

MINUTES

OF THE

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

General Assembly

OF THE

Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Held at Belfast, June, 1999

FIRST SESSION

Monday, 7th June, 1999

Seven o'clock. Evening

Within Church House

The Right Rev. Dr. S. J. Dixon, Moderator of the General Assembly, led in the exercise of public worship and addressed those present before constituting the Assembly with prayer.

The Memorial Roll of Ministers deceased was submitted by the Rev. J. F. Murdoch and the Assembly paid their customary tribute.

The Clerk announced that the names of 621 ministers being ex officio members and 518 elders on whose behalf commissions had been received, had been entered on the Roll of the Assembly together with 61 Assembly Elders, Conveners and nominees of the Business Board. There were also 17 Corresponding Members and Delegates from other Churches. He stated that 21 Deaconesses had been invited to sit and deliberate in accordance with the Resolution of Assembly of 1969 and 1 Woman Worker in accordance with the Assembly Resolution of 1991. He stated that 12 Irish Mission Workers, 63 Women's representatives and 42 Youth representatives together with 5 Conveners and Missionaries who are not members of the court had also been invited to sit and deliberate.

The following Ministers and Ruling Elders were present at the Annual Meeting:—

BELFAST ASSEMBLY

1. ARDS PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
A.S. Cromie .....	.....	Lisnabreen, Bangor
Dr. C. Presho .....	.....	Bible Society, Director
R.S.G. Gilmore .....	.....	Helen's Bay
Dr. D. Burke .....	.....	Hamilton Road, Bangor
Dr. T.J. Simpson .....	.....	Clerk of Assembly Emer.
H.D. McMorrان .....	.....	Trinity, Bangor
D.G. Bailie .....	.....	West Church, Bangor
Dr. T.S. Reid .....	.....	Theol. Professor Emeritus
Dr. John Ross	Franklin Adair	High Street, Holywood
Dr. Rodney Sterritt	Mervyn Spence	Greenwell St., N'ards
.....	Robert Woods	Lisnabreen
N.J. Linkens .....	.....	Retired
David Johnston .....	.....	First Newtownards
W.L. Haslett	Mrs. A. Rankin	Ballyblack
Dr. W.P. Addeley .....	.....	Conlig
W.A. Kennedy	Miss H. Moreland	Trinity, Bangor
W.T. Corder	R.D. Smith	First Bangor
J. Lamont	Ron Martin	Regent St., Newtownards
J. Gordon .....	.....	First Donaghadee
J.T. Williamson .....	.....	Glastry
Dr. D.J. Watts	Mrs. M. Smyth	Ballyholme
J.H. Robinson	+ R. Johnston	Dir. of Ministerial Students
W.J. Parkes	R.G. Beers	St. Andrew's, Bangor
Dr. D.R. Purce .....	.....	Groomsport
D.C. Porter	+ W. Graham	Movilla (Ch. Ext.)
Dr. R.A. Russell .....	.....	Ballywalter
Dr. S.N. Williams	+ D. Glover	Theological Professor
G.F. McKeown	Sam Fox	Second Newtownards
A. Gibson	+ J. McIntyre	Lect. Belfast Bible College
R.A. Patton	J. McCullough	Ballygilbert
T.W.D. Johnston	D. Cummings	Hamilton Rd., Bangor
D.J. Campbell	+ W.J. Moorhead	The Bible Society in N.I.
J.N.I. McNeely	Dawson Clarke	First Holywood
Dr. S.R. Jones	Mrs. K. Hinds	Kilcooley
S.A. Little .....	.....	Shore Street, Donaghadee
C.W. Megaw	Roy McKinty	Helen's Bay
Helen S. Boyd	David Boyd	Millisle & Ballycopeland
D. Bradley .....	.....	Ballycrochan
S. Eliz. Hughes	+ J. McComiskey	First Bangor Assoc.
C.J.C. McMullen	David Baillie	West Church, Bangor
Averil Stevenson	Dr. W.M.C. Stevenson	Kirkcubbin
-do- .....	.....	Portaferry
W. Sinclair	John McKnight	Streat, Newtownards
W.J. Murdock	Leonard Brown	Greyabbey
T.J. Lavery	+ C. N. Eves	West Church, Bangor Asst.
R.A. Liddle	+ D. Johnston	West Church, Bangor Assoc.
Dr. J.G. Millar	+ A.J. Boal	Hamilton Road, Bangor Assoc.
N.J. McCullough	James Turtle	Ballygrainey
.....	William McDowell	Cloughy
.....	John Thompson	Portavogie
.....	Agnes McCullough	Scrabo
.....	R.J. Davidson	First Newtownards

2. ARMAGH PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
Dr. W.M. Craig .....	.....	First Portadown
Dr. John Girvan .....	.....	Hill Street, Lurgan
Dr. J. Thompson	T.H. Savage	The Mall, Armagh
Samuel McMillan .....	.....	Caledon & Minterburn
F.A.C. Wilson	J. Smart	Armagh Rd., Portadown
T.A. Moore	John Flavell	Hill Street, Lurgan
Desmond Knowles	John Crozier	First Portadown
Stephan van Os	J.J. Hamilton	First Lurgan
A.D. Davidson	N. Shilliday	First Armagh
C.G. Harris	R.M. Patterson	Ahorey
-do-	R.S. McClelland	Clare
R.B. Thompson .....	.....	Cladymore
B.A. Small	J.G. MacQueen	Loughgall
-do-	Norman Cornet	Tartaraghan
D.H. Gilpin	James Megaw	Druminnis
-do-	William Kelly	Redrock
W.G. Cameron .....	.....	First Keady
-do-	Thomas Shilliday	Armaghbrague
T.A. McNeely	Eric Hanna	Richhill
B. Ann McDonald	W.R. Hadden	Caledon
-do-	J. Burns	Minterburn
L.W.H. Hilditch	G. Graham	Moy
-do-	Neville Pogue	Benburb
J.W.P. McConnell .....	.....	Waringstown
A.J. Thompson .....	.....	Craigavon
-do-	James Whittle	Vinecash
J.A. Curry	Dr. J. Morrow	Second Keady
-do-	Mrs. G. Hopps	Drumhillery
.....	J. Cargill	Middletown
.....	B. W. Dougan	Tassagh

3. BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
David Alderdice .....	.....	Wellington St., B'mena
Dr. E.P. Gardner .....	.....	First Ballymena
R.S. Ross .....	.....	Carnlough & Cushendall
W.J. Lamont .....	.....	Killymurriss
W.J.A. Armstrong .....	.....	Second Broughshane
W.J. Hook .....	.....	Cunningham Mem, C'backey
J.B. Mooney .....	.....	Grange
G.A. Preston	David McCord	Connor
Dr. R.E.H. Uprichard .....	.....	Trinity, Ahoghill
D.E. Jones	George Gregg	Clough
R.B. Savage	Robert Gibson	Ballykeel
J.M. Finlay	Stewart Davison	Harryville, Ballymena
Dr. R.I. Birney	William Henry	High Kirk, Ballymena
Dr. D.G. McMeekin .....	.....	First Ahoghill
N.A. Brown	W.J. Caves	Wellington St., Ballymena
R.S. Hetherington	Tom McNeill	First Ballymena
J.J. Andrews	W.G. McDowell	Ballee
D.W. Brice	Joe Black	Ballyloughan

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
W.F. Dickey .....	.....	First Broughshane
A.A.P. Baxter .....	.....	First Portglenone
Brian McManus	Robert Simpson	Cloughwater
J.A. Beattie	Robert Reid	Second Broughshane
W.B. Boyd	Jonathan Reid	Kells
-do- .....	.....	Eskylane
L.J. Addis	Samuel Wallace	Buckna
W.S. Marrs .....	.....	Missionary
D.A. Murphy	Robin Gordon	Cunningham Mem. Cullybackey
I.W. Crooks	Robert Galloway	Rasharkin
K.A. Drury	Paul Greer	Third Portglenone
A.W.T. Brown .....	.....	Churchtown
R.J. Hyndman	Francis McNeill	Glenwherry
W.J. Todd	Tommy Gaston	Killymurriss
J.D. McGaughey	Brian Turtle	Brookside, Ahoghill
S.W. Dickinson .....	.....	Glenarm
-do- .....	.....	Cairnalbana
A.M. Bates .....	.....	1st Ballymena Assoc.
J.A. Gordon	+ J. Todd	Kells; Eskylane Asst.
.....	Harry Magill	Carnlough/Cushendall
.....	Roger Crawford	Newtowncrommelin

4. NORTH BELFAST PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
S.E.M. Brown .....	.....	Abbey Monkstown
J.C. Buick .....	.....	Prison Chaplain
Dr. W.E. Davison .....	.....	R.E. Adviser
James McAllister .....	.....	Fortwilliam Park
Dr. W. Fleming .....	.....	Abbot's Cross
Dr. W.D. Boyd .....	.....	Eglinton
J.W. Neilly .....	.....	Immanuel
J.S. Dallas .....	.....	Whiteabbey
D.H.S. Armstrong .....	.....	Scripture Union
Robert Allen .....	.....	Rathcoole
Dr. John Dunlop	Mrs. I. Love	Rosemary
R.J.T. McMullan	+ A.W. Marshall	Overseas Board Sec.
D.E.K. Mock .....	.....	Macrory Memorial
T.I. Harte	M. Dunbar	Crumlin Road
J.P. Taylor	+ G. Crooks	Theological Professor
D.S. McIlwrath	+ S. Agnew	Carmoney Assoc.
Robert Harkness .....	.....	Sinclair Seamen's
Kenneth Simpson	+ Miss G. Henderson	Prison Chaplain
J.N. Seawright	John Walker	Abbey, Monkstown
T.C. Wright	Wesley W. Lewis	Alexandra
T.V. Patterson	Eric Beck	Immanuel
J.K. Doherty	Raymond McKeown	Woodvale
J.R. Dickinson	Samuel Brown	Seaview
T.C. Morrison	Douglas Crowe	Eglinton
T.N. Hamilton	Ernest Stirling	Ballysillan
J.S. Carson	Robert H. Jamison	Carmoney
A.W. Boyd	Robert Greer	Ballyhenry
I.D. Neish	William McKnight	Abbot's Cross

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
I.K. McDonald	+ G. Lynn	New Mossley (Ch.Ext.)
T.D. Gribben	Arnold McAlpin	Whiteabbeey
D. Stanfield	+ D. Nesbitt	University Chaplain
R.N. Agnew	Hugh McAvoy	Oldpark
W.J.A. Sleith	J.K. Snowball	Whitehouse
T.W.A. Greer	Mrs. A. Heaney	Macrory Memorial
-do- .....	.....	Sinclair Seamen's
-do-	James Hunter	Newington
R.W. Love	Robert Gowdy	Duncairn/St. Enoch's
W.G. Stewart .....	.....	Ballygomartin
T.J. Wilson	+ J. Clarke	Rosemary Assoc.
.....	Mervyn Whittle	Glengormley
.....	Richard Doggart	Dunlop Memorial

5. SOUTH BELFAST PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
Dr. A.J. Weir .....	.....	Clerk of Assem. Emer.
W.D.F. Marshall .....	.....	Windsor
W.K. Weir .....	.....	May Street
Dr. D.W. Lapsley .....	.....	Fisherwick
W.C. Lynas .....	.....	Dunmurry
J.V. Craig .....	.....	Townsend Street
Dr. A.H. Graham	+ Sir Eric McDowell	Magee Dir. Christian Tr.
Dr. J.B. Moore	Victor Elliott	West Kirk
I.S. McDowell .....	.....	Christian Aid Secretary
Dr. J.W. Morrow .....	.....	Lect. Irish School Ecum. Emer.
Dr. R.N. Brown	+ E. Jackson	Stranmillis Lecturer
Dr. D.C. Irwin	Mrs. R. Simpson	McCracken Memorial
Dr. J.C. McCullough	+ W. Ervin	Theological Professor
K.N.E. Newell	Miss M. Duncan	Fitzroy Avenue
N. Williamson	+ N. Donnell	Dean of Res. Q.U.B.
D.J. McKelvey	Bill Dale	Fisherwick
.....	+ M. Stewart	Taughmonagh (Ch.Ext.)
Dr. G.A. Grindle .....	.....	Kingham Church
J.A. Braithwaite	Mrs. D. McMullen	Dunmurry
D.J. Boden	Ivor Ferguson	Malone
W.McB. Campbell	Miss D. Pinkerton	Shankill Road Mission
.....	J. Norton	Richview
W.P.H. Erskine	Mrs. M. Caves	Windsor
.....	William Clarke	Ballycairn
.....	John Johnston	Lowe Memorial (Finaghy)
W.I. Hull .....	.....	Ulsterville
Dr. Ian Hart	Fred Madill	Gt. Victoria Street
M. Ruth Patterson	+ O. McAuley	Restoration Ministries
.....	Mrs. H. Kennedy	Kilmakee
J.T. Lamb	Mrs. E. Murray	Townsend Street
J.D. Maxwell	+ W. Hanna	Belfast Bible Col. Lec.
S. Stockman .....	.....	Dean of Resid. Derryvolgie
J.F. Barnes .....	.....	May Street
E.P. Gamble	+ C. Kane	West Kirk Asst.
James Gault .....	.....	Nelson Memorial

6. EAST BELFAST PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
Samuel Eaton .....	.....	W.J. McQuiston Memorial
W.C. McReynolds .....	.....	Granshaw
V.H. Ryan .....	.....	1st Ballymacarrett
J.M. Maddock .....	.....	Carryduff
Dr. A.A. Sleith	W.F. McConnell	Cregagh
D.R. Whitley	Maurice W. Mills	Kirkpatrick Memorial
R.D. Drysdale	Mrs. H. Lyons	Belmont
.....	Mark Wynne	Granshaw
S.J. Campbell	Mrs. B. Reid	Cooke Centenary
Dr. J.R. Savage .....	.....	Stormont
Harold Boyce	J.H. Black	Strand
I.A. McKay	W.T.E. Cousins	Dundonald
H.A. Dunlop	Brian S. Morrow	Knock
J. McVeigh	Robin Morrow	Gilnahirk
W.J. Orr	Dr. Jean Shannon	Newtownbreda
E.D. Smyth	Miss E. Fisher	First Ballymacarrett
W. McKeown	C.C. Holley	Ravenhill
W.J.R. Robinson	Derek Smyth	McQuiston Memorial
G. Connor	Alfred Shilliday	Bloomfield
Dr. W.J.H. McKee	John Lyons	Westbourne
Joan Scott	Miss V.J. Wilson	Garnerville
.....	Mrs. L. Smyth	Orangefield
George Moffett	W.F.A. Charlton	Tullycarnet
D.R. Baker	+ Alan Spence	Mediation Network
A.R. Bill	Mrs. E. Scott	Saintfield Road
Dr. R.M. Crooks	Brian Dunwoody	Belvoir
H.R. Quinn	Dr. Raymond Cooper	Christ Church, D'donald
I.T. McKee	+ Robert Tinney	Sec. for Ed. & S.S. Org.
R.D. Maxwell	J. McCallum	St. Andrew's
Margaret E. Taylor	+ Mrs. Hilary Simpson	Cooke Cent. Asst.
D.J. McCarthy .....	.....	Gen. Sec. Evangel. All.
A.S. Smyth	Morrell Murphy	Carryduff
J.H. McIntyre	Jack Anderson	Castlereagh
R. Hornby	Norman McKenna	Mersey Street
D. Montgomery	+ Alex Spence	Knock Associate
.....	David F. Kennedy	Mountpottinger
H. Lewis .....	.....	Bloomfield Associate

7. CARRICKFERGUS PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
Dr. R.V.A. Lynas .....	.....	Gardenmore
Dr. R.G. Craig .....	.....	First Carrickfergus
J.A. McFall .....	.....	Woodburn; Loughmorne
J.W. McAuley .....	.....	Whitehead
Douglas Armstrong .....	.....	Greenisland
R.W.C. Clements .....	.....	Joymount
G.L. McAdoo	Joseph Wallace	First Larne
S.S. McFarland	J. Simms	First Carrickfergus
Dr. J.W. Lockington	Robin Beedham	Gardenmore
W.J. Johnstone	Graham Gaston	Craig Hill
R. Vallyley	J.W. Dunlop	Ballylinney

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
M.S. Gault	Ms. M. McIlhatton	Downshire, Carrickfergus
R.J.A. Bell	Norman Millar	Ballyclare
D. Chapman	E.A. Crawford	Second Islandmagee
F.A. Bradley	Jack Crooks	Whitehead
T.J. Stothers	Brian Smyth	Greenisland
R.J. Montgomery .....	.....	First Carrickfergus Assoc.
Dr. D. Murphy	R.I. Bashford	Magheramorne
J. Campbell	Robert McCreary	Ballynure
R.J. McCullough .....	.....	Loughmorne
-do-	W.J. Magee	Woodburn
T.R. Graham	Jim Adamson	Joymount
R. Hill	T. McGarel	Cairncastle
S.P. Moore	Eric Dunwoody	First Islandmagee
G.A.J. Ellis-Farquhar .....	.....	Ballycarry
R.J. Beggs .....	.....	Raloo
J.R. Lambe	+ Maurice Fisher	Ballyclare Assoc.
J.C. Simms	+ H. Boyd	Gardenmore Assistant

8. COLERAINE PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
J.C. Parke .....	.....	New Row, Coleraine
J.E.P. Boyd .....	.....	Terrace Row, Coleraine
Dr. B. Kingsmore .....	.....	Evangelism Promotor
R.J. Wilson .....	.....	Portstewart
Dr. W.W. Porter .....	.....	Moneydig
Dr. D.H. Allen .....	.....	New Row, Coleraine
F. Russell	Howard D. McIlroy	Castlerock
J. Frazer .....	.....	Ballywillan
V. Whyte .....	.....	Macosquin
R.J. Lester .....	.....	Ringsend
A.McM. Kerr	W.L. Anderson	Aghadowey
-do- .....	.....	Crossgar
S.J. Millar	Robin Workman	Hazelbank
.....	John Calvin	Ballyrashane
D. Clarke	Robert Campbell	Terrace Row, Coleraine
W.I. Hunter .....	.....	Ballywatt
T.S. Lindsay	George McIlroy	First Garvagh
J.A. McCaughan	Ken Moles	First Dunboe
T.J. McCormick .....	.....	First Kilrea
J.G. Johnston	James Topping	Moneydig
J.A. Kirkpatrick	Philip McGonigle	Portrush
T.P. Fleming	D. Clements	First Coleraine
Raymond Kelly	Basil Moore	Main St., Garvagh
-do-	Samuel Young	Killaig
R.S. McMullan	H. Hamill	New Row, Coleraine
P.C. Lyle	J.A. McIntyre	Second Dunboe
-do- .....	.....	Ringsend & UU Chaplain
M. Goudy	R.J. Boyce	Macosquin
D.S. Mackay	B. Rowland	Boveedy
-do-	D. Woods	Second Kilrea
A.J.McL. Smith	+ Mrs. B. De Zeeuw	Ballywillan Assoc.

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
.....	+ G. McIntyre	Ballysally (Ch. Ext.)
R. Gregg .....	.....	Burnside
.....	R.H. McRobert	Portstewart

9. DERRY & STRABANE PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
D.A.G. Milligan .....	.....	Ardstraw; Douglas
R.C. Graham .....	.....	Carlisle Road & Crossroads
Dr. John Lappin	Tom Campbell	Carndonagh
-do- .....	.....	Malin
J.M. Cathcart	Walter Duddy	Waterside
-do-	Murray Ferguson	Fahan
Dr. Joseph Fell .....	.....	Ebrington
-do-	* Alastair Craig	Inch
D. Hillen	James Robb	Magheramason
G.P. Young .....	.....	Moville
-do- .....	.....	Greenbank
J.K. McCormick	Ann Pinkerton	Second Derry (Strand & B' crana)
-do-	James Buchanan	Burt
David Latimer	George Doherty	First Londonderry & C' mont
-do- .....	.....	Monreagh
R.L. Craig	Mrs. May McCloskey	Kilfennan
D.A. Edgar .....	.....	Chaplain R.A.F.
R.L. Brown	Edward Stevenson	Ardstraw
-do- .....	.....	Douglas
R. Stirling	Norman McMullan	Urney
-do-	Noel Gailey	Sion
Dr. R.A. Kane	Jack McLaughlin	Badoney; Corrick
-do- .....	.....	Glenelly
Dr. S.D.H. Williamson	W.J. Watson	Strabane
G.R. Stockdale	Francis Hood	Newtownstewart
-do-	Andrew Cooke	Gortin
D.J. Hutchinson	George Nicholl	Leckpatrick
J.C. Teeney	George Thompson	Carlisle Road
-do- .....	.....	Crossroads
R.K. Graham	Milton Porter	First Castleberg
-do- .....	.....	Killeter
R. Gaston	J. Mitchell	Second Castleberg
-do-	Oliver Campbell	Alt
.....	William Lyttle	Ballyarnett
.....	Robert Mackey	Knowhead

10. DONEGAL PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
K.J.C. McConnell	Carrigart; Dunfanaghy
Brian Brown	Ballindrait
-do-	Raphoe

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
C.F.D. Clements	Cyril Lecky	Ramelton
-do-	Samuel Wilson	Kilmacrennan
S.W. Rea .....	.....	Fannet
-do- .....	.....	Milford
-do-	Harry Borland	Rathmullan
W.A. Watson	* William Caswell	Ballyshannon
-do- .....	.....	Donegal
N.E. Dorrans	David Killen	First Ray
-do-	Mervyn Lecky	Second Ray
-do- .....	.....	Newtowncunningham
Patricia A. McBride	+ Ralph Sheppard	School Chaplain
A. Carson .....	.....	Donoughmore
-do-	Mrs. I. Scott	Stranorlar
W.A. McCully	William McKeenan	Letterkenny
-do-	George Cheatley	Trenta
M.C.A. Gray	H. Watt	Carnone
-do- .....	.....	Convoy
J.G. Jones .....	.....	Ballylennon
-do- .....	.....	St. Johnston

11. DOWN PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
C.D. Adams .....	.....	Spa; Magherahamlet
W.R. Brown .....	.....	First Comber
Dr. W.D. Bailie .....	.....	Kilmore
Desmond McBride	E. Foreman	Second Saintfield
James Harper .....	.....	Ballygowan
R.E. Boggs	David McComb	Downpatrick
-do-	Norman McMordie	Ardglass
-do-	M. Lowe	Strangford
R.G. Johnston	W. Wilson	First Saintfield
Dr. W.J. Patterson	J. Dornan	Killinchy
S.R. Conkey	W.C.D. Morrow	Raffrey
Samuel Armstrong	Miss T. Kennedy	Lissara
R.McM. Mackay	R. Murdoch	Second Comber
W.A. Abernethy .....	.....	Kilmore
J.L. Keenan .....	.....	Spa
-do- .....	.....	Magherahamlet
D.J. Kane .....	.....	First Killyleagh
K. McConnell .....	.....	First Boardmills
-do- .....	.....	Second Boardmills
-do- .....	.....	Killaney
Mairisine Stanfield .....	.....	First Ballynahinch
N.A.L. Cameron	T.J. Martin	Second Killyleagh
R.A. Moffett	F.S. Johnston	Clough
-do-	D. Croskery	Seaforde
Trevor Steele	H. Pickering	Edengrove
Mark Brown	+ J. Kenning	Second Comber Assoc.
.....	J. Herron	First Comber

12. DROMORE PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
Dr. William Boyd .....	.....	First Lisburn
T.A.N. Parker .....	.....	Maze
A.P. McComb .....	.....	First Dromara
John McCaughan .....	.....	Legacurry
Dr. J.B. Irvine .....	.....	Hillsborough
Kenneth Smyth .....	.....	Drumbo
R.D. Larmour .....	.....	Magheragall
Dr. H. Cromie .....	.....	Railway Street, Lisburn
W.H. Gray .....	.....	Harmony Hill, Lambeg
Dr. D.M. Scott .....	.....	St. Columba's, Lisburn
Dr. R.J.G. Gray	C. Kirkwood	First Lisburn
David McConaghy	C.T. Todd	Cargycreevy
-do-	Dr. V. Poots	Loughagery
Dr. S. Hutchinson	+ J.O. Greer	Clerk of Assembly
J.F. Crawford	A. Gamble	Moira
-do-	T.R. Close	Ballinderry
.....	J. Watson	Sloan Street, Lisburn
Dr. R.S. Tosh	+ B.H. Menown	B.B.C.
Robert Lockhart	J. Getty	Elmwood
W.T.J. Richardson	J.H. Lockhart	Hillhall
D.J. Temple	+ J. McDowell	Irish Mission Supt.
J.I. Davey	Mrs. R. Cochrane	Hillsborough
D.B. Knox	Ms. E. Agnew	Harmony Hill, Lambeg
G.B.S. Gibson .....	.....	Railway St. Lisburn
.....	+ Miss E. McConnell	Gen. Dir. Scrip. Union, N.I.
H.W. Mullan	J. Douglas	Drumbo
A. Shaw Thompson	W.J. Clinghan	First Dromara
S.W.W. Neilly	+ R. Gibson	Maghaberry/Maze Prison
J.G. Trueman	A. Robinson	Banbridge Road, Dromore
M.G. McClelland	A. McCullagh	Magheragall
W.J. Henry	S. Wilson	Maze
G.W.M. Glasgow .....	.....	Drumlough
-do- .....	.....	Anahilt
.....	R. Patterson	First Dromore
.....	A. Marshall	Second Dromara

