

**MINUTES**

OF THE

**PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**General Assembly**

OF THE

**Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

**Held at Belfast, June, 2005**

**FIRST SESSION**

**Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2005**

**Seven o'clock. Evening**

**Within Church House**

The Right Rev Dr K N E Newell, Moderator of the General Assembly, led in public worship and addressed those present before constituting the Assembly with prayer.

The Memorial Roll of Ministers deceased was submitted by the Rev W T J Richardson and the Assembly paid their customary tribute.

The Clerk announced that the names of 602 ministers being ex officio members and 490 elders on whose behalf commissions had been received, had been entered on the Roll of the Assembly together with 60 Assembly Elders, Conveners and nominees of the Business Board. 34 Deaconesses, 8 Irish Mission Workers, 60 Women's representatives and 48 Youth representatives together with 20 Conveners and Missionaries who are not members of the court had been invited to sit and deliberate along with 12 Licentiates. There were also 18 Corresponding Members and Delegates from other Churches.









































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

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 R E H Uprichard, BA, BD, MTh, PhD .....	12 votes
The Rev D Clarke, LLB, BD .....	3 votes
The Rev J Fell, MA, PhD .....	2 vote
The Rev W A Kennedy, MA .....	2 vote
The Rev W J Orr, BA, BD, ThM .....	1 vote
The Rev W T J Richardson, BA, BD .....	1 vote

On the motion of the Rev D Clarke, seconded by the Rev Dr J Fell, the Rev Dr R E H Uprichard was unanimously called to the Chair, welcomed by the retiring Moderator and commended to God in prayer.

The Right Rev Dr R E H Uprichard then addressed the House.

The sederunt came to a close at 8.45pm, the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.



## SECOND SESSION

**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2005**

**Half past nine o'clock. Forenoon**

The Assembly convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

**BUSINESS BOARD** by the Rev Dr D J Watts, together with the following Supplementary Report:

## **BUSINESS BOARD – Supplementary Report**

1. Code Par 226(a) allows the General Assembly, on the proposal of the relevant Presbytery, to decide to allow a minister who has voluntarily resigned the pastoral charge of a congregation to have his name enrolled as Minister-Emeritus of the congregation and as such be a member of the superior courts of the Church. The Rev F A C Wilson resigned the charge of Armagh Road, Portadown on 1 August, 2004, and the Armagh Presbytery now asks that his name be enrolled as Minister-Emeritus of Armagh Road. An appropriate resolution is appended.

**Membership of  
Church Courts**

2. The attention of the Business Board was drawn to the fact that two reports from other Assemblies comment on the involvement of young people in the business of those Assemblies. A resolution is appended to invite the Business Board, in consultation with the Board of Youth and Children's Ministry, to consider ways to facilitate the active engagement of young people in the debate of the General Assembly.

**Involvement of  
Young People**

## **DELEGATES TO OTHER CHURCHES**

### **The National Synod of the Église Réformée de France (ERF) (2005)**

*The Right Rev Dr K N E Newell reports:*

1. It must be marvellous to spend 'a year in Provence', but the few days I spent in Aix in May were memorable for the warmth of the weather, beauty of the location and the generous welcome given me by the members of the ERF.

2. To get some point of comparison, about 2% of France's 60 million are protestant and of these there are about 350,000 in the ERF. The ERF is organised in 375 parishes in 8 regional synods and served by 332 ministers.

3. The National Synod differs from our General Assembly in being a residential assembly attended by 92 voting delegates plus the same number of consultative but non-voting delegates. It meets from Thursday to Sunday and closes with the celebration of Holy Communion on the Sunday morning. During the Synod, we were privileged to have an excellent interpreter in the person of Dr Gordon Campbell, who is Professor of New Testament at the Free Reformed College in Aix. Gordon and Sandra and their family went to France in 1989 to work with the ERF.

4. In addition to the usual debates, the coffee breaks and conversations at lunch, several things interested me:

- The invitation given to me to address the Synod as the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland;
- The challenge of rapid secularisation and dechristianisation of French and European society over the past thirty years. This has eaten into the size of the ERF and created big financial problems;
- The encouraging upsurge in candidates for the ministry, of whom half are women;
- The challenge of the Synodical theme: Confessing Christ in a secular society. "The ERF is neither sick nor moribund but she is not adapted to her means and to her mission. She needs to readjust. ... In a period of crisis, the church must return to the fundamentals: how to proclaim the Gospel in a secular society."

5. We have much to learn from our French brothers and sisters for this is a challenge that is increasingly relevant to all the churches in Ireland.

### **The Church of Scotland General Assembly (2005)**

*The Right Rev Dr K N E Newell reports:*

1. Edinburgh must be one of the most beautiful settings anywhere in the world for a General Assembly. The ancient castle rises majestically above the city looking down on its next-door neighbours – the Assembly Hall, New College Divinity School and the house of the reformer John Knox (1505-1572).

2. I was privileged to represent our Church, along with the Rev Wilson Gordon of First Comber and Mr Denis Boyd, the Clerk of Session in Fitzroy. Our wives, Val, May and Phyllis accompanied us. The hospitality and warmth of welcome made us feel part of the whole event.

3. The Assembly began on Saturday morning with the Election of the new Moderator, the Rt Rev David Lacy. Mr Lacy is Minister of Kilmarnock Henderson parish church in Ayrshire. He took over from Dr Alison Elliot, the Church of Scotland's first woman Moderator, and an elder of the Kirk. The opening ceremony was held in the presence of the Queen's representative, the Lord High Commissioner, Lord Mackay of Clashfern.

4. On Sunday evening delegates from Churches in the UK, Ireland and Overseas were introduced to the Moderator. The range of representatives was impressive: the Presbyterian Church of Wales, the United Reformed Church, the Baptist Union of Scotland, the Church of England, the Methodist Church in Scotland, the Religious Society of Friends, the Roman Catholic Church, the Salvation Army, the Scottish Episcopal Church, the United Free Church of Scotland and the Congregational Federation in Scotland.

5. As we sat with 28 Presbyterian delegates from around the globe we realized just how widespread the Reformed family is: the Presbyterian Church in USA, Cuba, Trinidad and Tobago, Ghana, Sudan, East Africa, Egypt, Myanmar, Taiwan, Korea, Australia and Aoteara New Zealand – to name just a few!

6. Following our introduction to the Moderator I was asked to address the Assembly and bring the good wishes of the UK and Irish delegates. I spoke of the close bonds of faith, history, culture and affection that bind together the mother Church with her daughter in Ireland.

7. As the week unfolded there was a good balance between the ordering of business and the opportunities to get to know fellow Christians from Scotland and other parts of the world. Special moments included the Garden Party on Saturday in the grounds of Holyrood Palace, Sunday Morning Worship in St Giles Cathedral and a moving Service of Holy Communion at the Assembly on Monday.

8. Weighty reports stimulated questions, discussion and an earthy humour characteristic of the Scots. The Church of Scotland, with its 600,000 members, 100,000 children, 1400 ministers and 1250 charges is facing steady decline, like most mainline churches in western Europe, including our own (1% per annum). It is also under increasing financial pressures. However, there is a real desire to reverse these trends and an openness to the Holy Spirit in attempting new initiatives in the name of Christ.

9. Finally, Prof Herbert Kerrigan, QC, Convenor of the Chaplains Committee, invited us to spend some time at a conference for Army, Navy and Air Force Chaplains. We were delighted to meet up again with the Rev David Edgar (RAF) and the Rev Dr Paul Swinn (Army) from the PCI.

10. Being able to participate in this Assembly as representatives of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland was a pleasure that we will never forget. It drew us closer to the Church of Scotland in a way that deepened our historic affection. It strengthened our mutual determination to see the tide of secularism turned and a new surge of faith in Christ sweep across our nation again.

### **The General Synod of the Church of Ireland (2005)**

*The Very Rev Dr R I Birney reports:*

1. The General Synod of the Church of Ireland met in the Stillorgan Park Hotel, Dublin from 10-12 May, 2005.

2. The Presbyterian representatives were the Very Rev Dr Russell Birney and Mr Alan Foster, an elder in Greystones.

3. The Synod opened with a wide-ranging Presidential Address by the Most Reverend Dr Robin Eames, Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of All Ireland, in which he addressed many issues in the life and work of the Church of Ireland. Dr Eames began by pointing out that moral debate had re-emerged as a significant factor in society. A new seriousness characterises this debate as citizens both in Ireland and the United Kingdom raise questions about the values that underpin civil society. In the Republic people are conscientiously examining issues affecting care of the elderly, treatment of asylum seekers and calling on the government to address childcare, education and health issues. On the subject of values he detected a subtle change in Irish life believing that society is increasingly aware of its need for positive values. The opportunity now exists for the Church to spell out the values that characterise a Christian community for positive values as understood by a changing society are not always Christian values.

4. The business sessions were presided over by Archbishop Eames, assisted by the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Rev J R W Neill.

5. The Standing Committee Report gave the Synod an opportunity to discuss the Windsor Report, which deals with relationships within the Anglican Communion. Although the compilers of the Report state that the Windsor Report does not deal with the contentious issue of same-gender relationships, and the Chair tried to ensure that delegates did not major on this, the Synod was having none of it. There followed a very honest and open debate in which members expressed deeply held convictions on both sides of the issue. One would hope that when the time comes for other churches to address this subject that they would be able to do so with the same courage and courtesy as the Church of Ireland.

6. The Representative Church Body is concerned with the everyday running of the church dealing as it does with finance, pensions, investments etc. In the report of this committee Synod was informed of some harsh realities – of deficits, of increasing expenditure, of the struggle to find resources for mission and of the possible increase in litigation levels in the future. In a very serious debate one speaker asked whether the Church of Ireland was serving the purposes

of God in this generation, while another suggested that their outdated structures belonged to another generation. Coming from a Church where the attendance is often abysmal what surprised me was that the debate took place in a full house.

7. Synod also heard of the innovatory work being carried out among children and young people. A glossy document, *'Children's Ministry in the Church of Ireland – A New Vision'* was made available to members. This was a study into the attitudes, needs and experiences around children's ministry, among clergy, leaders/helpers and children themselves. I feel this is a report that is worthy of a wider readership than just the Church of Ireland.

8. At the conclusion of the first day's business the Synod Service, which included Holy Communion, was held in St. Patrick's Cathedral. The preacher was the Right Rev J S Jones, Bishop of Liverpool. Devotions before each day's business were conducted by the Right Rev P F Barrett, Bishop of Cashel and Ossory.

9. In the course of one of the debates a speaker suggested that for official visitors the Synod was analogous to a guest in someone's house having to look at the host's holiday photographs. He was making the point that it would benefit Synod to involve and hear the views of their visitors from other Churches, something that standing orders does not at present permit. The Presbyterian representatives, however, actually enjoyed looking at their host's photographs, listening to their honest, open, trusting and, often, humorous commentary and being the recipients of their warm and generous hospitality.

Moved by the Rev Dr D J Watts, seconded by the Rev T C Morrison, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the recommended Order of Business be adopted.
3. That the Rev F A C Wilson be enrolled as Minister-Emeritus of Armagh Road, Portadown, with immediate effect.

**The Rev  
F A C Wilson**

4. That the General Assembly ask the Business Board, in consultation with the Board of Youth and Children's Ministry, to investigate ways in which young people may be facilitated to actively engage in the debate of the General Assembly and report back to the 2006 Assembly.

5. That the professional amplification controller and the visual display operator be admitted to the private session.

6. That a grant of £14,000 be made from the Incidental Fund to the Arrangements Committee.

7. That the Business Board, with its associated working committee, for the ensuing year beginning 15 March 2006, be appointed in accordance with Par 275 of the Code.

**Synods and  
Presbyteries**

The Report of the **Synods and Presbyteries** (Reports pp 95-104) was submitted by the Rev Dr D J Watts, together with the following Addition:

### **Reports of Synods and Presbyteries – Addition**

The DERRY AND STRABANE PRESBYTERY report that the Rev J Maynard Cathcart, MA, Minister of Waterside and Fahan, retired on 30 September, 2004.



Moved by the Rev Dr D J Watts, seconded by the Rev J H Robinson, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.

The **Corresponding Members** were received from the Church of Scotland. These were the Right Rev David Lacy, the Rev Janet S Mathieson, Mr Michael Lacy and Professor Herbert A Kerrigan, QC. **Corresponding Members**

The Moderator welcomed the Corresponding Members. The Right Rev David Lacy replied and conveyed greetings.

The Moderator welcomed the Rev Sheila Maxey and the Rev Alistair Smeaton, Corresponding Members from the United Reformed Church of the United Kingdom, and the Rev Gareth Edwards, a delegate from the Presbyterian Church of Wales. The Rev Gareth Edwards replied and conveyed greetings.

The Moderator welcomed the Right Rev A E T Harper and Mr H T Morrison, delegates from the Church of Ireland; the Rev Jim Rea and the Rev Ruth Craig, delegates from the Methodist Church in Ireland; and Mr Michael Earle from the Irish Council of Churches. Rev Jim Rea replied and conveyed greetings.

The Moderator welcomed other delegates from: the Presbyterian Church of Australia, the Right Rev Bob Thomas and the Rev David Campbell; the Presbyterian Church of East Africa, the Rev Samuel Muriguh; the Presbyterian Church of Pakistan, Professor Maqsood Kamil; the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, the Rev Kachepa Mughogho; the Reformed Evangelical Church of Poland, Bishop Marek Izdebski. Professor Maqsood Kamil replied and conveyed greetings.

## CHURCH HOUSE CENTENARY

At the invitation of the Moderator, the Rev Dr Joseph Thompson outlined the history of the Assembly Hall since its opening on 5 June, 1905. The Moderator expressed the thanks of the Assembly to Dr Thompson, those who produced a Centenary pamphlet and led in a prayer of Thanksgiving. **CHURCH HOUSE CENTENARY**

The Report of the **BOARD OF COMMUNICATIONS** (Reports pp 113-117) was submitted by the Rev Dr R A Russell. **BOARD OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Moved by the Rev Dr R A Russell, seconded by the Rev C M Glover, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the General Assembly commend the work of the Communications Department and express thanks to the Information Officer, the office staff and the Editor of the Presbyterian Herald.
3. That a grant of £1,500 be paid from the Incidental Fund to the Church Architecture Committee.
4. That a grant of £14,700 be paid from the Incidental Fund to the Presbyterian Historical Society.
5. 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 WA Kennedy, Convener**  
**S Lynas, Secretary**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Editors of the Church Magazines, Board Convener and Secretary.**
- (b) **Rev WG Cameron; Mrs Jean Mann — J MacQueen, V Riddell — Rev TI Harte; R Fleming— Rev J Honeyford; K Irwin — Rev MN Davidson; I Christie — Rev SS Johnston; D Gordon.**
- (c) **J Francey, T Montgomery — R Nelson, Mrs H Graham — Rev RS McMullan; Dr W Gilmore — Rev Dr CA Grant; K McAuley — Rev RL Brown; J Gowdy.**
- (d) **Rev TN Hamilton; B Hamill — Rev S Henning; Miss M Angus — Rev JR Lambe; T Busby.**
- (e) **Rev Dr TR Buick; W Harvey — Rev Dr SR Jones; J Donaghey — Miss M Guy, JA Patterson — Rev JI Thompson; \_\_\_\_\_.**
- (f) **S Wasson, Mrs J Wilson — Rev R Cobain; Mrs V Fitzgerald — Rev GJ Mackarel; R Sharpe.**

**A. COMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (5)**

**Revs Dr RA Russell, IF Smith, Co-Conveners**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board Convener, Information Officer, Editor of Presbyterian Herald, Board Committee Conveners.**
- (x) **Rev Dr WE Davison; R Patton, M O'Neill, R Nelson.**
- (y) **Revs WH Sanderson, DH Gilpin, RS McMullan, R Cobain; Mrs P Qua, Mrs J Mann, T Busby, R Fleming.**

**B. COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (7)**

**Rev C Glover, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board Convener, Committee Convener, Information Officer, Editors of Church Magazines, Magee Director, Prof of Practical Theology, Religious Advisors to BBC, Downtown Radio, RTE and UTV, Rev Dr RS Tosh.**
- (x) **Revs PD Thompson, JM Wylie, C Meban, Chris Kennedy.**
- (y) **Revs JI Thompson, GJ Mackarel, RL Brown, S Henning; R Sharpe, T Busby, V Fitzgerald, Miss M Guy.**

**C. CHURCH ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE (4)**

**Rev GD Simpson, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board and Committee Conveners, Information Officer.**
- (x) **Rev RE Boggs; Mrs J Hamilton, W Boyce, W Watt.**
- (y) **T Montgomery, JA Patterson; Revs JR Lambe, TI Harte.**

**Intermission**

Members of Assembly were joined by others to participate in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, conducted by the Moderator, assisted by the Very Rev Dr K N E Newell and the Clerk.

The sederunt came to a close at 1.10pm, the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

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### THIRD SESSION

**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2005**

**Two o'clock. Afternoon**

The Assembly again convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

The Report of the **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION** (Reports pp 171-174) was submitted by Mrs Zoë Valley, together with the following Supplementary Report and Correction to the Board Report: **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

#### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION – Supplementary Report**

*Mrs Sheila Fell, Central President PWA, writes:*

1. The members of PWA Executive Committee learned with regret of the resignation of the PWA Executive Secretary, Mrs Margaret Myers. **Mrs Margaret Myers**
2. Mrs Myers took up the post in August 2000. An accomplished public speaker, she communicated well with PWA branch members and her deputation was much appreciated by them.
3. Deeply interested in the mission of the Church, particularly overseas, Mrs Myers made a significant contribution. The link was forged and developed with the Teacher Training Faculty of the Károli Gáspár Reformed University in Nagykoros, Hungary. Over the past number of years students from the Faculty have been placed for a period of practical training in various PCI congregations. These placements have been mutually beneficial to both PCI and our partner churches in Central Europe.
4. PWA record their thanks for the contribution Margaret made to the work of the Association and the wider Church. We pray God's richest blessing on her for the future.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION – Correction**

Par 29 of the Report to read 'Mrs Gertrude Cullen...'

Mrs Sheila Fell, PWA Central President, also addressed the Assembly.

Moved by the Rev J H Robinson, seconded by the Rev Dr D J Watts, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the resignation of Mrs Margaret Myers as PWA Executive Secretary be noted and that she be thanked for her services.
3. That the General Board be recognised as the appropriate Board to make the appointment, on behalf of the General Assembly, of the Executive Secretary of the Presbyterian Women's Association.

**BOARD OF  
SOCIAL  
WITNESS**

The Report of the **BOARD OF SOCIAL WITNESS** (Reports pp 175-202) was submitted by the Rev R Vallely.

Moved by the Rev R Vallely, seconded by Mr L Conway, OBE, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the General Assembly approve the new structure of the Board of Social Witness, as outlined in the Reports.
3. That the General Assembly approve and adopt the Common Protocol for churches relating to Independent Organisations working with children and young people.
4. That the Assembly commend the use of the 'Having, getting, spending' – Challenging Issues Bible Study guide.
5. That a grant of £6,000 be paid to the Presbyterian Family Holiday from the Incidental Fund.
6. That the customary grant made by the Social Issues and Resources Committee, up to a total of £3,000, be met from the Incidental Fund.
7. That the resignations of the Rev Alistair Beattie, the Rev Tom Wilson, (Addiction and Education Services), the Rev James Gordon (Chaplains), the Rev Purvis Campbell (Forces), Dr Jean McClune (Kinghan Mission), Mrs Rosemary Simpson (Marriage and the Family), the Rev John Noble (Presbyterian Residential Trust), the Rev Bobby Liddle (Social Issues and Resources), Mr Hubert Martin (War Memorial Hostel) as Committee Conveners be accepted, and that they be thanked for their services.
8. That the Rev Tom Wilson be appointed as Convener of the Adult Services Committee.
9. That Mrs Lynda Graham be appointed as Convener of the Family Services Committee.
10. That the Rev John Noble be appointed as Convener of the Older People Services Committee
11. That Mrs Zoë Vallely be appointed as Convener of the Specialist Ministries Committee.
12. 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 R Vallely, Convener****Director of Social Service, Secretary**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Superintendent of Shankill Road Mission, Minister and Superintendent of Kinghan Mission, Board Convener, Director of Social Service, Residential Services Manager, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry.**

(b) **Revs WJA Sleith, HS Boyd; L Willoughby — Rev MM Stewart; J Smart, Mrs D Foster — Rev JR Hyndman; B Redhead, Mrs J Davidson— Dr D Patterson, R McCleary, Mrs A Magowan — Rev PD Thompson; Mrs M Hewitson, Mrs M Williams— Rev RJ Mattison; E McWilliams, Mrs C Stevenson.**

(c) **Rev DW Brice; J Todd, Mrs W Bristow — Rev MS Gault; Mrs L Graham, Mrs Z Vallely — Rev J Coulter; G McIntyre, Mrs L Conn — Revs Dr M Jones, JA Thompson; Mrs K Fulton — Rev JL Tosh; DL Malcolm, Mrs W Dickey.**

(d) **Revs—JN Seawright, JK Doherty; Mrs S McCullough, — Revs J Braithwaite, JH Wilson; Miss M Cromie — Revs Dr RM Crooks, RD Maxwell; Mrs B Stewart.**

(e) **Revs AJA Rosborough, JK McCormick; Mrs E Patterson — Revs DS Irwin, EG McKimmon; Mrs V Miller — Rev GD Allen; H Alexander, Mrs M Good — Rev IF Smith; R McKee, Mrs I Reid.**

(f) **Mrs R Gibson, Mrs E Montgomery, Mrs J McKean — Rev Dr S Mawhinney; D Boyd, Mrs L Milligan — Rev SG Anketell; Miss F Fleming, W McConkey.**

(p) **Mrs M Catherine, Miss E Smyth, Mrs M Weir, Mrs P Spence, Mrs W Moffett, Mrs A Harbinson.**

**A. ADULT SERVICES COMMITTEE (4) Rev TJ Wilson, Convener**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board and Committee Conveners, Director of Social Service, Conveners Carlisle House, Thompson House, Residential Services Manager.**

(x) **Revs R Thompson, LE Carroll; Dr L Calderwood.**

(y) **Rev Dr RM Crooks; Dr D Patterson, Miss E Smyth.**

**B. FAMILY SERVICES COMMITTEE (5) Mrs L Graham, Convener**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk, Board and Committee Conveners, Director of Social Service, Conveners PCI Counselling, Child Protection Monitoring, Assistant Director Board of Youth and Children's Ministry.**

(x) **Rev J Braithwaite; Dr P Gray, Mrs M McGuiggan, Mrs G Elwood.**

(y) **Rev DS Irwin; Mrs E Montgomery, Miss M Cromie, Mrs W Moffett.**

**C. OLDER PEOPLE SERVICES COMMITTEE (5)****Rev J Noble, Convener**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board and Committee Conveners, Director of Social Service, Residential Services Manager.**

(x) **House Committee Representatives.**

(y) **Revs MS Gault, JA Thompson, JN Seawright; Mrs Z Vallely, Mrs B Stewart, Miss F Fleming.**

**D. SPECIALIST MINISTRIES COMMITTEE (4)**

**Mrs Z Vallely, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board and Committee Conveners, Director of Social Service, Convener Kinghan Mission, Chaplains, Forces, Addiction Services, Minister and Superintendent Kinghan Mission.**
- (x) **Rev AJA Rosborough; J Luke, G Lewis, Mrs C Houston.**
- (y) **Revs TJ Conway, JA Thompson, Dr J Fell; Miss M Cromie.**

**Overture anent Par 281(2)** The **Overture anent Par 281(2) of the Code (Reports p202)** was submitted by the Rev R Vallely.

