

VIRTUAL SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY – APRIL 2020

Recommendations and resolution (non-amendable) for the virtual Special Meeting of the General Assembly, setting up a '2020 Standing Commission of the General Assembly':

That the General Council recommend to the virtual Special Meeting of the General Assembly, In the exceptional circumstances linked to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, that:

1. *The next Stated General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, convened to meet in Belfast, on Monday 1st June, 2020, be cancelled.*
2. *All necessary business of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, including any business needing to be conducted at a 2020 Annual Meeting of the General Assembly, be conducted through a '2020 Standing Commission of the General Assembly', which shall meet, either in person or by electronic means, on one or more occasions as required.*
3. *The 2020 Standing Commission of the General Assembly shall have full authority and power to conduct all business that the General Assembly itself has full authority and power to conduct through powers given to the General Assembly by any and all sections of the Code.*
4. *The 2020 Standing Commission of the General Assembly be requested to:*
 - a. *Receive all reports and take all decisions that the Standing Commission itself deems necessary for the conduct of the business of the General Assembly, of its Commissions and Councils, and of the Church as a whole. Decisions taken shall have the standing of full and final decisions of the General Assembly itself.*
 - b. *Remit to a Special Meeting of the General Assembly, ideally to be held at a suitable time in the autumn of 2020:*
 - *all non-urgent business that the Standing Commission deems appropriate;*
 - *full reports from General Assembly Councils and Commissions;*
 - *a full report from the 2020 Standing Commission of the General Assembly.*
5. *The membership of the 2020 Standing Commission of the General Assembly (25 members & quorum of 7) shall be:*
 - *Moderator, Moderator Designate, Clerk (Convener), Deputy Clerk, Deputy Clerk Designate (5):*
 - *William Henry, David Bruce, Trevor Gribben, Jim Stothers, David Allen*
 - *Conveners of Councils & Commissions (10):*
 - *Noble McNeely, Frank Sellar, Liz Hughes, Colin Morrison, Trevor McCormick, Nigel McCullough, Daniel Kane, James Livingstone, Norman Cameron, Charles McMullen*
 - *Other Conveners & Officers (7):*
 - *David Thomson (Support Services Convener), Roy Patton (GA Business Convener), Martin Hampton (United Appeal Acting Convener), Uel Marrs (Global Mission Secretary), David Thompson (CCLW Secretary), Lindsay Conway (Social Witness Secretary), Stafford Carson (UTC Principal),*
 - *Additional Members (3):*
 - *Trevor Long (Presbytery Clerk), Daryl Edwards (Presbytery Clerk), Jane Nelson (CCLW Coordination Convener).*
 - *In attendance (2): Stephen Gowdy (GA Solicitor), Clive Knox (Financial Secretary)*

Resolution for the virtual Special Meeting of the General Assembly:

That the report of the General Council be received and its recommendations adopted.

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FINAL VOTES @ 12 NOON SATURDAY 11th APRIL 2020

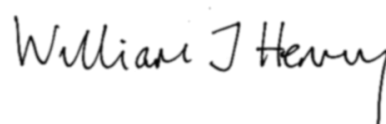
| Category | Total Votes | Votes For | Votes Against |
|--|-------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Congregational Ministers & Representative Elders | 506 | 456 | 50 |
| Associate, Specified & Retired Ministers | 119 | 112 | 7 |
| Corresponding Elders etc | 24 | 23 | 1 |
| Nominations Committee Elders | 19 | 19 | 0 |
| TOTAL VOTES CAST | 668 | 610 91.3% | 58 8.7% |

Attested:



Rev Trevor D Gribben
Clerk of the General Assembly
12noon Saturday 11th April 2020

As 610 members have voted in favour and 58 members have voted against, I hereby declare that the resolution is passed.



Rt Rev Dr William J Henry
Moderator of the General Assembly
Saturday 11th April 2020