13. DUBLIN & MUNSTER PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
Dr. D.M. Kennedy .....	.....	Missionary Emeritus
A.V. Martin .....	.....	Abbey
James Carson .....	.....	Greystones
-do- .....	.....	Arklow
C. McCurdy	W. McIlreavy	Drogheda
-do- .....	.....	Ervey
Dr. R.W.J. MacDermott .....	.....	Christ Church, Sandymount
R. Cobain .....	.....	Galway
-do- .....	.....	Ballinasloe
.....	Mrs. H. Sparksman	Clontarf
D.C. Caskie	Neville Whisker	Dun Laoghaire
S.G. Anketell .....	.....	Gorey
-do- .....	.....	Enniscorthy

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
-do- .....	.....	Wexford
G.D. Campbell	I. Cochrane	St. Andrew's, Blackrock
-do-	J. Beattie	Bray
Dr. T.W.J. Morrow	I. Scott	Lucan
J.G. Faris .....	.....	Trinity, Cork
-do- .....	.....	Aghada
J.D. Woodside .....	.....	Kilkenny
Mary Hunter	Ms. Joan Cowle	Christ Church, Rathgar
Katherine P. Meyer	+ Mrs. L. Bell	Dublin Chaplaincy
S.S. Johnston .....	.....	H.M. Development; Carlow
Ruth Gregg .....	.....	Athy
-do- .....	.....	Naas
D.K. McCrory .....	.....	Youth Development
.....	.....	University Chaplain
Dr. S. Mawhinney .....	.....	Fermoy
-do- .....	.....	Cahir
S. Simpson .....	.....	Mountmellick
-do- .....	.....	Tullamore
C. Aitcheson	Mrs. M.E. White	Kells
-do-	* Ms. Jean Binnie	Corboy
-do- .....	.....	Mullingar
A.J. Boal	Neil Fitzell	Abbey Church
John Mann .....	.....	Ballina
-do- .....	.....	Killala
-do- .....	.....	Ballymote
.....	Ms. J. Webster	Christ Church, Limerick

14. FOYLE PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
D.J.H. Browne .....	.....	Ballykelly
S.J. Gray	R.J.T. Graham	Faughanvale
-do-	D. Douglas	Gortnessy
John McWhirter .....	.....	Glendermott
Norman Hunter .....	.....	Banagher
James Clarke	J.L. Oliver	Balteagh
-do-	D. Laughlin	Bovevagh
T.V. Mawhinney	T.I. Martin	Second Limavady
-do-	H. Fulton	Myroe
G.D. Simpson	C. George	First Limavady
-do- .....	.....	Magilligan
D.S. Irwin	S. McGregor	Drumachose
-do-	J. Archibald	Derramore
J. McGregor	J. Rankin	Donemana
K.G. Patterson	W. McClay	Glendermott
Dr. C. Glass	F. Cochrane	Largy
-do-	J. Semple	Dungiven
D.J. Paul	P. McGregor	Ballykelly
S. Stewart	D. Edgar	Donagheady
-do-	+ W. Taylor	Strathfoyle (Ch. Ext.)
.....	S. Nutt	Cumber
.....	I.J. Montgomery	Banagher

15. IVEAGH PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
W.C. Lockhart .....	.....	Magherally
Arthur Clarke .....	.....	Glascar
-do- .....	.....	Donaghmore
T.J. Hagan	R. Fleming	Donacloney
S.A. Matthews	R. Patterson	Bannside
W.H. Sanderson .....	.....	Ballydown
-do- .....	.....	Katesbridge
Noel Ward	I. Groves	Ballyronee
-do-	E. Truesdale	Drumlee
James Briggs	J. A. Bell	Scarva Street, Banbridge
I.J. Patterson	L. Graham	Newcastle
D.M. Rodgers .....	.....	Magherally
A.S. Thompson	T. Wright	Castlewellan
-do-	D. Harte	Leitrim
C.D. McClure	R. Cupples	Loughbrickland
-do-	Mrs. G. Chambers	Scarva
R.J. Greer	W. Johnston	Tandragee
John Holmes .....	.....	Drumgooland
-do-	J. Gracey	Kilkinamurry
G.E. Best	G. Forsythe	Newmills
A. Johnston .....	.....	Tullylish
-do- .....	.....	Gilford
M.J.R. Neilly .....	.....	First Rathfriland
R.M. Murray .....	.....	Clonduff
-do-	W.J. Johnston	Hilltown
A.A. Cole .....	.....	Garvagh
-do- .....	.....	Anaghlonge

16. MONAGHAN PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
Walter Herron .....	.....	First Monaghan
David Nesbitt	T. Fuller	First Ballybay
-do-	W. McAdoo	Drumkeen
.....	Kenneth Fleming	Drumkeeran
-do-	* R. Wilson	Cavan
-do-	S. Byers	Bellasis
-do-	L. Forster	Rockcorry
T.D. Allen	W. Vance	Clones
-do-	E. Mackarel	Stonebridge
-do-	T. Crawford	Ballyhobridge
-do- .....	.....	Newbliss
B.C.G. Black	F. Fleming	First Monaghan
Florence Taylor	Mrs. B. Lundie	First Bailieborough
-do-	A. Harpur	Corraneary
-do-	L. McKeague	Trinity, Bailieborough
M.R. Burnside	J. Jenkins	Ballyalbany
-do-	K. Walker	Glennan
Nancy Cubitt	Mrs. D. Holmes-Greer	First Castleblayney
-do- .....	.....	Frankford
D.T. Moore	J. Stewart	Drum
-do-	R. McCrae	Cootehill
-do- .....	.....	Kilmount
.....	* Mrs. I. Davidson	Corvalley

17. NEWRY PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
S.H. Williamson .....	.....	Warrenpoint
M.C. McCullough .....	.....	Brookvale; Ryans
D.C. Scott	W.J. Flack	Cremore
-do- .....	.....	Tyrone's Ditches
Dr. D.J. McGaughey	W. Grills	Mourne
R.A. Knox	S. Greer	Tullyallen
-do-	S. Walker	Mountnorris
S.A. Finlay	S. Campbell	Annalong
N.S. Millen .....	.....	Dundalk & Castlebellingham
-do- .....	.....	Carlingford
Joseph Nixon .....	.....	Fourtowns; Poyntzpass
Dr. M.A. Barry	Mrs. S. Knight	First Newry
A.L. Kirk .....	.....	Kilkeel
.....	H. Henning	First Drumbanagher; J' pass
-do-	R. Harpur	Kingsmills
W.J. Carlisle .....	.....	Downshire Rd., Newry
J.M. Wade .....	.....	Second N'hamilton
-do- .....	.....	Creggan
B. McMillen	D. Brady	Warrenpoint
-do-	C. Williams	Rostrevor
J.A. Noble .....	.....	Brookvale
-do-	Miss N. Hamilton	Ryans
D. Rankin	K. Bassett	First, Second Markethill
.....	S.J. Cowan	Fourtowns
.....	H. Mills	Clarksbridge & First N'hamilton
.....	G. Smyth	Garmany's Grove
.....	W. McNiece	McKelvey's Grove

18. OMAGH PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
Dr. J.A. Matthews .....	.....	Sixmilecross
Arthur O'Neill	G. Donald	Fintona
-do-	J. Todd	B'nahatty & Creevan
J.L. Casement	G.W. Gibson	Sixmilecross
J.F. Murdoch .....	.....	First Omagh
N.R. McCormick	W.R. Cooper	Ballygawley
-do-	C.G. Somerville	Ballyreagh
B.A. Hunt	T. Laird	Irvinestown
-do-	N. Baxter	Pettigo
-do- .....	.....	Tempo
W.J. Kelly .....	.....	Clogher; Glenhoy
R. Herron	C. Jardine	Trinity, Omagh
-do-	B. Walker	Gillygooley
W.D. Cupples	A. McKibbin	Enniskillen
J.I. Mairs .....	.....	Mountjoy
-do-	J. Farren	Drumlegagh
D.P. Kirkwood .....	.....	Lisbellaw; Lisnaskea; Maguiresbridge; N't'nbutler
N.S. Harrison	I. McDowell	Clogherney
J.J. Currie	N. Givan	Aughnacloy
-do-	R. Burton	Ballymagrane
J.L. Blair .....	.....	Clogher

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
-do-	R. Mulligan	Glenhoy
J. Burnett	Mrs. L. Dean	Seskinore
-do-	H. Gilmour	Edenderry
R.I. Abraham	J. Cochrane	Cavanaleck
-do- .....	.....	Aughtaine

19. ROUTE PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
J.H. Brown .....	.....	Dunloy
C.W. McKinney .....	.....	Ramoan
H.B. Wallace	R.H. McIvor	Bushmills
R.McC. Bell .....	.....	First Kilraughts
Dr. A.W.G. Brown	D.H. McConaghie	Ballycastle
R.F.S. Poots	+ T.S. Lyle	Deputy Clerk of Assembly
J.T. McCullough .....	.....	Toberdoney
-do- .....	.....	Croaghmore
J.T. Magowan	M. Morrison	St. James's, Ballymoney
G. Cunningham	J. Cusick	Armoay
-do-	S. McCormick	Ramoan
T. Luke	J. McKeown	Drumreagh
-do-	Miss J. Downs	Dromore
Sidney McCartney .....	.....	Finvoy
J.A. Thompson	T. Richmond	Dervock
Maurice Barr	P. Sayers	Ballyweaney
D.I.J. McNie	C. Steele	Trinity, Ballymoney
Ian McClean	H. Moore	Toberkeigh
A.C. Rankin .....	.....	First Ballymoney
S.T. Carson	R. McIlroy	Dunluce
K.D.W. Crowe .....	.....	Bushvale
R.J. Gilkinson	J. Beattie	Garryduff
-do- .....	.....	Dunloy
D.H. Thompson	A. McClure	First Kilraughts
E.J. Hyndman .....	.....	Roseyards
Brian Martin .....	.....	Finvoy

20. TEMPLEPATRICK PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
Dr. A.L. McAloney .....	.....	Randalstown O.C.
H.L. Henry .....	.....	High Street, Antrim
W.D. Weir	R.J. Gregg	Killead
-do-	Mrs. M.E. Thompson	Loanends
J. Tolland	W. McGrath	First Donegore
J.H. MacConnell	R.S. McCaw	First Ballyeaston
S.W. McClintock .....	.....	Kilbride
Dr. S.J. Dixon .....	.....	First Antrim
W.J. Sleith	R.W. Vaughan	High Street, Antrim
T. Pollock .....	.....	First Randalstown

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
-do- .....	.....	Duneane
B. Kennaway	D. Malcolm	Crumlin
T.H. Wilson .....	.....	Templepatrick
G. Moore	N. Linton	Kilbride
Dr. L.S. Kirkpatrick .....	.....	Theological Professor
P.P. Campbell	Mrs. J. Robinson	Second Ballyeaston
N. McClean	J. Walker	Randalstown O.C.
D. Bannerman	J. Eccles	Greystone Road, Antrim
J. Brackenridge .....	.....	Dundrod
J.L. Tosh	W.S. Murdock	Second Donegore
.....	R.J. Coulter	Hydepark
P.E. Dickinson	I. Alexander	Muckamore
.....	J. McIlroy	Second Randalstown

21. TYRONE PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
S.B. Moles .....	.....	Union Rd., M'felt; Lecumpher
J.E. Barr .....	.....	Sandholes
J.C. Lee .....	.....	Culnady; Swatragh
Dr. A.R. Rodgers .....	.....	Dungannon
W.T. Coburn	J. Black	Molesworth, Cookstown
D.S. Graham	R. Britton	First Magherafelt
J.B. McCormick	S. McKinney	First Moneymore
-do-	J. Boyce	Second Moneymore
I.F. Smith	S. Black	Orritor
-do-	E. Davidson	Claggan
J.I. Thompson	R.J.E. Hamilton	First Cookstown
Hugh Ross	R. Wilkins	Newmills
-do-	R. McLean	Carland
N.W. McAuley	T. Patterson	Union Road, M'felt
-do-	G. Johnston	Lecumpher
W.L. Orr	Mrs. A. Allingham	Coagh
-do-	B. Johnston	Ballygoney
-do-	U. Glendinning	Salterland
J.W. Fleck	K. Jones	Upper Clonaneese
-do- .....	.....	Lower Clonaneese
Philip G. McCrea .....	.....	Maghera
R.I.A. Allely	P. Kyle	Dungannon
Dr. T.R. Buick .....	.....	First Stewartstown
-do-	J. Stewart	Brigh
-do-	* W.J. Kee	Albany
W.T. Bingham	K. Henry	Sandholes
-do-	G. Archibald	Pomeroy
T.J. Conway	R. Kyle	Culnady
-do-	J. Williamson	Swatragh
Dr. K.O. Patterson	J. Ewart	Castledawson
-do-	R. Boyce	Curran
J.H. Flaherty	T.G. Campbell	Tobermore
-do-	G. Dickson, Jun.	Draperstown
R.A. McLernon	W. Gilchrist	Castlecaulfield
-do-	E. Kyle	Eglish
.....	H. Feason	Bellaghy

ELDERS IN SPECIAL WORK — CODE PARAGRAPH 97 (g)

J.R.W. Luke

TRUSTEES NOMINATIONS — CODE PARAGRAPH 97 (h) (iii)

J. Millar

ELDERS OF ASSEMBLY — CODE PARAGRAPH 97 (i) 107(a)Mrs. C. Barkley
Prof. H.F. Nicholl**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF ASSEMBLY — CODE PARAGRAPH: 127 2(a)**J.S. Tweed
J.W. Russell

M.A. Morrow, Q.C.

V.R. Arnold

ASSEMBLY ELDERS AND CONVENERS

G. McCullagh	S. Lynas	Miss E. Brian
J.H. Martin	D.C. Cowan	A.J. Rankin
C. Robinson	J.D. McCleery	T.H. Cochrane
D.W. Lamb	M.H. Stewart	W. Alexander
R. Kerr	W.H. Henry	

BUSINESS BOARD NOMINATIONS — CODE PARAGRAPH 97 (j)

A. Maxwell	R. McClung	R. Forbes
T.R. Reid	H. Smyth	J. Hutcheson
J. O'Neill	M. McQuillan	W.H. Scott
H.W. Templeton	Miss M. Angus	Miss J. Gwyn
Miss E. Whyte	Miss M. Lester	L. Cubitt
J.E. Kennedy	Mrs. W.D.F. Marshall	

RETIRED MISSIONARIES WHO ARE ELDERS

Miss D. Shannon

MISSIONARIES AT HOME WHO ARE ELDERS

M. McNicholl

CONVENERS WHO ARE NOT ELDERSMiss R. Stirling
N. Chambers**DEACONESSES WHO ARE NOT ELDERS AND WOMAN WORKERS**

Miss J. Clegg, Ballycrochan, Bangor	Mrs. G. Martin, Woodvale, Belfast
Miss D. Draffin, Rathcoole	Miss R. Richmond, Wellington St., Ballymena
Miss E. Drysdale, First Holywood	Miss P. Shirley, Greystone Road, Antrim
Mrs. R. Henry, South Belfast Friendship House	Miss S. Swindle, Musgrave Park and Forster Green Hosp
Mrs. F. Martin, Dublin Hospitals	

RETIRED DEACONESSES WHO ARE NOT ELDERS

Miss J. Orr

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Mrs. M. Lygo	ARDS PRESBYTERY	_____
_____	ARMAGH PRESBYTERY	Miss A. Scott
Mrs. S. Dickinson	BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY	Mrs. S. van Os
_____	NORTH BELFAST PRESBYTERY	_____
Mrs. J. Clarke	SOUTH BELFAST PRESBYTERY	Mrs. M. Dennison
_____	EAST BELFAST PRESBYTERY	_____
_____	CARRICKFERGUS PRESBYTERY	Miss B. Hamill
_____	COLERAINE PRESBYTERY	Mrs. K. Stewart
Mrs. S. Fell	DERRY AND STRABANE PRESBYTERY	Mrs. A. Hillen
Mrs. P. Johnston	DONEGAL PRESBYTERY	_____
_____	DOWN PRESBYTERY	Mrs. I. Keenan
_____	DROMORE PRESBYTERY	_____
_____	DUBLIN & MUNSTER PRESBYTERY	Ms. D. Beattie
Mrs. M. Docherty	FOYLE PRESBYTERY	Mrs. V. Miller
_____	IVEAGH PRESBYTERY	Miss D. Thorpe
Mrs. A. Elliott	MONAGHAN PRESBYTERY	Mrs. J. McClure
Mrs. H. Henning	NEWRY PRESBYTERY	_____
Miss M. Guy	OMAGH PRESBYTERY	Miss J. Patterson
_____	ROUTE PRESBYTERY	Mrs. C. McCormick
Mrs. M. McCloy	TEMPLEPATRICK PRESBYTERY	Mrs. B. Williams
Mrs. I. Reid	TYRONE PRESBYTERY	_____

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH MOVEMENT

_____	ARDS PRESBYTERY	_____
_____	ARMAGH PRESBYTERY	_____
_____	BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY	_____
Miss Lois McIlrath	NORTH BELFAST PRESBYTERY	_____
Miss Heather Murray	SOUTH BELFAST PRESBYTERY	_____
Miss Lynda Gould	EAST BELFAST PRESBYTERY	_____
Miss A. McGhee	CARRICKFERGUS PRESBYTERY Miss Julie Dalzell	_____
_____	COLERAINE PRESBYTERY	_____
_____	DERRY & STRABANE PRESBYTERY	_____
_____	DONEGAL PRESBYTERY	_____
Mervyn Gibson	DOWN PRESBYTERY	_____
Miss H. McConaghy	DROMORE PRESBYTERY E. Poots	_____
_____	DUBLIN & MUNSTER PRESBYTERY	_____
_____	FOYLE PRESBYTERY	_____
_____	IVEAGH PRESBYTERY	_____
S. Lancashire	MONAGHAN PRESBYTERY	_____
_____	NEWRY PRESBYTERY A. Chestnutt	_____
_____	OMAGH PRESBYTERY	_____
Miss D. Colvin	ROUTE PRESBYTERY	_____
P. Lynas	TEMPLEPATRICK PRESBYTERY	_____
_____	TYRONE PRESBYTERY K. Jones	_____

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS AND DELEGATES

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

The Right Rev. John B. Cairns
Prof. Herbert A. Kerrigan, Q.C.
Rev. Scott J. Brown
Mrs. Ann McCarter

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Mrs. Wilma Frew
Rev. Peter Brain

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WALES

Rev. W. I. Cynwil Williams

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EAST AFRICA

Rev. Patrick Rukenya

ÉGLISE RÉFORMÉE DE FRANCE

Pastor Jean-Pierre Monsarrat

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

Rev. John Mavor

THE METHODIST CHURCH IN IRELAND

Rev. Dr. Norman W. Taggart
Rev. Roy Cooper
Miss Jill McVitty
Mrs. Mollie Nesbitt

CHURCH OF IRELAND

Ven. G.A. McCamley
Mr. W.J. Frizell

IRISH COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Dr. David Stevens

The Moderator welcomed, on behalf of the Assembly, representatives of sister Churches, of Universities and Community Organisations, and other special guests present.

The Moderator, having expressed thanks for the help he had received during the past year of office, asked the Assembly to proceed to the election and appointment of a successor to him in office for the ensuing year.

The Clerk submitted the nominations of Presbyteries for the Moderatorship as follows:—

The Rev. John William Lockington, B.A., B.D., M.Th., Ph.D. ...	10 votes
The Rev. T. W. J. Morrow, M.A., B.D., M.Th., Ph.D.	6 votes
The Rev. S. J. Campbell, B.A., Dip.Ed., M.Div.	2 votes
The Rev. R. J. T. McMullan, B.A.	2 votes
The Rev. R. F. S. Poots, O.B.E., B.A., B.D., M.A.	1 vote

On the motion of the Rev. Dr. T. W. J. Morrow, seconded by the Rev. S. J. Campbell, the Rev. Dr. J. W. Lockington was unanimously called to the Chair, welcomed by the retiring Moderator and commended to God in prayer.

The Right Rev. Dr. J. W. Lockington then addressed the House.

The sederunt came to a close at 8.40p.m., the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

SECOND SESSION

Tuesday, 8th June, 1999.

Half past nine o'clock. Forenoon

Within May Street Church

The members of Assembly, and other members of the Church, met and participated in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the Moderator conducting the Service, assisted by the Very Rev. Dr. S.J. Dixon and the Clerk.

Intermission

Within Church House

The Assembly afterwards convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

The Report of the **BUSINESS BOARD** (Reports pp.85-94) was submitted by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, together with the following Supplementary Report.

**BUSINESS
BOARD**

Supplementary Report

DELEGATES TO OTHER CHURCHES

The Church of Scotland General Assembly (1999)

The Very Rev. Dr. John Dixon reports:

The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland met in Edinburgh from Saturday 8th - Friday 14th May 1999. Corresponding Members from our Church were Rt. Rev. Dr. S. John Dixon, Rev. R.J.T. McMullan and Mr. Hugh Meekin.

From the outset we were accorded an honoured place in the proceedings and given a marvellous welcome from the Moderator, his Chaplains and the Commissioners as a whole.

The Assembly began with the election of the Rev. John Cairns, Minister of the Riverside Church in Dunbarton. As a younger Moderator, he introduced several innovations into the proceedings.

One 'innovation' was required by the Assembly being held in Edinburgh International Conference Centre, as opposed to the Assembly Hall which was being used by the newly elected MSPs for the first sittings of the Scottish Assembly.

I had the opportunity to read the New Testament Lesson in St. Giles Cathedral at the General Assembly service, while Mr. Hugh Meekin was invited to serve at the service of Communion on Monday morning. The Rev. Terry McMullan met and shared personally with overseas delegates from many of our partner churches and in the debate on the deliverances of the Board of World Mission Report.

On the day that the Scottish Assembly commenced and elected its First Minister, I addressed the General Assembly on the Irish situation, reporting on the work and witness of our Church and the challenging days in Northern Ireland and the Republic. This was during the debate on the Church and Nation Committee Report, which also dealt compassionately with the plight of refugees from Kosovo. The Assembly gave permission to the Moderator to leave the Assembly and go to Glasgow to welcome those who had arrived there during the week.

The challenge of change re-echoed through the Assembly. As congregations struggle to be relevant within a fast changing society, Boards and Committees showed evidence of wrestling with the hard choices to be made.

Another recurring theme was concern for the poor and the marginalised in Scotland and the poor nations world-wide. Mr. Gordon Brown, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, made a significant speech addressing the issue of unpayable debt. The Jubilee 2000 Campaign was close to the hearts of the Commissioners and Mr. Brown's speech was warmly received.

I wish to put on record my deep appreciation of the generous hospitality extended to our delegation and the painstaking care lavished upon us at all times.

The General Synod of the Church of Ireland (1999)

Very Rev Dr. Samuel Hutchinson reports:

The 1999 General Synod of the Church of Ireland was held in Dublin from 18th to 20th May.

The Presbyterian observers were Very Rev. Dr. Samuel Hutchinson and Mr. George McCullagh.

The opening service was held on the Monday evening in St. Patrick's Cathedral, while the main meetings took place in the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, a beautifully restored building with an impressive chapel, where the Communion Service was conducted on the Tuesday morning.

The business session opened with a major address by the President of the Synod, Archbishop Eames, who dealt with issues of public concern and then called the Church to love, truth and holiness.

The agenda of the General Synod was not unlike that of the General Assembly. It included such issues as Education and Youth, Social Responsibility, Ethical Investment and the Millennium, as well as routine administrative matters and changes in legislation. One major topic was the report of a working party on Sectarianism, which dealt, among other matters, with the question of contentious parades, including that at Drumcree. There had originally been suggestions that bishops should be given power to cancel services in certain circumstances, but it was felt that it would be more in keeping with the ethos of the Church to rely on persuasion rather than coercion.

The Commission on Ministry presented an interesting three-part Green Paper on Pastoral Breakdown. Part I aimed at prevention through careful selection, practical training under suitably gifted and experienced rectors and on-going help and support after appointment to a first charge. Part II listed various procedures for the resolution of conflict between pastor and people, and part III with the provision of a severance package for situations where all other procedures have failed.

Like the General Assembly the General Synod welcomes the representatives of other Churches, but the speeches of greeting are fewer in number. One person speaks for all the member bodies of the Irish Council of Churches and this year it happened to be the turn of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland to undertake that responsibility, so I had the privilege of conveying good wishes.

As might be expected, the General Synod differs from our Assembly in certain ways. The Synod is a much smaller body, though there are two lay representatives for every minister and members serve for a three year term to provide continuity. There were fewer formal resolutions. Attendance was fairly consistent at the various sessions.

It was a privilege to share in the proceedings of the General Synod and we thank the Business Board for appointing us to attend.

Église Réformée de France: National Synod (1999)

The Rev. J. N. Seawright reports:

The National Synod met at Saint Raphaël from 13-16 May, 1999. Sessions began daily at 8.30 am and finished at 10.00 pm. Rev. Gordon Campbell was the official translator. He and the Rev. John Seawright represented our Church.