Moved by the Rev R Vallely, seconded by Mr Lindsay Conway, OBE, and agreed:

That the Overture anent Par 281(2) of the Code be received and that, under Par 111 of the Code, it be made the rule of the Church.

**BOARD OF STUDIES AND CHRISTIAN TRAINING** The Report of the **BOARD OF STUDIES AND CHRISTIAN TRAINING** (Reports pp 225-232) was submitted by the Rev G Moore, together with the following Supplementary Report:

**BOARD OF STUDIES AND CHRISTIAN TRAINING –  
Supplementary Report**

The Rev Prof W P Addley has given notice to the Board of his intention to retire from the post of Professor of Practical Theology from 31 August, 2006. Resolutions are appended in order that a successor may be nominated to the 2006 General Assembly.

**Ministerial Development Programme** **Proposals for the MDP scheme to cover specified staff employed by PCI Boards:**

1. These arrangements are being proposed in order to permit PCI Boards or Agencies to provide through the MDP scheme In-Service Training and Sabbatical Leave for designated employees.
2. If accepted, they shall come into effect after the General Assembly, June 2005.
3. Participating Boards or Agencies shall contribute financially to the MDP scheme in a comparable way to congregations (i.e., they shall pay a similar levy [currently 0.25p on Stipend] on the staff member's salary), and shall be eligible for the same benefits.
4. Each Board or Agency shall appoint/designate a committee to approve applications for In-Service Training and Sabbatical leave.
5. Applications for funding over £500 must also be approved by the MDP Committee.
6. Reports by staff relating to training/leave shall be sent to the appropriate Board committee, which shall have the authority to request payment from the Incidental Fund. The Board committee shall inform the MDP Committee annually of all authorised payments.

7. To backdate eligibility for Sabbatical leave to AD 2000 for some staff, Boards or Agencies shall contribute an appropriate levy, agreed by the MDP Committee and spread over several years.

Moved by the Rev G Moore, seconded by the Rev R S Hetherington, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the General Assembly note the Priorities which the Board of Studies and Christian Training have adopted.
3. That the General Assembly set the annual assessment for the Ministerial Development Programme at 0.25p per £ of stipend.
4. That the General Assembly permit Boards and Agencies to provide In-Service Training and Sabbatical Leave for personnel who come within the terms of the Ministerial Development Programme scheme, subject to arrangements approved by the MDP Committee and the Board of Finance and Personnel.
5. That the General Assembly note with gratitude to God the continued increase in numbers of those making application for ordained ministry, and encourage Ministers and Kirk Sessions to identify suitably-gifted members so that this increase may be sustained.
6. That the following candidates, their nominations having been sustained by the Board of Studies and Christian Training, be accepted as students for the Ordained Ministry and placed under the care of their Presbyteries:

Colin G Anderson	Helen's Bay	Ards
Janice M Browne	St John's, Newtownbreda	East Belfast
Thomas Bruce	Kells	Ballymena
William J A Buchanan	Raloo	Carrickfergus
W Edwin Chestnutt	Brookside	Ballymena
Grant R Connor	1 <sup>st</sup> Carrickfergus	Carrickfergus
Martyn C Cowan	Railway Street	Dromore
Mary E Deatherage	Drum	Monaghan
H Clarke Deering	1 <sup>st</sup> Monaghan	Monaghan
Graeme P Fowles	Fitzroy	South Belfast
William Harkness	Streat	Ards
Colin W A Jones	Wellington Street	Ballymena
Linda Mary Keys	West Church, Ballymena	Ballymena
Dario F Leal	Fitzroy	South Belfast
Edel M McClean	Fisherwick	South Belfast
Roger G McElnea	Middletown	Armagh
David J McIlwaine	Richview	South Belfast
Jonathan A McKay	Woodlands	Carrickfergus
Raymond McKibbin	Maze	Dromore
Andrew D Mullan	Drumreagh & Dromore	Route
John B Mullan	Drumreagh & Dromore	Route
Robert N Orr	Tartaraghan	Armagh
Mark F Russell	1 <sup>st</sup> Carrickfergus	Carrickfergus
Karen M Simpson	McCracken Memorial	South Belfast
Peter Turton	1 <sup>st</sup> Antrim	Templepatrick
Ben J Walker	Orangefield	East Belfast
Alan C Wilson	Hamilton Road	Ards

7. That the General Assembly receive notice of the retirement of the Rev Prof W P Addley from the Chair of Practical Theology on 31 August, 2006.

**Professor of  
Practical  
Theology**

8. That the Board of Studies and Christian Training be asked to draw up a job description for the Post of Professor of Practical Theology.

9. That the General Board be instructed to proceed to the nomination of a Professor of Practical Theology in 2006.

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

The expense of the Mini School & Interview	£1,350
The expense of the Pre-Term College Retreat	£3,250
The expense of the Applicants' Study Day	£320
The expense of the Phase II Interviews	£130
The expense of Licentiate Courses	£1,030
The expense of meetings for students and spouses	£550
The expense of honoraria for Extern Examiners	£300
Teaching in Communication Skills for students outside Ireland	£100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£7,030</b>

11. That the Board of Studies and Christian Training, together with the appropriate working Committees, be appointed for the ensuing year in accordance with Par 285 of the Code, as follows:

**Rev G Moore, Convener**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board Convener, Professors in UTC, and two student representatives, University Chaplains, Executive Director BMI, Director of Ministerial Studies.**

(b) **Revs JNI McNeely, R Stirling — Revs WJA Moody, JWP McConnell — Revs RA Moffett, TW Gordon — Rev A Shaw Thompson; Dr C Reid, — Revs WL Orr, WJM Parker— Revs FJ Gibson, BAH Wilson.**

(c) **Revs JD McGaughey, DA Murphy — Revs SP Moore, RJ McCullough — Rev DS Mackay; Dr JH Gillespie — Revs DIJ McNie, RJ Gilkinson — Revs JH MacConnell, WJ Sleith.**

(d) **Rev JR Dickinson; T Long — Revs DJ McKelvey, Dr MR Patterson — Rev RD Maxwell; WF McConnell.**

(e) **Revs DW Reid, DJ Hutchinson — Revs Dr C Glass, SJ Gray — Rev WD Cupples; Miss M Guy — Revs TWA Greer, JH Flaherty.**

(f) **Revs J Lamont, WA McCully — Revs Dr JG Millar, JG Faris, — Revs RI Carton, M Burnside.**

(g) **Revs JH McIntyre, JG Kennedy, GAJ Farquhar, ATF Johnston, AV Stewart, GE Best, DT Moore, SE Hughes, C Meban; Mrs M Robinson.**

**A. COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL STUDIES (5)**

**Rev SP Moore, Convener**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board and Committee Conveners, Principal UTC, Conveners of Reception of Ministers and Licentiates, Students' Bursary Fund, Director of Ministerial Studies.**

(x) **Revs SS Johnston, Prof WP Addley, Prof LS Kirkpatrick, Dr JG Millar; Mrs H Murdock, Mrs M Robinson.**

(y) **Revs DJ Hutchinson, RA Moffett, JNI McNeely, JR Dickinson, JWP McConnell; Dr JH Gillespie.**



- B. COLLEGE AND MAGEE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (4)**  
**Rev DW Brice, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, the Principal UTC.**
- (fac) **Revs Prof JC McCullough, Prof WP Addley, Prof LS Kirkpatrick, WDF Marshall.**
- (x) **Revs GBS Gibson, SP Moore, DW Brice, G Moore; Dr TD Alexander, R Martin.**
- C. COMMITTEE ON RESOURCING CHRISTIANS FOR MINISTRY (6)**  
**Rev Dr RM Crooks, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board and Committee Conveners, Professor of Practical Theology, Director and Deputy Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, Directors of Christian Training, Social Service, Director of Ministerial Studies, Congregational Life.**
- (x) **Revs Dr IA McKay, G Aitcheson, J Coulter; C Millar.**
- (y) **Revs JD McGaughey, RJ Gilkinson, JNI McNeely, TWA Greer, WJM Parker, DJ Hutchinson; T Long, Dr J Gillespie.**
- D. RECEPTION OF MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES COMMITTEE (5)**  
**Rev RB Savage, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk, Board and Committee Conveners, Principal UTC, Convener and Director of Ministerial Studies, Convener Church Relations.**
- (x) **Revs Dr DH Allen, SD Finlay, SS Johnston, TWD Johnston, DS McIlwrath, WTJ Richardson.**
- (y) **Revs JR Dickinson, J Lamont, Dr JG Millar, A Shaw Thompson, WJM Parker; Mrs M Robinson.**

The Report of the **BOARD OF FINANCE AND PERSONNEL** (Reports pp 240-261) was submitted by Mr J Millar, OBE.

**BOARD OF  
FINANCE AND  
PERSONNEL**

Moved by Mr J Millar, OBE, seconded by Mr D A Crowe, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Ernst & Young LLP be appointed as auditors for all the Committees, Boards, Trusts, Commissions and Agencies of the General Assembly for the year 2005.
3. That Retired Ministers with pre 1978 service be paid, in the current year, a special grant, Code Par 315(5), of £15 per month from the Central Ministry Fund.
4. That, under the provisions of Code Par. 223 (3), the Rev Dr W J H McKee (Newtownstewart & Gortin) and the Rev W T J Richardson (Hillhall) be given permission to retire on or after their 64<sup>th</sup> birthdays and that their pension be in accordance with the Code and the Rules of the Scheme.
5. That the definition of Scheme Salary in the Rules of the Ministers' Pension Scheme (1978) be amended to exclude endowment, bequest and farm income from 1 January, 2006.

**Permission to  
Retire**

**Ministers'  
Pension Scheme  
(1978)**

- Tyrone Memorial** 6. That the level of increases under the Tyrone Memorial, in the case of joint charges, be based on total stipend for all charges rather than the level of increase being based on the stipend paid by each congregation.
- Incidental Fund** 7. That the rate of assessment for the Incidental Fund for 2005 be 4.75p in the £ of stipend.
- Central Ministry Fund** 8. That the rate of assessment for the Central Ministry Fund for 2005 be 16p in the £ of stipend.
- Retired Ministers' Fund** 9. That the rate of assessment for the Retired Ministers' Fund for 2005 be 9.5p in the £ of stipend.
- Widows of Ministers' Fund** 10. That the rate of assessment for the Widows of Ministers' Fund for 2005 be 7.75p in the £ of stipend.
- Ministers' Prolonged Disability Fund** 11. That the rate of assessment for the Ministers' Prolonged Disability Fund for 2005 be 0.75p in the £ of stipend for Ministers, Licentiates and College Professors and of Basic Ministerial Minimum for Ministers who are Missionaries.
12. That the General Assembly request the Board to carry out a review of the existing Pension Schemes of the Church and make recommendations on future pension provision.
13. That the General Assembly request the Board to carry out a review of the procedures and practices adopted by the Boards and Agencies of the Church in matters relating to properties with which they are involved and to report on these, to the General Assembly in 2006, with recommendations as to what improvements or changes, if any, should be made.
14. That the recommendations in the report on staff recruitment be approved.
15. That the Board of Finance and Personnel, with its associated working committees for the ensuing year, be appointed as follows:

**J Millar, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board Convener, Financial Secretary, Convener of Union Commission.**
- (b) **Rev NJ Linkens; Mrs J Mann — AG Sleator, N Greenlee — Rev JM Casement; R Courtenay — Rev A Shaw Thompson; WM McMaster — Rev SA Matthews; H Smyth — Rev D Rankin; M Agnew.**
- (c) **Rev WF Dickey; C McClelland — Rev RJA Bell; F Picton — Rev R Kelly; MH Stewart — Rev KDW Crowe; J McMullan — FJ Hand, SJ Waugh.**
- (d) **Rev WAAbernethy; A Bridle — C Graham, M Fitch — JD McKibbin, N Valentine.**
- (e) **Rev JT Williamson; A Fletcher — Rev JA Noble; RJ Boggs — Rev JL Casement; RH Kidd — Rev IF Smith; E Carroll.**
- (f) **Rev SW Rea; WC Patterson — Rev J Carson; J Gregg — Rev D Nesbitt; T Semple.**

- A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, LEGAL AND IT (3) M Fitch, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board and Committee Conveners, Financial Secretary.**
- (x) **R Power, T McQuoid, B McCluggage, WJ Miscampbell.**
- (y) **Revs D Nesbitt; A Bridle, FJ Hand, N Valentine.**

- B. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (3) D Lamb, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board and Committee Conveners, Head of Personnel, Financial Secretary.**
- (x) **Revs Dr J Fell; B Phillips, I Moore, L Murray.**
- (y) **Revs JM Casement, IF Smith; T Semple, H Smyth.**
- C. ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE (3) JH Martin, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board and Committee Conveners, Committee Secretary, Financial Secretary.**
- (x) **WJ Cairns, A McQuoid, D Bell.**
- (y) **Revs JT Williamson, R Kelly, A Shaw Thompson.**
- D. PENSIONS AND ASSESSMENTS COMMITTEE (4) D Crowe, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board and Committee Conveners, Financial Secretary.**
- (x) **Rev D Armstrong; J Hutcheson, I Johnston, D Munster, D Clements.**
- (y) **Revs RJA Bell, JL Casement, SW Rea, WA Abernethy; E Carroll.**

The **Overture anent Par 111(6) of the Code** (Reports p 262) was submitted by Mr John Millar, OBE. **Overture anent Par 111(6)**

Moved by Mr John Millar, OBE, seconded by the Rev J L Casement, and agreed:

That the Overture anent Par 111(6) of the Code, with the addition of the word 'Fund' after 'Ministers' Pension Scheme', having lain on the books for one year, be enacted as the law of the Church.

The sederunt came to a close at 5.00pm, the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

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## FOURTH SESSION

**Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2005**

**Half past nine o'clock. Forenoon**

The Assembly again convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

The Report of the **GENERAL BOARD** (Reports pp 9-66) was submitted by the Rev Dr D J Watts, together with the following Supplementary Report: **GENERAL BOARD**

1. Since the Annual Reports were prepared there have been a number of significant events. **Church and Society Committee**

2. The Westminster General Election and the Local Government Elections, both held on 5 May, confirmed the continuing swing towards the DUP and Sinn Fein. On the unionist side, the UUP has now only one Westminster MP and local government electoral support of only 18%, a situation which would have been thought well-nigh impossible only 3 or 4 years ago. The party is in disarray and seeking a new leader. By contrast the DUP has 9 Westminster MPs, local government electoral support of almost 30%, and is in a strong position. On the nationalist side, the SDLP performed better than some feared, but is still nowhere near regaining the position it once held within the nationalist community. While it continues with 3 Westminster MPs and local government electoral support of 17%, Sinn Fein has 5 Westminster MPs and enjoys local government electoral support of nearly 24%.

3. The new Secretary of State is unlikely to find it easy to inject any momentum into the idea of inter-party talks. The DUP and Sinn Fein feel they have their mandate. Once the current round of conversations with the local political parties is concluded, it is difficult to see political progress in the short term.

4. The elections were preceded on 6 April by what was hailed by Sinn Fein as an historic statement by Gerry Adams, calling on the IRA to stand down. He asked the IRA, "Can you take courageous initiatives which will achieve your aims by purely political and democratic activity?" At the time, many considered the statement an election ploy, coming as it did in the same week as the Government's election announcement. It was pointed out that he had used almost identical language in speeches in 2002, 2003 and earlier this year, one commentator calling it a "groundhog" speech. The opinion of the Church and Society Committee is that just as faith without works is dead, so are words without actions.

5. The 5th report of the Independent Monitoring Commission, issued on 24 May, indicates that the IRA continues to recruit, train, gather intelligence and engage in "punishment" attacks and major organised crime. The commitments made by Sinn Fein in the 1998 Belfast Agreement remain unfulfilled, and the rest of the community is thoroughly disillusioned. It is imperative that both Governments continue to make it clear that inclusion in the future government of Northern Ireland depends on verifiable commitment to democratic methods alone.

6. The IMC report also goes into detail about the paramilitary and criminal activities of the Continuity IRA, the Real IRA, the INLA, the LVF, the UVF, the Red Hand Commando, and the UDA, blaming the UDA for two murders in September last. An article in the Irish Times (26 May) points out that "ending paramilitarism is a daunting challenge". The IMC report "reinforces just how difficult it will be to rid society of the contagious virus of paramilitarism and criminality that is endemic in Northern Ireland – and spreading".

7. In such a context, it is more important than ever that the Church continues to articulate a higher vision for society – a society marked by freedom from violence, integrity in public life, acceptance of diversity, concern for the rights of others, and healthy relationships. The Committee therefore commends to the Church the document referred to in the Annual Reports, page 20, paragraph 9, which has now been published as "Renewing Hope". It consists of two parts: (1) a short statement making 5 points about the kind of society Ireland can and should be; (2) reflections on these 5 points from a biblical perspective. The first of these (i.e. the short statement) is appended as Appendix E. It was published in the local press with a list of signatories and an invitation to others to register commitment by becoming additional signatories.

8. A Review of Public Administration is proposing radical reform of local government and public service bodies in Northern Ireland. These proposals will have a major impact on a wide range of services, and major implications for local representation. The Committee will be responding on behalf of the Church in due course.

9. On 22 April the Co-Conveners and Mr Lindsay Conway, OBE, appeared before the Joint Oireachtas Committee on the Constitution as it considered those articles that relate to the Family. The delegation received the impression that there is a genuine desire on the part of the Committee to find answers to complex problems. Its findings are due to be published in September.

Republic  
of Ireland

10. On 12 May the Commission on Assisted Human Reproduction published its report. This proposes, among other things: (a) a Statutory Body to regulate assisted human reproduction in Ireland; (b) the creation of guidelines on the storage and freezing of human sperm, ova and embryos, and how to deal with those not used in fertility treatment; (c) therapeutic cloning permitted under regulation. Many questions are raised by this report in relation to surrogacy, parental rights, genetic screening of embryos, etc. Of most concern, however, is the proposal that the embryo should not attract the legal protection guaranteed to the unborn until implantation into the mother's womb. What then constitutes a human person made in the image of God and entitled to the protection of the State? The report is likely to be referred by Government to an Oireachtas Committee, who are expected to ask for submissions on this topic.

11. Despite the rejection by the French electorate of the EU Constitution and the likelihood that other referenda may produce similar results, the Taoiseach has stated publicly that Ireland will still hold its own referendum, although no date has yet been set. It must however be before November 2006 when the ratification process is due to be complete.

## APPENDIX E

### “Renewing Hope”

As Christians concerned about our communities and compelled by our faith in Jesus Christ, Lord of Creation and Head of the Church, we commit ourselves to building a future where –

**Everyone enjoys freedom** from violence, intimidation, criminality, paramilitary activity and sectarianism that tear our social fabric and block political progress

**Local politicians and people take responsibility** for political progress, co-operating to secure a stable and inclusive society

**Healthy and robust relationships flourish** based on a generosity of spirit and a realistic recognition of diversity

**Truthfulness and honesty create relationships of trust** and provide the basis for dealing with the past and engaging with the present

**Hope and imagination, justice and love transform our public life** as people accept their responsibilities and exercise their rights with due concern for the rights of others.

‘Do not be weary in doing what is right!’ 2 Thessalonians 3:13.

**Recognised  
Ministries  
Committee**

Since the publication of the Reports it has become apparent that the General Assembly will not be asked to recognise “Embrace” this year, as a recognised organisation under the Recognised Ministries Scheme.

The Committee’s recommendations should include:

Dublin & Munster Rev. Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie To be retained as  
Minister without charge

**GENERAL BOARD – Supplementary Report****Church  
House Panel****CHURCH HOUSE PANEL**

1. The General Board met on 10 May to consider a report from the Church House Panel. While recognising that the resolution of the General Assembly last year authorised the General Board to make “all necessary decisions regarding the sale and move of Church House to an alternative site”, the Board was conscious that the General Assembly would meet in four weeks and therefore agreed to bring a recommendation to the General Assembly and to provide the information on which the Assembly could finalise the decision.

