2020 General Assembly a detailed remit setting out those parts of the work of the relevant former Councils which should be carried out by the Faith Nurture Forum, those parts which should be carried out by Presbyteries, those parts which it is no longer necessary to carry out and how the work of the Forum is to be prioritised as from June 2020.
- b) Instruct the Assembly Trustees in consultation with the Faith Impact Forum to identify and propose to the 2020 General Assembly a detailed remit setting out those parts of the work of the relevant former Councils which should be carried out by the Faith Impact Forum, those parts which should be carried out by Presbyteries, those parts which it is no longer necessary to carry out and how the work of the Forum is to be prioritised as from June 2020.
4. Approve that Ecumenical Relations and the Theological Forum sit within the management and departmental structure of the Faith Nurture Forum.
5. Approve that Interfaith work sits within the management, departmental structure and policy framework of the Faith Impact Forum.
6. Approve the Remit of the Audit Committee set out in Appendix II to the Report.
7. Following the decisions made by the General Assembly of 2019 under the Report of the Special Commission on Structural Reform, authorise the Clerks to amend the Standing Orders of the General Assembly:
 - (a) to replace references as follows:
 - (i) to the “Council of Assembly” with “Assembly Trustees”,
 - (ii) to the “Assembly Arrangements Committee”, with the “Assembly Business Committee”,
 - (iii) to the “Business Committee” with the “Procedure Committee”,but with the following exceptions:
 - (iv) In SO 33. 2., delete “the Secretary of the Council of Assembly” and substitute “the Chief Officer”, and
 - (v) Amend SO 33. 3., to read “The Assembly Trustees, including the Administrative Trustee, as the Charity Trustees of the Unincorporated Councils and Committees of the General Assembly, shall also be Corresponding Members when not Commissioners”, and
 - (b) to delete all references to “the Panel on Review and Reform”.
8. Acknowledge that in terms of existing powers the Clerks will amend the Acts and Regulations of the Assembly, to replace references to the “Council of Assembly” and “Assembly Arrangements Committee” with “Assembly Trustees” and “Assembly Business Committee” respectively.
9. Following the decisions made by this Commission of Assembly of 21 November 2019:
 - (i) authorise the Clerks to amend the Standing Orders of the General Assembly to replace references to “Ministries Council” and “Mission and Discipleship Council” with “Faith

Nurture Forum”, and “Church and Society Council” and “World Mission Council” with “Faith Impact Forum”,

- (ii) acknowledge that in terms of existing powers the Clerks will add “Audit Committee” to the list of Standing Committees in SO 113, and
- (iii) acknowledge that in terms of existing powers the Clerks will amend the Acts and Regulations of the Assembly, to replace references to the “Ministries Council” and “Mission and Discipleship Council” with “Faith Nurture Forum”, and “Church and Society Council” and “World Mission Council” with “Faith Impact Forum”.

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ASSEMBLY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Commission of the General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report in terms of section 7 of the Commission of Assembly Act (Act VI 1997).
2. Instruct the Nomination Committee to populate the Faith Nurture Forum and the Faith Impact Forum through making interim appointments of Conveners, Vice-Conveners and members, such interim appointments to be effective from 1st January 2020 until the General Assembly of 2020.
3. Instruct the Nomination Committee to bring forward to the GA of 2020 nominations for the Convener, Vice-Convener and members of each Forum, such appointments to reflect the priorities of the Forums agreed with the Assembly Trustees.

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