The opening address by National Synod President. M. Michel Bertrand, considered the implications of incarnation for spirituality, worship, church life and witness. He stressed the reality of debate in the believer's life as convictions of faith collide with suffering or the contradictions of history, saying that difficulties are also caused when comparisons are drawn with an imagined, idealised church of the past. It was for the Church to take every opportunity to

witness to her Lord, not least by being what she is in the world and by bringing her perspective of faith to public debate. The Synod theme was “Gestures which speak, Lord’s Supper, Baptism, signs.” Discussion centred on liturgy and witness in a world which has moved from a word culture to a visual culture. Much concerned practices with regard to the reception of children, and there is a diversity of opinion about infant baptism. The issue of the admission of children to the Lord’s Supper was also raised. It was noted that the debate highlighted the diversity of understanding of sacraments in the ERF, and the need for further reflection and study about their place in the life of faith.

Various topical issues were discussed. The ERF affirmed its solidarity with many in France who have applied for residence permits and have been refused. It affirmed that the foreign nationality of someone who has always lived in France should not warrant their deportation from the country. It also urged the churches to be involved in the ongoing care of the many refugees from Kosovo who have been received in France.

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by the Rev. R. Vallely, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the recommended Order of Business be adopted.
3. That the professional amplification controller and the visual display operator be admitted to the private session.
4. That a grant of £9,500 be made from the Incidental Fund to the Arrangements Committee.
5. That Presbyteries give prior notice to their members of the names and spheres of service of persons being proposed for the Moderatorship of the General Assembly.
6. That Licentiates serving assistantships and Stated Supplies be invited to sit and deliberate with the General Assembly in future years.
7. That the Business Board, with its associated working committee, for the ensuing year beginning 15 March, 2000 be appointed in accordance with Par 275 of the Code.

The **Memorial of the Railway Street Kirk Session** (Reports p.94) was submitted by Mr. J.E. Kennedy.

**Railway Street
Memorial**

Moved by Mr. J.E. Kennedy, seconded by the Rev. G.B.S. Gibson, and agreed:

That the Memorial be received, its prayer granted and that it be referred to the General Board.

The Report of the **Synods and Presbyteries** (Reports pp.76-84) was submitted by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson.

**Synods &
Presbyteries**

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by the Rev. R.F.S. Poots, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.

The **Corresponding Members** were received from the Church of Scotland. These were Right Rev. Dr. John B. Cairns, Prof. Herbert A. Kerrigan, Q.C., Rev. Scott J. Brown, R.N., Mrs. Ann McCarter.

**Corresponding
Members**

The Moderator welcomed the Corresponding Members. The Right Rev. J.B. Cairns replied and conveyed greetings.

The Moderator welcomed Mrs. Wilma Frew and Rev. Peter Brain, Corresponding Members of the United Reformed Church of the United Kingdom and Rev. W.I. Cynwil Williams, a delegate from the Presbyterian Church of Wales. The Rev. W.I. Cynwil Williams replied and conveyed greetings.

The Moderator welcomed other delegates. These were: Presbyterian Church of East Africa: Rev. Patrick Rukenya. Eglise Réformée de France: Pastor J.P. Monsarrat. Uniting Church in Australia: Rev. J.E. Mavor. Rev. Patrick Rukenya, Pastor J.P. Monsarrat and Rev. J.E. Mavor replied and conveyed greetings.

The Moderator welcomed the Ven. G.A. McCamley, Mr. W.J. Frizell, delegates from the Church of Ireland and Rev. Dr. Norman W. Taggart, Rev. Roy Cooper, Miss Jill McVitty, Mrs. Mollie Nesbitt, delegates from the Methodist Church in Ireland and Dr. David Stevens from the Irish Council of Churches. The Rev. Dr. N.W. Taggart replied and conveyed greetings.

**UNION
COMMISSION**

The Report of the **UNION COMMISSION** (Reports pp.57-74) was submitted by the Rev. W.J. Orr.

Moved by the Rev. W.J. Orr, seconded by the Rev. T.J. Stothers, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the congregation of Dunlop Memorial be amalgamated with the congregation of Glengormley from 1st July, 1999 or other suitable date under the name of Glengormley on terms to be agreed with the Union Commission.
3. That the Central Ministry Fund be authorised to pay grants towards expenses incurred by ministers in congregations, up to a limit of £4,800 in N. Ireland, and IR£5,400 for ministers residing in the Republic of Ireland, within the terms of Resolution 3, page 70, General Assembly Minutes 1988, as reviewed in the 1995 Report, pages 58f.
4. That when, under the Associate Ministry Scheme, a congregation pays a salary to an Associate Minister which is above the appropriate ministerial minimum, the congregation shall pay the full amount of the difference between the appropriate minimum and the salary paid, in addition to the current assessments.
5. That, upon Licensing, Licentiatees should be supplied with credentials and transferred to the care of the Presbytery in which they are serving.
6. That Presbyteries should formally invite Licentiatees to 'sit and deliberate', and should involve them as much as possible in the work of the Presbytery.
7. That, in light of the report re Supply Fees, the General Assembly encourage the Personnel and Planning Committee to bring detailed proposals and relevant amending legislation to the 2000 General Assembly.
8. That the Union Commission with its associated working committee, be appointed for the ensuing year in accordance with Par 128 of the Code as follows:

Rev. W.J. Orr, Convener
Rev. S.A. Matthews, Secretary

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Convener and Secretary of H.M. Committee, Superintendent of the Irish Mission, Conveners of Church Extension,**

and C.M.F. Committees, Convener of Ministry and Pensions Board, Revs. S.A. Matthews, W.J. Orr.

(b*) Revs. R.E. Boggs, T.J. Stothers, S.A. Matthews; A.G. Sleator, Albert Maxwell, Wm. Grills.

(c*) Revs. Dr. R.I. Birney, I. McClean, R.J.A. Bell; H.L. Todd, Eric Crozier, J.A. Scott.

(d*) Revs. T.V. Patterson, Dr. I. Hart, W.J.R. Robinson; J. Wilson, R. McClung, J.F. McMahon.

(e*) Revs. T.J. Conway, G.D. Simpson, Dr. J. Fell; Mrs. L. Thompson, R. Forbes, T.R. Reid.

(f*) Revs. G.J. Mackarel, K.J.C. McConnell, Charles McCurdy; Eric Latimer, Miss J. Binnie, John Eaton.

(g) Revs. C.D. McClure, James Gordon, J.I. Mairs, J.N.I. McNeely, P. Dalzell, Dr. D.R. Purce, D.C. Porter; Lyle Cubitt, Robert Davidson.

A. PERSONNEL AND PLANNING COMMITTEE (5)

Rev. R.J.A. Bell, Convener

(a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs. W.J. Orr, Professor of Practical Theology, H.M. representatives, P.W.A. representatives, Church Extension representatives, Rev. J. McVeigh; W. Alexander; Rev. R.J.A. Bell; Chairman of Union Commission.

(x) Rev. T.J. McCormick; H. Smyth, Miss D. Shannon, Jack Hutcheson.

(y) Revs. T.V. Patterson, T.J. Stothers, G.J. Mackarel, Dr. J. Fell, T.J. Conway, S.A. Matthews; R. McClung, John Eaton.

The **Overture anent Par. 128 (1)** of the Code (Reports p.74) was submitted by the Rev. W.J. Orr. **Overture anent Par.128(1)**

Moved by the Rev. W.J. Orr, seconded by the Rev. T.J. Stothers, and agreed:
That the Overture be received and placed on the books.

Moved by the Rev. W.J. Orr, seconded by the Rev. T.J. Stothers, and agreed:
That the Overture be made an Interim Act.

The **Overture anent Par. 193** of the Code (Reports p.74) was submitted by the Rev. W.J. Orr. **Overture anent Par.193**

Moved by the Rev. W.J. Orr, seconded by the Rev. T.J. Stothers and agreed:

That the Overture be received and that, under Par. 111 of the Code, it be made the rule of the Church.

**Overture anent
Par.274(5)**

The **Overture anent Par. 274(5)** of the Code (Reports p.75) was submitted by the Rev. W.J. Orr.

Moved by the Rev. W.J. Orr, seconded by the Rev. T.J. Stothers.

That the Overture be received and that, under Par. 111 of the Code, it be made the rule of the Church.

Moved as an amendment by the Rev. R.J.A. Bell, seconded by the Rev. R.F.S. Poots:

It is hereby overtured to the General Assembly to enact that a new sub-section (c) be added to Par 274(5) of the Code as follows:

- (c) Arrange for a Reviewable Tenure appointment upon the following terms:
- (i) the Form of Leave to Call shall provide for the appointment to be reviewed and/or terminated after a specified time or in specified circumstances;
 - (ii) if the congregation concerned is subsequently united with another congregation, and the minister is accepted by that congregation also as its settled minister, the Reviewable Tenure provisions shall be deemed to have lapsed;
 - (iii) except as provided for in sub-paragraph (5)(c)(ii) above, the outgoing minister shall not be eligible to apply for the united charge;
 - (iv) the appointment shall not be terminated without six months notice in writing given by the Union Commission to the minister, the congregation and the Presbytery;
 - (v) after termination of the appointment the minister shall be eligible for salary and pension contributions at the rate of the appropriate ministerial minimum as a charge upon CMF until the minister receives another Call, or for a period not exceeding twelve months, whichever is the sooner. During such period suitable work may be offered to the minister by the Union Commission. Should such minister at any time refuse to perform the duties thus assigned, without giving reasons deemed satisfactory by the Commission, this financial arrangement shall cease.
 - (vi) the provisions of Code Par 274(8)(b)(ii) shall not apply.
 - (vii) where a congregation granted a Reviewable Tenure appointment receives no application within twelve months the whole arrangement shall be reconsidered by the Union Commission.

On being put, the amendment was declared passed.

On being put as substantive motion, was passed.

**Overture anent
App. 5A**

The **Overture anent Appendix 5A** of the Code (Reports p.75) was submitted by the Rev. W.J. Orr.

Moved by the Rev. W.J. Orr, seconded by the Rev. T. J. Stothers, and agreed.

That the Overture be received and that under Par.111 of the Code it be made the rule of the Church.

The Report of the **Ad hoc Committee on the Tyrone Memorial** (Reports pp. 278-285) was submitted by the Rev. R. Kelly together with the following Supplementary Report.

**Tyrone
Memorial
Committee**

Supplementary Report

Addendum to Appendix III

1. In the illustration of the implementation of Scheme 1 the recommended increase in Stipend is 4% applicable to Stipends of £16,000 and below.

Stipend increases above this figure are calculated according to the sliding scale given in Appendix 1 (p.280).

2. In the illustration of the implementation of Scheme 2 the base figure £15,210 is increased by 4%, resulting in a new base figure of £15,818.

Moved by the Rev. R. Kelly, seconded by the Rev. J.B. McCormick, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Report of the ad hoc Committee on the Tyrone Memorial be sent down to Presbyteries for comment and report to the Convener, the Rev. R. Kelly, by 31st December, 1999.
3. That the ad hoc Committee on the Tyrone Memorial be reappointed for a further year as follows:

Rev. R. Kelly, Convener

The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Convener of Union Commission, Convener of the Board of Ministry and Pensions, Clerk of the Synod of Derry and Omagh; Revs. James Lamont, M.G. McClelland, Dr. Ian Hart, Raymond Kelly, Dr. S. Williamson, T.P. Fleming, Dr. W.J. Patterson, J.I. Davey, Dr. I.J. Wilson, I.J. Patterson, M.R. Burnside, J.A. Noble, T.W.A. Greer, K.D.W. Crowe, R.I.A. Allely; J.A. Scott, J. Clarke, H. McRoberts, N.C. Patterson, Ian Kelly, R.W. Vaughan.

The sederunt came to a close at 12.55 p.m. the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

THIRD SESSION

Tuesday, 8th June, 1999.

Two o'clock. Afternoon

The Assembly again convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

The Report of the **NOMINATION BOARD** (Reports pp.95-105) was submitted by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, together with the following Supplementary Report.

**NOMINATION
BOARD**

NOMINATION BOARD - Supplementary Report

At the meeting of the Nomination Board on 1 April three members were appointed to confer with a candidate for office on his views on infant baptism.

At a further meeting on 4 May a statement signed by the candidate in question was submitted and considered.

The Board decided to adhere to its nomination, that the candidate's signed statement be included, with his approval, in Daily Minutes and held *in retentis* but that the Assembly be recommended not to print it in its official Minutes.

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by the Rev. R. F. S. Poots, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the General Assembly accept the above-mentioned Statement on Infant Baptism; that the Statement be held *in retentis* but not printed in the Minutes.
3. That the Rev. W.P. Addley, B.A., B.D., M.Th., D.Min., Ph.D. be appointed Professor of Practical Theology.

The Rev. Dr. W. P. Addley was duly informed by the Moderator of his election and, having subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith, he was declared appointed after which he thanked the Moderator and members of the Assembly.

SUBSCRIPTION to the Westminster Confession of Faith in terms of the General Assembly's formula.

I believe the Westminster Confession of Faith as described in the Code, Chapter 1, paragraphs 12-14, to be founded on and agreeable to the Word of God and as such I subscribe it as the confession of my faith.

WILLIAM P. ADDLEY
Certified by SAMUEL HUTCHINSON
Clerk of Assembly
8 June, 1999

The Moderator, leading in prayer, commended the Rev. Dr. W.P. Addley to the care and guidance of God.

The Assembly proceeded to the appointment of the Director of Christian Training.

In accordance with the Rules of the Nomination Board the names of Dr. T.D. Alexander as nominee and the Rev. G.S. Finch as second were submitted.

The Assembly considered the voting procedure to be adopted in this case.

Moved by the Rev. S.W. McClintock, seconded by the Rev. N.A.L. Cameron:

That the General Assembly proceed to vote on the name of Dr. T.D. Alexander, as nominee, for and against.

On being put, the motion was declared lost.

Voting: For 214 votes
Against 237 votes

A ballot was then taken on the names of Dr. T.D. Alexander and the Rev. G.S. Finch.

The Moderator declared the result as follows:

Dr. T.D. Alexander 291 votes

Rev. G.S. Finch 141 votes

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by the Rev. R.F.S. Poots and agreed:

4. That Dr. T.D. Alexander be appointed as the Director of Christian Training.

Dr. T.D. Alexander was duly informed by the Moderator of his election and, having subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith, he was declared appointed after which he thanked the Moderator and members of the Assembly.

SUBSCRIPTION to the Westminster Confession of Faith in terms of the General Assembly's formula.

I believe the Westminster Confession of Faith as described in the Code, Chapter 1, paragraphs 12-14, to be founded on and agreeable to the Word of God and as such I subscribe it as the confession of my faith.

DESMOND ALEXANDER
Certified by SAMUEL HUTCHINSON
Clerk of Assembly
8 June, 1999

The Moderator, leading in prayer, commended Dr. T.D. Alexander to the care and guidance of God.

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by the Rev. R.F.S. Poots, and agreed:

4. That the Nomination Board be appointed for the ensuing year in accordance with Par. 276 of the Code as follows:

The Clerk, Convener

(a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly.

(b*) Revs. A.S. Thompson, D.J. Temple, H.S. Boyd; William Turner, Maitland Eves, H. Morrow.

(c*) Revs. P.P. Campbell, D.E. Jones, S.S. McFarland; Dr. R.McC. McMillan, Leslie Morrell, R.I. Bashford.

(d*) Revs. A. Boyd, D.R. Whitley, T.W. Gordon; W.J. Allen, Mrs Edna Murray, D.G. Lynn.

(e*) Revs. James Clarke, J.B. McCormick, John F. Murdoch; Mrs. Rhona Ferguson, A.D. McClay, D.M. McCurry.

(f*) Revs. S.W. Rea, D. Nesbitt, G.A. Mitchell; John Rowlands, John Fisher, R.A. McAdoo.

(g) Rev. J.A. Fullerton; Mrs. Kathleen Mawhinney — Rev. Dr. D.H. Allen; Prof. H.F. Nicholl — Rev. R.F.S. Poots; O.J.G. White.

Together with four "specialists" variously nominated for particular appointments.

The Report of the **BOARD OF COMMUNICATIONS** (Reports pp. 95-105) was submitted by the Rev. W.T.J. Richardson, together with the following Supplementary Report.

MEMORIAL RECORD - Supplementary Report

Rev. Henry Gray, M.A., minister of Granshaw, died on 22nd May, 1999, in the 63rd year of his age and the 34th of his ministry.

A Belfast man born on 30th March 1937 and brought up in the congregation of Mountpottinger, he was educated at Campbell College. After four years experience in the world of business he entered Magee College and continued his education at Trinity College, Dublin and Assembly's College, Belfast.

Licensed by the Presbytery of East Belfast on 3rd June, 1965, he was ordained as assistant in Ulsterville congregation on 5th December in the same year. His first congregation was Clogherney, in the Presbytery of Omagh, where he was installed on 10th April, 1968. In the years of his ministry there he gave expression to what was an abiding interest in young people, founding a company of the Boys' Brigade and acting as Youth Agent in the Presbytery. On 6th January, 1973 he was installed in St. Enoch's, Belfast, moving some four years later to Canada, having accepted the call of a congregation in Hamilton, Ontario. In 1980 he returned to Belfast, to the congregation of McQuiston Memorial, where he was installed on 18th September. The onset of ill-health was an influential factor in a further move to Granshaw, where he ministered from 27th March, 1986 until his death.

One who saw it as part of his own ministry to encourage members of his congregations in the development of theirs, both in worship and in the service of church and community, he identified himself with the work of the Christian Training Centre. His keen interest in aspects of Social Witness found outlet in his association with the Kinghan Mission Committee and with Carlisle House. As a pastor he exercised particular gifts in the visitation of the sick.

He is survived by his widow, Mary, and by a family of seven.

Rev. Robert Hugh Morrison, B.A., senior minister of First Rathfriland, died on 24th May, 1999, in the 96th year of his age and the 69th of his ministry.

A Co. Antrim man, born on 7th August 1903, he had early associations with the congregations of Toberkeigh and Dervock. Upon leaving Ballycastle High School his further education took him to Magee University College, Londonderry; Trinity College, Dublin; St. Mary's College, St. Andrew's and Assembly's College, Belfast.

On 1st May 1928 he was licensed by the Presbytery of Route, and on 26th February, 1931, he was ordained in First Rathfriland, in which congregation he spent his entire ministry, with responsibility also for Brookvale from 1933.

He retired on 23rd September, 1969 and went to reside in Canada, the native country of his wife, Jean.

Quiet by nature, compassionate and caring, he was an assiduous visitor among his people. True to his own upbringing upon a farm, it was not unusual for him to lend a helping hand to those of his congregation who were ploughing or harvesting in the countryside of his adoption. His leisure interests included gardening, woodwork and bowls.

He is survived by one son, George, who followed his father into the Christian ministry, to serve the Church in Canada.

Intermission

Moved by the Rev. W.T.J. Richardson, seconded by Rev. I.F. Smith, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.

2. That the General Assembly note with appreciation the work of all the staff in the Communications Department and commend to the Church's prayers and support the work of the Information Officer and the editor of the Presbyterian Herald.

3. That the resignation of the Rev. J.T. Williamson as Convener of the Church Architecture Committee be accepted, that he be thanked for his contribution to the work of the Committee, and that the Rev. Laurence Hilditch be appointed in his place.

4. That the General Assembly note with satisfaction the start made in implementing the corporate communication strategy presented at last Assembly and urge all boards and agencies to be supportive of this strategy. **Communications Administration**

5. That the General Assembly thank Familybooks for the ongoing excellent service they provide to ministers and members of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and in an increasingly competitive commercial climate ask for continued support for the shop and the Mobile Book Service so that this valuable ministry can be maintained.

6. That a copy of the book of Public Worship and Experimental Revision be presented to First Year Students at Union College. **Public Worship**

7. That a praise grant of £50 be made to every congregation of not more than 10 families.

8. That a grant of £800 be paid from the Incidental Fund to the Public Worship Committee.

9. That the Public Worship Committee proceed towards the production of a new Irish Presbyterian book of praise, including Psalms, Paraphrases, Hymns and Children's material, all of which would reflect traditional and contemporary styles, but, also explore the suitability of the Praise Hymnal as a core hymn book for our Church, together with a supplement containing Children's material and other relevant denominational material and report to the next Assembly.

10. That the words of the new book of praise be made available in electronic format.

Moved by the Rev. W.T.J. Richardson, seconded by the Rev. I.F. Smith:

11. That the Public Worship Committee produce a supplement of contemporary and other material to be sold together with the new book of praise as one item.

By permission of the House, Resolution 11 was withdrawn.

Moved by the Rev. W.T.J. Richardson, seconded by the Rev. I.F. Smith, and agreed:

12. That the Public Worship Committee, in consultation with the Panel on the Overview of Funding and the Board of Studies, investigate further the possible provision of a resource centre for worship materials and report to the next Assembly.

13. That the General Assembly authorise the Public Worship Committee to proceed towards the compilation of alternative forms of Communion Services for inclusion in the Experimental Revision Folder.

Historical Society

14. That a grant of £13,700 be paid from the Incidental Fund to the Historical Society.

Church Architecture

15. That a grant of £1,750 be paid from the Incidental Fund to the Church Architecture Committee.

General

16. That the Board of Communications, together with its associated working committees, be appointed for the ensuing year in accordance with Par.277 of the Code as follows:

Rev. I.F. Smith, Convener

Stephen Lynas, Secretary

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Rev. I.F. Smith; Editors of the Church Magazines, S. Lynas.**

(b) **Rev. W.A. Kennedy; D. Lusk — Rev. L.W.H. Hilditch; V. Riddell — Revs. M. Brown, T. Steele — Rev. D.J. Bruce; A. Robinson — Revs. W.H. Sanderson; H. Morrow — Rev. D. Rankin; Mrs. P. Qua.**

(c) **Rev. S.W. Dickinson; T. Montgomery — Rev. J.H. Wilson; Miss B. Mitchell — Rev. J.A. McCaughan; Ian Smyth — Rev. R.McC. Bell; J. Pollock — Rev. B. Kennaway; S.J. Waugh.**

(d) **Rev. J.K. Doherty; R. Doggart — Rev. Dr. G. Grindle; J. Gault — Rev. A.S. Smyth; T. Busby.**

(e) **Rev. R. Stirling; F.L. Hood — Rev. S.J. Gray; Mrs. J. Norris — Rev. A. O'Neill; J.A. Patterson — Rev. I.W. Fleck; Mrs. M. Crooks.**

(f) **Rev. W.A. Watson; N. Watt — Rev. Robert Cobain; Val Fitzgerald — Rev. G.J. Mackarel; J. Jenkins.**

A. COMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (5)

Rev. W.J. Carlisle, Convener

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Information Officer, Editors of “Herald”, “Christian Irishman”, “Wider World”, Representative of Familybooks, F.M. and P.W.A. Representatives — Revs. I.F. Smith, W.J. Carlisle; S. Lynas.**

(x) **Revs. Dr. Joseph Thompson, Dr. W.E. Davison; Maurice O'Neill, Mrs. G. Morrow**

(y) **Revs. A. O'Neill, R.McC. Bell, J.A. McCaughan, D. Rankin, S.J. Gray; Mrs. P. Qua, Mrs. M. Crooks, Ian Smyth.**

B. MEDIA COMMITTEE (5)

Rev. R. Hill, Convener

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Information Officer, Magee Director, Revs. R. Hill, I.F. Smith, Dr. R.S. Tosh, Professor of Practical Theology, Rel. Advisers Downtown Radio, R.T.E., U.T.V, S. Lynas.**

- (x) **Maurice O'Neill, Jonathan Wylie, C. Glover, Mrs. W.D.F. Marshall.**
- (y) **Revs. R.McC. Bell, Dr. G. Grindle, L.W.H. Hilditch, W.A. Kennedy, G.J. Mackarel, J.A. McCaughan; D. Lusk, M. Reid.**
- C. **PUBLIC WORSHIP COMMITTEE (5)**
Rev. W.T.J. Richardson, Convener
 - (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs. I.F. Smith, J.F. Murdoch, H.B. Wallace, W.T.J. Richardson; Professor of Practical Theology, S. Lynas.**
 - (x) **Revs. J.H. McIntyre, W.J. Murdoch, D. Stanfield; Mrs. M. Boden.**
 - (y) **Revs. B. Kennaway, S.J. Gray, W.H. Sanderson, W.A. Kennedy, S.W. Dickinson, Dr. G. Grindle, J.A. McCaughan; H. Morrow.**
- D. **CHURCH ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE (5)**
Rev. L.W.H. Hilditch, Convener
 - (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs. I.F. Smith, J.T. Williamson, L.W.H. Hilditch; S. Lynas.**
 - (x) **B. McClean, W. Boyce, Mrs. J. Hamilton.**
 - (y) **Revs. R.McC. Bell, S.J. Gray, R. Cobain, J.K. Doherty; J. Gault, T. Montgomery.**
- E. **HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE (5)**
Rev. Dr. W.J.H. McKee, Convener
 - (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs. Prof. L.S. Kirkpatrick, Dr. H. Cromie, I.F. Smith, J.F. Murdoch, Dr. W.J.H. McKee; S. Lynas.**
 - (x) **Revs. Dr. W.D. Bailie, K. Smyth; George Gillespie, R. Lyons.**
 - (y) **Revs. R.McC. Bell, S.J. Gray, B. Kennaway, R. Stirling, A. O'Neill, J.K. Doherty; Mrs. M. Crooks, T. Busby.**

The Report of the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** (Reports pp. 216-229) was submitted by the Rev. J. McAllister, O.B.E.