2. The report to last year’s General Assembly contained the following recommendations:-

- (a) a decision is made, in principle, to sell the Church House complex in its entirety and without the attachment of restrictive trading covenants;
- (b) a suitable alternative site and accommodation is sought. This should provide accessibility and capacity to meet the needs of the Church;
- (c) plans for the new location are drawn up;
- (d) plans are put in place for interim accommodation, if necessary;
- (e) regard is shown for the interests and concerns of the staff during the decision, planning and execution stages;
- (f) proposals are made as to the location for General Assemblies etc;
- (g) detailed financial estimates are prepared for all aspects of the recommendations.

**PROPOSED SALE**

3. As has already been reported, while not asking for restrictive covenants the Agent was instructed to make potential bidders aware of the ethos the Church would wish to preserve and that proposed use would be a consideration in assessing the bids. A marketing brochure was prepared and the sale advertised in the press. Offers were invited by 15 April, 2005.

4. The tenders were opened on 15 April, when six offers were received. These revealed a wide range of offer prices, some above and some below the valuation of £4.25 million reported to the General Assembly in 2004. Of these offers, the Panel consider the top two in price to merit further consideration.

5. One of these two offers came in two forms – a sale and leaseback option or a cash offer. The other was a cash offer. The sale and leaseback option would enable the Church to stay as a tenant occupying, with minor adjustments, the floors it now uses. The offer was of cash plus rent-free occupation of the Church House area for 999 years. The purchaser would be responsible for external repairs but only up to a ceiling figure, after which the tenants, including the Church, would share costs. This would be included in a service charge. The intention

would be to use the ground floor for retail use, preferably with one main retailer and the purchaser would agree to certain covenants over the type of retail use permitted.

6. At first sight this seemed an attractive offer, but when assessed against the reasons identified for moving last year it became much less so.

- (a) The liability for stonework repairs over a certain amount would still rest with the Church, proportionately with the other tenants.
- (b) There would be no improvement in the present office accommodation with its unused voids and limits in flexibility.
- (c) While some covenants would be offered, Sunday trading would be expected on the ground floor.
- (d) The Presbyterian Church would still be strongly associated with the building but would not own it, resulting in perceived responsibility without control.

For these reasons the Panel recommend the original intention to sell the buildings outright and relocate.

7. The two cash offers, while close in amount, had significant differences. In the first the Church would be permitted to remain in occupation for one year rent-free. The cash would be paid in two instalments – one on completion of the contract, the other when the Church moves out. There would be a restrictive covenant during the period of the Church's occupancy and reasonable covenants thereafter. The other would involve one payment of cash on completion of the contract, but the Church would be permitted to remain in occupation for two years. Covenants would be agreed in keeping with historic listed buildings. The Panel reported to the General Board that it would wish to assess these two proposals in detail. Both the declared uses would seem acceptable to the Church.

#### **ALTERNATIVE SITE**

8. As reported, a sub-group of the Panel were tasked with looking for an alternative site. The Panel prepared a suitability check-list, including location, design, finance, car-parking, partner tenants. It was determined that the Church would require in the region of 25,000 to 30,000 sq ft, depending on the number and size of meeting rooms etc. This would include individual offices, open plan office areas and meeting space. The major commercial Agents were notified of the Church's requirements and a search was carried out both in Belfast and the M1-M2 corridor area.

9. Eight potential locations were considered – May Street, Belfast; Stranmillis Embankment, Belfast; the Gasworks Site, Ormeau Road, Belfast (2 possibilities); Middlepath Street, Belfast; Titanic Quarter, Belfast; University Road, Belfast; Graham Gardens, Lisburn. After careful assessment of all these sites the Panel were strongly of the view that the recommended location should be May Street, Belfast.

10. The May Street development is being proposed by Barnabas Ventures Ltd, a new property and services company which wishes to support the regeneration of the City of Belfast, but also to encourage a Christian presence in the city. It is allied to an existing Christian charitable property trust. The proposal is for a development both beside and above May Street Church. This is difficult to describe on paper, and at any rate has still to go to planners, but the Panel is convinced that there will be a significant landmark development on the May Street

site. May Street itself has been designated a main arterial corridor between the Westlink and Laganside. By moving to this site the Church retains a visible, forward-looking presence in the City Centre.

11. On the location the developers are planning two towers linked by a glazed atrium area. The atrium will be a meeting place with food and appropriate retail outlets. An exhibition space is also part of the plan. The taller tower, at an angle to May Street, will be built on the present car park and will be designed for office and residential use. The imaginative plan for the other tower is to encase May Street in a framework with glazed Panels and then continue above the present building. The floor immediately above would be the "Lightwell" outreach of the Congregation which has a partnership with the Board of Mission in Ireland. The Church House offices would then be three, or if necessary four, of the floors above. It is hoped that by agreement to use some of the "Lightwell" floor for meetings, the Church may only have to purchase three floors. Barnabas Ventures, however, would be sympathetic to the idea that any space in this block not utilised by the Presbyterian Church would be available to associated Christian organisations, thus creating a common ethos for this building.

12. The Panel fully recognises that there are many issues for the developers, in consultation with the planning authorities and the design team. It has been assured that the project is technically feasible and that the main issues will be in the field of planning. However, the Panel is excited by this project. It not only retains a visible Presbyterian and Christian presence in the City Centre, but creates a synergy between a worshipping Christian community; outreach in new ways into the heart of the City; and administration. No-one can be sure how that synergy will develop, but the Panel believe it is creative and energising.

13. The Panel would acknowledge that this plan does not take account of one of the strong desires expressed by many people and two Presbyteries, that the new scheme would include car-parking. There are, of course, others who stress accessibility to public transport. All that can be claimed is that the Panel genuinely looked at other alternatives, but all had negative features associated with them. Unless the Church offices are to move out of the greater Belfast area there are not many alternatives and in the view of the Panel the advantage of being a presence in the City Centre outweighs the disadvantage.

14. The Panel is also aware of the concerns of staff and would wish to pay tribute to all those who are naturally unsettled by the idea of a move. A staff meeting was held shortly after the General Assembly last year and one of the very reasonable concerns was accessibility for staff – a significant number of whom use public transport. While this should be held in the perspective of the needs of the whole Church the Panel recognised it as a legitimate concern.

16. It would have been ideal if this re-location could have been carried out in one move, but with this project that is not possible. The timescales would be for the offer on the present Church House and Fisherwick Buildings to be accepted and contracts signed as soon as possible after the General Assembly. The offices would then be leased back for either one or two years. The new building will not be ready for at least three years and the Panel is projecting a date to move in of June 2009 (Barnabas Ventures would hope 2008). There will therefore need to be a temporary location of Church House for up to three years.

17. At the General Assembly last year, the cost to the Church for relocation to a City Centre site was estimated at £775,000. This was additional money in



excess of the sale of the present buildings. Detailed figures will be given at the General Assembly – obviously before the negotiations are complete these are commercially sensitive – but the Panel believes that the figure of £775,000 should not be exceeded, including the cost of temporary relocation.

18. When the Panel was first appointed by the General Board it was aware that there were difficult issues and that not only commercial logic, but history and emotion are involved in the decisions to be made. The members have genuinely listened, but have also been aware of a sense of God's leading and planning for the future of His Church. Thus the Panel has moved forward with a remarkable degree of unanimity and contentment to test if this is the will of God. It is in that spirit that the Panel offers this report.

19. The General Board, on 10 May, 2005, received the report and agreed two resolutions:

1. That the General Board recommends to the General Assembly the sale of Church House and Fisherwick Buildings and the purchase of space in the proposed May Street development, in the terms outlined in the report of the Church House Panel.

2. That the General Board authorises the Church House Panel to assess the bids offered and bring one as a recommendation to the General Assembly and to confirm the cost of space in the May Street development.

DONALD J WATTS

1. Since the writing of the report further discussion has taken place with the Guysmere Management Committee. Some correspondence expressing dismay at any proposal to close Guysmere has also been received. The Panel stress that a decision on the future of Guysmere will only be taken after the General Assembly have decided the kind of development of residential accommodation which is appropriate to the needs of the Church.

Centres  
Review Panel

2. The General Assembly's solicitor has reported on the deeds of both the Lucan and Guysmere sites. From the deeds it appears that Lucan is free of any restriction. Guysmere will require the decision of the General Assembly.

3. The appended resolutions, if agreed, will give authority to the General Board to sell the Lucan site. They will also allow the General Board, if it is appropriate in the overall scheme for new provision, to market the Guysmere site but for a final decision on its sale to be made at a future General Assembly.

4. If the General Assembly agree that there is a need for new residential provision of the kind outlined in the report, the Panel will begin a detailed feasibility study, including an assessment of possible sites, with the intention of sending a report to Presbyteries by 31 January, 2006. Presbyteries will then be asked to respond by 31 March, 2006, so that a report may be brought to the next General Assembly.

The **Rev Kenneth David Harvey BA**, died on 9 May, 2005 in the 84<sup>th</sup> year of his age and the 60<sup>th</sup> of his ministry. Brought up in Lisburn where his father was a local Solicitor, he worshipped as a boy with his family in the congregation of First Lisburn. He was educated at Wallace High School, Lisburn; Methodist College, Belfast; Queens University, Belfast and what was then Assembly's

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College, Belfast. Licensed by the Presbytery of Dromore in 1944 he was ordained as an Assistant in First Ahoghill in 1945 where he remained until 1947. Subsequently he served as Minister of First Lurgan, Duncairn and McCracken Memorial from which he retired in 1990. From 1960-68 he was a Lecturer in Religious Education at Stranmillis College, Belfast. One of the great loves of his life was travel and on many occasions he provided a Chaplaincy Service for various holiday companies where the fruit of his wide reading in theology and literature was much evidenced and greatly appreciated. He was a fluent French speaker which greatly enhanced his ability to communicate to an ever widening audience. Whether in the pulpit, or in the more informal setting of holiday accommodation, he was renowned for his lead of inspirational Public Worship and his capacity through prayer to lead people to the throne of Grace. Genuinely interested in people, irrespective of class or creed, he had the unique capacity to come alongside people as a true friend and counsellor. This was particularly evidenced in his Ministry to children and young people and his contemporaries were often astonished at his capacity to know each child by name. He had a particular concern for children in need and was always most supportive of organizations attempting to help such children whether at home or faraway places such as Haiti. His sister and members of his wider family circle can rest assured that Kenneth is remembered within and beyond our denomination as one who gave himself unstintingly in the service of Christ within the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

The **Rev James Harper MA, MTh, PhD**, died suddenly on the 30 May 2005 in the 69<sup>th</sup> year of his age and the 40<sup>th</sup> year of his ministry. Brought up in the congregation of Richview, he was educated at Donegall Road Primary School; The Boy's Model, Belfast; The Royal Belfast Academical Institution; Magee Theological College, Londonderry; Trinity College, Dublin and what was then The Presbyterian College, Belfast. He was Licensed by the Belfast Presbytery in 1964, and was ordained in Gardenmore, Larne, where he remained as assistant until 1968 when he was called to his first charge – 1<sup>st</sup> Killyleagh. In 1977 he was called to Ballygowan, where he remained until retirement in 2001. A man of many interests, among which was engineering, he took a particular interest in vintage cars. He created a lot of interest some years ago, when, due to his frustration with the frequency of power cuts, he personally installed a wind-generator to service his home. A lover of the wide-open spaces, his many interests included boating, cycling, environmental issues and reading. He took a particular interest in the history of our denomination, evidenced in his publication of a booklet in 1968 entitled, 'Henry Cooke'. In 1963 he wrote a short history of 1<sup>st</sup> Killyleagh Presbyterian Church. From the year 1995 until his sudden death he was Clerk of the Down Presbytery. His warm, friendly personality enabled him to come alongside people of any age and it was in this one to one basis that his ministry really shone. An able and thoughtful preacher and teacher, his ministry was greatly appreciated both within the congregations to which he ministered, but also on a much wider field. Married to the former Miss Mary Jane Baird, they had two children, Roy and James. His family can rest assured that they are, due to their loved one's sudden passing, the focus of much genuine sympathy and prayer, both within and beyond the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

**Rev John Alexander McFall, MA**, died on 6 June 2005 in the 87<sup>th</sup> year of his age and the 57<sup>th</sup> of his ministry. His home congregations were Ballywatt and Portrush. He received his secondary education at the Coleraine Academical Institution before proceeding to Magee Theological College, Londonderry. He

completed his undergraduate study at Trinity College, Dublin, before proceeding to what was then Assembly's College, Belfast for his theological training. He served as assistant in Joymount, Carrickfergus and Crumlin Road, Belfast. Subsequent to being licensed by Coleraine Presbytery, he was ordained in Woodburn in 1948, where he remained until retirement in 1988. From the year 1957, he was given the additional responsibility of ministry to the Loughmoure congregation. Those who knew him well have described him as – 'a character.' One of the great loves of his life was swimming, and reputedly in the open sea all the year round! He loved travelling, particularly train-travel, and was a frequent visitor to Oban in Scotland. His interest in travel also took him frequently to Iceland. His pulpit ministry was thoughtful and well prepared, but it was in the area of his pastoral ministry that his gifts really shone. He had the capacity to come alongside people as they struggled with the various contingencies of life, and his ministry in this capacity was particularly appreciated. On retirement from Woodburn and Loughmoure, he resided in Portrush. His immediate family circle and all those who mourn his passing can rest assured that he is remembered with great affection by all who had the privilege of knowing him, and who benefited from his ministry and friendship.

Moved by the Rev Dr D J Watts, seconded by the Rev Principal J P Taylor, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the General Assembly adopt the key ideas identified in the Priorities Committee report, to shape our priorities in mission and witness at home and overseas. **Priorities Committee**
3. That the draft guidelines on Public Events at which non-Christian religions participate be sent to Presbyteries for comment, together with encouragement to others to forward comments to the Convener of the Doctrine Committee, by 31 December 2005. **Doctrine Committee**
4. That the Board of Mission in Ireland be given responsibility for encouraging congregations to implement the 2004 Assembly Resolution (Minutes, p 41, Resolution 3) on every member ministry – where appropriate, using materials produced under the auspices of the Committee on Resourcing Christians for Ministry.

### **Intermission**

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

5. That the General Assembly call on the British and Irish Governments to restore moral integrity to the peace process by insisting that no political party shall participate in the future government of Northern Ireland unless it renounces and forsakes criminality, engages in complete, verifiable de-commissioning, and is fully committed to democratic methods alone. **Church and Society Committee**
6. That the General Assembly call on political parties to renew their commitment to work for a political settlement in Northern Ireland that is just and inclusive, and to do so with integrity of purpose, speech and deed.
7. That the General Assembly call all its members to a renewed commitment to pray and work for a society that is marked by true peace, mutual respect and tolerance.

8. That the General Assembly encourage members to consider becoming signatories to the “Renewing Hope” statement, and commend the document to Presbyteries for study.

9. That the General Assembly call on the Irish Government to meet its promise to the United Nations General Assembly of giving 0.7% of GNP to Overseas Aid without delay.

10. That the General Assembly urge the Joint Oireachtas Committee on the Constitution to support the constitutional position of the family based on marriage as one of the foundations of a strong and healthy society.

11. That the General Assembly encourage the Irish Government to ensure that the forthcoming Immigration and Residence Bill be marked by a spirit of compassion and grace, particularly in the area of family reunion.

12. That the General Assembly note the Report of the Commission on Assisted Human Reproduction and refer the issues it raises in relation to the status of the embryo and the rights of the unborn to the Board of Social Witness.

Moderator’s  
Advisory  
Committee

13. That the General Assembly agree the supervision of the Conciliation Panel as a responsibility of the Moderator’s Advisory Committee.

Recognised  
Ministries  
Committee

14. That the General Assembly adopt the recommendations of the Recognised Ministries Committee on Ministers and Licentiates without Charge.

Chaplains To  
The Armed  
Forces

The Moderator welcomed the Revs J M Wylie, N G McDowell, Dr S P Swinn and A T Maze, OBE, Chaplains to the Armed Forces. The Rev A T Maze, OBE, replied and expressed thanks for the prayers and support of the General Assembly. At the invitation of the Moderator, Professor H A Kerrigan, QC, Convener of the Chaplains’ Committee of the Church of Scotland, addressed the Assembly.

The Assembly engaged in worship conducted by the Moderator, assisted by the Rev J J Andrews. At the request of the Moderator, the Rev A L Kirk addressed the Assembly.

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

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## FIFTH SESSION

**Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2005**

**Two o’clock. Afternoon**

The Assembly again convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

GENERAL  
BOARD

### GENERAL BOARD – Debate resumed

Moved by Mr J H Martin, seconded by the Very Rev Dr S J Dixon, and agreed:

Church House  
Panel

15. That the General Assembly instruct the Church House Panel to proceed with the sale of Church House and Fisherwick Buildings to the Thornton Trust, as outlined.

On being put, the resolution was declared passed.

Voting: For ..... 449  
Against ..... 132

### **Intermission**

16. That the General Assembly authorise the Church House Panel to finalise and confirm an agreement with Barnabas Ventures for the purchase of space in its May Street development.

17. That the General Assembly authorise the General Board to take any further necessary decisions with regard to the sale of Church House and Fisherwick Buildings, relocation, temporary accommodation for the Church House offices and any related matters.

Moved by the Very Rev Dr R I Birney, seconded by Mr L Walker:

18. That the General Assembly agree in principle the provision of a new Residential Centre and instruct the General Board to proceed with a feasibility study to be sent to Presbyteries by 31 January, 2006.

**Centres Review  
Panel**

Moved as an amendment by the Rev C J Aitcheson, seconded by the Rev T J McCormick:

That the General Assembly instruct the Centres Panel to complete its research and consultation on centres provision and report to Presbyteries by 31 January 2006, inviting comments thereon and bring recommendations to next year's General Assembly.

The amendment was declared lost.

The original resolution, on being put, was passed.

Moved by the Very Rev Dr R I Birney, seconded by the Mr L Walker, and agreed:

19. That the cost of the feasibility study and any related work agreed by the General Board, be a charge on the Incidental Fund.

It was agreed to consider a resolution of the Global Concerns Committee.

Moved by the Rev Dr D J Watts, seconded by the Rev L E Carroll, and agreed:

20. That the General Assembly approve the proposal for the development of a peacemaking programme and the appointment of two programme officers, with the financial arrangements and management structure outlined.

**Global Concerns  
Committee**

On being put, the resolution was declared passed.

Voting: For ..... 101  
Against ..... 54

Business lapsed under Standing Orders (See page 56)

The sederunt came to a close at 5.50pm, the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

On Wednesday evening, 8 June 2005, a Rally, conducted by the Moderator, took place at 7.45 pm. During worship, the Moderator welcomed Licentiates and expressed thanks to recently retired Ministers.

At the request of the Moderator, the Rev Prof E Donnelly, Professor of New Testament and Principal, Reformed Presbyterian Theological College, Belfast, addressed the Assembly.

The sederunt came to a close at 9.20pm, the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

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## SIXTH SESSION

**Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2005**

**Half past nine o'clock. Forenoon**

The Assembly again convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

**BOARD OF  
MISSION IN  
IRELAND**

The Report of the **BOARD OF MISSION IN IRELAND** (Reports pp 151-169) was submitted by the Rev Dr G Connor, together with the following Supplementary Report:

### **BOARD OF MISSION IN IRELAND – Supplementary Report**

**Panel on Urban  
Mission**

1. During the month of May, the Panel on Urban Mission continued to develop a particular aspect of their proposals. The plan suggested to the Assembly in 2004 included the calling and appointment of a limited number of dedicated 'interim moderators', now called 'Development Moderators'. They, on vacancy, would serve an urban mission area for 3 to 5 years and 'prepare for/guide into change'.

2. A congregation or area might need a period of transition to move from an established traditional parish mode to a very different urban mission style and ethos. 'Development Moderators' serving in a temporary capacity would encourage that transition.

3. The following guidelines would govern the appointment and service of this particular ministry:

#### **Development Moderators:**

- (i) will be called to serve in urban mission congregations under terms already set out in draft proposals pars 9-11. (see Code par 301)

- (ii) Initial Stipend shall be not less than 25% above basic ministerial minimum (currently = £23,875). Thereafter, increase will be by the banding percentage agreed annually under the 'Tyronne Memorial'.
  - (iii) Realistic Expenses and Housing Allowance (if appropriate) will be paid – there will be no obligation to live in a manse.
  - (iv) Housing location, when not manse, shall be approved by the Panel.
  - (v) The remuneration will be funded as agreed upon by the Union Commission from local congregational resources and CMF.
  - (vi) The interim moderator will not be eligible for call to the congregation/mission immediately following the transition period.
4. As a postscript to the entire report, it is agreed that the working of the scheme in all its parts will undergo thorough review by the BMI in not more than 5 years.

Moved by the Rev Dr G Connor, seconded by the Rev R A Patton, and agreed:

- 1. That the Report be received.
- 2. That the proposals in respect of 'Urban Mission Congregations' (Appendix A) be implemented immediately, and for a period of two years, before any changes are made to the Code. **Urban Mission Panel**
- 3. That the proposals for Development Moderators be adopted, with immediate effect, and for an initial period of five years.
- 4. That the General Assembly note the retirement of the Rev Harold Boyce as Director of Evangelism from 31 January 2005, and that he be thanked for his services. **Director of Evangelism**
- 5. That the General Assembly embrace the vision of "vibrant communities of Christ serving and transforming Ireland". **Strategy for Mission in Ireland**
- 6. That the principles and priorities for "vibrant communities of Christ" (Par 8) be affirmed and adopted.
- 7. That the principles and priorities for "serving and transforming" (Par 10) be affirmed and adopted.
- 8. That the principles and priorities for central structures and resources (Par 12) be affirmed and adopted.
- 9. That the Board of Mission in Ireland, in consultation with other appropriate 'mission' Boards and the Union Commission, bring to the General Assembly of 2006 proposals, including necessary changes to the Code, regarding the outworking of the agreed principles and priorities.