Moved by the Rev. J. McAllister, O.B.E., seconded by the Rev. Dr. T.R. Buick, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the General Assembly thank Sunday Schools and Youth Groups for their generous support for the current MAD Project and commend the new MAD Project 2000.
3. That the General Assembly encourage all Sunday Schools and Bible Classes to use the four Guides and Worksheets published by the Committee.
4. That the General Assembly encourage all ministers to use the Training Manual for Sunday School Teachers.

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

**Church
Education
Committee**

5. That the General Assembly encourage Sunday School Teachers to consider making application to attend the new Certificate Course for Sunday School Teachers at UTC.

**University
Education
Committee**

6. That the General Assembly commend the work of all those involved in chaplaincy activity and in pastoral care of students to the prayers of the Church, and urge all of our young people attending Universities and Colleges in Ireland to actively participate in the opportunities provided within the chaplaincies.

7. That the General Assembly welcome the planned provision of more Higher and Further Education places in Northern Ireland, and urge the Government to ensure that the necessary resources are provided to support the increase.

General

8. That the Board of Education, with its associated working committees, for the ensuing year be appointed in accordance with Par. 284 of the Code as follows:

**Rev. J. McAllister, Convener
Deputy Clerk, Secretary**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, the Principal U.T.C., University Chaplains, Sunday School Organiser, Convener of R.E. in Day Schools, representative on Stranmillis Management, Transferors' Representatives on the N.I. Area Boards, Deputy Clerk, Rev. J. McAllister.**

(b) **Rev. R.A. Patton; R. Davidson — Revs. W.G. Cameron, J. Curry — Rev. J.L. Keenan; J. McIlhinney — Dr. J. Davis; J. Wilkinson — Rev. S.A. Matthews; George Beattie — Revs. W.J. Carlisle, J.M. Wade.**

(c) **Rev. A.W.T. Brown; W. Cairns — Rev. Dr. J.W. Lockington; G.L. Gillespie — Rev. M. Goudy; Mrs. S. Blair — Rev. G. Cunningham; J.L. Snodgrass — Rev. J. Tolland; S.A. McCrea.**

(d) **Rev. W.G. Stewart; Miss J. Gwyn — Rev. Prof. J.C. McCullough; D. Todd — Rev. Dr. W.J.H. McKee; W.H. Hawe.**

(e) **Revs. R.L. Brown, J. McCormick — Rev. T.V. Mawhinney; R.E. Wright — James Cochrane, Mrs. M. Patterson — Rev. Dr. T.R. Buick; Mrs. E. Farr.**

(f) **Rev. N.E. Dorrans; E.J. Wallace — Revs. Mary Hunter, Robert McMullan — Rev. Nancy Cubitt; Mrs. D. Holmes-Greer.**

(g) **Miss E.L.G. Semple, Mrs. E. Rodgers, Miss S.E. Magowan; Revs. D.J. McKelvey, Dr. John Thompson; N. Morrison, Mrs. S. Ross, Mrs. R. Clements, Mrs. L. Gibson, Mrs. D. McKee, Alan S. Kennedy, T.G.J. Moag, Mrs. J.A. Campbell.**

A. CHURCH EDUCATION COMMITTEE (5)

Rev. I.T. McKee, Convener

(a) **Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Deputy Clerk, Revs. I.T. McKee, J. McAllister.**

(x) **Revs. D.H.S. Armstrong, Dr. S.R. Jones; Miss R. Stirling, Mrs. E. Pollock.**

- (y) **Revs. R.L. Brown, T.V. Mawhinney, R.A. Patton, W.J. Carlisle, W.G. Stewart, M. Goudy; Mrs. S. Blair, Miss J. Gwyn.**
- B. STATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE (5) Deputy Clerk, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs. J.S.B. Drennan, W.T.J. Richardson, I.T. McKee, J. McAllister, Deputy Clerk; J. McBride, B.T. Duffy, Prof. R.H. Mitchell.**
- (x) **John Magowan, W.J. Caves, D.G. Andrews; Rev. J.H. McIntyre.**
- (y) **Revs. Dr. J.W. Lockington, Dr. T.R. Buick, R. L. Brown, S.A. Matthews, Nancy Cubitt; R.E. Wright, J.L. Snodgrass J. Wilkinson.**
- C. UNIVERSITY EDUCATION COMMITTEE (5)**
Prof. R.H. Mitchell, Convener
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs. I.T. McKee, J. McAllister; Youth Officer; Deputy Clerk; Prof. R.H. Mitchell, Convener of War Memorial Hostel Committee, Secretary Board of Social Witness.**
- (x) **Austin Hewitt, Dr. R. Millar, T.G.J. Moag, N. Todd.**
- (y) **Revs. R.A. Patton, W.J. Carlisle, R.S. McMullan, A.W.T. Brown, Nancy Cubitt, Dr. T.R. Buick, Mary Hunter; Mrs. M. Patterson.**

The Report of the **Ad hoc Committee on the Memorial of the Dublin and Munster Presbytery** (Reports pp. 286-287) was submitted by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson. **Dublin & Munster Memorial Committee**

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by the Rev. J. McVeigh, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Boards which currently have ministers serving in non-parochial posts in Ireland outside Church House and Union Theological College review their terms and conditions of service to ensure that such ministers are not worse off financially than parish ministers on the Minimum, and report to the ad hoc Committee by 31 December, 1999.
3. That the ad hoc Committee on the Memorial of the Dublin and Munster Presbytery be re-appointed for one further year as follows:-

The Clerk, Convener

The Moderator, and Clerk of Assembly, Revs. D.T. Allen, R.F.S. Poots, W.J. Orr, T.J. Stothers, R.J.A. Bell, D.S. Graham, J. McVeigh; Mrs. R. Thompson, W. Alexander.

The sederunt came to a close at 4.40 p.m., the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

FOURTH SESSION**Wednesday, 9th June, 1999.****Half past nine o'clock. Forenoon**

The Assembly again convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

**Foyle Presbytery
Memorial**

The **Memorial of the Foyle Presbytery** (Reports p.55) was submitted by the Rev. G.D. Simpson

Moved by the Rev. G.D. Simpson, seconded by the Rev. S. Stewart, and agreed:

That the Memorial be received and its prayer granted.

General Board

The Report of the **GENERAL BOARD** (Reports pp. 5-42) was submitted by the Very Rev. Dr. J. Dunlop, together with the following Supplementary Reports.

GENERAL BOARD - Supplementary Report**Church and Government Committee**

1. Since the Report was prepared the Committee has met with representatives of the Portadown District of the Orange Order and, for a second time, with representatives of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland and, at their welcome invitation, with leaders of the Royal Black Institution. The serious concerns of the Committee, of the General Board and of the General Assembly, as expressed in reports and numerous resolutions, were conveyed to all three bodies. We consider that the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland's official policy of non-cooperation with the Parades Commission and their officers is unhelpful to the whole situation, as well as to themselves.

2. The Committee welcomes the Government's intention to reform the House of Lords. The Committee has received the consultation paper and is preparing a response.

3. The "Good Friday Agreement" is unclear with regard to the consequences of the decommissioning or otherwise of paramilitary weapons which enables both Unionists and Republicans to steadfastly adhere to conflicting interpretations of its provisions. On the one hand, the paragraph on decommissioning does not explicitly say that decommissioning by bodies associated with political parties is a precondition to such parties holding executive office while, on the other hand, the clear expectation of the Agreement is that actual decommissioning would take place by May 2000 and the reasonable expectation is that it ought to have started by now.

4. It would be helpful if each side would acknowledge that the other has a case and try to meet the concerns of the other. The General Board resolved at its meeting on 29 October 1998 "The Board believes that the potential for a peaceful and co-operative future should not be collapsed either over the decommissioning impasse or over any unwillingness to implement the Agreement. The Board calls upon elected politicians to work together in implementing the Agreement and further calls upon paramilitary groups to fulfil their moral obligations in decommissioning their weapons."

5. We believe that this is a time for faith, courage, imagination and leadership and that the opportunities to operate a workable political accommodation endorsed by majorities in referenda in both jurisdictions must not be missed. The present political vacuum is very dangerous. The Committee would like to see the Northern Ireland Executive operating along with the Scottish Parliament and the Welsh Assembly.

Millennium Working Group - Supplementary Report

1. Millennium celebrations will be based around the Moderator's theme - Going on with God - with the additional strap line of - For Him, through Him and to Him are all things.

2. The focus of these celebrations will be during Advent and on the first Sunday of 2000. The Public Worship Committee is preparing worship suggestions for use at this time. These will be available in October.

3. The Millennium will be a time for rededication and recommitment. It is suggested that on Sunday, 2 January, all Presbyterian congregations repeat the mission statement of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This will be available in bookmark form as a memento of the Millennium.

4. Rededication and recommitment should also mark how the General Assembly commemorates the Millennium. The Business Board has been asked to set aside some time, perhaps two hours on Wednesday afternoon, during the agenda of the 2000 General Assembly to mark the Millennium. The time would be used for a period of worship involving thanksgiving for the past, seeking God's guidance for the future, petitioning Him for our future through praise, prayer and reading. Assembly members would also be asked to reaffirm the Mission statement. In addition Boards would be invited to make brief visionary statements of where their ministry might be in 20, 50, 100, 500 years. This theme would be carried through to the Wednesday evening rally.

5. The book 'About Being a Presbyterian' will be redesigned as a millennium memento available for children and young people.

6. Individual congregations will be asked to write about 500-1000 words on the state of their witness in the community at the time of the Millennium. These will be retained as a valuable historical resource.

7. These plans provide a framework for congregations who are encouraged to reflect the true significance of the millennium to their communities in a manner appropriate to their situation.

8. The Assembly's attention is drawn to plans being developed by other Boards and Agencies.

Panel on the Overview of Funding

1. The Panel on the Overview of Funding held a meeting on 24 May to consider matters coming before this Assembly and, as empowered by the General Board, reports directly to the Assembly as follows.

2. The Panel noted the resolution (Reports p.256 res.13) about the continuing decline in families and persons in membership, especially among younger people, and the call to Boards and Presbyteries to forward comments and suggestions to the Clerk of Assembly by 30 November.

3. It also noted the resolution (Reports p.206 res.8) asking the Assembly to approve the continuation and development of the post of Evangelism Promoter for a further period of five years and to agree that a new appointment be made.

4. The Panel is not solely concerned with finance (especially as it is now undertaking the duties of the former Panel on Priorities), and therefore recommends that the proposal for the appointment of another Evangelism Promoter be also sent down to Presbyteries and Boards for their comments and suggestions.

5. Such comments and suggestions might highlight particular qualities desirable in a new appointee (e.g. expertise in reaching young married couples) or a better method of using available finance and personnel (e.g. resourcing work at Presbytery level).

6. The Panel decided not to table a formal amendment to the resolution about the Evangelism Promoter but suggests that those presenting the Report of the Board of Evangelism and Christian Training might voluntarily submit a suitably modified resolution to replace the original one. To avoid delay the General Board might be authorised to act for the Assembly during the next twelve months.

7. As indicated in the main Report (Reports p.7 par.5) information was obtained on the costs and achievements of the Video Unit. Finance for next year has already been agreed with the United Appeal, but the Panel is considering what should happen thereafter. It recognises the importance of videos in what is a visual age, but is reflecting on the possibility of a different procedure whereby the Video Unit would no longer be directly funded from central sources, but missions and agencies which require a video to be made could include the full costs in their submission to the United Appeal. A further report will be submitted next year.

8. The Panel also considered the proposals of the College Training and Review Committee (See Reports pp. 8-11 and Daily Minutes). The Panel appreciated the opportunity to preview the figures, and noted that it is likely that the college will be able to fund this venture from its own resources, though some financial provision may be needed to bridge the gap between the sale of investments and the receipt of increased income. The Panel viewed the proposals sympathetically.

College and Training Review Committee

1. This report should be studied in conjunction with the initial report of the Committee (Reports pp 8 - 11).

2. The Committee has studied a further report from the professional advisers (Reports p 10, par 15) and decided to focus attention on option 3 (Reports p 10, pars 9 and 10) and option 7 (Reports p 10, par 14) as the wisest and most financially viable options.

Refurbishment Option

3. Option 3 is for a full refurbishment of the Union College buildings with 38 beds each having en suite facilities. Lecture rooms would also be refurbished to a high standard and provision made for modern 'hi-tec' and internet teaching facilities. The requirements of Magee House, of number 26 (studies for professional and other staff), as well as the needs of Union would be met within the College building. Car parking spaces for rental would also be included in the refurbishment scheme.

4. There are good reasons for adopting this option including the proximity of the College to Queen's, the ability to estimate the cost of the refurbishment with reasonable accuracy, the immense difficulties of procuring a suitable alternative site, the complex problems of selling the College without having an alternative building ready, and, not least, the retention of a building described as "an outstanding example of first class high Victorian architecture built in the classical style".

5. The estimated cost of this option at present day values is £1,900,000. This includes Professional Fees, estimated VAT where appropriate and estimated grants. However this cost would be reduced by the sale of assets outlined in the preliminary report and now estimated at £610,000 giving a figure for refurbishment of £1,290,000.

6. An inspection has shown that remedial work to the stone, estimated at £500,000, will be needed over the next 5 years. Union College Management Committee already has £233,000 set aside towards this expenditure.

7. Questions have been asked about the wisdom of refurbishing a building such as Union in terms of the long-term maintenance costs. Expert opinion suggests that there is little financial difference in the long-term cost of maintaining a well refurbished solid building compared to the maintenance of a new building.

New Build Option

8. The Committee has, and wishes to continue, to consider seriously the provision of a new building on a 'greenfield' site in the vicinity of Queen's which would offer similar facilities to the refurbishment option but would not attract historic buildings grants.

9. The estimated total cost is £3,795,000 plus 10% professional costs giving a figure of £4,174,500. When potential sale proceeds are taken into account, including Union College at an estimated £2,500,000, the true cost of this option is £1,064,500.

10. However attractive a new build may appear to be there is the serious, and possibly insoluble, problem of finding the 'right' site at an economically viable cost within reasonable proximity to the University area. Again, the sale value of Union College could only be discovered by 'floating' the property on the market. The Church also finds itself in a difficult position due to its, proper, committee style decision making procedures in a competitive market which moves with remarkable speed.

11. All things considered and, after careful consideration, the Committee is of the opinion that refurbishment of the College is the preferred option. It does not, however, wish to seek permission of the Assembly to proceed in this direction until it has taken a further period to explore the availability of an appropriate site for a new build.

Meeting the Cost

12. Either option represents considerable financial outlay even after the sale proceeds have been applied to reduce the total cost.

13. The Committee is confident that either shortfall can be met out of realisable College assets which amount to between £1.5m and £2m.

14. If assets of £1.5m are disposed of then investment income of approximately £54,000 p.a., on which the College has depended, would be lost. However, the 'new' College would be less costly in terms of running costs and the income from lettings etc., as reflected in the Reports (Reports p.9 'Return p.a.') should more than cover the loss of income. Financial provision may be needed to bridge the period of reduced income to the College.

Conclusion

15. Resolutions are appended which seek Assembly authorisation to move forward, under the supervision of the General Board, and with financial safeguards built in.

Peace and Peacemaking Committee

1. While the situation is constantly changing, the peace and peacemaking committee is naturally concerned at the continuing conflict in Kosovo and Yugoslavia, with its potential to spread throughout the Balkans. Questions must be raised as to

whether N.A.T.O. bombing could ever, (on its own) have achieved the stated aim of protecting the Kosovars. At the same time, the reluctance of politicians to embark upon a ground war in Europe is commendable. The dilemma is to discover how the Kosovan Albanians may be afforded the protection they deserve, without at the same time strengthening President Milosevic's political control in Belgrade.

2. The Committee appreciates the very difficult judgements which have to be made by the political leadership of N.A.T.O. It is also well aware of the risks to British and other allied forces and recognises the bravery which is being shown. There have, however, been mistakes which are difficult to explain and should not simply be accepted as an inevitable consequence of war. Every N.A.T.O. attack must be measured and carefully monitored, recognising that many of the Serbian people are themselves victims in this conflict. Clearly, the diplomatic efforts to find a solution which offers lasting security to the Kosovan people within their own homes, and a way to return to them in safety is an absolute priority. In the meantime all developed nations, but especially those involved in the conflict, have a responsibility to provide adequate support for the Kosovars and for the surrounding nations which could themselves become destabilised by the influx of refugees.

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. J. Dunlop, seconded by the Rev. Dr. D.J. Watts, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.

Church House
Staff

2. That the recommendations of the ad hoc Committee on the Clerkship, the Deputy Clerkship and the Secretaryship of the Overseas Board (Reports p. 6 Par. 3) be approved.

Intermission

College Training
and Review
Committee

3. That the General Assembly authorise the setting up of a co-ordinating Committee for one year to facilitate planning and consultation between the agencies which it is planned to bring together under a new Board of Studies and Christian Training comprised of the Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Rev. Principal J.C. McCullough (Convener), the Faculty of Union College, the Director of Christian Training, the Director of Ministerial Students with the Conveners of the Union College Management Committee, the Magee Fund Committee, the Christian Training Committee and the Board of Studies together with two representatives of the Magee Fund Committee.

4. That the General Assembly authorise the College and Training Review Committee to proceed with the refurbishment of Union College as set out in the Report subject to:

(i) the cost of refurbishment being met within the resources of the Union College Management Committee and the Committee of the Magee Fund Scheme;

(ii) the Committee being unable to identify an appropriate 'greenfield' site which would result in significant savings in the provision of a new build compared with the costs of refurbishment, by 31 December, 1999.

5. That the College and Training Review Committee report to the General Board at each stage and that the General Board be authorised to take decisions on behalf of the Assembly.

6. That the General Assembly approve the piloting of the new Consultation process for visitations. **Visitations**

7. That the General Assembly encourage people to go beyond excluding and exclusive concepts of belonging and ask all majorities to be attentive to the concerns of minorities. **Church and Government Committee**

8. That the General Assembly encourage both governments, all political parties and paramilitary groups associated with any of them to implement both the letter and spirit of the “Good Friday Agreement”.

The following recorded dissent:

W.W. Porter	W.T. Bingham	William H. Scott	Hugh Ross
Richard Murray	Philip McGonigle	William McClay	Joseph J. Andrews
David J. McGaughey	Ian McClean	J.D. McGaughey	John Noble
Ker Graham	Maurice M. Stewart	David Murphy	Joseph H. Lockhart
Colin Harris	James Todd	J.I. Topping	Robert J. Greer
W. Johnston	Johnstone Lambe	Robert _____	Robert H. Jamieson
Harry Kennedy	Adam L. Kirk	Eric Mackarel	Norman Donnell
J. Gault	J.C. Simms	D.G. McMeekin	Raymond Kelly
I. McDonald	J. Douglas	Basil Moore	Desmond Paul
Peter McGregor	George Preston		

9. That the General Assembly give the Church and Government Committee leave to respond to the Consultation Document on the reform of the House of Lords.

10. That a grant of £4,520 be paid to the Church and Government Committee from the Incidental Fund.

11. That the greetings of the General Assembly be sent to our chaplains serving with the Regular Forces. **Forces Committee**

12. That the General Assembly note the various openings becoming available for chaplaincy work in the Regular Forces and commend these opportunities for service to our younger ministers.

13. That the General Assembly commend the work done by our part-time Chaplains in the Territorial Army, the Army Cadet Force and by Officiating Chaplains to our Garrisons and Stations.

14. That the General Assembly recommend the customary observance of Battle of Britain Sunday and Remembrance Sunday in our congregations and that the appropriate offerings taken up on those days be given to the Royal Air Force “Wings Appeal” and the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

15. That the General Assembly recommend that congregations continue to support the work of the UDR/Royal Irish Regiment Benevolent Fund by taking up an offering on the last Sunday in April or some other appropriate Sunday.

16. The General Assembly record their continuing appreciation of the faithful service being given to the Church and the community by our Prison and Hospital Chaplains and Deaconesses, and of the willing co-operation received from staff associated with both services. **Chaplains**

17. That with effect from June 2000 the Assignment Committee be transferred to the Board of Studies and Christian Training. **Boards and Committees**

18. That each Presbytery nominate to the next General Assembly three persons, including at least one woman, to each of the following Boards:-

Board of Mission in Ireland

Overseas Board

Board of Social Witness

19. That with effect from June 2000 seven members of the PWA Executive Committee, chosen from representatives nominated by their Presbyterial Committees to the Executive Committee, serve on each of the following Boards:-

Board of Mission in Ireland

Overseas Board

Board of Social Witness

such Presbyterial representatives to be eligible for inclusion on the “y” line of working committees.

20. That as a transitional provision for the year 2000-2001 working committees transferred to another Board may retain on their “y” line two persons not nominated to the new Board by Presbyteries.

21. That any Board wishing to increase or decrease its number of Presbytery representatives, or the number of official Assembly working committees, or to make other changes to its constitution, submit its proposals to the Panel on Boards and Committees by 31st December, 1999 for report to the following Assembly.

22. That a grant of £30,000 be made available from the Incidental Fund for the costs of celebrating the Millennium, the expenditure to be controlled by the Incidental Fund Committee.

23. That the Business Board set aside time in the agenda of the 2000 General Assembly to mark the Millennium.

**Doctrine
Committee**

24. That the Pastoral issues arising from the Report of the Doctrine Committee be referred to the Committee on Marriage and the Family.

**Peace and
Peacemaking
Committee**

25. That the General Assembly encourage the work of Peace Agents in Congregations and Presbyteries.

26. That the General Assembly welcome the proposal that the Churches be invited to form a consortium to nominate five people to a Civic Forum and ask the Church and Government Committee to make appropriate arrangements.

27. That the General Assembly call on the British government, together with its N.A.T.O. allies, to intensify the diplomatic effort to find a just solution for the people of Kosovo.

28. That the General Assembly encourage continuing prayer for all involved in the Kosovan crisis.

29. That the General Assembly commend the generosity of those countries who have accepted Kosovan refugees together with the work of the Aid agencies who are supporting them, and call for generous giving from nations and individuals in the developed world.

30. That the General Assembly commend the British Foreign Secretary’s stated intention to develop an ethical foreign policy, sensitive to basic human rights and call on him to close those loopholes which frequently undermine such intentions.

31. That the General Assembly ask the Trustees to consider the Church's investments in the light of the Arms Trade report.

32. That the Trustees, in consultation with the Revs. D.R. Baker, R. Hill, Dr. D.R. Purce, Dr. D.M. Scott and Dr. D.J. Watts, draw up an ethical investment policy and report to the next Assembly.

33. That a grant of up to £2,500 be made available from the Incidental Fund to the Peace and Peacemaking Committee.

34. That the resignation of Rev. Dr. Donald Watts, as Convener of its Committee on Peace and Peacemaking, be accepted, that he be thanked for his services, and that Rev. D.R. Baker be appointed in his place.

Business lapsed on Standing Orders (See p.52)

The Assembly engaged in worship conducted by the Moderator, assisted by the Rev. N. Ward and the Rev. S.J. Lockington.

At the request of the Moderator, the Rev. Alistair Begg addressed the Assembly.

The sederunt came to a close at 1.00 p.m., the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

FIFTH SESSION

Wednesday, 9th June, 1999.

Two o'clock. Afternoon

The Assembly again convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

The Minutes were taken and corrected.

The Report of the **BOARD OF SOCIAL WITNESS** (Reports pp. 183-195) was submitted by the Rev. J.M. Cathcart together with the following Supplementary Report.

**BOARD OF
SOCIAL
WITNESS**

BOARD OF SOCIAL WITNESS - Supplementary Report

Rev. Henry Gray

The Board of Social Witness has lost a most valued member through the premature death of the Rev. Henry Gray. A former Convener of the Board and one of its most passionate advocates, he brought skill and expertise together with a love for people to all the Board's work.

Enthusiasm, a sense of humour and spiritual maturity were gifts that he used wisely as Chairman of the Management Committee, tasked to establish the work at Carlisle House and as Convener of the Kinghan Mission Committee. Compassion for the needy, concern for the carer, and a desire to share the love of God with men and women, were hallmarks of his ministry.

He will be greatly missed by all involved in the work of the Board and he will long be remembered for his ready smile and hearty laugh each time he came into the office.

To his widow, Mary, and his family we extend our sympathy and assure them of our prayers.

Moved by the Rev. J.M. Cathcart, seconded by the Rev. N.A.L. Cameron, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the General Assembly warmly commend the work of the ADE Volunteers and encourage all congregations to make effective use of them.
3. That the General Assembly recognise the need for a survey of attitudes to and use of all kinds of drugs within the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and encourage all congregations to respond to the ADE Questionnaire on these matters.
4. That the General Assembly commend the recommendations contained in the Report of the Royal Commission on Long Term Care of Elderly People and call upon the Government to introduce to Parliament, without delay, the necessary legislation which will give effect to these fair and just recommendations.
5. That the General Assembly commend the Bible Study *Challenging Issues: Homosexuality* to the Church for use in midweek services and individually.
6. That the General Assembly believe that homosexual relationships involve far-reaching social, personal and moral consequences. Those under age eighteen are especially vulnerable to persuasion and seduction which can result in the making of sexual choices which may later be regretted. The General Assembly urge the Government not to lower the age of consent for homosexual practice.
7. That the General Assembly commend the initiative to provide suitable accommodation for learning disabled adults.
8. That the customary grants made by the Social Issues and Resources Committee up to a total of £1,920, be met by the Incidental Fund.
9. That Dr. Jean McClune be appointed Convener of the Kinghan Mission Committee.
10. That congregations continue to implement the Child Protection Guidelines and have in place a Child Protection Policy by 31 January, 2000.
11. That congregations aim to review their Child Protection Policy at least every three years.
12. That congregations take account of the new edition of Explanatory Notes about Child Protection issued November 1998.
13. That the Board of Social Witness, with its associated working committees, for the ensuing year be appointed in accordance with Par. 281 of the Code as follows:

Rev. J.M. Cathcart, Convener
Director of Social Service, Secretary

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs. W.McB. Campbell, Dr. G. Grindle, J.M. Cathcart; Residential Services Manager, Director of Social Service.**

(b) Rev. W.J. Murdock; Miss D. Shannon, Mrs. A. Sinclair — Rev. A.J. Thompson; J. Smart, Mrs. J. McClelland — Rev. K. McConnell; W. Keown, Mrs. J. Davidson — Rev. A.S. Thompson; R. McCleary, Mrs. M. Patterson — Rev. R.J. Greer; Mrs. M. Hewitson, Mrs. E. Robinson — Rev. J.A. Noble; J. Chestnutt, Mrs. E. Barry.

(c) Rev. J.A. Beattie; J. Todd, Mrs. W. Bristow — Rev. M.S. Gault; A.T. Henderson, Mrs. Z. Vallely — Rev. J. Coulter; George McIntyre, Mrs. H. Hull — Rev. M. Barr; Mrs. E.P. Crossley, Mrs. K. Fulton — Rev. W.J. Sleith; R.J. Coulter, Mrs. W. Dickey.

(d) Rev. R.W. Love; Mrs. B. Brennan, Mrs. J. McAlpine — Rev. J. Braithwaite; J. Furphy, Mrs. A. Gowdy — Rev. Dr. R.M. Crooks; E.C. Witherspoon, Mrs. W. Moffett.

(e) Rev. J.C. Teeney; Mrs. M. McCloskey, Mrs. M. Thompson — Rev. D.S. Irwin; Dr. J.R. White, Mrs. M. Docherty — Rev. W.D. Cupples; H. Alexander, Miss R. Rennie — Rev. T. Coburn; Mrs. A. Allingham, Mrs. P. Orr.

(f) Rev. W.A. Watson; Mrs. E. Montgomery, Mrs. G. Patterson — D. Boyd, Miss E. Oliver, Ms. Linda Milligan — Rev. G.J. Mackarel; W. McConkey, Miss Freda Fleming.

A. SOCIAL ISSUES AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE (5)

Rev. N.A.L. Cameron, Convener

(a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs. N.A.L. Cameron, J.M. Cathcart; Director of Social Service.

(x) Revs. Dr. R.A. Russell, Dr. G. Millar; Mrs. M. Anderson, Dr. K. Moyna Bill.

(y) Revs. R.W. Love, J.A. Braithwaite, K. McConnell; Mrs. P. Orr, Mrs. E.P. Crossley, E.C. Witherspoon, Mrs. A. Gowdy, Miss D. Shannon.

B. ALCOHOL AND DRUG EDUCATION COMMITTEE (5)

Rev. W.B. Boyd, Convener

(a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs. J.M. Cathcart, W.B. Boyd; Director of Social Service.

(x) Revs. I.K. McDonald, Ian McClean, J.C. Buick; Mrs. D. Wilson.

(y) Revs. J.A. Beattie, M. Barr, K. McConnell, C. Teeney, R.W. Love; Mrs. Z. Vallely, G. McIntyre, J. Todd.

C. WAR MEMORIAL HOSTEL COMMITTEE (5) J.H. Martin, Convener

(a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Rev. J.M. Cathcart; Director of Social Service, J.H. Martin, Financial Secretary, Convener and Secretary of the Board of Education, Convener of the University Education Committee.

(x) Miss R. Stirling, J.D. McMullan, Austin Treacy; Rev. T. Coburn.

(y) Revs. M.S. Gault, D.S. Irwin, Dr. R.M. Crooks, R.W. Love, A. Watson; A. Henderson, Mrs. W. Moffett, Mrs. E. Barry.

D. KINGHAN MISSION COMMITTEE (5)

Dr. Jean McClune, Convener
Rev. Dr. G.A. Grindle, Superintendent

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs. Dr. G.A. Grindle, J.M. Cathcart; Director of Social Service, Kinghan Mission Convener.**
- (x) **Dr. Jean McClune, Miss F. Wright, Mrs. A. Rodgers.**
- (y) **Revs. M. Barr, J. Braithwaite, T. Coburn, D.S. Irwin; Mrs. H. Hull, Mrs. W. Moffett.**

E. PRESBYTERIAN RESIDENTIAL TRUST COMMITTEE (5)

Rev. T.J. McCormick, Convener
Mrs. Linda Wray, Secretary

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs. J.M. Cathcart, T.J. McCormick; Director of Social Service, Residential Services Manager.**
- (x) **S. McCartney, Mrs. J. Campbell, G. Ferguson, Mrs P. Sleith.**
- (y) **Revs. M.S. Gault, W.J. Sleith, J.A. Noble; Mrs. A. Sinclair, Mrs. E.P. Crossley, Miss E. Oliver, Mrs. Z. Vallely, Mrs. A. Allingham.**

YOUTH BOARD

The Report of the **YOUTH BOARD** (Reports pp. 207-215) was submitted by the Rev. D.J. Kane together with the following Supplementary Report.

YOUTH BOARD - Supplementary Report**Rev. James Hyndman**

Rev. James Hyndman undertook the onerous convenership of the Youth Events Committee two years ago. He has worked with his customary good humour, enthusiasm and commitment to advancing the cause of Jesus Christ among young people. During this period of convenership he has overseen a major reappraisal of the Youthreach Festival coming to fruition this year with two new events, namely 'Route 66' and the 'MAD Weekend'. We thank him for all his hard work and wish him well in his new role as Co-Convener of the Youth Board.

Moved by the Rev. D.J. Kane, seconded by the Rev. D.I.J. McNie, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
- General 2. That the General Assembly appoint the Revs. David Stanfield, Mairisine Stanfield, Mr. Graeme Thompson and Mr. Trevor Long to be representatives on the Board of Management of the Churches Youth Service Council.
3. That the General Assembly extend their financial support of the Youth Development Officer (NI) post for up to a further 12 months.
4. That the General Assembly appoint the appropriate Youth Board personnel to the management structures of Youth Link (NI)
5. That the following grants be paid from the Incidental Fund:
Youth Link (NI) - £6,500
PCI Family Holiday - £6000
6. That Rev. R.J. Hyndman be appointed as Co-Convener of the Youth Board.

7. That the resignation of Rev. R.J. Hyndman as Convener of the Youth Events Committee be accepted, that he be thanked for his services and that Rev. J.W.P. McConnell be appointed in his place.

8. That the General Assembly commend Youth Night 1999, TGIChristmas, Starting as a Student, Route 66 and the Mad Youth Weekend to the prayers of the Church and ask congregations to encourage their young people to attend. **Youth Events Committee**

9. That the General Assembly encourage congregations to make the most of the resource and training opportunities provided by the Youth Board. **Youth Training and Resources Committee**

10. That the General Assembly actively encourage congregations to pray for all young people who offer themselves to the work of the PCI Year Team and Summer Outreach Teams. **Youth Home Mission Committee**

11. That the General Assembly encourage congregations to support their young people in pursuing cross cultural opportunities in mission education through participation in outgoing and incoming teams in association with partner churches overseas. **Youth Overseas Committee**

12. That the General Assembly commend the three Youth Centres, Guysmere, Lucan and Rostrevor, to the support and prayers of the Church. **Youth Centres Committee**

13. That the General Assembly commend the nine camps being held in the summer to the Church: The Girls' and Boys' Camps; the Soccer Camps at Guysmere, Ballymoney and Belfast; the Adventure Camp at Shannagh-More; the Music Camp in Rostrevor; and the Soccer and Summer Camps at Lucan.

General

14. That the Youth Board, with its associated working committees, for the ensuing year, be appointed in accordance with Par. 283 of the Code as follows:

Rev. D.J. Kane, Convener
Rev. R.J. Hyndman, Co-Convener
Miss R. Stirling, Secretary

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Convener of Evangelism and Christian Training Committees, Education Board Secretary, Sunday School Organiser, University Chaplains, Revs. D.J. Kane, R.J. Hyndman, Youth Officer.**

(b) **Revs. Dr. S.R. Jones, W. Sinclair — Rev. J.W.P. McConnell; Allen Foster — Rev. M. Stanfield; Nathan Conkey — S. Macfarlane, E. Poots — Brian Todd, Miss Diane Johnston — Mrs. Linda Davidson, Miss J. Chambers.**

(c) **Revs. J.A. Beattie, K.A. Drury — Rev. R.J. Beggs; Jonie Graham — Revs. A.J.McL. Smith, J.G. Johnston — Rev. E.J. Hyndman; S. Tweed — Rev. P.E. Dickinson; Miss L. McMahan.**

(d) **Rev. T.J. Wilson; P. Thompson — Dr. Wm. Crawley, Miss H. Murray — Miss L. Gould, Robert Tinney.**

(e) **Rev. G. Stockdale; A. Fell — Revs. D.J. Paul, Dr. C. Glass — Revs. J.J. Currie, N.S. Harrison — Revs. J.H. Flaherty, R.A. McLernon.**

(f) **Rev. A. Carson; Andrew Speer — Revs. S. Simpson, Keith McCrory — Rev. David Moore; Clive Reed.**

(g) Miss G. Kennedy, Miss Elaine Johnston, Miss Pauline Wilson, Mrs. Margaret McCreedy, Ms. Annetta Prescott, Miss Anne Houston, Mrs. Maureen Blake, Mrs. Heather Carey, Mrs. Marie-Ann Trueman, Mrs. Pamela Mitchell, Miss Karen Sleith, Mrs. Ellen Wilmont, Ivan Ferris, Reuben McCormick, Gareth Dunlop, David Laney, Paul Bowman, David Pattison, T. Bruce; Rev. R.S. Stockman.

A. YOUTH EVENTS COMMITTEE (5) Rev. J.W.P. McConnell, Convener

(a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Revs. D.J. Kane, R.J. Hyndman, J.W.P. McConnell; Youth Officer, Sunday School Organiser.

(x) Revs. W.M. Brown, A.M. Bates; Miss Gail Neill, Mrs. Gillian Topping.

(y) Revs. K.A. Drury, Graham Stockdale, A.J.McL. Smith, E.J. Hyndman; Allen Foster, Clive Reed, Stephen Macfarlane, Miss Lorna McMahon.

**B. YOUTH TRAINING AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE (5)
Rev. David Stanfield, Convener**

(a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Revs. D.J. Kane, R.J. Hyndman, David Stanfield; Youth Officer, Youth Development Officers.

(x) Revs. D. Montgomery, A.C. Rankin; Ian Scott, Trevor Long.

(y) Revs. Dr. C. Glass, Dr. S.R. Jones, M. Stanfield, S. Simpson, T.J. Wilson; Dr. Wm. Crawley, Jonie Graham, Miss Lynda Gould.

**C. YOUTH HOME MISSION COMMITTEE (5)
Rev. George McClelland, Convener**

(a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Revs. D.J. Kane, R.J. Hyndman, George McClelland; Youth Officer, Youth Development Officers, Evangelism Promoter.

(x) Rev. Andrew Thompson; Miss Anne Morrow, Mark Henderson, Philip Thompson.

(y) Revs. Wm. Sinclair, N.S. Harrison, J.H. Flaherty, R.J. Beggs, P.E. Dickinson, D.J. Paul; Mrs. Linda Davidson, R. Tinney.

D. YOUTH OVERSEAS COMMITTEE (5) Rev. P.C. Lyle, Convener

(a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Revs. D.J. Kane, R.J. Hyndman, P.C. Lyle; Youth Officer, Overseas Board Representative.

(x) Rev. A. Gibson; Peter McDowell, Miss Cheryl Reid.

(y) Revs. D. Moore, R.A. McLernon, A. Carson, E.J. Hyndman, A.J.McL. Smith; Andrew Fell.

- E. YOUTH CENTRES COMMITTEE (5) Rev. D.I.J. McNie, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Revs. D.J. Kane, R.J. Hyndman, D.I.J. McNie; Youth Officer, Centre Director, Convener Youth Training and Resources Committee, Youth Board Development Officer.**
- (x) **Revs. T.D. Gribben, B. McMillen; C. Graham, Mrs. S. Maginnis.**
- (y) **Revs. J.J. Currie, J.G. Johnston; Brian Todd, Stephen Tweed, Andrew Speer, Miss H. Murray, E. Poots, Miss J. Chambers.**

The Report of the **INTER-CHURCH RELATIONS BOARD** (Reports pp. 124-141) was submitted by the Rev. R. Herron.

**INTER-
CHURCH
RELATIONS
BOARD**

Moved by the Rev. R. Herron, seconded by the Rev. A.D. Davidson, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.

Moved by the Rev. R. Herron, seconded by the Rev. A.D. Davidson:

**Irish Church
Relations**

2. The General Assembly accept the proposals to reorganise and constitute the Irish Inter-Church Meeting as they are expressed in the Constitution of the Conference of Churches in Ireland (Appendix III).

On being put, the resolution was declared lost.

Voting: For 144 votes

Against 224 votes

The following recorded dissent:

Richard Hill	Will McConnell	Trevor Magowan	Derek Drysdale
Donald J. Watts	Willis Cordner	Douglas R. Baker	Averil A. Stevenson
R. Alan Russell	John Ross	David C. Irwin	Mark Gray
Norman Harrison	Ian McDowell	Liz Hughes	Alastair J. Rankin
John Brackenridge	Lexy Bell	Joan Cowle	John Faris
W.D. Weir	J.H. Morrison	Chris Aitcheson	Alan Boal
Kenneth N.E. Newell	Douglas Armstrong	Mollie A. Duncan	L.E. Smyth
Terry McMullan	W. Marshall	Tony Davidson	Alastair R. Bill
Helen Boyd	Steve Stockman	D.M. Rodgers	Gretta Henderson
Ruth Cochrane	D. Clarke	Carrie Barkley	Derek J. McKelvey
R. W. C. Kirkwood	David Kirkwood	David J. Montgomery	Denis Brady
Tom Wilson	James Burnett	Purvis Campbell	Maurice Barr
Paul Sayers	Isabel Love	Gabrielle Ellis-Farquhar	Alan V. Martin
Ian Mairs	John W. Morrow	Ronnie Clements	David J. Campbell
Nigel Eves	Ivan Patterson	Franklin Adair	David Lapsley
David McCarthy	Eric G. Davidson	Stephan van Os	D. Roger Purce
John Dunlop	H.B. Wallace	Alan J. Spence	John F. Murdoch
David B. Knox	R.J. Gordon Gray	C. Mary Hunter	Katherine P. Meyer
Mairisine Stanfield	David Stanfield	T.R. Graham	Joan Scott
D. Malcolm Scott	Wilfred J. Orr	Olive M. Marshall	Ralph Sheppard
Norman Hunter	Patricia McBride	Brian McMillen	Sam McClintock
H.R. Quinn	Jean Binnie	W.M.C. Stevenson	A.W. Godfrey Brown
Mervyn W. Morrison	John McVeigh	William L. Haslett	Jean Webster
Colin D. McClure	Muriel Smyth	A.J. Weir	J. Ron Savage

Moved by the Rev. R. Herron, seconded by the Rev. A.D. Davidson, and agreed:

3. That the following appointments be made:

To the Irish Council of Churches - Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, Revs. C.J. Aitcheson, W. Bingham, S.J. Campbell, J.M. Cathcart, A.D. Davidson, G.A.J. Ellis-Farquhar, Dr. R.J.G. Gray, R. Herron, J.G. Johnston, D. Mark, C. McClure,

D. Nesbitt, Mrs. P. Crossley, Miss D. Gilmour, Mrs. M. Irwin, J.A. Patterson, Ian Scott, Mrs. E. Sheppard, David Whitcroft.

To the Irish Inter-Church Meeting - Revs. J.M. Cathcart, A.D. Davidson, Dr. J. Dunlop, R. Herron, Dr. S. Hutchinson; Mrs. M. Irwin; Revs. Dr. T.W.J. Morrow, Dr. J.C. McCullough.

To the Irish Inter-Church Committee - Revs. A.D. Davidson, R. Herron.

**World
Development
Committee**

4. That the PCI seek to raise £1m for development through its annual Appeal for World Development to mark the millennium, making full use of special gift-aid arrangements, where possible.

Conveners

5. That the resignation of Rev. Dr. D.R. Purce, as Convener of the World Development Committee, be accepted, that he be thanked for his services and that Mrs. Hazel McCall be appointed in his place.

6. That the resignation of Rev. D.R. Baker as Convener of the Race Relations Committee be accepted, that he be thanked for his services and that Rev. Dr. R.J.G. Gray be appointed in his place.

General

7. That the following grants be made from the Incidental Fund:

Irish Council of Churches	£25,600
Irish Inter-Church Meeting	£4,000
Conference of European Churches	£3,198
Leuenberg Consultation	£500
World Alliance of Reformed Churches Partnership Fund	£811
Race Relations Grants:	
(i) Multi-Cultural Resource Centre, Bryson House, Belfast	£750
(ii) Diakonia Council of Churches	£1,500
(iii) Churches Council for Racial Justice (Refugees and Asylum Seekers UK)	£375
(iv) Association of Nigerian Asylum-Seekers in Ireland	£375
General Work of the Board	£5,000

8. That the Inter-Church Relations Board, with its associated working Committees, be appointed for the ensuing year in accordance with Par. 278 of the Code as follows:

Rev. R. Herron, Convener

(a) **The Moderator, Clerk of Assembly, Rev. R. Herron, Conveners and Secretaries of the Home Mission Committee and Overseas Board, Professor of Systematic Theology at the Union Theological College, Superintendent of the Irish Mission, Overseas Board Representative, the Youth Officer.**

(b) **Revs. W.T. Corder, S.E. Hughes — Revs. A.D. Davidson, D.H. Gilpin — Rev. Dr. W.J. Patterson; I. Adair — Revs. D.J. Bruce, Dr. R.J.G. Gray — Rev. C.D. McClure; H. Plester — Revs. J.M. Wade, A.L. Kirk.**

(c) Rev. J.M. Finlay; S. Davison — Revs. G.A.J. Ellis-Farquhar, F.A. Bradley — Revs. J.G. Johnston, F. Russell — Revs. D.I.J. McNie, J.T. Magowan — Rev. D. Bannerman; R.J. Coulter.

(d) Rev. W.J.A. Sleith; W. Crawford — Revs. Dr. D.C. Irwin, J. Barnes — Rev. Joan Scott; A.J. Kilgore.

(e) Revs. John Lappin, G.P. Young — Revs. S.J. Gray, D.S. Irwin — Rev. Brian Hunt; D.N. Baxter — Rev. W.T. Bingham; Miss B. Miller.

(f) Rev. C.F.D. Clements; G. Vance — Revs. A.V. Martin, C. McCurdy — Rev. David Nesbitt; W. McConkey.

(g) Revs. K.P. Meyer, N.W. McAuley; Rev. S. J. Millar; Dr. D. Stevens.

A. WORLD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (5)

Mrs. H. McCall, Convener

(a) Moderator, Clerk of Assembly, Revs. R. Herron, Dr. D.R. Purce; P.W.A. Secretary, Mrs. H. McCall, Overseas Board Representative.

(x) Revs. K.P. Meyer, M.C.A. Gray, Dr. D.J. Watts; John Doherty.

(y) Revs. Dr. W.J. Patterson, W.T. Cordner, C.D. McClure, D. Nesbitt, J.T. Magowan, B. Hunt, D.J. Bruce, W.J.A. Sleith.

B. IRISH CHURCH RELATIONS COMMITTEE (5)

Rev. A.D. Davidson, Convener

(a) Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs. R. Herron, A.D. Davidson.

(x) Revs. D.J. McCarthy, M. Hunter; D. Montgomery, Miss D. Gilmour.

(y) Revs. D. Bannerman, W.J.A. Sleith, C.D. McClure, J.M. Finlay, W.T. Bingham, Dr. D.C. Irwin, B. Hunt, J.G. Johnston.

C. WORLD CHURCH RELATIONS COMMITTEE (5)

Rev. D.J. Campbell, Convener

(a) Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs. R. Herron, D.J. Campbell, Overseas Board Representative.

(x) Revs. Prof. J.C. McCullough, T.R. Graham; Mrs. M. Irwin, Miss A. Taylor.

(y) Revs. F.A. Bradley, G.A.J. Ellis-Farquhar, D. Bannerman, C.D. McClure, W.J.A. Sleith, A.D. Davidson, S.E. Hughes; H. Plester.

- D. RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE (5) Rev. Dr. R.J.G. Gray, Convener**
- (a) **Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Overseas Board Secretaries, Revs. R. Herron, Dr. R.J.G. Gray, D.R. Baker.**
- (x) **D. Boyd, Ms. Fee Ching Leong, Mrs. E. Greer.**
- (y) **Revs. C.F.D. Clements, Joan Scott, F. Russell, W.J.A. Sleith, J. Barnes; W. Crawford.**

GENERAL BOARD GENERAL BOARD - Debate Resumed (See p. 43)

Moved by Very Rev. Dr. J. Dunlop, seconded by Rev. Dr. D. J. Watts, and agreed:

35. That the General Assembly, mindful of the suffering occasioned by violence, offer their continuing prayerful support to the relatives of those who have been killed and to those who are injured and pray that they may all experience the grace of God so that they may cope with the awesome losses they have sustained.

36. That, in the matter of contentious disputes between residents' groups and those who wish to parade, the General Assembly call upon all concerned to treat one another with generosity, understanding and respect and further encourage them to discuss their disagreements with one another: to co-operate fully with the Parades Commission and, in the event of no agreement being reached, to abide by the lawfully taken determinations of the Parades Commission.

37. The General Assembly welcome the thrust of the concept of Restorative Justice in its emphases on the concerns of victims, the encouragement given to offenders to understand the consequences of their actions and the need to heal relationships which have been damaged through crime and anti-social behaviour.

Business lapsed on Standing Orders (See p. 59)

The sederunt came to a close at 6.30 p.m., the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

On Wednesday evening, 9th June, 1999, a Rally, conducted by the Moderator, took place at 7.45 p.m. After worship the Moderator welcomed Licentiate and expressed thanks to recently retired Ministers. A presentation on Jubilee 2000 then followed.

At the request of the Moderator, Rev. Alistair Begg addressed the Assembly.

The sederunt came to a close at 9.25 p.m., the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

SIXTH SESSION**Thursday, 10th June, 1999.****Half past nine o'clock. Forenoon**

The Assembly again convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

The Report of the **TRUSTEES** (Reports pp. 274-276) was submitted by Mr. **TRUSTEES**
J. Millar, O.B.E..

Moved by Mr. J. Millar, O.B.E., seconded by Mr. D.J. Bell, C.B., and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the recommendation regarding the Mrs. A.M. Davidson Trust be adopted.
3. That the recommendation regarding the Sir Wm. V. McCleery Trust be adopted.
4. That the recommendation regarding the Miss Irene Scott Trust be adopted.
5. That the recommendation regarding the Miss Ida Mary McGeown Trust be adopted.

A nomination having been received from the Synod of Ballymena and Coleraine, it was moved by Mr. J. Millar, O.B.E., seconded by Mr. D.J. Bell, C.B., and unanimously resolved: **NEW TRUSTEE**

That Rev. Robert J. A. Bell be, and is hereby nominated and appointed by the General Assembly as a Trustee of the Presbyterian Church in room of Rev. Dr. T. H. Mullin resigned and of the due appointment of Rev. Robert J. A. Bell as a said Trustee attestation is made by the signature of the Moderator of the General Assembly and of the Clerk of the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of the Irish Presbyterian Church Act. 1871.

JOHN Wm. LOCKINGTON

Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

SAMUEL HUTCHINSON

Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

10th June 1999

The Report of the **COMMISSION ON TRUSTS** (Reports p. 240) was submitted by Mr. A.J. Rankin. **TRUSTS**

Moved by Mr. A.J. Rankin, seconded by Mr. W.H. Henry, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Commission on Trusts for the ensuing year be appointed in accordance with Par. 130 of the Code as follows:

A.J. Rankin, Convener

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk; A.J. Rankin.**

(g) **Revs. D. Clarke, Dr. T.J. Simpson, Deputy Clerk, R.J.T. McMullan; T.H. Cochrane, J.W. Russell, W.H. Henry, M. McQuillan, Mrs. O. Marshall.**

**UNITED
APPEAL**

The Report of the **UNITED APPEAL BOARD** (Reports pp. 257-262) was submitted by Mr. M.H. Stewart.