Business lapsed under Standing Orders (See page 66).

### Intermission

The Report of the **OVERSEAS BOARD** (Reports pp 119-150) was submitted by the Very Rev Dr S J Dixon, together with the following **OVERSEAS BOARD** Supplementary Report:

**OVERSEAS BOARD – Supplementary Report**

1. The General Assembly in 1961 passed resolutions with respect to an Agreement between the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the State of Hamburg, concerning the Jerusalem Church, Hamburg. Over the years the situation has moved on significantly and we have come to a point where, in consultation with the Jerusalem Congregation and the Kirchenkreis Alt-Hamburg, it may be necessary for us to take decisions with regard to the future of the Jerusalem Church.

2. Our partner churches in Malawi and Kenya have advised us in recent weeks that they are likely to face another hunger crisis towards the end of 2005 and into 2006 unless preventative measures are taken promptly. Several factors, including total failure of rains in some regions and prolonged dry spells when crops were most in need of water, are contributing to this impending crisis.

Moved by the Very Rev Dr S J Dixon, seconded by the Rev W S Marrs, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the General Assembly approve the Vision, Purpose, Values and Strategic Priorities for the Overseas Board through to 2010 as outlined in Appendix B of the Report.
3. That the General Assembly direct the Overseas Board, in implementing the findings of the Mission Review, to give particular attention to its structure, membership, finance and staffing.
4. That the General Assembly encourage the Overseas Board to develop and strengthen its links with persecuted minority Christian communities in Asia, particularly through our existing mission partners in India, Indonesia, Nepal and Pakistan, offering practical help where appropriate and encouraging prayerful support for them throughout the membership of our church.
5. That the General Assembly encourage the Overseas Board, at this time when the Church is losing influence in Europe, to work alongside partner churches in Europe to prioritise the development of godly church leaders, and to explore opportunities for outreach not least amongst marginalised and immigrant communities.

Business lapsed under Standing Orders (See page 69).

The Assembly engaged in worship conducted by the Moderator, assisted by the Rev J D McGaughey.

At the request of the Moderator, the Rev N W McAuley addressed the Assembly.

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



**SEVENTH SESSION****Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2005****Two o'clock. Afternoon****In Private**

The Assembly again convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

The Report of the **JUDICIAL COMMISSION** (Reports pp 69-78) was submitted by the Rev Dr D J Watts, together with the following Supplementary Report: **JUDICIAL COMMISSION**

**JUDICIAL COMMISSION – Supplementary Report**

The Judicial Commission has made determinations in a report of its investigation in Largy congregation and awaits necessary responses. It has not yet been possible to progress the North Belfast reference. Further appeals have been received on decisions of the Dublin and Munster Presbytery in relation to Howth and Malahide congregation.

Moved by the Rev Dr D J Watts, seconded by Mr M A Morrow, QC:

1. That the Report be received.

Moved as an amendment by the Rev Dr W W Porter, seconded by the Rev D Bannerman:

That the Report be received but the House notes that the methodology used by the Judicial Commission in 1988 was not used in the case of the Appeal of the Rev Daniel J Kane against the decision of the Presbytery of Ballymena.

On the amendment being put and a vote taken, the Moderator announced the result as follows:

Voting: For ..... 165  
Against ..... 262

The amendment was declared lost.

On being put, the original Resolution was declared passed.

Moved by the Rev Dr D J Watts, seconded by the Mr M A Marrow, QC, and agreed:

2. That the Rev Principal J P Taylor be appointed to the Judicial Commission in place of the Rev James McAllister, OBE, (deceased).

The **Overture anent Par 163(2)(b) of the Code** (Reports p 78) was submitted by the Rev Dr D J Watts. **Overture anent Par 163(2)(b)**

Moved by the Rev Dr D J Watts, seconded by the Mr M A Morrow, QC, and agreed:

On being put, it was agreed that the Overture anent Par 163(2)(b) of the Code be received and placed on the books.

Voting: For ..... 222  
Against ..... 138

**RECEPTION OF  
MINISTERS  
AND  
LICENTIATES**

The Report of the **COMMITTEE ON THE RECEPTION OF MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES** (Reports pp 233-235) was submitted by the Rev R B Savage, together with the following Supplementary Report:

**COMMITTEE ON THE RECEPTION  
OF MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES – Supplementary Report**

Following interview, it was agreed to support the Memorial of the Rev Hiram Higgins provided he satisfactorily completes any additional studies required of him by the Board of Studies and Christian Training and a two year supervised assistantship.

Other applications are not being recommended.

Moved by the Rev R B Savage, seconded by the Rev T W D Johnston, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.

2. That the General Assembly approve the reception process outlined in paragraphs 13 to 19 and the preparation of overtures to amend the relevant paragraphs of the Code.

3. That the General Assembly authorise the Committee for the Reception of Ministers and Licentiates to operate the process outlined in paragraphs 13 to 19 for future applicants.

The Rev Craig  
Munro Wilson

4. That the Rev Craig Munro Wilson be received as a minister without charge on condition that he satisfactorily completes the studies required by the Board of Studies and Christian Training, to include a course in the Westminster Standards, and an assistantship of one year.

Rev Warwick  
Sean Smart

5. That the Rev Warwick Sean Smart be received as a minister without charge on condition that he satisfactorily completes the studies required by the Board of Studies and Christian Training and an assistantship of two years.

Memorial of Rev  
H Higgins

The **Memorial of Rev H Higgins** (Reports pp 235-236) was submitted by the Rev T D Gribben.

Moved by the Rev T D Gribben, seconded by the Rev T C Morrison, and agreed:

That the Memorial be received and its prayer granted; that he be placed under the care of the Presbytery of North Belfast; and that he be declared eligible for Call upon satisfactorily completing both the studies required by the Board of Studies and Christian Training and also a supervised assistantship of two years.

The **Memorial of Mr J Lehman** (Reports pp 236-237) was withdrawn.

Memorial of Rev  
G W D Stewart

The **Memorial of Rev G W D Stewart** (Reports pp 237-238) was submitted by the Rev R N Agnew.

Moved by the Rev R N Agnew, seconded by the Rev W P H Erskine, and agreed:

That the Memorial be received and its prayer granted; and that he serve a two-year assistantship and undertake the studies required by the Board of Studies and Christian Training.

**In Public**

The Report of the **UNION COMMISSION** (Reports pp 79-94) was submitted by the Rev T J Stothers, together with the following Supplementary Report: **UNION COMMISSION**

**UNION COMMISSION – Supplementary Report****Eligibility of Licensed Assistants for Call**

1. Presbyteries and Vacancy Commissions are reminded that the General Assembly's guidelines on practice and procedure for Assistants prior to eligibility for Call (Mins 2000, p25) should be strictly observed. The Commission intends to examine the guidelines in the light of recent experience to determine whether they need to be refined or expanded.

**Water Charges****Water Charges**

2. A representative of the Union Commission, together with representatives of the Church of Ireland and Methodist Churches, attended a meeting with representatives of the Water Service. The Water Service representatives outlined the changes taking place (further details at [www.waterreformni.gov.uk](http://www.waterreformni.gov.uk)) and what this means for Churches. Manses will be treated on the same basis as domestic houses and charged for water and sewerage separately. The charges arrived at will be based on property values. Churches and Church Halls will be treated as non-domestic and charged for water and sewerage separately. The charges arrived at will be based on the Net Annual Valuation (NAV) of the property. (Suggested it will be: Standing charge £50 plus £10 for every £1,000 NAV). All details and examples of charges can be found at the web page quoted above. This is supposed to be implemented in April 2006.

3. The Union Commission advises that Congregations will be responsible for the payment of Manse water charges and where a Union exists, the cost should be divided in the same proportions as that agreed for Manse rates and maintenance.

Moved by the Rev T J Stothers, seconded by the Rev P T Dalzell, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the CMF be authorised to pay grants towards expenses incurred by ministers in congregations, up to a limit of NI £5,200 or RI €7,800 within the terms of resolution 3, p 70, General Assembly Minutes, 1988.
3. That the General Assembly note that the Urban Mission Panel now operates under the Board of Mission in Ireland.
4. That, following the failure to make suitable arrangements for the distribution of its assets, the congregation of Corlea be amalgamated with the congregation of Rockcorry on terms agreed by the Union Commission, on 1 July 2005 or other suitable date. **Corlea**
5. That the congregation of Macrory Memorial be amalgamated with the congregation of Fortwilliam Park on terms agreed by the Union Commission, on 1 July 2005 or other suitable date. **Macrory Memorial**
6. That the congregation of Duncairn and St Enoch's be amalgamated with the congregation of Whitehouse on terms agreed by the Union Commission, on 1 October 2005 or other suitable date. **Duncairn and St Enoch's**

**Policy on Manses**

7. That the General Assembly endorse the policy on Manses as outlined in pars 10-16 of the Report.

8. That the Union Commission be appointed for the ensuing year in accordance with Par 128 of the Code as follows:

**Rev TJ Stothers, Convener**

**Rev SA Matthews, Secretary**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk, Commission Convener and Secretary, Home and Irish Mission Convener, Representative of Central Ministry Fund.**

(b) **Rev Dr DR Purce; M Spence — Rev WJA Moody; J Whittle — Rev R Mackay; N Jackson — Rev WJ Henry; WEC Ford — Rev TJ Hagan; JB McClean — Rev Dr MA Barry; W Grills.**

(c) **Rev Dr RI Birney; J Gregg — Rev TR Graham; N Carmichael— Rev WI Hunter; C Beck — Rev N McClean; J Kane — Rev Dr WD Patton; HL Todd.**

(d) **Rev TD Gribben; D McCormick — Rev Dr I Hart; B Milligan — Rev AS Smyth; A Giffen.**

(e) **Rev Dr J Fell; A Craig — Rev GD Simpson; C Henderson— Rev JI Mairs; TR Reid — Rev TWA Greer; Dr H McNeill.**

(f) **Rev B Brown; N Watt — Rev W McLaren; Ms J Binnie — Rev M Burnside; K Walker.**

(g) **Revs PT Dalzell, Dr AR Rodgers, J Brackenridge, CD McClure, LH Eagleson, WT Cordner; Mrs H Jess, Mrs H Murdock, Dr TJ Robinson.**

**Overture anent  
Par 128 (1)**

The **Overture anent Par 128(1) of the Code** (Reports p 94) was submitted by the Rev T J Stothers.

Moved by the Rev T J Stothers, seconded by the Rev P T Dalzell, and agreed:

That the Overture anent Par 128 (1) of the Code, having lain on the books for one year, be enacted as the law of the Church.

**Overture anent  
Par 82 (4)**

The **Overture anent Par 82(4) of the Code** (Reports p 94) was submitted by the Rev T J Stothers.

Moved by the Rev T J Stothers, seconded by the Rev P T Dalzell, and agreed:

That the Overture anent Par 82(4) of the Code be received and placed on the books.

Moved by the Rev T J Stothers, seconded by the Rev P T Dalzell, and agreed:

That the Overture anent Par 82(4) of the Code be made an Interim Act.

**BOARD OF  
YOUTH AND  
CHILDREN'S  
MINISTRY**

The Report of the **BOARD OF YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** (Reports pp 203-213) was submitted by the Rev E J Hyndman, together with the following Supplementary Report:

**BOARD OF YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY –  
Supplementary Report**

1. PYP (Preparing Youth for Peace), a programme of the previous Youth Board, now incorporated into the remit of the Board of Youth & Children's Ministry, has, since its inception sought to equip young people, with God's help, to be peacemakers.

**Preparing Youth  
for Peace Review**

2. PYP has been undergoing a major review which is now complete. This process had four component parts:

- An external review commissioned by the previous Youth Board and completed by Paul Hutchinson from *Imagined Spaces* in August 2004
- An internal appraisal by the Youth & Children's Board Steering Group and PYP's Consultative Group begun in November 2004, completed in April 2005
- A listening exercise with facilitators, young people, youth leaders and ministers, all of whom had hands on experience of PYP in April 2005
- A detailed revision of the programme content by an ad hoc Review Group established by the Board, which brought together the conclusions arrived at in the three previous parts to the process, modified the text, signalled the need for new sections and recommended the removal of other material – all as deemed appropriate – in May 2005.

3. In the light of this process, just as with any course which has been running for three years, the need to make changes became very apparent in order to enable PYP to meet the changing needs of this society. PYP needed to be brought up to date and given a broader remit than the sectarian/religious split best typified in the Unionist/Republican and Protestant/Roman Catholic divide.

4. The following changes are being made to PYP to ensure that it helps our young people to meet changing challenges with the enabling power of an unchanging God:

- (i) Minor changes have been made to the text in order to remove the possibility of ambiguity and to sharpen the focus. Copies of these changes are available from the Youth & Children's Office.
- (ii) The DVD on Roman Catholicism is permanently withdrawn as it no longer fits in to the revised PYP programme.
- (iii) The chapter on Presbyterianism is being rewritten so that our young people understand more clearly the distinctiveness of our denomination, particularly in terms of belief and practice.
- (iv) The Catholic Fact sheet (Appendix 5.3), Section 5 "What are they all about?" – on Roman Catholicism, and the Statements of faith (Appendix 5.4a-5.4e) are withdrawn and replaced in the Appendix by the Doctrine Committee's report, approved by the General Assembly in 1990 titled "*Agreements and disagreements of Irish Presbyterianism and Roman Catholicism*". PYP has been accused of downplaying the differences and exaggerating the similarities between the teaching of our Church and the Roman Catholic Church. Inclusion of the Doctrine Committee's statement within the Appendix will hopefully avoid the possibility of misunderstandings.
- (v) The Section on Roman Catholicism referred to above is being replaced by a new section titled, "Culture and Identity", which it is believed will better address the real issues affecting young people, post 'the troubles'. E.g. How young people from different social strata can better relate to each other. How those who come from different cultural backgrounds can be integrated more fully into their local community....

- (vi) Steps are being taken to make access possible to a CD Rom currently available for school use regarding denominational distinctiveness and difference – should such be requested by a minister & Kirk Session. This will, though, not form part of the programme presented by facilitators.
- (vii) Facilitators to be immediately advised of these changes, instructed in their implications and directed to use PYP in the context of discipleship, recognising the need for young people to be reconciled to God before they can be reconciled to their neighbour.
- (viii) The well known short-hand for the programme – PYP – to remain, but be re-branded *Preparing Youth to be Peacemakers* – thus again sharpening the focus and setting it in a more clearly defined Biblical context.

5. PYP never had a hidden agenda – that of ecumenism by the back door – a charge unfairly levelled. On the contrary, PYP has sought to assist many to, with God's help, face the reality and challenge of 'difference' – to understand their own culture and honestly appraise stereotypical preconceptions about those who are 'not like us'. Some have been given the courage to reach out a hand of friendship to those from whom they had previously been separated and most testify to being changed as a direct consequence of completion of the programme.

6. While the above changes are extensive and significant, they are not so radical as to necessitate the suspension of the programme, but are quickly being implemented – the necessary information disseminated to current and future trainers and facilitators, together with all groups which have already been through the programme.

7. The changes noted above will ensure that the revised PYP programme will continue the important ministry begun four years ago following David Smith's appointment in August 2001 – an appointment critical to the development, production and delivery of a very successful PYP programme to over 900 young people.

8. The revisions made will, it is believed, ensure greater effectiveness, relevance and a sharper focus – in the process accomplishing much to the glory of God.

Moved by the Rev E J Hyndman, seconded by the Rev I T McKee, and agreed:

- 1. That the Report be received, with the exception of Par 5 (Reports p 209).
- 2. That a grant of £6,500 be paid to Youth Link NI from the Incidental Fund.
- 3. That the General Assembly approve the use of the Youth and Children's Project 2005-6 to support the further development of Scripture Union's centres near Murmansk, St Petersburg, Russia and Vorzel, Ukraine.
- 4. That the Board of Youth and Children's Ministry, with its associated working committees for the ensuing year, be appointed as follows:

**Rev EJ Hyndman, Convener**

**Miss R Stirling, Secretary**

**(a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board Convener, Director and Deputy Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, Director of Social Service, Conveners of Congregational Life, Resourcing Christians for Ministry, University Chaplains.**

(b) Revs AM Bates, GJ Kennedy — Rev SD Finlay; N McKee — Rev D Stanfield; Miss C Hill — Rev DJ Bruce; \_\_\_\_\_ — Revs JRI Harbinson, MN Davidson — M Peacock, Mrs E Maxwell.

(c) Revs AL Kirk, MJR Neilly — Rev J Moxen; M Wylie — Revs CJ Aitcheson, JG Johnston — Rev RD McDowell; J Surgenor — GA Barkley, Miss H Harrison.

(d) Rev IK McDonald; Miss J Nelson — Rev R Love; Miss J Gwyn — Rev ME Taylor; Miss G Young.

(e) Rev TD Hagan; K McCrossan — Rev JG Jones; Wm Willis — Rev K Henderson; Miss M Guy — Revs JA Curry, DJ Irvine.

(f) Rev SJ Richmond; J Cowan — Rev AJMcL Smith; Mrs G McCormick — Rev RI Carton; Miss P Patton.

(g) Miss A Morrow, Mrs J Craig, Mrs M Emery, Mrs J Robinson, Mrs R McKnight, Miss A Houston, Mrs G Ditty, Mrs H Carey, Miss F Livingstone, Mrs G Graham, Mrs L Keys, M Moorehead, Mrs D Johnston, I Ferris, A Ditty, D Pattison, T Bruce, D Laney, D McNeill, A Brown.

A. TRAINING COMMITTEE (5) Rev CD Mawhinney, Convener

(a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Board and Committee Conveners, Director and Deputy Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, Youth Development Officer, Children's Development Officer, Regional Youth and Support Workers.

(x) Rev J Peacock; P Bowman, P Brown, Mrs J Robinson, Dr Alistair McCracken

(y) Revs DJ Bruce, ME Taylor, JG Jones, K Henderson, D Stanfield.

B. RESEARCH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE (3)

Mrs H Lyle, Convener

(a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Board and Committee Conveners, Director and Deputy Director of Youth and Children's Ministry.

(x) Rev RA Patton; Miss L Gould, G Jordan, Mrs S Mawhinney.

(y) Revs D Stanfield, R Love, AM Bates; Miss C Hill.

C. RESOURCES COMMITTEE (6) Rev GJ Kennedy, Convener

(a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Board and Committee Conveners, Director and Deputy Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, Centres' Director, Children's Development Officer, Youth Development Officer, Regional Youth and Support Workers.

(x) Revs DJ Montgomery, RL Brown, Dr SR Jones; Mrs L Rankin.

(y) Revs CJ Aitcheson, JG Johnston, JRI Harbinson, AM Bates, DJ Bruce.

D. MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE (6)

Rev DJ Paul, Convener

(a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Board and Committee Conveners, Director and Deputy Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, Overseas Board representative, Board of Mission in Ireland representative, Volunteers' Co-Ordinator.

(x) Revs PD Thompson, C Meban, D Rankin; M Smith, Mrs M Trueman, M Welsh.

(y) **Revs R Love, TD Hagan, MJR Neilly, MN Davidson, IK McDonald, JA Curry.**

**E. MINISTRY EVENTS COMMITTEE (4) Rev J Moxen, Convener**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Board and Committee Conveners, Director and Deputy Director of Youth and Children's Ministry.**

(x) **Revs WJ Carlisle, JR Burnett; A Meban, M Hull, G Wileman.**

(y) **Revs AJMcL Smith, SD Finlay; M Wylie, Mrs G McCormick, Miss G Young.**

**GENERAL BOARD** **GENERAL BOARD** – Debate Resumed (See page 45)

Moved by the Rev Dr D J Watts, seconded by the Rev A D Davidson, and agreed:

**Church Relations Committee** 21. That the General Assembly appoint:

**Irish Council of Churches** To the Irish Council of Churches: Rev J Brackenridge, Rev Dr S J Campbell, L Conway, OBE, Mrs Pat Crossley, Rev A D Davidson, Rev G A J Farquhar, Miss D Gilmour, Rev Dr R J G Gray, A N Other, Rev Dr S Hutchinson, Mrs M Irwin, Rev L Kennedy-Ritchie, R Kerr, Rev C McClure, Rev D Nesbitt, J A Patterson, Ms Valerie Steele, Rev Dr D J Watts.

To the Irish Council of Churches Executive: Rev J Brackenridge, Rev L Kennedy-Ritchie, Rev A D Davidson, Rev Dr D J Watts.

To the Irish Inter-Church Committee: Rev A D Davidson, Rev Dr D J Watts.

**Covenant Council** As an observer to the Covenant Council of the Church of Ireland and Methodist Church in Ireland: Rev A V Martin.

22. That the resignation of the Rev Dr Donald Watts as the Presbyterian representative on the Ecumenical Committee of the United Reformed Church be accepted, that he be thanked for his services and the Rev Brian Boyd be appointed from 2005-2008.

23. That the General Assembly welcome plans for the Central Committee of the Conference of European Churches to meet in Ireland during 2006.

Moved by the Very Rev Dr R I Birney, seconded by Mr L Walker, and agreed:

**Centres Review Panel** 24. That the General Assembly authorise the General Board to transfer all or part of the Lucan site for church purposes and/or sell all or part of it.

Moved by the Very Rev Dr R I Birney, seconded by Mr L Walker:

25. That the General Assembly authorise the General Board, when appropriate, to market the Guysmere site and to bring to a future General Assembly a recommendation for its sale or transfer.

Moved as an amendment by the Rev R Hill, seconded by the Rev C J Aitcheson:

That the General Assembly authorise the General Board to explore the market value of the Guysmere site and report to the next General Assembly.

On being put, the amendment was declared lost.



A further amendment was moved by the Rev Dr R J G Gray, seconded by the Rev R Hill:

That the General Assembly authorise the General Board to explore the market value of, and other possible futures for, the Guysmere site and bring to a future General Assembly a recommendation for its sale or transfer.

On being put, the further amendment was declared lost.

The original resolution, on being put, was declared passed.

The following recorded their dissent:

Richard Hill      Alan Brown  
Desmond Kirk    Colin W Megaw

### **Additional Resolution**

Moved by the Rev T J McCormick, seconded by the Rev D I J McNie: **Manses Panel**

That the General Assembly note the Manses Report; that the Panel on Manses be thanked and discharged; and that the General Board be asked to appoint a Panel to consider only the provision of housing for retiring Ministers, in consultation with the Retired Ministers' House Fund, and report to the 2006 Assembly.

On being put, the resolution was declared lost.

Moved by the Rev Dr D J Watts, seconded by the Rev J H Robinson, and agreed:

26. That the General Assembly agree in principle the "way forward" outlined in Par 11 of the Manses report, but that along with the issues detailed in Par 13 full consideration be given to (a) any implications for liability for rates and income tax that will arise from moving away from the present system and (b) how it will be ensured that any housing allowance paid will keep pace with the rising cost of housing relative to inflation and wage increases.

27. That the Panel on Manses, in consultation with other relevant bodies, bring to the General Assembly of 2006 specific recommendations and resolutions in respect of the outworking of these proposals.

Business lapsed (See page 63)

The sederunt came to a close at 7.10pm, the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

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## **EIGHTH SESSION**

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2005**

**Half past nine o'clock. Forenoon**

The Assembly again convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

**TRUSTEES**

The Report of the **TRUSTEES** (Reports pp 271-274) was submitted by Mr D Bell, CB.

Moved by Mr D Bell, CB, seconded by Mr G W Cosgrove, 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.
6. That the recommendation regarding the Victor Morrow Trust be adopted.
7. 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:

Very Rev Dr S Hutchinson, Revs Dr D J Watts, W D F Marshall, R J A Bell, W J Orr; Mr Wilson Ervin, CBE, Sir Eric McDowell, Mr David Bell, CB, Mr A T Ross, Mr John Millar, OBE, Mr J I Bill, OBE.

The Assembly proceeded to consider the appointment of two new Trustees.

A nomination having been received from the Synod of Armagh and Down, it was moved by Mr D Bell, CB, seconded by Mr G W Cosgrove, and unanimously resolved:

That Mr J O Greer be, and is hereby nominated and appointed by the General Assembly as a Trustee of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland in room of Mr A L Jamieson, deceased, and of the due appointment of Mr J O Greer 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.

R E H UPRICHARD

Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

DONALD J WATTS

Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church In Ireland

10 June 2005

A nomination having been received from the Synod of Belfast, it was moved by Mr D Bell, CB, seconded by Mr G W Cosgrove, and unanimously resolved:

That the Rev Dr R J T McMullan be, and is hereby nominated and appointed by the General Assembly as a Trustee of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland in room of the Rev James McAllister, OBE, deceased, and of the due appointment of the Rev Dr R J T McMullan 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.

**R E H UPRICHARD**

Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

**DONALD J WATTS**

Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church In Ireland

10 June 2005

The Report of the **COMMISSION ON TRUSTS** (Reports p 239) was submitted by Mr A J Rankin.

**COMMISSION  
ON TRUSTS**

Moved by Mr A J Rankin, seconded by the Rev Dr D J Watts, 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:

**AJ Rankin, Convener**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk; AJ Rankin.**

(g) **Revs D Clarke, Dr TJ Simpson, RJA Bell, D Chapman, WS Marrs, JH Robinson, JW Russell, L Walker, Mrs O Marshall.**

The Report of the **UNITED APPEAL BOARD** (Reports pp 263-269) was submitted by Mr M H Stewart, together with the following Supplementary Report:

**UNITED  
APPEAL  
BOARD**

#### **UNITED APPEAL BOARD – Supplementary Report**

1. Representatives of the United Appeal Board have met with representatives of a number of Boards who presently receive grants from the United Appeal under a number of separate headings and committees. The meetings which we have had to date have been very positive and there is a consensus of opinion that, subject to the introduction of certain protocols, moving to a single block grant would give to each receiving Board greater flexibility in the day to day financing of their work. Further discussions need to take place before Block Grants can be finally introduced but where agreement can be reached it would be desirable that this should be put in place for the 2007 budgets which would require approval before the next meeting of the General Assembly.

**Block Grants**

2. Currently the Communications Board is the only “Support Board” which receives a grant from United Appeal and their and our representatives would wish to find an alternative way of financing their Board so that all Boards supported directly by the United Appeal would fall under the heading of “Mission and Ministry”. If agreement can be reached on an alternate basis of allocating costs, the Board would wish to put this in place for the 2007 budgets which would require approval before the next meeting of the General Assembly.

**Communications  
Board**

3. A number of Boards have approached us with requests to appoint a development officer to resource funds for the development of their work. Their representatives have now agreed with representatives of our Board that the best way forward would be for the United Appeal Board to appoint one such person to carry out research on behalf of those Boards on a two/three year contract.

**Finance  
Development  
Officer**

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 for 2006 be as set out in Schedules III and IV.
3. That the General Board be authorised to act on behalf of the General Assembly in taking any decisions:
  - (a) to move to Block Grants in respect of any Board currently receiving grant from the United Appeal;
  - (b) to approve an alternative method of funding the costs of the Communications Board;
  - (c) to approve the appointment of a Finance Development Officer who will report to the United Appeal Board. The terms and conditions of employment, and in particular tenure, hours of work and salary grading, to be approved through the normal new post procedures.
4. That the United Appeal Board for the ensuing year be appointed in accordance with Par 287 of the Code as follows:

**MH Stewart, Convener**

**The Clerk, Secretary**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Board Convener.**
- (b) **Mrs J Mann — Rev RIA Allely — S Cunningham — Rev DC Porter — G Macauley — J Peacock.**
- (c) **D Preston — G McKinley — Rev Dr SH Williamson — V McLean — Rev JH MacConnell.**
- (d) **Rev TC Wright — Miss H McMillan — Rev JR Lambe.**
- (e) **S Ramsey — Rev N Ward — Rev RD Cameron — O Gibson.**
- (f) **Rev SW Rea — Rev AJ Boal — Rev M Burnside.**
- (g) **Revs D Clarke, TD Gribben, J Lamont; D Alexander, J Clarke, B McCormack, N Adams.**

**Overtures anent  
Pars 287(1);  
287(3)(a), (b), (c);  
287(4)(d), (e), (f)**

The **Overtures anent Pars 287(1); 287(3)(a), (b), (c); 287(4)(d), (e), (f) of the Code** (Reports pp 269-270) were submitted by Mr M H Stewart.

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

That the Overtures anent Pars 287(1); 287(3)(a), (b), (c); 287(4)(d), (e), (f) of the Code be received and that, under Par 111 of the Code, they be made the rule of the Church.

**BOARD OF  
EDUCATION**

The Report of the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** (Reports pp 214-224) was submitted by the Rev R Herron, together with the following Supplementary Report:

**BOARD OF EDUCATION – Supplementary Report**

**Stranmillis  
University  
College**

1. The Presbyterian Church was consulted, among others, on the equality impact of new governance arrangements for Stranmillis University College. The Consultation Paper clearly states that there will be no change at present in the arrangement for the Protestant churches to nominate three members to the Board. However, at the same time a consultation was taking place on the statutory

articles, which do not protect the rights of the Churches. Clarification is being sought from the Department of Employment and Learning.

2. The Review of Public Administration recommends a radical re-adjustment of educational administration, with one authority replacing the five Education and Library Boards. It is not clear how the rights of the transferring Churches will be understood. The Education Board, in consultation with the Church and Society Committee, will keep the process under review and respond as appropriate.

**Review of Public  
Administration**

Moved by the Rev R Herron, seconded by the Rev Dr T R Buick, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the General Assembly thank all those who have served as Transferor Representatives on Education and Library Boards and School Boards of Governors during the term of office which ends on 30 June 2005.
3. That the General Assembly note the recent concerns expressed by members of Education and Library Boards regarding the resourcing of educational services in Northern Ireland.
4. That the General Assembly express grave concern at any loss of the Churches' right to nominate to Stranmillis Board of Governors and the inequality this would create.
5. That the General Assembly instruct the Education Board to do all in its power to ensure that transferor rights are preserved in any new arrangement for educational administration.

Moved by the Rev T J Stothers, seconded by the Rev G A J Farquhar, and agreed:

6. That the Board of Education be asked to consider urgently the implications for members of Boards of Governors and for schools of the introduction of Performance Review and Staff Development in Northern Ireland from 1 September 2005, and to convey any concerns it may have to the Department of Education or other relevant authorities before that date.

Moved by the Rev R Herron, seconded by the Rev Dr T R Buick, and agreed:

7. 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 R Herron, Convener**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board Convener, Principal UTC, University Chaplains, Representative on Stranmillis Governors, Transferors' Representatives on Area Boards.**

(b) **Revs W Sinclair, WJ Carlisle — Revs JWP McConnell, TA McNeely — Rev AA Cole; WA Wilson — Dr J Davis, AJ Cochrane — Rev HSW Cubitt; George Beattie — Revs BD Colvin, JKA McIntyre.**

(c) **Rev KWJ Hanna; W McCartney — Rev GAJ Farquhar; E Crawford — Rev Dr RA Kane; N Lyttle — Rev JT Magowan; Mrs A McNie — T Nicholl, W Hoy.**

(d) **Rev ID Neish; R Manson — Rev WI Hull; H Ruddell — Rev JH McIntyre; B Miskimmon.**

(e) **Rev JM Cathcart; WA McIlwaine — Rev TV Mawhinney; R Graham — J Cochrane, Mrs C Trimble — Rev Alan S Thompson; Mrs E Farr.**

(f) **I McCracken, AO Buchanan — Rev GD Campbell; Dr M Carson — Rev RI Carton; J Bole.**

(g) **Revs Dr J Thompson, Prof LS Kirkpatrick, S Stewart; Dr TD Alexander, TJ Shaw, Mrs S Lewis, Mrs R Clements, Mrs L Gibson, Mrs D McKee, AS Kennedy.**

**A. STATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE (5) WJ Caves, Convener**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board and Committee Conveners, University Education Convener, Directors of Primary and Secondary Education in Republic, Representative on Stranmillis Governors.**

(x) **TJ Shaw, W Steele, Mrs J Campbell, Mrs M Robinson, Dr M Hollinger, Mrs E Green.**

(y) **Revs GD Campbell, GAJ Farquhar, WI Hull, JH McIntyre, W Sinclair; W McCartney.**

**B. UNIVERSITY EDUCATION COMMITTEE (5)**

**Rev Dr TR Buick, Convener**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board and Committee Conveners, Director of Youth and Children’s Ministry, Convener of War Memorial Hostel Committee, Director of Social Service.**

(x) **Rev Prof WP Addley; TJ Shaw, N Todd, Mrs CM Poots.**

(y) **Revs Alan S Thompson, Dr RA Kane; Dr M Carson, N Lyttle, Mrs E Farr.**

### Intermission

#### BOARD OF NOMINATION

The Report of the **BOARD OF NOMINATION** (Reports p 118) was submitted by the Rev Dr D J Watts.

Moved by the Rev Dr D J Watts, seconded by the Rev J H Robinson, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.

#### Overture anent Par 276

The **Overture anent Par 276 of the Code** (Reports p 118) was submitted by the Rev Dr D J Watts.

Moved by the Rev Dr D J Watts, seconded by the Rev J H Robinson, and agreed:

That the Overture anent Par 276 of the Code be received and that, under Par 111 of the Code, it be made the rule of the Church.

#### 2004 Assembly Conference Committee

The Report of the **2004 Assembly Conference Committee** (Reports p 275) was submitted by the Rev J H Robinson.

Moved by the Rev J H Robinson, seconded by the Rev Dr M A Barry, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That consideration be given to holding an Assembly Conference in 2009; that the financial surplus from “Get a Life” be retained for this purpose; and

that the General Board be instructed to report, with recommendations and costings, to the 2006 Assembly.

3. That the Assembly Conference Committee be thanked for its services and discharged.

The Report of the **Hymnal Committee** (Reports p 276) was submitted by the Rev W T J Richardson. **Hymnal Committee**

Moved by the Rev W T J Richardson, seconded by the Rev W McKeown, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Hymnal Committee be re-appointed for one further year as follows:

**Rev WTJ Richardson, Convener**

**The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Committee Convener, Information Officer.**

**Revs Prof WP Addley, WTJ Richardson, WJ Murdock, WA Kennedy, RL Brown, JH McIntyre, WH Sanderson, RD McDowell, M Spratt, R Hill, JF Murdoch, IF Smith, JR Dickinson, Dr AWG Brown; H Morrow, Mrs O Marshall, Miss M Guy, O McAuley, C Blake, Ms J Cowle, Mrs M Braithwaite, Ms D Holt.**

The Minutes were taken and corrected.

**GENERAL BOARD** – Debate resumed (See page 57)

**GENERAL BOARD**

Moved by the Rev Dr D J Watts, seconded by the Rev J H Robinson, and agreed:

28. That the General Assembly recognise the key roles and responsibilities of Presbyteries identified in the report of the Panel on Presbytery Bounds and ask the Panel to bring specific proposals for adjustment to the size and boundaries of Presbyteries to the General Assembly of 2006. **Presbytery Bounds**

29. That the General Assembly encourage the Communications Board to develop a Co-ordinated Communications Strategy as outlined in the report. **Mission Education, Promotion And Communications Panel**

30. That the General Assembly instruct the Mission Education, Promotion and Communications Panel to consult further on the future of the three magazines and bring specific recommendations to the General Board; the General Assembly further authorise the General Board to finalise decisions.

31. That the General Assembly recognise Licentiates under the care of a Presbytery as officiants, registered to celebrate marriage. **Licentiates As Marriage Officiants**

32. That the General Assembly approve the recommendations of the Foyle Memorial Panel and ask for Overtures to be prepared. **Foyle Memorial**

33. That the following budgets be set from the Incidental Fund:

Church and Society (General)	£2,000
Church and Society (Brussels)	£9,500
Peace and Peacemaking Panel	£5,000
Conciliation Panel	£1,000
Environment Panel	£1,000

**General**

Irish Council of Churches	£16,400
Irish Inter-Church Meeting	£8,000
Conference of European Churches	£5,000
World Alliance of Reformed Churches	£10,500
Community of Protestant Churches in Europe	£1,000
General work of the Board	£8,000
Race Relations Grants:	
Embrace	£500
Churches' Asylum Network	£250
Northern Ireland Council for Ethnic Minorities	£250
Irish Refugee Council	£250
Diakonia Council of Churches (South Africa)	£750
Vuleka Trust (South Africa)	£750

34. That the resignation of the Very Rev Dr H A Dunlop as Co-Convenor of the Church and Society Committee be accepted, that he be thanked for his services and the Rev L E Carroll appointed in his place.

35. That the resignation of the Rev L E Carroll as Convenor of the Global Concerns Committee be accepted, that she be thanked for her services and the Rev C J C McMullen appointed in her place.

36. 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 RA Russell, J Gordon; J McIntyre, DF Adair — Revs CG Harris,— AD Davidson; WJ Hamilton, T Savage — Revs RE Boggs; McL Gibson, Mrs I McBride — Revs JI Davey, R Lockhart; N Mawhinney, Miss E McConnell — Revs IJ Patterson, Dr R Greer; JB McClean, Dr TJ Robinson — Revs SA Finlay, WT Bingham; J Chestnutt, S Walker.**

**(c) Revs JJ Andrews, WB Boyd; N Rea, S Wallace — Revs WJ Johnstone, GAJ Farquhar; E Boal, RJ McDowell — Revs WI Hunter, TP Fleming; I Smyth, P McGonigle — Revs HB Wallace, HW Mullan; M Morrison, EC Redmond — Revs WD Weir, D Bannerman; RH Strange, Mrs A Bowden.**

**(d) Revs TC Morrison, K McConnell; R Daggart, HA Groves — Revs RT Anderson, DJ Boden; Dr RM Nicholl, D McCleery — D Cowan; Rev Dr JR Savage; AJ Morrow, CM Young.**

**(e) Revs Dr J Fell, JK McCormick; JA Emery, Mrs Ruby Millar — Revs Dr SR Jones, J McGregor; B Douglas, S Warnock — Revs R Herron, ES McDowell; J Cochrane, JA Patterson — Revs TJ Conway, Dr A Kerr; R Stewart, EM Carroll.**

**(f) Revs B Brown, J Lamont; AO Buchanan, M McKean — Revs C Gamble, FP Sellar; Ms J Cowle, W Harper — Revs N Cubitt, SG Anketell; J Fairbairn, M Jackson.**

**(g) Revs TD Gribben, IF Smith; Mrs G Irwin, Mrs K Mawhinney, Mrs M Patterson, Mrs Z Valley, Mrs R Cowan, Miss E Drysdale, Mrs M Thompson, S McKinney, Mrs A Harbison, Mrs H Jess, D McCleery, WH Henry, D Bell, JH Martin, Mrs M Magowan, WJ Cairns, AS McQuoid, L Walker.**



- A. CHURCH AND SOCIETY COMMITTEE (6)**  
**Revs LE Carroll; TD Moore, Conveners**
- (a) **The Moderator, preceding Moderator, Clerk, former Clerks, and Deputy Clerk of Assembly, Moderator-Designate, Global Concerns Convener, Church and Society Conveners, Rev Dr HA Dunlop.**
  - (x) **Revs DR Baker, TN Hamilton, JA Kirkpatrick; TR Reid, Miss K Jardine, R McCarter.**
  - (y) **Revs D Bannerman, Dr J Fell, JJ Andrews, TJ Conway, J Gordon; M McKean.**
- B. GLOBAL CONCERNS (5)**  
**CJC McMullen, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Committee Convener, Conveners of Environment, Peace and Peacemaking, Race Relations Panels, Representative of Overseas Board, Church Relations, Rev LE Carroll.**
  - (x) **Revs CM Hunter, AC Rankin; Mrs F Watts, Dr J Gillespie.**
  - (y) **Revs IJ Patterson, Dr RA Russell; AJ Morrow, R Stewart, J Cochrane.**
- C. CHURCH RELATIONS (5)**  
**Rev AD Davidson, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Committee Convener, Prof of Systematic Theology, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, Representative of Board of Mission in Ireland, Overseas Board and Global Concerns.**
  - (x) **Revs J Brackenridge, KDW Crowe, SE Hughes, JC McCullough, L Kennedy-Ritchie; Mrs H McKinley.**
  - (y) **Revs WB Boyd, GAJ Farquhar, SG Anketell, Dr JR Savage; W Harper, Dr TJ Robinson.**
- D. DOCTRINE COMMITTEE (5)**  
**Principal, UTC, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, General Assembly's Theological Professors.**
  - (x) **Revs C Meban, A Gibson, GJ Kennedy, SD Finlay.**
  - (y) **Revs Dr J Fell, TP Fleming, \_\_\_\_\_, FP Sellar, J Gordon, SA Finlay.**
- E. PRIORITIES COMMITTEE (6)**  
**The Clerk, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk, General Board Conveners.**
  - (x) **Revs WA Kennedy, WS Marrs, Dr G Connor, R Herron, G Moore; Miss R Stirling, L Conway, J Millar, MH Stewart.**
  - (y) **Revs TJ Conway, N Cubitt, B Brown, WD Weir, GAJ Farquhar; DF Adair, EM Carroll, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.**
- F. MODERATOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (5)**  
**The Clerk, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator, preceding three Moderators, Clerk, former Clerks, Deputy Clerk of Assembly, Clerks of Synods, Head of Personnel, Information Officer.**

- (x) **Rev D Montgomery; Mrs R Dunlop, N Chambers, MA Morrow, QC.**  
 (y) **Revs JJ Andrews, TJ Conway, Dr J Fell, IJ Patterson, WD Weir;**  
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- G. RECOGNISED MINISTRIES COMMITTEE (4) The Clerk, Convener**  
 (a) **The Moderator, Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk, Conveners of Union Commission, Doctrine, Reception of Ministers and Licentiates.**  
 (x) **Revs IT McKee, WS Marrs; Mrs M Myers, Miss R Stirling.**  
 (y) **Revs JJ Andrews, TP Fleming, WJ Johnstone, R Lockhart, WD Weir, SG Anketell.**

**Overtures anent** The **Overtures anent Pars 25(1); 30(3); 50(2); 272(4)(d); 272(5)(a);**  
**Pars 25(1); 30(3); 272(5)(b); 272(5)(c); 272(6); 281(3) of the Code** (Reports pp 67-68) were  
**50(2); 272(4)(d); 272(5)(a);** submitted by the Rev Dr D J Watts.  
**272(5)(b);**

**272(5)(c); 272(6); 281(3)** Moved by the Rev Dr D J Watts, seconded by the Rev J H Robinson, and  
 agreed:

That the Overtures anent Par 25(1); 30(3); 50(2) be received and placed on  
 the books.

Moved by the Rev Dr D J Watts, seconded by the Rev J H Robinson, and  
 agreed:

That the Overtures anent Par 25(1); 30(3); 50(2) be made an Interim Act.

Moved by the Rev Dr D J Watts, seconded by the Rev J H Robinson, and  
 agreed:

That the Overtures anent Pars 272(4)(d); 272(5)(a); 272(5)(b); 272(5)(c);  
 272(6); 281(3) of the Code be received and that, under Par 111 of the Code, they  
 be made the rule of the Church.

**BOARD OF MISSIONS IN IRELAND**

**BOARD OF MISSION IN IRELAND** – Debate Resumed (See page 47)

Moved by the Rev Dr G Conner, seconded by the Rev R A Patton, and  
 agreed:

10. That the General Assembly welcome the Rev David Montgomery as  
 Director for Congregational Life and Mr Robin Fairbairn as Executive Secretary  
 for Education and Promotion and pray God's blessing on their endeavours.