Moved by Mr. M.H. Stewart, seconded by the Rev. T.D. Gribben, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the United Appeal Board increase the amount for contingencies to £200,000 for the year 2000.
3. That the United Appeal for 2000 be as set out in Schedules III and IV.
4. That the United Appeal Board for the ensuing year be appointed in accordance with Par. 287 of the Code as follows:

**M.H. Stewart, Convener
The Clerk, Secretary**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Rev. W.C. Lynas; M.H. Stewart.**
- (b*) **Revs. R. Lockhart, M.G. McClelland, W.A. Abernethy; B. McClean.**
- (c*) **Rev. G.A. Preston; R.W. Vaughan, R.J. Owens, M.H. Stewart.**
- (d*) **Revs. T.C. Wright, V. Sinclair, H. Courtney; J. McKibben.**
- (e*) **Revs. P.G. McCrea, Dr. S.D.H. Williamson, T.V. Mawhinney; J.A. Patterson.**
- (f*) **Revs. T.D. Allen, C.F.D. Clements, G.A. Mitchell; Wm. Alexander.**
- (g) **Revs. D. Clarke, T.D. Gribben, J. Lamont; Mrs. O. Marshall, Mrs. E. Nesbitt, J. Clarke.**

**Overture anent
Par. 114(1)(c)**

The **Overture anent Par.114(1)(c)** of the Code (Reports p. 42) was submitted by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson.

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by the Rev. R.F.S. Poots, and agreed:

That the Overture be received and placed on the books.

**Overtures
(various)**

The **Overtures anent Pars. 227, 229(1), (1)(b), 230(1) and (2), and (3)(b), 230(5)(a), 231(1), 232(1) and (2) and (3)(c), 234(1) and (4), 268(4)(b), 274(8)(b)(i), 274(9), 301(1) and (3), 303(3) and (4)(c), 304(3), 305(1), (2), (4), (5), (twice), (6), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), 307(1), (2) and (3)** of the Code (Reports pp. 42-43) were submitted by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson.

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by the Rev. R.F.S. Poots, and agreed:

That the Overtures be received and placed on the books.

**Overtures
(various)**

The **Overtures anent Pars. 214(1), (3), (4), (5), (7), 215(1), (2)(c), (3), (5), (6)(a)(b), 216, 216(7), 217(1)(a)(i), 217(1)(a)(ii)(twice), 217(1)(a)(iii), 217(1)(a)(iv), 217(2)(i), 217(2)(ii)(I), 217(4), 217(6)(a), 217(7)(a), 217(c)(ii), 217(8)(d)(i)(twice), 218(1)(b), 309(1)** of the Code (Reports p. 43) were submitted by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson.

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by the Rev. R.F.S. Poots, and agreed:

That the Overtures be received and placed on the books.

The **Overtures anent Pars. 285 and 268(4)(c)** of the Code (Reports p. 43) were submitted by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson.

**Overtures anent
Pars. 285 and
268(4)(c)**

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by the Rev. R.F.S. Poots, and agreed:

That the Overtures be received and placed on the books.

The **Overtures anent Pars. 279 and 281** of the Code (Reports p. 43) were submitted by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson.

**Overtures anent
Pars. 279 and 281**

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by the Rev. R.F.S. Poots, and agreed:

That the Overtures be received and placed on the books.

The **Overture anent Par. 280** of the Code (Reports pp. 43-44) was submitted by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson.

**Overture anent
Par. 280**

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by the Rev. W.J. Johnstone:

That the Overture be received and placed on the books.

Moved as an amendment, by the Rev. R.F.S. Poots, seconded by the Rev. J.L. Casement:

Board of Mission in Ireland

(1) This Board shall consist of the Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, the President, one Vice-President and Secretary of the Presbyterian Women's Association, the Irish Mission Superintendent, the Convener and Secretary of the Board of Social Witness, the Conveners of the Education, Studies and Christian Training, Youth and Inter-Church Relations Boards, the Union Commission and the Central Ministry Fund Committee, the Presbyterian Mutual Society Agent, two Young Women's Group representatives, two Youth Board representatives, two deaconess representatives, three persons, including at least one woman, nominated by each Presbytery, together with seven representative members of the PWA Executive Committee, the Convener and Secretaries of the Board, and the Conveners and members of working committees under the supervision of the Board.

(2) The Board shall, directly or indirectly—

(a) supervise the work of the Home Mission, PWA Home Department and Church Extension.

(b) call ministers under the Home Mission Development Scheme, elders, deaconesses or lay agents to recognised Church Work and allocate to them their sphere of labour, and

(c) In association with the Presbytery under whose jurisdiction they are, exercise a general supervision over their life and work in accordance with Mission rules.

(3) The Board shall, directly or indirectly -

(a) take means to secure such financial support from the Church as a whole, as may be requisite from time to time, for the work of Church Extension and other Home Missions entrusted to it by the Assembly.

(b) have prepared estimates for the various Home Missions for the appropriate financial year and authorise their submission to the United Appeal Board and/or Finance Committee of the PWA.

(c) authorise expenditure of the funds received from congregations and the Presbyterian Women's Association and other monies accruing.

(d) make grants to congregations or other Churches and Societies for the encouragement of Church work and missionary purposes in Ireland and;

(e) maintain, from funds received, deaconesses and lay agents, defray their expenses and pay their retiring allowances and assist in paying salaries and expenses of ministers in Church Extension and Home Mission charges.

(4) The Board shall -

(a) seek to provide for the work of evangelism, including evangelistic missions and literature sponsored by the Church, and with power to make grants to other Churches or Societies for similar work:

(b) supervise the work of the Irish Mission in promoting the circulation of the Scriptures, and in evangelism, Christian training and education, including the employment of agents, or other workers:

(c) report annually on the state of religion in the Church:

(d) provide for the Church's ministry in Divine Healing.

(5) The Board may call ministers appointed to positions in evangelistic work to be ministers in recognised service to the Church in such full-time appointments, provided that those who become members of Church courts in virtue of such call and appointment report on their work to the Board as may be required, not less than annually.

(6) The Board shall provide information, arrange conferences and deputations, and seek generally to promote the work entrusted to it by the Assembly.

On being put, the amendment was declared passed.

On being put as substantive motion, was passed.

**Overtures
(various)**

The **Overtures anent Pars. 281(2), 285(2), 308(5), (6)(c) and (8), 308(6), 305(8) and (10), 282, 302(2)(c) and (4)(a), 285(3), 198(1) and 218(2)(a)** of the Code (Reports pp. 45-46) were submitted by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson.

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by the Rev. R.F.S. Poots, and agreed:

That the Overtures be received and placed on the books.

**Overture anent
Par. 303(4)(d)**

The **Overture anent Par. 303(4)(d)** of the Code (Reports p. 46) was submitted by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson as follows:

It is hereby overtured to the General Assembly to enact that in Par. 303(4)(d) of the Code after the word 'Board' there be added the words 'in consultation with the Board of Studies and Christian Training.

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by the Rev. R.F.S. Poots, and agreed:

That the Overture be received and placed on the books.

Intermission

The Report of the **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION** (Reports pp. 177-182) was submitted by Miss E. Brian.

Moved by Miss E. Brian, seconded by the Rev. R.F.S. Poots, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.

The Report of the **OVERSEAS BOARD** (Reports pp. 142-166) was submitted by the Rev. R.J.T. McMullan.

Moved by the Rev. R.J.T. McMullan, seconded by the Rev. S.J. Campbell, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the General Assembly welcome the revised policy statement and recommendations contained in the Report and encourage the Overseas Board to implement them fully in the new millennium.
3. That the General Assembly commend to the whole Church our missionary personnel and their families for prayer and support as they bear witness to and serve Jesus Christ together with their colleagues in our partner Churches in a rapidly changing world and give thanks for their faithful witness and service during the past year. **P.W.A.**
4. That the General Assembly encourage and support our partner Churches and all Christian people in Indonesia, India, Nepal and Pakistan as they respond in the Name and Spirit of Jesus Christ to increasing ethnic, religious and community tensions and in some places persecution and that the General Assembly refer the request from the Moderators of the Protestant Churches in Timor for a United Nations peace-keeping force for East Timor, to the European Union, the British and Irish Governments and the Eukumindo group of missions, for their action. **OVERSEAS BOARD**
5. That the General Assembly welcome the growth of the Churches in Asia and encourage our partner Churches to find new ways of communicating the Gospel to the millions who have never heard of Jesus Christ.
6. That the General Assembly urge prayer and support for the United Mission to Nepal as its role in the development of the nation and its service in the Name of Jesus Christ to the people of Nepal for the next five years is decided.
7. That the General Assembly encourage the whole Church to pray for the Christian Church in China as its people take opportunities for evangelism and Church growth in a period of continued repression by the authorities.
8. That the General Assembly give thanks for the living faith of Arab and Jewish believers in the Middle East, encourage the continued proclamation of the Gospel and the growing desire for greater unity in the body of Christ and pray that new initiatives may be taken which will result in a lasting peace in the region.
9. That the General Assembly rejoice at the growing partnerships at Board, Presbytery and congregational levels with Reformed Churches in the Czech and Slovak Republics, France, Hungary, Romania and Spain and encourage

the Board to continue to facilitate these relationships.

10. That the General Assembly give thanks for the continued development of our relationship with the Presbyterian Churches in Brazil and our involvement in their national mission and pray for their outreach to the poor and the ethnic minorities in the more remote areas in Brazil.

11. That the General Assembly encourage the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands as it continues to minister to urban and rural communities and serve the poor and needy in the Name of Jesus Christ.

12. That the General Assembly, in view of the continued suffering and deprivation of the peoples of Africa due to civil war, famine, disease and ethnic conflict, encourage prayer and support for our partner Churches in Kenya, Malawi, Sudan and Togo as they live out the Gospel in their communities and seek to build up the Church.

13. That the General Assembly encourage our partner Churches in Africa as they minister to their people in health, education and rural development and as they work and pray that peace will be established in their communities.

14. That the General Assembly give thanks for the growth in prayer and support for our missionaries and our partner Churches and encourage the Board to take new initiatives in communicating to all of our people the challenges and opportunities for mission.

15. That the resignation of Rev. Brian Gibson as Convener of the Africa, Caribbean and Latin America Committee be accepted, that he be thanked for his valuable contribution to the work of the Board and that Rev. Robin Quinn be appointed in his place.

16. That the Overseas Board, with its associated working committees, be appointed for the ensuing year in accordance with Par. 279 of the Code as follows:

Rev. S.J. Campbell, Convener
Rev. R.J.T. McMullan; Miss E. Brian, Secretaries

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, President and Overseas Vice-President of the P.W.A., Convener and Secretaries of the Board, Convener of the Inter-Church Relations Board, Sunday School Organiser, two Young Women's Group representatives, Youth Board representative.**

(b) **Rev. G.F. McKeown; J. Warnock, Mrs. A. Murdock — Rev. L.W.H. Hilditch; Miss J. Allen, Mrs. E. McIlwaine — Rev. S.R. Conkey; Dr. G. Moles, Mrs. M. Foreman — Rev. G.B.S. Gibson; J. Watson, Miss W. Norwood — Rev. G. Best; S. Murphy, Mrs. M. Patterson — Rev. N.S. Millen; R. Harper, Mrs. D. Rea.**

(c) **Rev. W.J. Todd; W. Steele, Mrs. P. Addis — Rev. D. Murphy; R.I. Bashford, Mrs J. Gaston — Rev. P. Lyle; G. Henderson, Mrs. E. Torrens — Rev. K.D.W. Crowe; J. Michael, Mrs. M. Binnie — Rev. P.P. Campbell; E. Bell, Mrs. E. Ramsey.**

(d) **Rev. J.N. Seawright; Mrs. D. Smyth, Mrs. M. Boyd — Rev. W.D. Moore; W. Hanna, Mrs. D. McMullen — Rev. H.R. Quinn; W.H. Hawe, Mrs. R. Cowan.**

(e) **Rev. D. Hillen; E. Laverty, Dr. H. Williamson — Rev. K.G. Patterson; Mrs. E. Alexander, Mrs. F. Hamilton — Rev. J.L. Blair; Dr. C. McKibbin, Mrs. M. McKibbin — Rev. W.L. Orr; N. Johnston, Mrs. A.R. Rodgers.**

(f) Rev. N.E. Dorrans; A. Speer, Mrs. F. Armour — Rev. S. Anketell; Mrs. D. Masterson, Mrs. D. Mitchell — Rev. F.J. Taylor; G. McConkey, Mrs. A. Burnside.

A. ASIA COMMITTEE (7) Rev. Dr. S.J. Dixon, Convener
Rev. R.J.T. McMullan; Miss E. Brian, Secretaries

(a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs. S.J. Campbell, Dr. S.J. Dixon; Mrs. M. Thompson, Mrs. M. Patterson, Mrs. G. Irwin; Rev. R.J.T. McMullan; Miss E. Brian, N. Eves.

(x) Rev. W.S. Marrs; Mrs. L. Smyth, Mrs. M. Lygo, Dr. J. Shannon.

(y) Revs. W.D. Moore, G.E. Best, D. Murphy; E. Bell, E. Laverty, R.I. Bashford, Mrs. E. McIlwaine, Mrs. F. Armour.

B. EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST COMMITTEE (7)
Rev. Prof. J.C. McCullough, Convener
Rev. R.J.T. McMullan; Miss E. Brian, Secretaries

(a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Rev. S.J. Campbell, Prof. J.C. McCullough, J.A. Kirkpatrick, J.N. Seawright; Mrs. M. Thompson, Mrs. M. Patterson, Mrs. G. Irwin; Rev. R.J.T. McMullan; Miss E. Brian.

(x) Revs. Dr. R.I. Birney, I.J. Patterson, J.I. Thompson, Dr. W.P. Addley.

(y) Revs. D. Hillen, L.W.H. Hilditch, K.D.W. Crowe; N. Johnston, Mrs. E. Alexander, G. Henderson, Mrs. Jean Gaston, Mrs. D. Rea.

C. AFRICA, CARIBBEAN & LATIN AMERICA COMMITTEE (7)
Rev. H.R. Quinn, Convener
Rev. R.J.T. McMullan; Miss E. Brian, Secretaries

(a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs. S.J. Campbell, H.R. Quinn, G.B.S. Gibson; World Development Committee Convener, Mrs. M. Thompson, Mrs. M. Patterson, Mrs. G. Irwin; Rev. R.J.T. McMullan; Miss E. Brian.

(x) Revs. A. Gibson, T.W. Gordon, W.J. Waring; T.A. Macpherson.

(y) Revs. G.F. McKeown, H.R. Quinn, S.R. Conkey; Dr. G. Moles, W.H. Hawe, J. Michael, Mrs. M. Binnie, Mrs. D. Mitchell.

GENERAL BOARD - Debate Resumed (See p. 52)

GENERAL
BOARD

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. J. Dunlop, seconded by the Rev. Dr. D.J. Watts, and agreed:

38. The General Assembly assure members of the farming community that they are aware of some of the difficulties and challenges which it currently faces and of those changes which will inevitably come as European policy changes.

39. That the General Board, with its associated working committees for the ensuing year, be appointed in accordance with Par. 272 of the Code as follows:

The Clerk, Convener

(a) **Moderator, and Clerk of Assembly, preceding three Moderators and former Clerks of Assembly, Clerks of Synods and Assembly Conveners of Commissions and Boards.**

(b) **Revs. Dr. D.J. Watts, Dr. R.A. Russell; W.J. McClelland, C. Gibson — Revs. Dr. J. Thompson, F.A.C. Wilson; T.H. Savage, W.H. Scott — Revs. James Harper, R.E. Boggs; J. McAllister, Wm. Crawford — Revs. J.I. Davey, R. Lockhart; R.D.T. Gibson, Miss E. McConnell — Revs. L.J. Patterson, J. Holmes; R.A. McCracken, J. Hudson — Revs. S.A. Finlay, Dr. D.J. McGaughey; E. McWilliams, H. McGaffin.**

(c) **Revs. J.J. Andrews, D.W. Brice; J. Petrie, Mrs. A. Erwin — Revs. W.J. Johnstone, Dr. J.W. Lockington; Mrs. E. Love, R. McCreary — Revs. Ivan Hunter, T.P. Fleming; I. Smyth, P. McGonigle — Revs. H.B. Wallace, S. McCartney; R.H. Gault, R.D. McConaghie — Revs. W.D. Weir, B. Kennaway; I.J. Liddle, F. Wilson.**

(d) **Revs. J.R. Dickinson, T.I. Harte; M. Whittle, J.H. McDowell — Revs. R.T. Anderson, W.P.H. Erskine; D. McCleery, Miss J.P. Gamble — Revs. John McVeigh, H.A. Dunlop; A.J. Morrow, Miss V.J. Wilson.**

(e) **Revs. Dr. J. Fell, R. Stirling; J.A. Emery, A. Craig — Revs. S. Stewart, Dr. I.J. Wilson; W.A. Bloomfield, Wm. Taylor — Revs. J.F. Murdoch, N.S. Harrison; W.C. Henderson, T.R. Reid — Revs. J.B. McCormick, N.W. McAuley; R. Stewart, E.M. Carroll.**

(f) **Revs. Brian Brown, W.A. McCully; Dr. J.W. Wray, Mervyn McKean — Revs. J. Faris, James Carson; Joan Cowle, Aubrey McMurtry — Revs. David Allen, B.C.G. Black; G. McConkey, A. McAduo.**

(g) **Revs. R.McM. Mackay, Dr. R.F.G. Holmes, Dr. D.R. Purce, C.J.C. McMullen; Miss A. Burrows, Mrs. Eileen Armstrong, Mrs. Maureen Patterson, Miss E. Drysdale, Mrs. M. Thompson, H.S. McCullough, J.D. Boyd, Stanley McDowell, Mrs. Alison Harbison, Mrs. C. Poynton, Mrs. Lois Robinson, Mrs. H. Jess, Mrs. A.W. Boyd, Mrs. P. Sleith.**

A. CHURCH AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE (5)
Rev. Dr. John Dunlop; George McCullagh, Conveners

(a) **The Moderator, preceding Moderator, Clerk, former Clerks, and Deputy Clerk of Assembly, Moderator-Designate, Forces Convener, Peace and Peacemaking Convener, Rev. Dr. J. Dunlop; G. McCullagh.**

(x) **Revs. Dr. T.W.J. Morrow, Lesley E. Carroll; Philip Mateer, Mrs. S. Blair.**

(y) **Revs. Ivan Patterson, Dr. Joseph Fell, B. Kennaway, Dr. D.J. Watts, J.R. Dickinson; Mrs. A. Erwin, T.R. Reid, G. McConkey.**

- B. MODERATOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (5) The Clerk, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator, preceding three Moderators, Clerk, former Clerks, and Deputy Clerk of Assembly, Clerks of Synods.**
 - (x) **Revs. R.J.T. McMullan, Dr. G.McK. Eagleson, Dr. J Dunlop; V.R. Arnold.**
 - (y) **Revs. Dr. D.J. Watts, J.R. Dickinson, Dr. Joseph Thompson, I.J. Patterson, Dr. Joseph Fell, W.D. Weir; R.H. Gault, R.A. McCracken.**
- C. DOCTRINE COMMITTEE (5) Principal, U.T.C., Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, the General Assembly's Theological Professors.**
 - (x) **Revs. D. Bradley, N.W. McAuley; Dr. R.J. Rodgers, Dr. N. Smith.**
 - (y) **Revs. Dr. R.A. Russell, Dr. D.J. Watts, Dr. Joseph Thompson, Dr. J.W. Lockington, W.D. Weir, J.R. Dickinson, John McVeigh, I.J. Patterson.**
- D. FORCES COMMITTEE (5) Rev. S. van Os, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Rev. S. van Os.**
 - (x) **Revs. R.A. Knox, P.P. Campbell, Prof. J.P. Taylor; S. Agnew.**
 - (y) **Revs. Dr. J. Fell, J.J. Andrews, R.T. Anderson, B. Kennaway, B.C.G. Black; Miss M. Orme, Mrs. E. Love, W.H. Scott.**
- E. CHAPLAINS COMMITTEE (5) J.A. Scott, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Conveners of Church and Government Committee, Convener of Social Issues and Resources Committee; J.A. Scott.**
 - (x) **Rev. J.A. Thompson; R.D.T. Gibson, Miss Muriel Cromie.**
 - (y) **Revs. R.T. Anderson, D. Brice, W.P.H. Erskine, Dr. J. Fell; Mrs. A. Erwin, J. Petrie.**
- F. RECOGNISED MINISTRIES COMMITTEE (5) The Clerk, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator, Clerk of Assembly, Convener of Doctrine Committee, Convener of Union Commission.**
 - (x) **Revs. I.T. McKee, R.F.S. Poots, R.B. Savage; S. Agnew.**
 - (y) **Revs. J.R. Dickinson, W.D. Weir, J.I. Davey, Dr. J. Fell, W.P.H. Erskine, Dr. Joseph Thompson, R.T. Anderson; Miss V.J. Wilson.**

- G. PEACE & PEACEMAKING COMMITTEE (5)**
Rev. D.R. Baker, Convener
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Revs. Dr. D.J. Watts, D.R. Baker.**
- (x) **Revs. J.I. Thompson, D. Murphy; Mrs B. Reid, Wm. Brown.**
- (y) **Revs. T.I. Harte, D. Brice, Dr. R.A. Russell; T.R. Reid, G. McConkey, R. Gibson, Miss V.J. Wilson, Mrs. A. Erwin.**

The Assembly engaged in worship conducted by the Moderator, assisted by the Rev. J.A. Faris and Mr. N. Eves.

At the request of the Moderator, the Rev. Alistair Begg addressed the Assembly.

The sederunt came to a close at 12.50 p.m., the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

SEVENTH SESSION

Thursday, 10th June, 1999.

Two o'clock. Afternoon

In Private

The Assembly again convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

**RECEPTION
OF MINISTERS
COMMITTEE**

The Report of the **COMMITTEE ON RECEPTION OF MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES** (Reports p. 239) was submitted by the Rev. R.G. Johnston.

Moved by the Rev. R.G. Johnston, seconded by the Rev. J.S. Carson, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.

**RECOGNISED
MINISTRIES
COMMITTEE**

The Report of the **RECOGNISED MINISTRIES COMMITTEE** (Reports pp. 46-48) was submitted by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson together with the following Supplementary Report.

Recognised Ministries Committee - Supplementary Report

Following the decision of the 1998 General Assembly to approve the Mediation Network for purposes of the Recognised Ministries Scheme (Mins. p57) the Committee subsequently granted Leave to the Board of Social Witness to issue a Call under Par. 281(3) of the Code.

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by the Rev. J.R. Dickinson, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the General Assembly adopt the recommendations of the Recognised Ministries Committee on Ministers and Licentiates without Charge.

The Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson submitted the **Appeal of Mr. Clarke Scott and Mrs. Shirley Scott** (Reports p. 55) **Appeal of Mr. & Mrs. Scott**

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. M.A. Morrow, Q.C., and agreed:

That the Appeal of Mr. Clarke Scott and Mrs. Shirley Scott be referred to the Judicial Commission to hear and to issue.

The Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson submitted the **Appeal of Mr. Meredith Dunwoody** (Reports p. 55). **Appeal of Mr. M. Dunwoody**

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. M.A. Morrow, Q.C., and agreed:

That the Appeal of Mr. Meredith Dunwoody be referred to the Judicial Commission to hear and to issue.

The Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson submitted the **Appeal of the Rev. R.A. Knox -v- Presbytery of Newry** re a decision taken under Par. 85(6) of the Code. **Appeal of Rev. R. A. Knox**

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. M.A. Morrow, Q.C., and agreed:

That the Appeal of the Rev. R.A. Knox be referred to the following Special Commission of the General Assembly to hear and to issue:

The Moderator and the Clerk of Assembly (Convener), Revs. Dr. R. Sterritt, R.McM. Mackay, W.J. Lamont, Dr. R.V.A. Lynas; J.S. Tweed; Rev. J. McAllister; M.A. Morrow, Q.C., V.R. Arnold; Revs. W.T. Coburn, J.B. McCormick; W.K. Duncan; Revs. N. Cubitt, Brian Brown, Dr. T.J. Simpson, Dr. A.R. Rodgers; J.W. Russell; Rev. Principal J.C. McCullough, Rev. Prof. S.N. Williams, seven members to form a quorum.

The Report of the **JUDICIAL COMMISSION** (Reports pp. 49-53) was submitted by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, together with the following **JUDICIAL COMMISSION**
Supplementary Report.

JUDICIAL COMMISSION - Supplementary Report

Glenarm

The Judicial Commission convened on 6 May, 1999 to hear the Appeal of the Glenarm PWA against the following finding of the Glenarm Commission of the Ballymena Presbytery.