**Shankill Road Mission Committee**

11. That the resignation of the Rev J S Dallas as Convener of the Shankill  
 Road Mission Committee be accepted, that he be thanked for his services and the  
 Rev Dr I Hart be appointed in his place.

**Presbyterian Mutual Society**

12. That the General Assembly congratulate the Directors of the Society on  
 its continuing success and encourage congregations and individuals to avail of its  
 lending facilities.

**Alternating Ministries Committee**

13. That the following be appointed to the Alternating Ministries  
 Committee: Convener of the Board of Mission in Ireland, Convener of the Home  
 and Irish Mission Committee, Deputy Clerk, Mrs C Poynton, Rev S G Anketell.

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

**Rev Dr G Connor, Convener**  
**Deputy Clerk, Secretary**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk, Board Convener, President, Home Vice-President, and Executive Secretary of PWA, Director for Personnel, Convener and Secretary of Social Witness Board, Conveners of Education, Studies and Christian Training, Youth & Children's Ministry Boards, Union Commission and Pensions and Assessments Committee, Conveners of Finance, Personnel and Property Committees, Presbyterian Mutual Society Agent, two Young Women's Group representatives, two Youth & Children's Ministry Board representatives, two deaconess representatives.**

(b) **Revs J Gordon, D Bradley; Mrs J Richardson — Revs BA McDonald, SD Finlay; Mrs M Dowds — Revs JM Casement, GR Stockdale; Mrs J Shields — Rev WJ Henry; I McCullagh, Mrs V Mawhinney — Revs WJM Parker, TJ Hagan; Mrs R McAuley — Revs DS Henry, BD Colvin; Mrs A McIntyre.**

(c) **Rev SW Dickinson; J McWhirter, Miss H Nicholl — Revs RJ McCullough, B McMillen; Mrs L Stothers — Rev TJ McCormick; Dr JH Gillespie, Mrs D Lynn — Rev ST Carson, RB Thompson; Mrs H Morrison — Revs S Simpson, Dr WD Patton; Mrs HW Montgomery.**

(d) **Rev AW Boyd; B Gordon, Mrs L Gibson — Revs RN Agnew, KA Drury; Miss M Angus — Revs M Gibson, J Scott; Mrs S Giffen.**

(e) **Revs TD Hagan, DJ Hutchinson; Mrs M McCloskey — Revs JL Blair, N Ward; Mrs M Docherty — Rev Dr JW Lockington; TR Reid, Miss J Patterson — Revs JJ Currie, PG McCrea; Mrs E Farr.**

(f) **Revs J Lamont, WA McCully; Mrs A Lamont — Revs Dr S Mawhinney, SJ Lockington, L Kennedy-Ritchie — Rev N Cubitt; Mrs G Oliver; R McConkey.**

(p) **Mrs G Hunter, Mrs N Bradford, Mrs B Thompson, Mrs J Donald, Mrs V Miller, Mrs Z Vallely, Miss Z McAllister.**

**A. EDUCATION AND PROMOTION (5) Mrs C Poynton, Convener**  
**Executive Secretary for Education and Promotion, Secretary**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk, Board and Committee Conveners, Executive Secretary for Education & Promotion, Conveners of Home and Irish Mission, Congregational Life and Shankill Road Mission Committees, Information Officer.**

(x) **Revs TW Gordon, J Scott; D Aicken, D Thompson, W Steele.**

(y) **Revs BA McDonald, J Lamont, B McMillan, GR Stockdale; Mrs M Weir.**

**B. HOME AND IRISH MISSION COMMITTEE (7)**

**Rev RA Patton, Convener**  
**Deputy Clerk, Secretary**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk, Board and Committee Conveners, PWA Central President, PWA Home Vice-President, Director for Personnel, Executive Secretary for Education & Promotion, Mrs C Poynton.**

(x) **Revs JD Woodside, PG McCrea, WJ Henry, SS Johnston, RL Craig, G Trueman, WA McCully, Dr S Mawhinney; DF Adair, Mrs Irene Young.**

(y) **Revs JM Casement, KA Drury, N Cubitt; Mrs L Stothers, J Patterson.**

- C. CONGREGATIONAL LIFE (5) Rev H Boyce, Convener  
Director for Congregational Life, Secretary**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk, Board and Committee Conveners, Director for Congregational Life, Convener of Committee on Resourcing Christians for Ministry, Director of Christian Training, Executive Secretary for Education & Promotion, Director for Personnel, Prof of Practical Theology.**
- (x) **Revs GE Best, RB Savage, IJ Patterson, WJ Parkes, D Bannerman.**
- (y) **Revs JM Casement, Dr WD Patton, RJ McCullough, JL Blair; Mrs B Thompson.**
- D. SHANKILL ROAD MISSION (5) Rev Dr I Hart, Convener  
Rev WMcB Campbell, Superintendent**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk, Board and Committee Conveners, Shankill Road Mission Superintendent, Clerk of Session of Shankill Road Mission Congregation, Executive Secretary for Education and Promotion, Rev JS Dallas.**
- (x) **Revs K McConnell, GF McKeown, AW Boyd; Miss D Pinkerton.**
- (y) **Revs J Gordon, M Gibson, Dr JW Lockington; Mrs L Stothers.**

**Memorial of the  
Interim Kirk  
Session of New  
Mossley**

The **Memorial of the Interim Kirk Session of New Mossley** (Reports pp 169-170) was submitted by the Rev I D Neish.

Moved by the Rev I D Neish, seconded by the Rev I K McDonald, and agreed:

That the Memorial be received and its prayer granted.

The Assembly engaged in worship conducted by the Moderator, assisted by the Rev G A Preston.

At the request of the Moderator, the Rev R A Moffett addressed the Assembly.

The sederunt came to a close at 1.05pm, the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

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## **NINTH SESSION**

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2005**

**Two o'clock. Afternoon**

The Assembly again convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

Moved by the Very Rev Dr S J Dixon, seconded by the Rev W S Marrs, and agreed:

**OVERSEAS BOARD** – Debate resumed (See page 48)**OVERSEAS  
BOARD**

6. That the General Assembly authorise the Overseas Board to take any necessary action on its behalf regarding the future of the Jerusalem Church, Hamburg.

7. That the General Assembly, recognising Lebanon as a strategic doorway to the Middle East and part of the Middle East peace equation, request the Overseas Board to continue building relationships with the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon.

8. That the General Assembly give thanks to God for the signing of the peace agreement between the Government of Sudan and the Sudan Peoples Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/A), urge the International community to ensure that the protocols are implemented, and encourage our church to support the Presbyterian Church of Sudan as it develops its mission strategy for peacetime.

9. That the General Assembly give thanks for longstanding relationships with our partner churches in Malawi and Kenya, and in the light of poor rainfall in early 2005, urge the Overseas Board to make every effort to contribute towards the prevention of the impending food crisis.

10. That the General Assembly give thanks for new opportunities of service alongside the Presbyterian Church in Brazil (IPB), and affirm its ongoing commitment to the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, particularly as it proceeds with rehabilitation work in the aftermath of Hurricane Ivan.

11. That the General Assembly give thanks for and encourage the continued generous support of the World Development Appeal, and on this the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the constitution of the World Development Committee as an official committee of the General Assembly, commend all those who as conveners, committee members and Presbytery Agents have worked to alleviate global poverty and its underlying causes, raise awareness of development issues and stress their importance for Christian discipleship.

12. In this year of humanitarian disaster in the Darfur region of Sudan and the Tsunami devastation across the Indian Ocean, that the General Assembly recognise in glad thanksgiving the generosity of members of our church to the Sudan and Tsunami Appeals respectively as Christian expressions of God's compassion, and commend Christian Aid, Tearfund and our partner churches for their efforts in meeting both the immediate and longer term needs of those affected and their communities.

13. That the General Assembly endorse and support the Make Poverty History campaign and agree that our church joins the Make Poverty History coalition.

14. That the General Assembly encourage the Overseas Board to develop 'mission engagement' strategies, and provide appropriate mission education resources, that will enable congregational leaders to enthuse more members to be actively and effectively engaged in the work of mission overseas.

15. That the General Assembly thank all those who continue to assist the ongoing work of mission education throughout our church, commend those individuals, congregations and presbyteries who are taking active steps to encourage greater involvement in overseas mission service, and ask each congregation to prayerfully reflect upon their past and current commitment in this

regard, giving serious consideration to how they will develop their mission engagement in the overseas context.

16. That the General Assembly recognise the steps being taken by the Overseas Board to develop its Pastoral Care Model for the benefit of all its mission personnel.

17. 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 Dr SJ Dixon, Convener**

**Rev WS Marrs, Secretary**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, President, Overseas Vice-President and Executive Secretary of the PWA, Convener and Secretary of the Board, Convener of Church Relations, Deputy Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, two Young Women's Group representatives, Board of Youth and Children's Ministry representative.**

(b) **Revs NJ McCullough, PC Lyle; Mrs S Todd — Rev MM Stewart; Miss J Allen, Mrs L Cargill — Revs M Stanfield, RA Moffett; Miss M McCombe — Rev RA McLernon; N McKinney, Miss W Norwood — Rev PD Thompson; Dr J Kyle, Mrs M McCammon — Revs NS Millen, DB Murphy; Mrs D Rea.**

(c) **Rev NA Brown; N Rea, Mrs A Erwin — Mrs I Wallace, Miss D Savage, — Rev Dr RN Gordon; G McIntyre, Mrs J Farlow — Rev NE Dorrans; Miss E McCaughan, Miss C Anderson — Rev PE Dickinson; D Robinson, Mrs A Reid.**

(d) **Revs JSB Drennan, GF McKeown; Mrs—M Patterson — Revs BR Hughes, Dr I Hart; Mrs M Jackson — Revs WM Brown, Dr D Murphy; Miss R Taylor.**

(e) **Revs GP Young, LWH Hilditch; Miss K McConnell — Rev Dr C Glass; Mrs E Alexander, Mrs M Conn — Rev G Aitcheson; Dr C McKibben, Mrs M McKibben — Rev JW Fleck; R Wallace, Mrs M McCreedy.**

(f) **Rev SJ Richmond; A Speer, Mrs F Armour — Revs PG McDowell, J Mann; Mrs D Mitchell — Miss H Stewart, L Forster, E Martin.**

(p) **Mrs S Fleck, Mrs L Brown, Mrs P Colvin, Miss Z McAllister, Mrs E Greenlee, Mrs D Marshall, Mrs J Clarke.**

**A. ASIA COMMITTEE (5) Rev SJ Hanna, Convener**

**Rev WS Marrs, Secretary**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board Convener and Secretary, Committee Convener; PWA Central President, Overseas Vice-President, Treasurer; CN Eves.**

(x) **Revs Dr JW Lockington, Dr MCA Gray, BAH Wilson; Dr M Watson.**

(y) **Revs DB Murphy, BR Hughes, G Aitcheson, PG McDowell; Miss M McCombe, Miss D Savage, Mrs E McIlwaine, Mrs M Jackson.**

**B. EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST COMMITTEE (6)**

**Mrs M Patterson, Convener**

**Rev WS Marrs, Secretary**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board Convener and Secretary, Committee Convener, Revs JA Kirkpatrick, JN Seawright; PWA Central President, Overseas Vice-President, Treasurer.**

- (x) **Revs IJ Patterson, JI Thompson; Mrs E Alexander, Mrs A Erwin.**
- (y) **Revs RA McLernon, GF McKeown, RA Moffett, PD Thompson; N McKinney, L Forster, Mrs A Reid, Mrs D Rea.**

**C. AFRICA, CARIBBEAN & LATIN AMERICA COMMITTEE (5)**

**Rev SJ Richmond, Convener**

**Rev WS Marrs, Secretary**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board Convener and Secretary, Committee and World Development Committee Conveners, PWA Central President, Overseas Vice-President, Treasurer.**
- (x) **Rev Prof WP Addley; Mrs P Martin, R Kerr, Mrs M Binnie, J Doherty, Miss H Johnston.**
- (y) **Revs J Mann, Dr RN Gordon, NE Dorrans, NS Millen; Miss R Taylor, Mrs D Mitchell.**

**D. WORLD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (5)**

**Rev Dr MCA Gray, Convener**

**Rev WS Marrs, Secretary**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board Convener and Secretary, Committee Convener; Church Relations Representative, PWA Representative.**
- (x) **R Sheppard, A McCreary, Mrs S Phillips, D Nesbitt, Mrs F Watts, T Magowan.**
- (y) **Revs NJ McCullough, J Mann; Miss Z McAllister, Mrs M McCammon, Mrs M Patterson, G McIntyre.**

The **Overtures anent Pars 61(c); 97(c); 115(1), (2) of the Code** (Reports p150) were submitted by the Very Rev Dr S J Dixon. **Overtures anent Pars 61(c); 97(c); 115(1), (2)**

Moved by the Very Rev Dr S J Dixon, seconded by the Rev W S Marrs, and agreed:

That the **Overtures anent Pars 61(c); 97(c); 115(1), (2) of the Code** be received and placed on the books.

Moved by the Very Rev Dr S J Dixon, seconded by the Rev W S Marrs, and agreed:

That the **Overtures anent Pars 61(c); 97(c); 115(1), (2) of the Code** be made an Interim Act.

The **Overtures anent Pars 202(5), (6); 205(6), (7)(b); 212(7), (8)(b), (9); 268(4)(b); 279; 290(1), (2), (3), (4); 291(1), (2), (3); 292; 293; 308(8); 331(2)(b) of the Code** (Reports p 150) were submitted by the Very Rev Dr S J Dixon. **Overtures anent Pars 202(5), (6); 205(6), (7)(b); 212(7), (8)(b), (9); 268(4)(b); 279; 290(1), (2), (3), (4); 291(1), (2), (3); 292; 293; 308(8); 331(2)(b)**

Moved by the Very Rev Dr S J Dixon, seconded by the Rev W S Marrs, and agreed:

That the **Overtures anent Pars 202(5), (6); 205(6), (7)(b); 212(7), (8)(b), (9); 268(4)(b); 279; 290(1), (2), (3), (4); 291(1), (2), (3); 292; 293; 308(8); 331(2)(b)**

of the Code be received and that, under Par 111 of the Code, they be made the rule of the Church.

**BUSINESS  
BOARD**

The Final Report of the **BUSINESS BOARD** was submitted by the Clerk, the Rev Dr D J Watts, as follows:

The Business Board met once during the week. It considered but did not license an amendment.

At its meeting on Friday 3 June, the resolutions appended were approved for submission at the close of the Assembly.

Moved by the Rev Dr D J Watts, seconded by the Rev J H Robinson, and agreed:

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

*To the Church of Scotland 2006*

The Right Rev Dr R E H Uprichard

The Rev J J Andrews

An Elder to be appointed by the Business Board

3. That the delegates to the United Reformed Church of the United Kingdom, 2006, the Presbyterian Church of Wales 2006, the General Synod of the Church of Ireland 2006 and the Methodist Conference 2006 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, 5 June, 2006.

### **CLOSE OF ASSEMBLY**

The Moderator conducted a closing act of worship and thanked: the Clerk of Assembly, the Deputy Clerk and his Chaplains; Mrs Joyce Anderson and the staff of the General Secretary's Office; Mr Stephen Lynas, the audio visual team and the media; the Church House staff, including Mr Harry Orr; the Rev T C Morrison and Mrs Claire Dixon; the organists; and those who acted as stewards and time-keepers.

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 5 June, 2006.

The Moderator pronounced the Benediction.

The sederunt came to a close at 3.10 pm.

Attested by  
DONALD J WATTS  
Clerk of Assembly



## DEPUTATIONS — 2006

- I.— CORRESPONDING MEMBERS TO THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND  
     Right Rev Dr R E H Uprichard  
     Rev J J Andrews  
     An Elder to be appointed by the Business Board
  
- II.— CORRESPONDING MEMBER  
     TO THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH OF THE UNITED KINGDOM  
     To be appointed by the Business Board.
  
- 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.

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### ECCLESIASTICAL CHANGES, ETC.

Reported by Presbyteries in —	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Licensures .....	13	15	8	4	4	5	11
Ordinations .....	16	13	14	14	9	4	7
Installations .....	26	41	36	32	22	24	24
Resignation of Ministers .....	13	28	26	27	23	27	30
Retirements of Ministers .....	11	14	16	13	12	13	7
Deaths of Ministers .....	3	10	14	6	14	17	10
Students .....	39	26	22	25	30	37	41
Ministers under care of Assembly .....	26	21	22	22	23	23	23
Licentiates .....	33	34	18	12	6	10	13

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### 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 2005

CHURCH HOUSE,  
BELFAST, BT1 6DW  
AUGUST, 2005.

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

DONALD J. WATTS  
Clerk of Assembly

## **Par 25(1)**

After the word “congregation” insert the words “except that a ruling elder may be given permission by the Kirk Session not to carry out the duties of the eldership for a specified time” and after the word “vote” add the sentence: “Where a ruling elder has been temporarily released from the duties of the eldership in the Congregation for a specified time, that elder shall not act as a member of the Kirk Session and shall not be entitled to attend, speak or exercise a vote in the Kirk Session”. (I.A. 2005).

## **Par 30(3)**

Add the words “but the Kirk Session may assign such other duties as it sees fit”, after the word “report”. (I.A. 2005).

## **Par 50(2)**

Delete the word “being” and add the words “discussed and” in its place. (I.A. 2005).

## **Pars 61(c), 97(c), 115(1), 115(2)**

Delete the words “Overseas Board” and substitute the words “Board of Mission Overseas” in their place. (I.A. 2005).

## **Par 82(4)**

Delete the words “held for the benefit of the minister”; add the words “nor its proceeds used for any purpose” after the word “sold”; and after the word “obtained” add the sentence: “No capital funds created by a sale of a manse, glebe or manse farm prior to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2005, shall be used for any purpose other than as previously agreed without permission of the Presbytery and the Union Commission.” (I.A. 2005).

**Par 111(6)**

Delete and substitute the following: “No alterations to the rules governing the Central Ministry Fund, the Retired Ministers’ Fund, the Widows of Ministers’ Fund or the 1978 Ministers’ Pension Scheme Fund shall be made unless notice proposing the making of the rules has been on the minutes of the proceedings of the Assembly for twelve months”. (2005)

**Par 128 (1)**

Delete and substitute the following: “The Union Commission shall consist of the Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, the Convener and Secretary of the Commission, the Secretary of the Board of Mission in Ireland, the Convener of the Home and Irish Mission Committee, one representative of the Central Ministry Fund, together with two persons (one, only, to be a minister) nominated by each Presbytery and up to eight by the Business Board appointed annually by the General Assembly.” (2005).

**Pars 202(5), 202(6), 205(6), 205(7)(b), 212(7), 212(8)(b), 212(9), 268(4)(b), 279, 290(1), 290(2)(twice), 290(3)(twice), 290(4)(twice), 291(1), 291(2), 291(3), 292, 293, 308(8), 331(2)(b)**

Delete the words “Overseas Board” and substitute the words “Board of Mission Overseas” in their place. (2005).

**Par 272(4)(d)**

Delete and redesignate (e) as (d). (2005).

**Par 272(5)(a)**

Delete the words “or authorities of the Armed Services”. (2005).

**Par 272(5)(b) and 272(5)(c)**

Delete and substitute as Par 272(5)(b): “to submit nominations for the offices of Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Theological Professors and College Principal.” (2005).

**Par 272(6)**

Delete. (2005).

**Par 276**

Delete. (2005).

**Par 281(2)**

Add a new sub-paragraph (i): “concern itself with all aspects of Child Protection and Good Safe Practice relating to the work with children and young people attending the Church and organisations; revise its guidelines on a regular basis and promote appropriate training.” (2005).

**Par 281(3)**

Add a new sub-paragraph (3):

“(3) The Board is authorised:

- (a) to call ministers recommended by their Presbyteries who have been offered full-time chaplaincies in HM Forces, or in hospitals, hospices or prisons; and
- (b) to nominate to the appropriate authorities ministers recommended by their Presbyteries as part-time chaplains with the Armed Services or Cadet Forces, prisons, hospitals, hospices or public institutions (except educational establishments or as otherwise provided), upon condition that Ministers called or nominated under the foregoing sub-paragraphs (a) or (b) report as follows:
  - (i) full-time chaplains shall report in writing on their work to the Board or to its appropriate Committee annually, or as may be required;
  - (ii) part-time chaplains shall report similarly to their Presbyteries for transmission to the Board or appropriate Committee; and
  - (iii) the Board shall report briefly upon all such chaplaincies to the General Assembly annually.”

and re-number sub-paragraph (3) as (4). (2005).

**Par 287(1)**

Delete the words “four persons nominated by each Synod” and substitute the words “one person nominated by each Presbytery” in their place; also delete the words “mission, fund or other scheme” and substitute the words “Board or Committee” in their place. (2005).

**Par 287(3)(a)**

Delete and substitute the following: “the accounts of the previous year or an estimate thereof, together with the revised budget for the current year and the budget for the succeeding financial year, shall be submitted to the Board on behalf of the relevant Boards and Committees before 1 March each year. The Board may also request that longer term projections be prepared where appropriate.” (2005).

**Par 287 (3)(b)**

Insert the words “taking into account the General Assembly’s guidelines on Priorities” after the word “justify”. (2005).

**Par 287(3)(c)**

Delete and substitute the following: “on the basis of the budgets submitted and approved, the Board shall prepare a United Appeal for the following financial year, for submission to the General Assembly in June of the current year”. (2005).

**Par 287(4)(d)**

Delete the words “one quarter of their allocation each year in quarterly instalments” and substitute the words “all United Appeal contributions received, as soon as practicable” in their place. (2005).