“After our meeting of 11th March the Presbytery Commission gave serious consideration to the PWA’s stated desire to be a vehicle of reconciliation in Glenarm congregation. We welcome that. It is our view that further meetings between the parties in the immediate future could actually hinder that process. We

do believe that the time has come for all concerned to draw a line under the past, to forgive and forget, and to seek to move forward in the spirit of Christ. Accordingly the Commission instructs that the present PWA is dissolved and all Office Bearers stood down. A meeting of all interested ladies in Glenarm congregation will be called in September to begin the PWA afresh. At this meeting those present will be invited to elect Office Bearers for the year 1999 - 2000. This will give all the opportunity to move forward together for the glory of Christ and the good of His church.”

Having heard the Appellants and the Respondents the Judicial Commission on 20 May upheld the Appeal of the Glenarm PWA to the extent that the original Finding of the Presbytery Commission delivered on 2 April, 1999 was set aside and replaced by the following Finding.

“ 1. The Judicial Commission welcomes the stated desire of the PWA to be a vehicle of reconciliation in Glenarm congregation. The time has come for all concerned to draw a line under the past, to forgive and forget and to seek to move forward in the spirit of Christ.

2. The Judicial Commission strongly recommends that those members of the PWA who have not been active in the congregation recently should demonstrate their commitment to reconciliation by resuming regular attendance at public worship in Glenarm Church.

3. The Judicial Commission directs that:

(a) the PWA shall continue to function normally with its present office-bearers for the ensuing season;

(b) a meeting of all women in the Glenarm congregation who accept the purpose of the PWA (Code Par. 308(2)) shall be called no later than 31 March, 2000. The Judicial Commission, following consultation with Rev. Stephen Dickinson, will appoint a minister as chairman of that meeting. Those present at that meeting shall elect office-bearers for the following season from among those women who are active in the congregation. It is desirable, but not essential, that those attending and those standing for office should be “paid-up” members of the PWA.

It is the prayer of the Judicial Commission that the minister, his wife and the office-bearers and members of the PWA will now move forward together for the glory of Christ and the good of His Church.”

Appeals

The Judicial Commission recommends that the Appeals of Clarke and Shirley Scott and Meredith Dunwoody be referred to the Judicial Commission to hear and to issue.

The Judicial Commission further recommends that the Appeal of Rev R. A. Knox be referred to the following Special Commission of Assembly to hear and to issue:

The Clerk, Convener

The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly

Revs. Dr. Rodney Sterritt, R. McM. Mackay, W.J. Lamont, Dr. R.V.A. Lynas; J. S. Tweed; Rev. James McAllister; M. A. Morrow, Q.C., V. R. Arnold; Revs. W.T. Coburn, J.B. McCormick; W. K. Duncan; Revs. Nancy Cubitt, Brian Brown, Dr. T. J. Simpson, Dr. A. R. Rodgers; J. W. Russell; Rev. Principal J. C. McCullough, Rev. Prof. S. N. Williams.

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. M.A. Morrow, Q.C., and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Rev. Nancy Cubitt be appointed to the Judicial Commission in place of Rev. John Hanson (resigned).
3. That the resignation of Very Rev. Dr. A.J. Weir from the Judicial Commission be accepted and that he be thanked for his services.

The **Overture anent Par. 95(d)** of the Code (Reports p. 53) was submitted by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson. **Overture anent Par. 95(d)**

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. M.A. Morrow, Q.C., and agreed:

That the Overture, having lain on the books for one year, be enacted as the law of the Church.

The **Overture anent Par. 163** of the Code (Reports pp. 53-54) was submitted by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson. **Overture anent Par. 163**

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. M.A. Morrow, Q.C., and agreed:

That the Overture, having lain on the books for one year, be made the rule of the Church.

The **Overture anent Par. 165(5)** of the Code (Reports p. 54) was submitted by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson. **Overture anent Par. 165(5)**

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. M.A. Morrow, Q.C., and agreed:

That the Overture, having lain on the books for one year, be made the rule of the Church.

The **Overture anent Par. 9** of the Code (Reports p. 54) was submitted by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson. **Overture anent Par. 9**

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. M.A. Morrow, Q.C., and agreed:

That the Overture be received and placed on the books.

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. M.A. Morrow, Q.C., and agreed:

That the Overture be made an Interim Act.

The **Overture anent Par. 30(1)** of the Code (Reports p. 54) was submitted by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson. **Overture anent Par. 30(1)**

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. M.A. Morrow, Q.C., and agreed:

That the Overture be received and placed on the books.

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. M.A. Morrow, Q.C., and agreed:

That the Overture be made an Interim Act.

Overture anent Par. 205(4) The **Overture anent Par. 205(4)** of the Code (Reports p. 54) was submitted by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson.

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. M.A. Morrow, Q.C., and agreed:

That the Overture be received and that, under Par. 111 of the Code, it be made the rule of the Church.

Overture anent Par. 132(4) The **Overture anent Par. 132(4)** of the Code (Reports pp. 54-55) was submitted by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson.

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. M.A. Morrow, Q.C., and agreed:

That the Overture be received and placed on the books.

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. M.A. Morrow, Q.C., and agreed:

That the Overture be made an Interim Act.

AD HOC COMMISSION The Report of the **AD HOC COMMISSION** (Reports p. 56) was submitted by the Rev. R.F.S. Poots.

Moved by the Rev. R.F.S. Poots, seconded by Mr. M.A. Morrow, Q.C., and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the ad hoc Commission be thanked and discharged.

Clerk's Report The Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson submitted the **Clerk's Report**, verbally, in relation to a matter which had recently arisen in the Irish Republic under the Terms of Employment (Information) Act 1994 Section 7. (Assembly Reports (1989) p. 327).

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. M.A. Morrow, Q.C., and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. M.A. Morrow, Q.C.:

2. That the Judicial Commission be given full Assembly powers to deal with any matter arising in connection with the Irish Republic's Terms of Employment (Information) Act, 1994 and any related matter.

Moved as an amendment, by the Rev. N.S. Millen, seconded by the Rev. R.A. Knox:

That this House instruct the Judicial Commission to draw up a Contract of Employment for all ordained Ministers to comply with the terms of:

1. Employment (Information) Act 1994
2. Industrial Relations (NI) Order 1993.

On being put, the amendment was declared lost.

The original resolution, being put, was passed.

The minutes were taken and corrected.

Intermission**In Public**

The Report of the **BOARD OF MINISTRY AND PENSIONS** (Reports pp. 263-269) was submitted by the Rev. D.S. Graham.

**BOARD OF
MINISTRY
& PENSIONS**

Moved by the Rev. D.S. Graham, seconded by Mr. R. Kerr, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Retired Ministers be paid in the current year a special grant (Code Par. 315(5)) of £15 per month from Central Ministry Fund. **Central
Ministry Fund**
3. That the rate of Assessment for CMF in 1999 be 26p in £ Stipend.
4. That the CMF Committee continue to examine how, in the reckoning of Family Grant, the total family income might be taken into consideration.
5. That the rate of Assessment for MPSF (1978) be 16.25p in the £ of Stipend as shown in the Column "Stipend paid to the Minister" or as fixed by the Union Commission in the case of a vacancy. **Ministers'
Pension Scheme**
6. That, subject to Assembly approval, ministers may opt for early retirement from age 64 with an actuarially reduced benefit.
7. That the rate of Assessment for RMF for 1999 be increased from 9.5p in £ Stipend to 11.5p in £ Stipend. **Retired
Ministers' Fund**
8. That permission be given to the following to retire on or after their 65th birthday:
Rev. James Frazer (Ballywillan), Rev. Dr. Arthur Harold Graham (Christian Training Centre), Rev. Dr. John Lappin (Carndonagh and Malin), Rev. Arthur O'Neill (Fintona, Ballynahatty and Creevan), Rev. Dr. William O'Neill (Howth and Malahide), Very Rev. Dr. Rodney Sterritt (Greenwell Street, Newtownards), Rev. David Clarke Caskie (Dun Laoghaire), Rev. Arthur Clarke (Glascar and Donaghmore), Rev. Robert Gilbert Johnston (First Saintfield), Rev. Frank Russell (Castlerock), Rev. James Tolland (First Donegore).
9. That the rate of Assessment for WMF for 1999 remain unchanged at 6.75p in the £ of Stipend. **Widows of
Ministers Fund**
10. That the resignation of Rev. R.I.A. Allely as Joint Convener of the Committee on Retirements and Pensions be accepted, that he be thanked for his services and that Rev. D.J. Boden be appointed in his place. **General**
11. That the Board of Ministry and Pensions, with its associated working Committees, for the ensuing year be appointed in accordance with Par. 288 of the Code as follows;

Rev. D.S. Graham, Convener

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Convener of Union Commission, Convener and Secretary Home Mission Committee; Revs. D.S. Graham, D.J. Boden, J. McVeigh, J.L. Casement; W. Alexander, R.Kerr, N. McLaughlin.**

(b) **Rev. D.C. Porter; W.J. Moorhead — Rev. M.G. McClelland; N. Greenlee — Rev. W.D. McBride; S. Cunningham — C. Stanfield, J. Magee — Revs. A. Thompson, J. Briggs — Rev. J.A. Noble; D. Orr.**

(c) **Rev. G.A. Preston; W. Gurney — Rev. Douglas Armstrong; J.B. Robinson — Rev. A.McM. Kerr; L. Montgomery — Revs. T. Luke, A.C. Rankin — Rev. J.H. MacConnell; N. Linton.**

(d) **Rev. J.S. Dallas; A.R. McKeown — Rev. Dr. Ian Hart; J.F. McMahon — Rev. R.D. Maxwell; H. McRoberts.**

(e) **Rev. D. Latimer; F. Arbuckle — Rev. N. Hunter; D.M. McCurry — Rev. N.R. McCormick; W.C. Henderson — Rev. D.S. Graham; E.M. Carroll.**

(f) **J. Hodgins, John Rowlands — Rev. M.R. Burnside; J. Jenkins — Rev. S.W. Rea; O. Perry.**

A. CENTRAL MINISTRY FUND COMMITTEE (5)

Rev. J. McVeigh; W. Alexander, Conveners

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Rev. J. McVeigh; W. Alexander; Rev. D.S. Graham; R. Kerr; Revs. D.J. Boden, R.L. Craig, W.J. Orr, Deputy Clerk.**

(x) **Rev. D. Nesbitt; D.J. Clements, Adrian Patterson, J. Millar.**

(y) **Revs. D.C. Porter, M.R. Burnside, J.H. MacConnell, D. Armstrong, T. Luke; W.J. Moorhead, E.M. Carroll, O. Perry.**

B. COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENTS AND PENSIONS (5)

Rev. D.J. Boden; R. Kerr, Conveners

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs. R.I.A. Allely, D.S. Graham, D.J. Boden, J. McVeigh; W. Alexander, R. Kerr.**

(x) **Rev. J.H. MacConnell; J. Millar, Sir Eric McDowell, R.W. Jess.**

(y) **Revs. M.R. Burnside, D. Armstrong, J.A. Noble, Alan S. Thompson; E.M. Carroll, A.R. McKeown, H. McRoberts, W. Gurney.**

C. RETIRED MINISTERS' HOUSE FUND (5)

Rev. J.L. Casement; N. McLaughlin, Co-Conveners

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs. J.L. Casement, D.S. Graham; N. McLaughlin, Financial Secretary.**

(x) **Rev. James Clarke; D. Carson, E.A. Jackson, Mrs. E. Craig.**

(y) **Revs. J. Briggs, J.S. Dallas, G.A. Preston, D.C. Porter; J. Hodgins, N. Linton, A.R. McKeown, J.B. Robinson.**

Moved by the Rev. J. McVeigh, seconded by Mr. W. Alexander, and agreed:

That the Overture, having lain on the books for one year, be made the rule of the Church.

The **Overture anent Par. 221(2)** of the Code (Reports pp. 269-270) was submitted by the Rev. D.S. Graham. **Overture anent Par. 221(2)**

Moved by the Rev. D.S. Graham, seconded by Mr. R. Kerr, and agreed:

That the Overture be received and placed on the books.

The **Overtures anent Pars. 223, 321(3), 321(5) and 321(6)** of the Code (Reports pp. 270-271) were submitted by the Rev. D.S. Graham. **Overtures anent Pars. 223, 321(3), 321(5), 321(6)**

Moved by the Rev. D.S. Graham, seconded by Mr. R. Kerr, and agreed:

That the Overtures be received and placed on the books.

The sederunt came to a close at 4.00 p.m., the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.



EIGHTH SESSION

Friday, 11th June, 1999.

Half past nine o'clock. Forenoon

The Assembly again convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

The Report of the **HOME BOARD** (Reports pp. 167-176) was submitted by the Rev. Dr. J.B. Moore. **HOME BOARD**

Moved by the Rev. Dr. J.B. Moore, seconded by the Rev. R.L. Craig, and agreed.

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the General Assembly appoint the Home Board Convener, the Home Mission Convener, the Home Mission Secretary, Revs. D.C. Caskie, Dr. R.W.J. MacDermott to the Alternating Ministries Scheme Committee. **Alternating Ministries Committee**
3. That the Constitution for Christ Church, Sandymount be approved.
4. That the General Assembly resolve to free the Church meeting house at Ballinasloe from such restrictive terms of trust as would prohibit the development of a library and worship facility or other appropriate use as the Home Board of the Church may determine and empower the General Board, acting in the name of the General Assembly, to determine and decide any and all related issues which may arise.

5. That the Home Board, with its associated working Committees, for the ensuing year, be appointed in accordance with Par. 280 of the Code as follows:

Rev. Dr. J.B. Moore, Convener
Deputy Clerk; Miss E. Brian, Secretaries

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, President, Home Vice-President, and Secretary of P.W.A., Convener and Secretary of H.M. Committee, Church Extension Conveners, Convener of I.C.R. Board, Union Commission, C.M.F. Committee, the Presbyterian Mutual Society Agent, two Young Women's Group representatives, two Youth Board representatives, two Deaconess Representatives, Rev. Dr. J.B. Moore.**

(b) **Rev. W.J. Parkes; W. Graham, Mrs. E. McIlwaine — Rev. B.A. McDonald; V. Riddell, Mrs. E. Greenlee — Rev. S. Armstrong; Dr. G. Moles, Mrs. L. Moore — Rev. J.F. Crawford; H. McHenry, Mrs. H. Jess — Rev. C. McClure; L. Campbell, Mrs. J. McClure — Rev. A.L. Kirk; Miss D. Bartholomew, Mrs. J. Kirk.**

(c) **Rev. L.J. Addis; J. McWhirter, Miss H. Nicholl — Rev. R.W.C. Clements; J. Wallace, Mrs. I. Wallace — Rev. Mark Goudy; Prof. H.F. Nicholl, Miss E. Smyth — Rev. J.A. Thompson; R.H. McIvor, Mrs. M. Gault — Rev. N. McClean; Mrs. H. Montgomery, Mrs. M. Fleming.**

(d) **Rev. I.D. Neish; Miss A. Kirkwood, Mrs. J. Alexander — Rev. D.J. McKelvey; G. Houston, Miss S. Swindle — Rev. R. Hornby; A. Spence, Mrs. G. Dalzell.**

(e) **Rev. Dr. R. Kane; A. Craig, Mrs. M. McCloskey — Rev. J. McGregor; Mrs. M. Docherty, Mrs. M. Shiels — Rev. N.R. McCormick; J.A. Patterson, Mrs. E. Currie — Rev. Dr. K.O. Patterson; S. McKinney, Mrs. I. Jamieson.**

(f) **Rev. S.W. Rea; S. Anderson, Mrs. M. Dorrans — Rev. Ruth Gregg; Mrs. M. Bailey, Mrs. D. Beattie — Rev. T.D. Allen; R.J. McConkey, Mrs. A. McConkey.**

**A. HOME MISSION (7) Rev. R.L. Craig, Convener
Deputy Clerk, Secretary**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; P.W.A. President, Home Vice President, P.W.A. Home Treasurer, P.W.A. Secretary, H.M. Treasurer, Irish Mission Superintendent; P.M.S. Representative; Revs. R.L. Craig, Dr. J.B. Moore, D.C. Caskie, Deputy Clerk.**

(x) **Revs. J.D. Woodside, J.G. Faris; W.J. Cairns, T Stewart.**

(y) **Revs. I.D. Neish, N. McClean, S.W. Rea, W.J. Parkes, T.D. Allen; Mrs M Bailey, Mrs. M. McCloskey, J.A. Patterson.**

B. ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEE (5) The Clerk, Convener

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk; Home Board Convener; P.W.A. President, Home Vice President, Home Treasurer, P.W.A. Secretary; Principal U.T.C., Rev. W.J. Orr, C.M.F. Conveners, Convener Board of Studies, Director of Ministerial Students.**

- (x) **Revs. N. Agnew, D. Armstrong, J.N.I. McNeely; Mrs. K. Smyth**
 - (y) **Revs. W.J. Parkes, R.W.C. Clements, R. Hornby, D.J. McKelvey, N. McClean, C. McClure; Mrs. H. Jess, J. Wallace.**
- C. CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE (7)**
Rev. G. Moffett; Hubert Taggart, Conveners
Deputy Clerk, Secretary
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; P.W.A. President, Home Vice President, P.W.A. Secretary; Revs. Dr. J.B. Moore, G. Moffett, Deputy Clerk; Hubert Taggart.**
 - (x) **J.H. Martin, J.D. McCaughey, Mrs. Rosemary Thompson, Brian Knox.**
 - (y) **Revs. C.D. McClure, W.J. Parkes, R.W.C. Clements, M. Goudy, N.R. McCormick; Prof. H.F. Nicholl, R.H. McIvor, Mrs. H. Jess.**

The Report of the **SHANKILL ROAD MISSION COMMISSION** (Reports pp. 272-273) was submitted by the Rev. J.S. Dallas.

Moved by the Rev. J.S. Dallas, seconded by the Rev. W. McB. Campbell, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Shankill Road Mission Commission be appointed, for the ensuing year, in accordance with Par. 129 of the Code as follows:

Rev. J.S. Dallas, Convener
Rev. W. McB. Campell, Superintendent

- (a) **Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs. J.M. Cathcart, W. McB. Campbell, J.S. Dallas; Moderator and Clerk of Belfast South Presbytery, Clerk of Session of Shankill Road Mission Congregation.**
- (x) **Revs. Dr. I. Hart, K. McConnell, G.F. McKeown, G. Moffett, J.W. Neilly, E.D. Smyth, N.M. Williamson, A.W. Boyd; Miss D. Pinkerton, W. Caswell.**

Intermission

The Report of the **BOARD OF EVANGELISM AND CHRISTIAN TRAINING** (Reports pp. 196-206) was submitted by the Very Rev. Dr. D. H. Allen. **BOARD OF EVAN. AND CHRISTIAN TRAINING**

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. D.H. Allen, seconded by the Rev. W.J. Johnstone, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the General Assembly encourage ministers, elders, leaders and church members to make full use of the materials produced by the Christian Training Committee and commend the new booklet on the Lord's Supper for the instruction of new Communicants. **Christian Training Committee**
3. That the resignation of the Rev. James Johnstone, as Convener of the Christian Training Committee, be accepted, that he be thanked for his services and that Rev. Dr. R.M. Crooks be appointed in his place.

**Divine Healing
Committee**

4. That the General Assembly encourage the membership of the Church to read ‘The Human Cost of Caring’ as a way of helping in the understanding of the problem of stress in the ministry.

**Evangelism
Committee**

5. That the General Assembly recognise with gratitude to God the positive response to LIFE 2 and encourage congregations to continue to make evangelism an integral part of their life and witness.

6. That the General Assembly thank all who have served as visiting evangelists during the past year and also the congregations who have released to the wider church those with evangelistic gifts.

7. That the General Assembly note the retirement of Rev. Dr. Brian Kingsmore from the post of Evangelism Promoter and that he be thanked for his dedicated work in the whole field of Evangelism and in particular during “LIFE 2”.

8. That the General Assembly approve the continuation and development of the post of Evangelism Promoter for a further period of five years on the understanding that the new appointee will take into consideration the responses from Boards and Presbyteries that have been requested by the Board of Finance and Administration.

9. That the General Assembly support Bible Sunday on 5 December 1999 and call on the Church to continue to pray for all involved in the translation of the Scriptures and production of Bible Study materials and aids throughout the world.

General

10. That the Board of Evangelism and Christian Training, with its associated working committees for the ensuing year, be appointed in accordance with Par. 282 of the Code as follows:

Rev. Dr. D.H. Allen, Convener
Rev. D.J. Temple, Secretary

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Conveners of Education, Studies and Youth Boards, Superintendent of Irish Mission, Rev. Dr. D.H. Allen.**

(b) **Rev. C.W. Megaw; R.G. Beers — Revs. J. Curry, D.H. Gilpin — Revs. N.A.L. Cameron, R. Mackay — Rev. W.J. Henry; I. McCullagh — Revs. N. Ward, J. Hagan — Revs. F.J. Gibson, Dr. D.J. McGaughey.**

(c) **Revs. J.D. McGaughey; N.A. Brown — Rev. R.J. McCullough; A. Baird — Rev. R. Kelly; Dr. J. Gillespie — Revs. D.H. Thompson, J.T. McCullough — Revs. T. Pollock, N. McClean.**

(d) **Revs. R.N. Agnew, L.E. Carroll — Rev. Dr. J.B. Moore; W. Halliday — Rev. I.A. McKay; Mrs. P. Sterling.**

(e) **Revs. D.J. Hutchinson, K. Graham — Revs. J. McGregor, Dr. C. Glass — Revs. J.I. Mairs, J.L. Casement — Revs. H. Ross, P.G. McCrea.**

(f) **Revs. P.A. McBride, W.A. McCully — Revs. S.S. Johnston, J. Brogan — Revs. M.R. Burnside, J.S.B. Drennan.**

(g) **Miss M. Cromie, Mrs. R. Henry, Mrs. R.S. Torrens, Miss S. Sutter, Mrs. Maureen Grant, Mrs. S. Giffen, Mrs. R.S. Torrens, Mrs. G. Adams, Mrs. G.A. Preston; Revs. Ruth Gregg, D. Knowles, W.M. Gray, W.L. Orr, A. Gibson, John Coulter.**

- A. COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM (5) Rev. W.J. Parkes, Convener**
- (a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board Convener, Board Secretary, Convener of Committee on Christian Training, Superintendent of City Mission; Rev. W.J. Parkes, Evangelism Promoter.
- (x) Revs. A.W. Boyd, A.S. Smyth, H.E. Lewis; C. Matthews.
- (y) Revs. W.J. Henry, Dr. Clive Glass, D.H. Thompson, W.A. McCully, R.J. McCullough, R.N. Agnew, D.J. Hutchinson, Dr. D.J. McGaughey.
- B. IRISH MISSION (5) D.C. Cowan, Convener
Rev. D.J. Temple, Superintendent**
- (a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Rev. Dr. D.H. Allen, Board Secretary, Conveners Home Mission, Christian Training, Evangelism, Secretaries, Home Mission, P.W.A., Youth, City Mission, D.C. Cowan.
- (x) Revs. A.S. Smyth, G. Connor; D.F. Adair, J.S. Mills.
- (y) Revs. J. Curry, S.S. Johnston, D.H. Gilpin, N. McClean, M.R. Burnside, W.J. Henry, J. Brogan, N. Ward.
- C. COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN TRAINING (5)
Rev. Dr. R.M. Crooks, Convener**
- (a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Education Secretary, Youth Secretary, Professor of Practical Theology, Sunday School Organiser, Director of Christian Training, Superintendent Irish Mission, Convener of Evangelism Committee, Director of Social Service, Revs. Dr. D.H. Allen, W.J. Johnstone, Dr. R.M. Crooks.
- (x) Revs. I.A. McKay, Dr. G. Millar, J. Coulter; Miss S. Sutter.
- (y) Revs. T. Pollock, J. McGregor, D.H. Gilpin, W.A. McCully, R.J. McCullough, D.J. Hutchinson, W.J. Henry, F.J. Gibson.
- D. DIVINE HEALING COMMITTEE (5)
Rev. Dr. S.D.H. Williamson, Convener**
- (a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs. Dr. D.H. Allen, Dr. S.D.H. Williamson; Director of Social Service, Board Secretary.
- (x) Revs. Dr. R.I. Birney, Ruth Patterson; Dr. Margaret A.F. Wallace, Mrs. A.J. Giffen.
- (y) Revs. J.I. Mairs, J.S.B. Drennan, J. McGregor, Patricia A. McBride, T. Pollock, T.J. Hagan, J.T. McCullough; Mrs. P. Sterling.
- E. MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY COMMITTEE (5)
Rev. T. Steele, Convener**
- (a) The Moderator, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Convener of the Board, Secretary of the Board, Youth Secretary, Convener of Committee on Christian Training, Director of Social Service, Professor of Practical Theology, Rev. T. Steele.

- (x) **Mrs. Irene Millar; Rev. J.S. Carson.
Rev. Maurice Wade, J.W. McAuley; Mrs. R. Simpson, Mrs. L. Smyth.**
- (y) **Revs. J.I. Mairs, L.E. Carroll, R.J. McCullough, C.W. Megaw, N.A.L. Cameron, J.S.B. Drennan.**

Moved by the Rev. D.J. McKelvey, seconded by the Rev. W.A. Kennedy, and agreed:

That, Notice of Motion having been given, the decision of the 1997 General Assembly “That the Strategy for Mission Committee become a committee of the General Board from June, 1998”, be rescinded.