**Par 287(4)(e)**

Delete the words “mission, fund or scheme” and substitute the words “Board or Committee” in their place. (2005).

**Par 287(4)(f)**

Delete the word “mission” and substitute the word “Board” in its place. (2005).

## **ADDITIONAL CHANGE 2004**

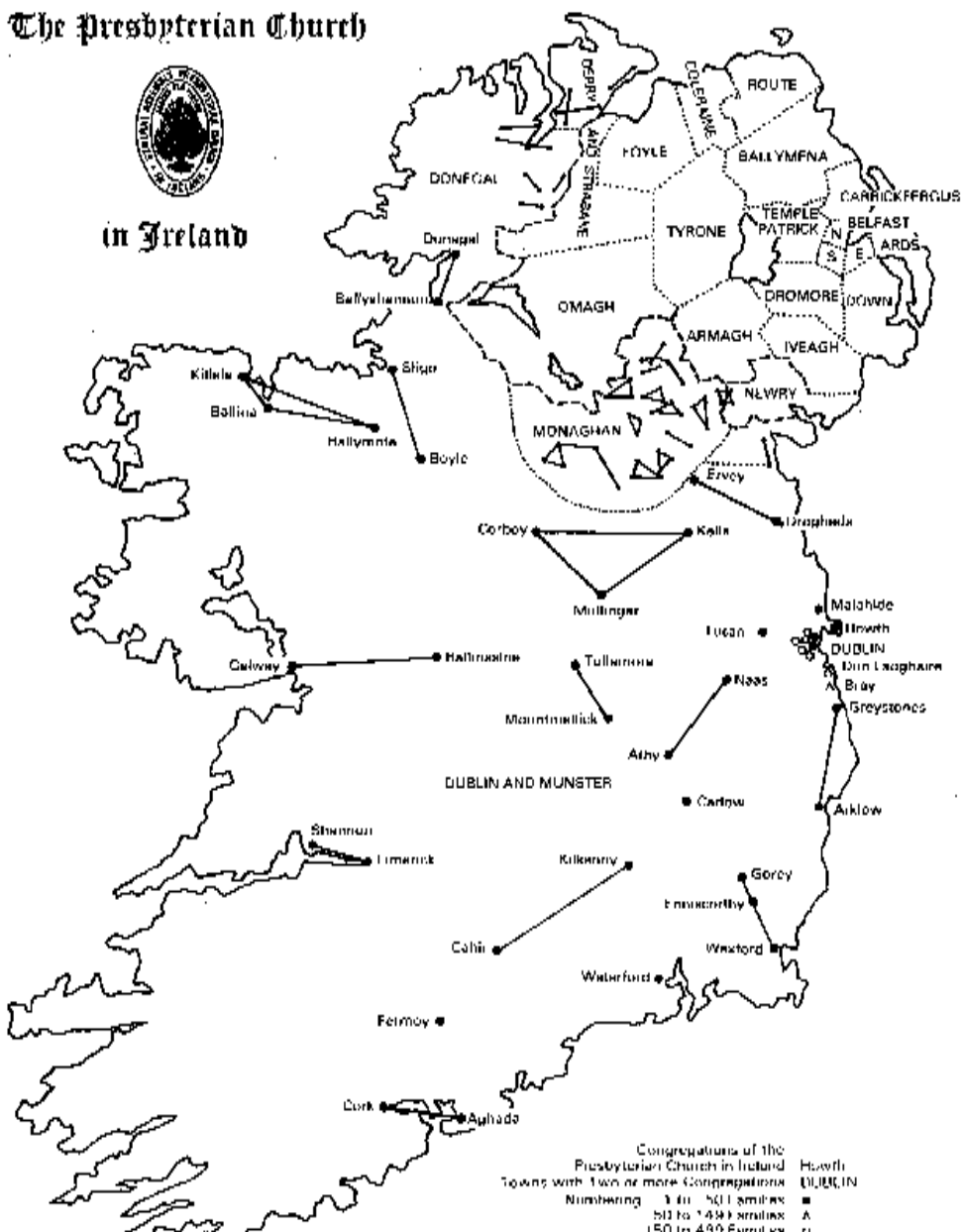
**Par 93(2)**

Delete and re-number Par 93(3) as Par 93(2). (2004).

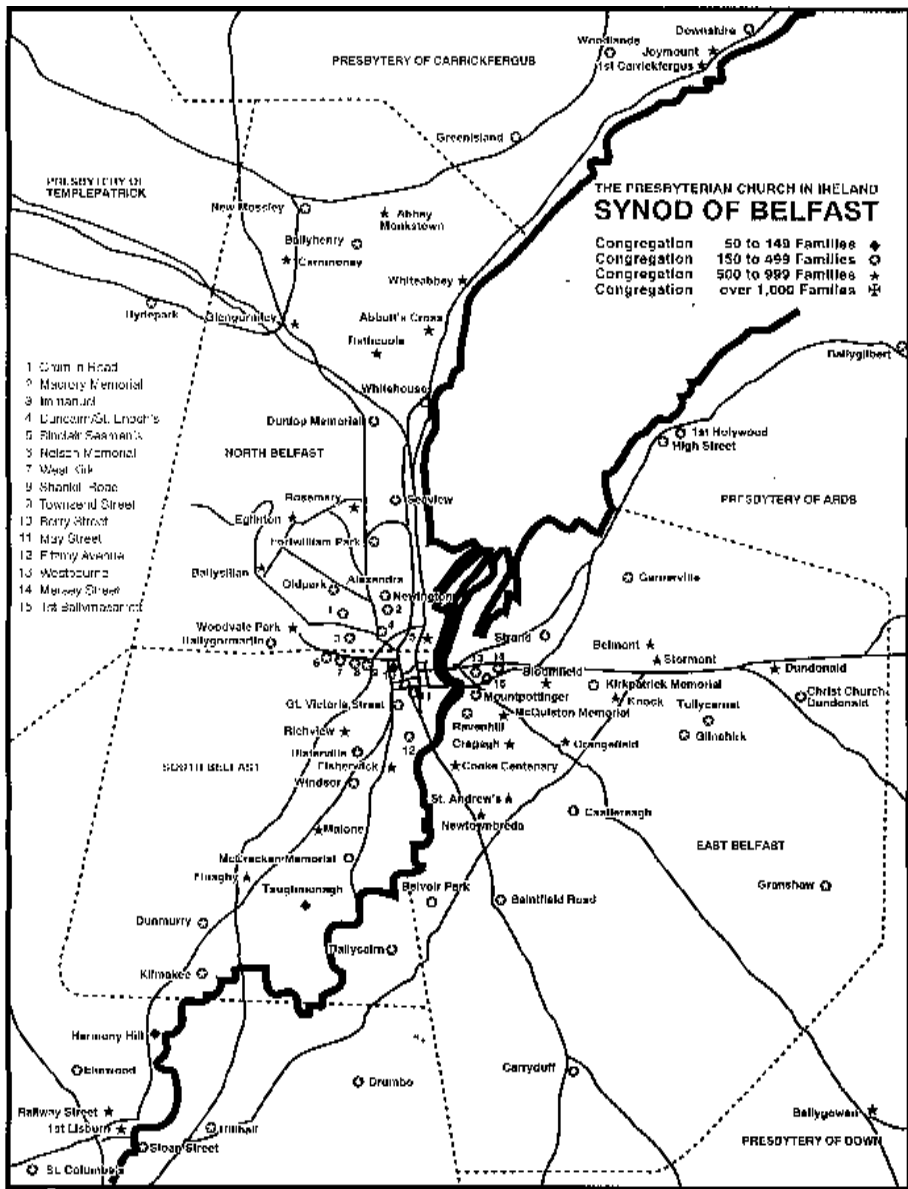
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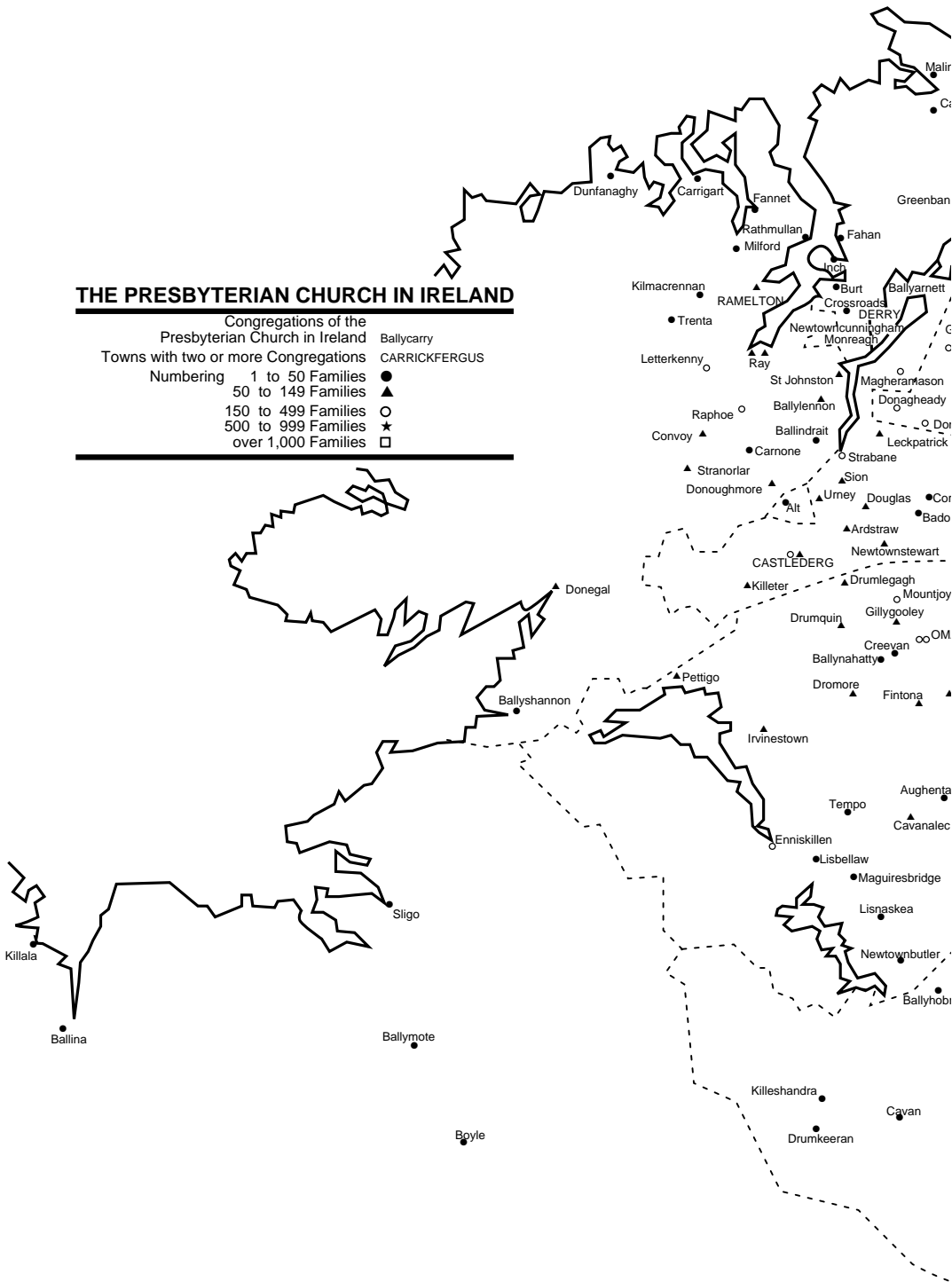


Map of Presbyteries and Congregations



# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

Congregations of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland	
Towns with two or more Congregations	Ballycarr
Numbering	CARRICKFERGUS
1 to 50 Families	●
50 to 149 Families	▲
150 to 499 Families	○
500 to 999 Families	★
over 1,000 Families	□







THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

## SYNOD OF GREATER DUBLIN

- Congregation 1 to 50 families ●
- Congregation 50 to 149 families ▲
- Congregation 150 to 499 families ○
- New Church Plant +



















































































































































































































































## **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES OF ASSEMBLY 2005**

- I GENERAL BOARD**
- II JUDICIAL COMMISSION**
- III COMMISSION ON UNION OF CONGREGATIONS**
- IV BUSINESS BOARD**
- V BOARD OF COMMUNICATIONS**
- VI BOARD OF MISSION OVERSEAS**
- VII BOARD OF MISSION IN IRELAND**
- VIII SOCIAL WITNESS BOARD**
- IX BOARD OF YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**
- X BOARD OF EDUCATION**
- XI BOARD OF STUDIES AND CHRISTIAN TRAINING**
- XII COMMISSION ON TRUSTS**
- XIII BOARD OF FINANCE & PERSONNEL**
- XIV UNITED APPEAL BOARD**
- XV HYMNAL COMMITTEE**

**Key to NOMINATIONS (cf Code Pars 126-130, 268-288)**

- (a) Ex-Officio Members and Special Representatives
- (b) Presbyteries in Synod of Armagh and Down (Ards—Armagh—Down—Dromore—Iveagh—Newry)
- (c) Presbyteries in Synod of Ballymena and Coleraine (Ballymena—Carrickfergus—Coleraine—Route—Templepatrick)
- (d) Presbyteries in Synod of Belfast (North—South—East)
- (e) Presbyteries in Synod of Derry and Omagh (Derry and Strabane—Foyle—Omagh—Tyrone)
- (f) Presbyteries in Synod of Dublin (Donegal—Dublin and Munster—Monaghan)
- (g) Business Board Nominations to Board
- (x) Business Board Nominations to Committee
- (y) Representatives from membership of supervising Board  
(Presbytery & Synod Nominations)
- (fac) Faculty representatives
- (p) PWA representatives

(The figures in brackets indicate the number of members forming a quorum).

## I.—GENERAL BOARD (47)

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 RA Russell, J Gordon; J McIntyre, DF Adair — Revs CG Harris,—AD Davidson; WJ Hamilton, T Savage — Revs Dr James Harper, RE Boggs; McL Gibson, Mrs I McBride — Revs JI Davey, R Lockhart; N Mawhinney, Miss E McConnell — Revs IJ Patterson, Dr R Greer; JB McClean, Dr TJ Robinson — Revs SA Finlay,—WT Bingham; J Chestnutt, S Walker.
- (c) Revs JJ Andrews, WB Boyd; N Rea, S Wallace — Revs WJ Johnstone, GAJ Farquhar; E. Boal, RJ McDowell — Revs WI Hunter, TP Fleming; I Smyth, P McGonigle — Revs HB Wallace, HW Mullan; M Morrison, EC Redmond — Revs WD Weir, D Bannerman; RH Strange, Mrs A Bowden.
- (d) Revs TC Morrison, K McConnell; R Daggart, HA Groves — Revs RT Anderson, DJ Boden; Dr RM Nicholl, D McCleery —D Cowan; Rev Dr JR Savage; AJ Morrow, CM Young.
- (e) Revs Dr J Fell, JK McCormick; JA Emery, Mrs Ruby Millar —Revs—Dr SR Jones, J McGregor; B Douglas, S Warnock — Revs R Herron, ES McDowell; J Cochrane, JA Patterson — Revs TJ Conway,—Dr A Kerr; R Stewart, EM Carroll.
- (f) Revs B Brown, J Lamont; AO Buchanan, M McKean — Revs C Gamble, FP Sellar; Ms J Cowle, W Harper — Revs N Cubitt, SG Anketell; J Fairbairn, M Jackson.
- (g) Revs TD Gribben, IF Smith; Mrs G Irwin, Mrs K Mawhinney, Mrs M Patterson, Mrs Z Vallyley, Mrs R Cowan, Miss E Drysdale, Mrs M Thompson, S McKinney, Mrs A Harbison, Mrs H Jess, D McCleery, WH Henry, D Bell, JH Martin, Mrs M Magowan, WJ Cairns, AS McQuoid, L Walker.

## A. CHURCH AND SOCIETY COMMITTEE (6)

Revs LE Carroll; TD Moore, Conveners

- (a) The Moderator, preceding Moderator, Clerk, former Clerks, and Deputy Clerk of Assembly, Moderator-Designate, Global Concerns Convener, Church and Society Conveners, Rev Dr HA Dunlop.
- (x) Revs DR Baker, TN Hamilton, JA Kirkpatrick; TR Reid, Miss K Jardine, R McCarter.
- (y) Revs D Bannerman, Dr J Fell, JJ Andrews, TJ Conway, J Gordon; M McKean.

## B. GLOBAL CONCERNS (5)

CJC McMullen, Convener

- (a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Committee Convener, Conveners of Environment, Peace and Peacemaking, Race Relations Panels, Representative of Overseas Board, Church Relations, Rev LE Carroll.
- (x) Revs CM Hunter, AC Rankin; Mrs F Watts, Dr J Gillespie.
- (y) Revs IJ Patterson, Dr RA Russell; AJ Morrow, R Stewart, J Cochrane.

## C. CHURCH RELATIONS (5)

Rev AD Davidson, Convener

- (a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Committee Convener, Prof of Systematic Theology, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, Representative of Board of Mission in Ireland, Overseas Board and Global Concerns.

- (x) **Revs J Brackenridge, KDW Crowe, SE Hughes, JC McCullough, L Kennedy-Ritchie; Mrs H McKinley.**
- (y) **Revs WB Boyd, GAJ Farquhar, SG Anketell, Dr JR Savage; W Harper, Dr TJ Robinson.**

**D. DOCTRINE COMMITTEE (5) Principal, UTC, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, General Assembly's Theological Professors.**
- (x) **Revs C Meban, A Gibson, GJ Kennedy, SD Finlay; R Thompson.**
- (y) **Revs Dr J Fell, TP Fleming, FP Sellar, J Gordon, SA Finlay.**

**E. PRIORITIES COMMITTEE (7) The Clerk, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk, General Board Conveners.**
- (x) **Revs WA Kennedy, WS Marrs, Dr G Connor, R Herron, G Moore; Miss R Stirling, L Conway, J Millar, MH Stewart.**
- (y) **Revs TJ Conway, N Cubitt, B Brown, WD Weir, GAJ Farquhar, TP Fleming; DF Adair, EM Carroll, Ms J Cowle.**

**F. MODERATOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (6)**

**The Clerk, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator, preceding three Moderators, Clerk, former Clerks, Deputy Clerk of Assembly, Clerks of Synods, Head of Personnel, Information Officer.**
- (x) **Rev D Montgomery; Mrs R Dunlop, N Chambers, MA Morrow, QC.**
- (y) **Revs. JJ Andrews, TJ Conway, Dr J Fell, IJ Patterson, WD Weir;**  
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**G. RECOGNISED MINISTRIES COMMITTEE (4)**

**The Clerk, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator, Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk, Conveners of Union Commission, Doctrine, Reception of Ministers and Licentiatees.**
- (x) **Revs IT McKee, WS Marrs; Mrs M Myers, Miss R Stirling.**
- (y) **Revs JJ Andrews, TP Fleming, WJ Johnstone, R Lockhart, WD Weir, SG Anketell.**

**II.—JUDICIAL COMMISSION (7)**

**The Clerk, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly.**
- (b\*) **Revs J Gordon, Dr WJ Patterson; Sir John Pringle.**
- (c\*) **Revs Dr RFS Poots, Dr RVA Lynas; JS Tweed.**
- (d\*) **Rev JP Taylor; MA Morrow, QC, Noel Valentine.**
- (e\*) **Revs TJ Conway, Dr J Fell; WK Duncan.**
- (f\*) **Revs Dr RWJ MacDermott, Nancy Cubitt, Brian Brown.**
- (g) **Revs Dr TJ Simpson, Dr AR Rodgers, Dr S Hutchinson, M Stanfield; JW Russell.**



**III.—COMMISSION ON UNION OF CONGREGATIONS (9)****Rev TJ Stothers, Convener****Rev SA Matthews, Secretary**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk, Commission Convener and Secretary, Home and Irish Mission Convener, Representative of Central Ministry Fund.**
- (b) **Rev Dr DR Purce; M Spence — Rev—WJA Moody; J Whittle — Rev R Mackay; N Jackson— Rev WJ Henry; WEC Ford — Rev TJ Hagan; JB McClean — Rev Dr MA Barry; W Grills.**
- (c) **Rev Dr RI Birney; J Gregg — Rev TR Graham; N Carmichael— Rev WI Hunter; C Beck — Rev N McClean; J Kane — Rev Dr WD Patton; HL Todd.**
- (d) **Rev TD Gribben; D McCormick — Rev TJ Wilson; B Milligan — Rev AS Smyth; A Giffen.**
- (e) **Rev Dr J Fell; A Craig — Rev GD Simpson; C Henderson— Rev JI Mairs; TR Reid — Rev TWA Greer; Dr H McNeill.**
- (f) **Rev B Brown; N Watt — Rev W McLaren; Ms J Binnie — Rev M Burnside; K Walker.**
- (g) **Revs PT Dalzell, Dr AR Rodgers, J Brackenridge, CD McClure, LH Eagleson, WT Corder; Mrs H Jess, Mrs H Murdock, Dr TJ Robinson.**

**IV.—BUSINESS BOARD (19)****The Clerk, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator, Clerk and Deputy Clerk of Assembly, Moderator-Designate, former Clerks, preceding three Moderators, Conveners and Secretaries of Commissions and Boards.**
- (b) **Rev W Corder; W Graham — Rev CG Harris; WJ Hamilton — Rev BCG Black; M Barbour — Rev DB Knox; J McDowell— Rev GE Best; E McCleary— Rev Dr MA Barry; Wm Grills.**
- (c) **Rev JJ Andrews; WG McDowell— Rev AE Tolland; N Carmichael — Rev D Clarke; Dr IJ McMaster — Rev I McClean; RH McIvor — Rev D Bannerman; RJ Johnston.**
- (d) **Rev TV Patterson; Miss M Torrens — Rev—JR Burnett; V Elliot — Rev JR Lambe; DC Cowan.**
- (e) **Rev Dr WJH McKee; Mrs R Millar — Rev Dr SR Jones; T Allen — Rev R Herron; J Cochrane — Rev H Ross; S McKinney.**
- (f) **Rev S Richmond; O Perry — Rev GA Mitchell; W McIlreavy — Rev—D Nesbitt; A McAdoo.**