The Assembly engaged in worship conducted by the Moderator, assisted by the Rev. Dr. J. Thompson and Rev. T.V. Patterson.

At the request of the Moderator, the Rev. Alistair Begg addressed the Assembly.

The sederunt came to a close at 12.55, the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction

NINTH SESSION

Friday, 11th June, 1999.

Two o'clock. Afternoon

The Assembly again convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

The Minutes were taken and corrected.

The Report of the **BOARD OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION** (Reports pp. 241-256) was submitted by Mr. O.J.G. White.

Moved by Mr. O.J.G. White, seconded by Mr. D.W. Lamb, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Ernst & Young be appointed as auditors of all the Committees, Boards, Trusts, Commissions and Agencies of the General Assembly for the year 2000.
3. That the assessment for the Incidental Fund for 1999 be 4p in the £ of stipend.
4. That the assessment for the Re-development of Church House project for 1999 be 10p in the £ of stipend.

5. That the Board of Social Witness be approved as an Employing Agency within the terms of Section 4a of the 1997 General Assembly resolution (Mins p.79, res.7).

6. That the resignation of Mr. John White, as Convener of the Board of Finance and Administration, be accepted, that he be thanked for his services and that Mr. Franklin Adair be appointed in his place.

7. That the resignation of Mr. Charles Robinson, as convener of the Committee on Finance and Staffing, be accepted, that he be thanked for his services and that Mr. David Lamb be appointed in his place.

8. That the Statistics Committee be thanked for its services and discharged, and that the Committee on Finance and Staffing compile the annual statistical returns.

9. That Mr. David Lamb be thanked for his services as Convener of the Statistics Committee.

10. That the Committee on the Getty Bequest be thanked for its services and discharged.

11. That Mr. T.H. Cochrane be thanked for his services as Convener of the Committee on the Getty Bequest.

12. That in accordance with the Will of the late John Getty the following be constituted as the committee for the “direction and management of the application” of the income from the Getty Bequest, and that they report to the General Assembly through the Trustees:

Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, Revs. J. McAllister, O.B.E., W.D.F. Marshall, Very Rev. Dr. A. J. Weir, Very Rev. Dr. T.J. Simpson, Rev. Herbert Courtney: Mr. Wilson Ervin, Sir Eric McDowell, Mr. David Bell, C.B., Mr. A.T. Ross, Mr. John Millar, O.B.E., Mr. J.I. Bill, O.B.E.

13. That Boards and Presbyteries consider all the available statistics on the continuing decline in families and persons in membership, especially among younger people, and forward their comments and suggestions to the Clerk of Assembly by 30 November, 1999.

14. That the Board of Finance and Administration, with its associated working committees for the ensuing year, be appointed in accordance with Par. 286 of the Code as follows:

F. Adair, Convener

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; O.J.G. White, F. Adair.**

(b) **Rev. J. Lamont; D. Johnston — Rev. M.G. McClelland; C. Pogue — Revs. J. Harper, R.E. Boggs — B.H. Menown, J. Lockhart — Revs. J. Holmes, A. Thompson — Revs. D.C. Scott, J.A. Noble.**

(c) **Rev. W.F. Dickey; W. Alexander — D. Tomb, F. Picton — Rev. R. Kelly; H. Stewart — Rev. K.D.W. Crowe; R. McIvor — Rev. J.H. MacConnell; C.R.A. Davis.**

(d) **Rev. M.L. Johnston; J. Clarke — Rev. W.I. Hull; M. Fitch — M. Cairnduff, N. Valentine.**

(e) **Rev. Dr. S. Williamson; S. Clyde — Rev. D.S. Irwin; Samuel Kelly — Wilfrid Steele, Norman Morrison — Rev. Dr. T.R. Buick; R.J. McLean.**

(f) **Rev. W.A. Watson; Alan Speer — H.S.P. Hughes, Ian Kelly — Rev. B.C.G. Black; J.A. Jenkins.**

(g) **Mrs. Maureen Patterson, Mrs. Rosemary Thompson, Mrs. G. Irwin, J. Petrie.**

A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND STAFFING (5) D. Lamb, Convener

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Personnel Officer; C. Robinson, D. Lamb, F. Adair.**

(x) **S. McDowell, Mrs. E. Armstrong, J.F. McMahon, A. Treacy.**

(y) **Revs. J. Lamont, J. Harper, J.H. MacConnell, K.D.W. Crowe, M.G. McClelland; N. Valentine, B.H. Menown, M. Fitch.**

B. INCIDENTAL FUND COMMITTEE (5) J.D. McCleery, Convener

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Financial Secretary, J.D. McCleery, F. Adair.**

(x) **Rev. R.I.A. Allely; B. McClean, R.B. Lyons, T.G. Swann.**

(y) **Revs. R. Kelly, J. Lamont, B.C.G. Black, J. Harper; M. Cairnduff, C. Pogue, J. Clarke, M. Fitch.**

C. ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE (5) Rev. R.I.A. Allely, Convener

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Arrangements Committee Convener, Board Convener, T.H. Cochrane; Rev. R.I.A. Allely.**

(x) **Rev. H.J. Honeyford; Mrs. J. Moran, Mrs. P. Williamson, B. Smyth.**

(y) **Revs. J. Lamont, J.H. MacConnell, R. Kelly, Alan Thompson; J. Lockhart, R.J. McLean, H. Stewart, J. Clarke.**

Overture anent Par. 286(7) The **Overture anent Par. 286(7)** of the Code (Reports p. 256) was submitted by Mr. O.J.G. White.

Moved by Mr. O.J.G. White, seconded by Mr. D.W. Lamb, and agreed:

That the Overture be received and that, under Par. 111 of the Code, it be made the rule of the Church.

Mr. C. Robinson Moved by Mr. O.J.G. White, seconded by Mr. D.W. Lamb, and agreed:

That Notice of Motion be received that, in view of his service to the Church, especially as honorary Personnel Officer, Mr. Charles Robinson, be made a member of Assembly under Par. 97(i) and Par. 107(a) of the Code.

Moved by the Rev. W.A. Kennedy, seconded by the Rev. D.J. McKelvey:

Incidental Fund That Notice of Motion having been given, a levy of up to 1.75p in the £ of stipend be added to the Incidental Fund as from 1 January, 2000.

Moved, as an amendment, by the Rev. W.C. Lynas, seconded by Mr. J.D. McCleery:

That a decision on the proposed additional assessment of up to 1.75p in the £ of stipend be deferred for two years and that the motion be left on the books.

On being put, the amendment was declared lost.

The original resolution, being put, was passed.

The Report of the **BOARD OF STUDIES FOR THE MINISTRY** (Reports pp. 230-239) was submitted by the Very Rev. Dr. A.W.G. Brown.

**BOARD OF
STUDIES**

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. A.W.G. Brown, seconded by the Rev. C.J.C. McMullen, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the General Assembly accept the retirement of the Rev. Dr. A. Harold Graham as Magee Director of Christian Training from 30 September, 1999.
3. That the thanks of the General Assembly be given to the Rev. Dr. A. Harold Graham.
4. That the books "Living Leadership" and "Valuable Visiting" be commended to elders and lay workers to help and encourage them in their work and witness.
5. That the Bible Correspondence Course and the training videos available at CTC be recommended for wider use throughout the Church.
6. That the General Assembly encourage support for the Summer School of Theology to be held at UTC and CTC from 19th-22nd June, 2000.
7. That the General Assembly accept the resignation of the Rev. Margaret L. Johnston as Convener of the Union Theological College Management Committee, that she be thanked for her services; and that Rev. G. Connor be appointed in her place.
8. That the work of the Director of Ministerial Students be commended to the whole Church for support and prayer.
9. That the new pathways for candidates 'over 30, but under 40', as set out in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Report of the Committee on Studies, be approved for an experimental period of five years.

10. That the following grants be paid from the Incidental Fund:

June Residential Course and Interview	£550
Pre-Term College Retreat	£975
Applicants' Overnight Course	£350
Licentiate Courses	£250
Meetings for students and spouses	£600
Honoraria for Extern Examiners	£295
Communication Skills for students outside Ireland	£85

TOTAL £3,105

11. That the General Assembly note that the Students' Bursary Fund Grant for 1999/2000 will be £3,350 and the married allowance £1,450; and that the children's allowances will continue to be paid at CMF rates.

12. That the following candidates, their nominations having been sustained by the Board of Studies, be accepted as students for the Ministry and placed under the care of their Presbyteries:

Knox Anderson Jones	Upper Clonaneese	Tyrone
Paul Ernest Linkens	Magheramason	Derry & Strabane

13. That the Board of Studies, together with its associated working committees for the ensuing year, be appointed in accordance with Par. 285 of the Code as follows:-

Rev. Dr. A.W.G. Brown, Convener

Rev. J.H. Robinson, Director of Ministerial Students

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Professors in U.T.C., and two student representatives, University Chaplains, Secretary of the H.M. Committee, Revs. J.H. Robinson, Dr. A.W.G. Brown.**

(b) **Revs. J.N.I. McNeely, T.W.D. Johnston — Revs. C.G. Harris, J.W.P. McConnell — Revs. R.A. Moffett, W.A. Abernethy — Rev. G.B.S. Gibson; J.N.C. Walsh, — Revs. C.D. McClure, D.M. Rodgers — Revs. B. McMillen, Dr. M.A. Barry.**

(c) **Revs. Dr. R.E.H. Uprichard, R.B. Savage — Rev. S.P. Moore; Dr. N.H. Smith — Rev. D.S. Mackay; Dr. J.H. Gillespie — Revs. S.T. Carson, J.T. McCullough — Revs. J. Brackenridge, W.J. Sleith.**

(d) **Rev. T.D. Gribben; Mrs. H. Murdock — Revs. D.J. Boden, Dr. W.D. Patton — Rev. W. McKeown; W.F. McConnell.**

(e) **Rev. Dr. J. Fell; Dr. G. Furness — Revs. S. Stewart, James Clarke — Rev. D.P. Kirkwood; Miss M. Guy — Revs. N.W. McAuley, T. Conway.**

(f) **Revs. A. Carson, P.A. McBride — Revs. C. McCurdy, F. Sellar, — Revs. Nancy Cubitt, B.C.G. Black.**

(g) **S. Agnew, Mrs. M. Robinson; Revs. J.H. McIntyre, M. Stanfield, G.A.J. Ellis-Farquhar, Dr. W.P. Addley, A.T.F. Johnston, Dr. S.D.H. Williamson.**

A. COMMITTEE ON STUDIES (5) Rev. J.S. Carson, Convener

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Principal U.T.C., Education Secretary, Convener of Reception of Ministers and Licentiates Committee, Rev. J.H. Robinson; Convener of Student's Bursary Fund Committee, Revs. Dr. A.W.G. Brown, J.S. Carson.**

(x) **Revs. G.R. Stockdale, A.J.McL. Smith, M. Stanfield, Prof. L.S. Kirkpatrick.**

(y) **Revs. C.D. McClure, Dr. R.E.H. Uprichard, S.T. Carson, D.S. Mackay, J.W.P. McConnell, T.W.D. Johnston; N.W. McAuley; Dr. J.H. Gillespie.**

- B. UNION THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (4) Rev. Graham Connor, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, the Principal U.T.C.**
- (fac) **Revs . Prof. J.P. Taylor, Prof. S.N. Williams, Prof. L. Kirkpatrick, W.D.F. Marshall.**
- (x) **Revs. Graham Connor, Dr. A.W.G. Brown, L.E. Carroll, D.B. Knox; D. Clements, S.B. Cunningham.**
- C. MAGEE FUND SCHEME (5) Rev. C.J.C. McMullen, Convener
Magee Fund Scheme Director**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Principal U.T.C., Revs. Prof. J.P. Taylor, Dr. A.W.G. Brown, M.L. Johnston, Dr. A.H. Graham, C.J.C. McMullen, J.H. Robinson, Magee Fund Scheme Director.**
- (x) **Revs. D.J. Boden, Dr. R.J.G. Gray, S.P. Moore, G. Moore; R.R. Kennedy, Dr. K. McCracken.**
- D. STUDENT'S BURSARY FUND COMMITTEE (5)
Rev. G. Moore, Convener
Assignment Convener, Secretary**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Principal U.T.C., Convener of the Board of Studies, Convener of the Committee on Studies, H.M. Secretaries, Assignment Convener, Revs. G. Moore, J.H. Robinson.**
- (x) **Rev. J. Campbell; D.J. Thompson, D. Clements, E.S. McDowell.**
- (y) **Revs. Dr. J. Fell, D.S. Mackay, Dr. W. Addley, John Brackenridge, T.D. Gribben, D.M. Rodgers; Dr. G. Furness, Mrs. H. Murdock.**
- E. RECEPTION OF MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES COMMITTEE (5)
Rev. R.G. Johnston, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk, Principal U.T.C., Revs. R. Herron, Dr. A.W.G. Brown, R.G. Johnston, J.H. Robinson, Convener of the Committee on Studies.**
- (x) **Revs. Dr. D.H. Allen, W.T.J. Richardson, Dr. J.B. Moore, D.S. McIlwrath.**
- (y) **Revs. Dr. J. Fell, R.B. Savage, James Clarke, T.D. Gribben, W. McKeown, T.W.D. Johnston, N.W. McAuley, D.M. Rodgers.**

The Final Report of the **BUSINESS BOARD** was submitted by the Clerk, **BUSINESS BOARD**
the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, as follows:

As there was no business to transact, the Business Board did not meet during the Assembly.

At its meeting on Friday, 4 June, the resolutions appended were approved for submission at the close of Assembly.

Moved by the Very Rev. Dr. S. Hutchinson, seconded by the Rev. R.F.S. Poots, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the following corresponding members be appointed:

To the Church of Scotland 2000

Right Rev. Dr. J.W. Lockington
Rev. J.L. Casement
Mr. Robin Beedham

To the United Reformed Church of the United Kingdom 2000

Right Rev. Dr. J.W. Lockington

3. That the delegates to the Presbyterian Church of Wales 2000, the 2000 General Synod of the Church of Ireland, the Methodist Conference and the Uniting Church in Australia be appointed by the Business Board.

4. That the Clerk be given authority to make corrections to the Daily Minutes as and when required.

5. That the next General Assembly be held in Church House, Belfast, on Monday, 5th June, 2000.

CLOSE OF ASSEMBLY

After a brief adjournment the Moderator conducted a closing act of worship assisted by the Rev. J.L. Casement and the Rev. W.J. Johnstone.

The Moderator thanked the Clerk of the Assembly and the Deputy Clerk, his two chaplains, Mrs. Jean Hanna and the staff of the General Office, Mr. Stephen Lynas and the Church House staff including Mr. Harry Orr, the Rev. R. Vallely, the ex-moderators who deputised, the organists, the Rev. J. Barnes and May Street Kirk Session, those who acted as stewards, the time-keepers, the media, the R.U.C. and others.

Thereafter he declared the Assembly to be dissolved and convened the next Stated General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland to meet in Church House, Belfast, on Monday, 5th June, 2000 at seven o'clock in the evening.

The Moderator pronounced the Benediction.

The Sederunt came to a close at 3.45 p.m.

Attested by
SAMUEL HUTCHINSON
Clerk of Assembly

GENERAL SYNOD OF ULSTER

BELFAST, 1999

Wednesday, 9th June, 1999**Half past Six o'clock, Evening.**

The Rev. Dr. D. R. Purce presided and opened the Synod with prayer.

The Rev. W. J. Parkes was unanimously constituted Moderator of the Synod for the ensuing twelve months.

The following brethren were named and appointed the Synod's Fixed Committee for the ensuing twelve months: –

Armagh	Revs. S. W. van Os and C. G. Harris.
Ballymena	Revs. Dr. E. P. Gardner and J. B. Mooney.
Bangor	Revs. W. A. Kennedy and W. J. Parkes.
Belfast	Revs. Dr. Wm. Boyd and S. J. Campbell.
Cavan	Revs. J. A. Fulton and D. Nesbitt.
Clogher	Revs. J. F. Murdoch and A. O'Neill.
Coleraine	Revs. T. S. Lindsay and Dr. D. H. Allen.
Connaught	Rev. T. C. Davis.
Connor	Revs. M. G. Evans and G. A. Preston.
Derry	Revs. J. Kilgore and J. D. Young.
Down	Revs. R. G. Johnston and W. R. Brown.
Dromore	Revs. Dr. J. B. Irvine and K. Smyth.
Dublin	Revs. Dr. W. O'Neill and Dr. G. B. G. McConnell.
Glendermott	Revs. Jn. McWhirter and D. J. Hutchinson.
Letterkenny	Revs. K. McConnell and W. McCully.
Magherafelt	Revs. J. McCormick and D. S. Graham.
Monaghan	Revs. W. Herron and D. Nesbitt.
Newry	Revs. R. Nixon and N. Ward.
Newtownlimavady	Revs. D. J. H. Brown and D. S. Irwin.
Raphoe	Revs. W. A. Watson and B. Brown.
Route	Revs. Dr. A. W. G. Brown and H. B. Wallace.
Strabane	Revs. D. A. G. Milligan and J. Davison.
Templepatrick	Revs. Dr. R. G. Craig and W. D. Weir.
Tyrone	Revs. H. C. Conn and Dr. A. R. Rodgers.

Instructions were given that these brethren, each with a representative Elder from his Congregation, shall meet in Belfast when called by the Moderator, to take charge of any case of the Synod requiring immediate attention; and they shall have power, if they see reason, to call the Synod at any time during the year — seven to form a quorum, of whom five must be Ministers.

The meeting of Synod was closed with the Benediction.

Attested by

SAMUEL HUTCHINSON, Clerk of Synod

SECESSION SYNOD

BELFAST, 1999

Thursday, 10th June, 1999**Four o'clock. Afternoon.**

The Rev. G. Connor presided, and opened the Synod with prayer.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. J. W. Lockington was then constituted Moderator of the Synod for the ensuing year.

The following constitute the Synod's Fixed Committee for the year: –

Ahoghill Presbytery ..	Rev. Dr. R. E. H. Uprichard.
Ards	Rev. Dr. R. Sterritt
Armagh	Rev. B. A. Small
Belfast	Rev. K. N. E. Newell
Coleraine	Rev. W. I. Hunter
Donegal	Rev. M. Bolton
Down	Rev. W. D. McBride
Dublin	Rev. A. V. Martin
Markethill	Rev. D. C. Scott
Monaghan	Rev. C. G. McKnight
Tyrone	Rev. W. T. Coburn

Instructions were given that these brethren, each with a representative Elder from his Congregation, shall meet in Belfast when called by the Moderator, to take charge of any case of the Synod requiring immediate attention; and they shall have power, if they see reason, to call the Synod at any time during the year — five to form a quorum, of whom three must be Ministers.

The Synod was closed with prayer.

Attested by

SAMUEL HUTCHINSON, Clerk of Synod

DEPUTATIONS — 2000

- I.— CORRESPONDING MEMBERS TO THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
 Right Rev. Dr. J. W. Lockington, Moderator
 Rev. J. L. Casement
 Mr. Robin Beedham

- II.— CORRESPONDING MEMBER
 TO THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
 Right Rev. Dr. J. W. Lockington, Moderator

- III.— DELEGATE TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WALES
 To be appointed by the Business Board.

- IV.— DELEGATES TO THE CHURCH OF IRELAND GENERAL SYNOD
 To be appointed by the Business Board.

- V.— DELEGATES TO THE METHODIST CHURCH IN IRELAND CONFERENCE
 To be appointed by the Business Board.

ECCLESIASTICAL CHANGES, ETC.

	Reported by Presbyteries in —	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Licensures		19	15	11	12	17	13	13
Ordinations		18	15	9	1	1	12	16
Installations		40	32	29	36	36	24	26
Resignation of Ministers		39	37	28	36	34	28	13
Retirements of Ministers		14	7	8	10	4	13	11
Deaths of Ministers		12	12	10	13	10	15	3
Students		54	59	84	53	51	44	39
Ministers under care of Assembly		19	24	24	24	23	26	26
Licentiates		21	13	13	20	35	41	33

FORM OF BEQUEST TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

I hereby give and bequeath to the General Secretary for the time being of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, whose receipt for the same shall be a sufficient discharge, the sum of £..... upon trust to be applied by such General Secretary toward the (here state the Mission, Central Ministry, or other Fund, to be benefited) of the General Assembly; and I direct that the said legacy be paid out of my pure personal estate; and free from any deduction on account of any legacy duty, or other tax whatever.

CHANGES IN THE CODE 1999

CHURCH HOUSE,
BELFAST, BT1 6DW
AUGUST, 1999.

The following changes have been made in the 1997 edition of the Code, which should be corrected accordingly.

SAMUEL HUTCHINSON
Clerk of Assembly.

Note: I.A. Interim Act

Par. 9

Delete the words “all men” and substitute the words “all people” (1999)(I.A.)

Par. 30(1)

Delete the word “men” and substitute the words “all people”. (1999)(I.A.)

Par. 95(d)

Delete Par. 95(d) and re-number Par. 95(e) and (f) as (d) and (e). (1999)

Par. 128(1)

Delete the words “the Strategy for Mission Committee” (1999)(I.A.)

Par. 132(4)

Delete Par. 132(4) and substitute the following:

“(4)(a) An offence alleged to have been committed more than five years previously shall not be made a ground of discipline unless:

- (i) the offender thereafter withdrew from the discipline of the Church; or
- (ii) the offence is alleged to have been revived by the offender’s later conduct which requires investigation; or
- (iii) the offence is of a very grave nature.

(b) A court shall not re-open investigation of an offence that had previously been investigated by it except in the case of discovery of new evidence that is considered by the court to be of importance for the possible exculpation of the offender.” (1999)(I.A.)

Par. 163

Delete and substitute the following:

(1) The Appellate courts are the Presbytery and the General Assembly. The Judicial Commission is also authorised to hear and determine appeals as provided for in Par. 165(5) and when doing so shall exercise any and all the powers of the General Assembly as the supreme judicial authority of the Church to hear and determine appeals.

(2) The right of appeal belongs to -

(a) any member of an inferior court who disapproves of a decision and desires to have it reviewed;

(b) any party in a case before a court who feels aggrieved by a decision in the case and desires to have the decision reviewed.

(3) In addition to rules contained in this section, appeals in cases of discipline are subject to any special provisions regarding procedure contained in the rules in Chapter XIX. (1999)

Par. 165(5)

Delete and substitute the following:

Every appeal against a decision of a Presbytery or a Synod shall go directly to the Judicial Commission which is empowered to proceed forthwith to hear and determine the appeal. However, should one of the parties, within 14 days of the date of the Notice of Appeal being lodged, request, in writing, that the appeal be referred to the General Assembly the Judicial Commission, shall, without adjudicating thereon, immediately transmit the appeal to the General Assembly with a report and recommendation in accordance with the foregoing sub-paragraph (3). (1999)

Par. 193

Insert an additional sub-paragraph (3) as follows:

(3) Should the application of the foregoing provisions in sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) give rise to serious difficulty the Union Commission shall have power, after consultation with the Presbytery, to determine eligibility.

Re-number the present sub-paragraph (3) as (4). (1999)

Par. 205(4)

Delete the words "among men". (1999)

Par. 274(5)

Add a new sub-section (c) as follows:

(c) Arrange for a Reviewable Tenure appointment upon the following terms:

- (i) the Form of Leave to Call shall provide for the appointment to be reviewed and/or terminated after a specified time or in specified circumstances;
- (ii) if the congregation concerned is subsequently united with another congregation, and the minister is accepted by that congregation also as its settled minister, the Reviewable Tenure provisions shall be deemed to have lapsed;
- (iii) except as provided for in sub-paragraph (5)(c)(ii) above, the outgoing minister shall not be eligible to apply for the united charge;
- (iv) the appointment shall not be terminated without six months notice in writing given by the Union Commission to the minister, the congregation and the Presbytery;
- (v) after termination of the appointment the minister shall be eligible for salary and pension contributions at the rate of the appropriate ministerial minimum as a charge upon CMF until the minister receives another Call, or for a period not exceeding twelve months, whichever is the sooner. During such period suitable work may be offered to the minister by the Union Commission. Should such minister at any time refuse to perform the duties thus assigned, without giving reasons deemed satisfactory by the Commission, this financial arrangement shall cease.
- (vi) the provisions of Code Par. 274(8)(b)(ii) shall not apply.
- (vii) where a congregation granted a Reviewable Tenure appointment receives no application with twelve months the whole arrangement shall be reconsidered by the Union Commission. (1999)

Par. 286(7)

Delete. (1999)

Par. 315(4)

Insert the words “provided that post secondary level studies are towards a primary degree, or other recognised third level qualification, as determined by the Board; that the student is not in receipt of income above the level to be determined annually by the Board and that these studies are commenced not later than 31 December following the student’s 21st birthday”

following the words “educational institution”. (1999)

Appendix 5A

After the words “for every three years of service” insert the additional words “This Call is made out in conformity with the terms fixed by the Commission on Union of Congregations, a copy of which is herewith attached.” (1999)