**A. ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE (6) Rev TC Morrison, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, the Moderator-Designate, Deputy Clerk, Information Officer, Hospitality Secretary, Secretary Assemblys Buildings Committee, Buildings Manager; Rev TC Morrison.**
- (x) **Revs Alan S Thompson, \_\_\_\_\_; D Crowe, M Fisher.**
- (y) **Revs JR Lambe, GE Best, W Corder, AE Tolland, R Herron, D Bannerman; Miss M Torrens, WG McDowell.**

**V.—BOARD OF COMMUNICATIONS (18)****Rev WA Kennedy, Convener****S Lynas, Secretary**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Editors of the Church Magazines, Board Convener and Secretary.**
- (b) **Rev WG Cameron; Mrs Jean Mann — J MacQueen, V Riddell — Rev TI Harte; R Fleming— Rev—J Honeyford; K Irwin — Rev—MN Davidson; I Christie — Rev—SS Johnston; D Gordon.**
- (c) **J Francey, T Montgomery — R Nelson, Mrs H Graham — Rev RS McMullan; Dr W Gilmore — Rev—Dr CA Grant; K McAuley — Rev RL Brown; J Gowdy.**
- (d) **Rev TN Hamilton; B Hamill — Rev—S Henning; Miss M Angus — Rev JR Lambe; T Busby.**
- (e) **Rev Dr TR Buick; W Harvey — Rev—Dr SR Jones; J Donaghey — Miss M Guy, JA Patterson — Rev JI Thompson; \_\_\_\_\_.**
- (f) **S Wasson, Mrs J Wilson — Rev—R Cobain; Mrs V Fitzgerald — Rev GJ Mackarel; R Sharpe.**

**A. COMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (5)****Revs Dr RA Russell, IF Smith, Co-Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board Convener, Information Officer, Editor of Presbyterian Herald, Board Committee Conveners.**
- (x) **Rev Dr WE Davison; R Patton, M O'Neill, R Nelson.**
- (y) **Revs WH Sanderson, DH Gilpin, RS McMullan, R Cobain; Mrs P Qua, Mrs J Mann, T Busby, R Fleming.**

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- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board Convener, Committee Convener, Information Officer, Editors of Church Magazines, Magee Director, Prof of Practical Theology, Religious Advisors to BBC, Downtown Radio, RTE and UTV, Rev Dr RS Tosh.**
- (x) **Revs PD Thompson, JM Wylie, C Meban, Chris Kennedy.**
- (y) **Revs JI Thompson, GJ Mackarel, RL Brown, S Henning; R Sharpe, T Busby, V Fitzgerald, Miss M Guy.**

**C. CHURCH ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE (4)****Rev GD Simpson, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board and Committee Conveners, Information Officer.**
- (x) **Rev RE Boggs; Mrs J Hamilton, W Boyce, W Watt.**
- (y) **T Montgomery, JA Patterson; Revs JR Lambe, TI Harte.**

## VI.—BOARD OF MISSION OVERSEAS (28)

Rev Dr SJ Dixon, Convener

Rev WS Marrs, Secretary

(a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, President, Overseas Vice-President and Executive Secretary of the PWA, Convener and Secretary of the Board, Convener of Church Relations, Deputy Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, two Young Women's Group representatives, Board of Youth and Children's Ministry representative.

(b) Revs NJ McCullough, PC Lyle; Mrs S Todd — Rev MM Stewart; Miss J Allen, Mrs L Cargill — Revs M Stanfield, RA Moffett; Miss M McCombe — Rev RA McLernon; N McKinney, Miss W Norwood — Rev PD Thompson; Dr J Kyle, Mrs M McCammon — Revs NS Millen, DB Murphy; Mrs D Rea.

(c) Rev NA Brown; N Rea, Mrs A Erwin — Mrs I Wallace, Miss D Savage, — Rev Dr RN Gordon; G McIntyre, Mrs J Farlow — Rev NE Dorrans;—Miss E McCaughan, Miss C Anderson — Rev PE Dickinson; D Robinson, Mrs A Reid.

(d) Revs JSB Drennan, GF McKeown; Mrs—M Patterson, — Revs BR Hughes,—Dr I Hart; Mrs M Jackson—Revs WM Brown, Dr D Murphy; Miss R Taylor.

(e) Revs GP Young, LWH Hilditch; Miss K McConnell — Rev—Dr C Glass; Mrs E Alexander, Mrs M Conn — Rev G Aitcheson; Dr C McKibben, Mrs M McKibben — Rev JW Fleck; R Wallace, Mrs M McCreedy.

(f) Rev SJ Richmond; A Speer, Mrs G Hunter — Revs PG McDowell, J Mann; Mrs D Mitchell — Miss H Stewart, L Forster, E Martin.

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Rev SJ Hanna, Convener

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(y) Revs DB Murphy, BR Hughes, G Aitcheson, PG McDowell; Miss M McCombe, Miss D Savage, Mrs E McIlwaine, Mrs M Jackson.

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Mrs M Patterson, Convener

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(a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board Convener and Secretary, Committee Convener, Revs JA Kirkpatrick, JN Seawright; PWA Central President, Overseas Vice-President, Treasurer.

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(y) Revs RA McLernon, GF McKeown, RA Moffett, PD Thompson; N McKinney, L Forster, Mrs A Reid, Mrs D Rea.

- C. AFRICA, CARIBBEAN & LATIN AMERICA COMMITTEE (6)**  
**Rev SJ Richmond, Convener**  
**Rev WS Marrs, Secretary**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board Convener and Secretary, Committee and World Development Committee Conveners, PWA Central President, Overseas Vice-President, Treasurer.**
- (x) **Rev Prof WP Addley; Mrs P Martin, R Kerr, Mrs M Binnie, J Doherty, Miss H Johnston.**
- (y) **Revs J Mann, Dr RN Gordon, NE Dorrans, NS Millen; Miss R Taylor, Mrs D Mitchell.**
- D. WORLD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (5)**  
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**Rev WS Marrs, Secretary**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board Convener and Secretary, Committee Convener; Church Relations Representative, PWA Representative.**
- (x) **R Sheppard, A McCreary, Mrs S Phillips, D Nesbitt, Mrs F Watts, T Magowan.**
- (y) **Revs NJ McCullough, J Mann; Miss Z McAllister, Mrs M McCammon, Mrs M Patterson, G McIntyre.**

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- Rev Dr G Connor, Convener**  
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- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk, Board Convener, President, Home Vice-President, and Executive Secretary of PWA, Director for Personnel, Convener and Secretary of Social Witness Board, Conveners of Education, Studies and Christian Training, Youth & Children's Ministry Boards, Union Commission and Pensions and Assessments Committee, Conveners of Finance, Personnel and Property Committees, Presbyterian Mutual Society Agent, two Young Women's Group representatives, two Youth & Children's Ministry Board representatives, two deaconess representatives.**
- (b) **Revs J Gordon, D Bradley; Mrs J Richardson — Revs BA McDonald, SD Finlay; Mrs M Dowds — Revs—JM Casement, GR Stockdale; Ms J Shields — Rev WJ Henry; I McCullagh, Mrs V Mawhinney — Revs WJM Parker, TJ Hagan; Mrs R McAuley — Revs DS Henry, BD Colvin; Mrs A McIntyre.**
- (c) **Rev SW Dickinson; J McWhirter, Miss H Nicholl — Revs RJ McCullough, B McMillen; Mrs L Stothers — Rev—TJ McCormick; Dr JH Gillespie, Mrs D Lynn — Rev ST Carson, RB Thompson; Mrs H Morrison — Revs S Simpson, Dr WD Patton; Mrs HW Montgomery.**
- (d) **Rev AW Boyd; B Gordon, Mrs L Gibson — Revs RN Agnew, KA Drury; Miss M Angus — Revs M Gibson, J Scott; Mrs S Giffen.**
- (e) **Revs TD Hagan, DJ Hutchinson; Mrs M McCloskey — Revs JL Blair, N Ward; Mrs M Docherty — Rev Dr JW Lockington; TR Reid, Miss J Patterson— Revs JJ Currie, PG McCrea; Mrs E Farr.**
- (f) **Revs J Lamont, WA McCully; Mrs A Lamont — Revs Dr S Mawhinney, SJ Lockington, L Kennedy-Ritchie— Rev N Cubitt; Mrs G Oliver; R McConkey.**
- (p) **Mrs G Hunter, Mrs N Bradford, Mrs B Thompson, Mrs J Donald, Mrs V Miller, Mrs Z Vallely, Miss Z McAllister.**

- A. EDUCATION AND PROMOTION (5) Mrs C Poynton, Convener**  
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- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk, Board and Committee Conveners, Executive Secretary for Education & Promotion, Conveners of Home and Irish Mission, Congregational Life and Shankill Road Mission Committees, Information Officer.**
- (x) **Revs TW Gordon, J Scott; D Aicken, D Thompson, W Steele.**
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**Rev RA Patton, Convener**  
**Deputy Clerk, Secretary**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk, Board and Committee Conveners, PWA Central President, PWA Home Vice-President, Director for Personnel, Executive Secretary for Education & Promotion, Mrs C Poynton.**
- (x) **Revs JD Woodside, PG McCrea, WJ Henry, SS Johnston, RL Craig, G Trueman, WA McCully, Dr S Mawhinney; DF Adair, Mrs Irene Young.**
- (y) **Revs JM Casement, KA Drury, N Cubitt; Mrs L Stothers, J Patterson.**
- C. CONGREGATIONAL LIFE (6) Rev H Boyce, Convener**  
**Director for Congregational Life, Secretary**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk, Board and Committee Conveners, Director for Congregational Life, Convener of Committee on Resourcing Christians for Ministry, Director of Christian Training, Executive Secretary for Education & Promotion, Director for Personnel, Prof of Practical Theology.**
- (x) **Revs GE Best, RB Savage, IJ Patterson, WJ Parkes, D Bannerman.**
- (y) **Revs JM Casement, Dr WD Patton, RJ McCullough, JL Blair; Mrs B Thompson.**
- D. SHANKILL ROAD MISSION (5) Rev Dr I Hart, Convener**  
**Rev WMcB Campbell, Superintendent**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk, Board and Committee Conveners, Shankill Road Mission Superintendent, Clerk of Session of Shankill Road Mission Congregation, Executive Secretary for Education and Promotion, Rev JS Dallas.**
- (x) **Revs K McConnell, GF McKeown, AW Boyd; Miss D Pinkerton.**
- (y) **Revs J Gordon, M Gibson, Dr JW Lockington; Mrs L Stothers.**

#### VIII.—SOCIAL WITNESS BOARD (28)

- Rev R Vallely, Convener**  
**Director of Social Service, Secretary**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Superintendent of Shankill Road Mission, Minister and Superintendent of Kinghan Mission, Board Convener, Director of Social Service, Residential Services Manager, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry.**

- (b) Revs WJA Sleith, HS Boyd; L Willoughby — Rev—MM Stewart; J Smart, Mrs D Foster — Rev JR Hyndman;—B Redhead, Mrs J Davidson— Dr D Patterson, R McCleary, Mrs A Magowan — Rev PD Thompson; Mrs M Hewitson, Mrs M Williams— Rev RJ Mattison; E McWilliams, Mrs C Stevenson.
- (c) Rev DW Brice; J Todd, Mrs W Bristow — Rev MS Gault; Mrs L Graham, Mrs Z Vallely — Rev J Coulter; G McIntyre, Mrs L Conn — Revs Dr M Jones, JA Thompson; Mrs K Fulton — Rev JL Tosh; DL Malcolm, Mrs W Dickey.
- (d) Revs—JN Seawright, JK Doherty; Mrs S McCullough, — Revs J Braithwaite,—JH Wilson; Miss M Cromie — Revs Dr RM Crooks, RD Maxwell; Mrs B Stewart.
- (e) Revs AJA Rosborough, JK McCormick; Mrs E Patterson — Revs DS Irwin, EG McKimmon; Mrs V Miller — Rev GD Allen; H Alexander, Mrs M Good — Rev— IF Smith; R McKee, Mrs I Reid.
- (f) Mrs R Gibson, Mrs E Montgomery, Mrs J McKean — Rev Dr S Mawhinney; D Boyd, Mrs L Milligan — Rev—SG Anketell; Miss F Fleming, W McConkey.
- (p) Mrs M Catherine, Miss E Smyth, Mrs M Weir, Mrs P Spence, Mrs W Moffett, Mrs A Harbinson.

- A. ADULT SERVICES COMMITTEE (4) Rev TJ Wilson, Convener**
- (a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board and Committee Conveners, Director of Social Service, Conveners Carlisle House, Thompson House, Residential Services Manager.
- (x) Revs R Thompson, LE Carroll; Dr L Calderwood.
- (y) Rev Dr RM Crooks; Dr D Patterson, Miss E Smyth.
- B. FAMILY SERVICES COMMITTEE (5) Mrs L Graham, Convener**
- (a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk, Board and Committee Conveners, Director of Social Service, Conveners PCI Counselling, Child Protection Monitoring, Assistant Director Board of Youth and Children's Ministry.
- (x) Rev J Braithwaite; Dr Paul Gray, Mrs M McGuiggan, Mrs G Elwood.
- (y) Rev DS Irwin; Mrs E Montgomery, Miss M Cromie, Mrs W Moffett.
- C. OLDER PEOPLE SERVICES COMMITTEE (5) Rev J Noble, Convener**
- (a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board and Committee Conveners, Director of Social Service, Residential Services Manager.
- (x) House Committee Representatives.
- (y) Revs MS Gault, JA Thompson, JN Seawright; Mrs Z Vallely, Mrs B Stewart, Miss F Fleming.
- D. SPECIALIST MINISTRIES COMMITTEE (5) Mrs Z Vallely, Convener**
- (a) The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board and Committee Conveners, Director of Social Service, Convener Kinghan Mission, Chaplains, Forces, Addiction Services, Minister and Superintendent Kinghan Mission.
- (x) Rev AJA Rosborough; J Luke, G Lewis, Mrs C Houston.
- (y) Revs TJ Conway, JA Thompson, Dr J Fell; Miss M Cromie.

**IX.—BOARD OF YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (28)****Rev EJ Hyndman, Convener****Miss R Stirling, Secretary**

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(b) **Revs AM Bates, GJ Kennedy — Rev SD Finlay; N McKee — Rev D Stanfield; Miss C Hill — Rev DJ Bruce; \_\_\_\_\_ — Revs JRI Harbinson, MN Davidson — M Peacock, Mrs E Maxwell.**

(c) **Revs AL Kirk, MJR Neilly — Rev J Moxen; M Wylie — Revs CJ Aitcheson, JG Johnston — Rev RD McDowell; J Surgenor — GA Barkley, Miss H Harrison.**

(d) **Rev IK McDonald; Miss J Nelson — Rev R Love; Miss J Gwyn — Rev ME Taylor; Miss G Young.**

(e) **Rev TD Hagan; K McCrossan — Rev JG Jones; Wm Willis — Rev K Henderson; Miss M Guy — Revs JA Curry, DJ Irvine.**

(f) **Rev SJ Richmond; J Cowan — Rev—AJMcL Smith; Mrs G McCormick — Rev RI Carton; Miss P Patton.**

(g) **Miss A Morrow, Mrs J Craig, Mrs M Emery, Mrs J Robinson, Mrs R McKnight, Miss A Houston, Mrs G Ditty, Mrs H Carey, Miss F Livingstone, Mrs G Graham, Mrs L Keys, M Moorehead, Mrs D Johnston, I Ferris, A Ditty, D Pattison, T Bruce, D Laney, D McNeill, A Brown.**

**A. TRAINING COMMITTEE (5) Rev CD Mawhinney, Convener**

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(x) **Rev J Peacock; P Bowman, P Brown, Mrs J Robinson, Dr Alistair McCracken**

(y) **Revs DJ Bruce, ME Taylor, JG Jones, K Henderson, D Stanfield.**

**B. RESEARCH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE (4)****Mrs H Lyle, Convener**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Board and Committee Conveners, Director and Deputy Director of Youth and Children's Ministry.**

(x) **Rev RA Patton; Miss L Gould, G Jordan, Mrs S Mawhinney.**

(y) **Revs D Stanfield, R Love, AM Bates; Miss C Hill.**

**C. RESOURCES COMMITTEE (5) Rev GJ Kennedy, Convener**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Board and Committee Conveners, Director and Deputy Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, Centres' Director, Children's Development Officer, Youth Development Officer, Regional Youth and Support Workers.**

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(y) **Revs CJ Aitcheson, JG Johnston, JRI Harbinson, AM Bates, DJ Bruce.**

**D. MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE (6)****Rev DJ Paul, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Board and Committee Conveners, Director and Deputy Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, Overseas Board representative, Board of Mission in Ireland representative, Volunteers' Co-Ordinator.**
- (x) **Revs PD Thompson, C Meban, D Rankin; M Smith, Mrs M Trueman, M Welsh.**
- (y) **Revs R Love, TD Hagan, MJR Neilly, MN Davidson, IK McDonald, JA Curry.**

**E. MINISTRY EVENTS COMMITTEE (4) Rev J Moxen, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Board and Committee Conveners, Director and Deputy Director of Youth and Children's Ministry.**
- (x) **Revs WJ Carlisle, JR Burnett; A Meban, M Hull, G Wileman.**
- (y) **Revs AJMcL Smith, SD Finlay; M Wylie, Mrs G McCormick, Miss G Young.**

**X.—BOARD OF EDUCATION (22)****Rev R Herron, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board Convener, Principal UTC, University Chaplains, Representative on Stranmillis Governors, Transferors' Representatives on Area Boards.**
- (b) **Revs W Sinclair, WJ Carlisle — Revs JWP McConnell, TA McNeely — Rev—AA Cole; WA Wilson — Dr J Davis,—AJ Cochrane — Rev HSW Cubitt; George Beattie — Revs BD Colvin, JKA McIntyre.**
- (c) **Rev KWJ Hanna; W McCartney — Rev GAJ Farquhar; E Crawford — Rev Dr RA Kane; N Lyttle — Rev—JT Magowan; Mrs A McNie — T Nicholl, W Hoy.**
- (d) **Rev ID Neish; R Manson — Rev—WI Hull; H Ruddell — Rev JH McIntyre; B Miskimmon.**
- (e) **Rev JM Cathcart; WA McIlwaine — Rev TV Mawhinney; R Graham — J Cochrane, Mrs C Trimble — Rev Alan S Thompson; Mrs E Farr.**
- (f) **I McCracken, AO Buchanan — Rev GD Campbell; Dr—M Carson — Rev RI Carton; J Bole.**
- (g) **Revs Dr J Thompson, Prof LS Kirkpatrick, S Stewart; Dr TD Alexander, TJ Shaw, Mrs S Lewis, Mrs R Clements, Mrs L Gibson, Mrs D McKee, AS Kennedy.**

**A. STATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE (5) WJ Caves, Convener**

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- (x) **TJ Shaw, W Steele, Mrs J Campbell, Mrs M Robinson, Dr M Hollinger, Mrs E Green.**
- (y) **Revs GD Campbell, GAJ Farquhar, WI Hull, JH McIntyre, W Sinclair; W McCartney.**



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- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board and Committee Conveners, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, Convener of War Memorial Hostel Committee, Director of Social Service.**
- (x) **Rev Prof WP Addley; TJ Shaw, N Todd, Mrs CM Poots.**
- (y) **Revs Alan S Thompson, Dr RA Kane; Dr M Carson, N Lytle, Mrs E Farr.**

**XI.—BOARD OF STUDIES AND CHRISTIAN TRAINING (23)****Rev G Moore, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board Convener, Professors in UTC, and two student representatives, University Chaplains, Executive Director BMI, Director of Ministerial Studies.**
- (b) **Revs JNI McNeely, R Stirling — Revs WJA Moody, JWP McConnell — Revs RA Moffett, TW Gordon — Rev—A Shaw Thompson; Dr C Reid, — Revs WL Orr, WJM Parker— Revs FJ Gibson,—BAH Wilson.**
- (c) **Revs JD McGaughey, DA Murphy — Revs SP Moore, RJ McCullough — Rev DS Mackay; Dr JH Gillespie — Revs DIJ McNie, RJ Gilkinson — Revs JH MacConnell, WJ Sleith.**
- (d) **Rev JR Dickinson; T Long — Revs DJ McKelvey, Dr. MR Patterson — Rev—RD Maxwell; WF McConnell.**
- (e) **Revs DW Reid, DJ Hutchinson — Revs Dr C Glass, SJ Gray — Rev—WD Cupples; Miss M Guy — Revs TWA Greer, JH Flaherty.**
- (f) **Revs J Lamont, WA McCully — Revs Dr JG Millar, JG Faris, — Revs RI Carton,—M Burnside.**
- (g) **Revs JH McIntyre, JG Kennedy, GAJ Farquhar, ATF Johnston, AV Stewart, GE Best, DT Moore, SE Hughes, C Meban; Mrs M Robinson.**

**A. COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL STUDIES (5)****Rev SP Moore, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board and Committee Conveners, Principal UTC, Conveners of Reception of Ministers and Licentiatees, Students' Bursary Fund, Director of Ministerial Studies.**
- (x) **Revs SS Johnston, Prof WP Addley, Prof LS Kirkpatrick, Dr JG Millar; Mrs H Murdock, Mrs M Robinson.**
- (y) **Revs DJ Hutchinson, RA Moffett, JNI McNeely, JR Dickinson, JWP McConnell; Dr JH Gillespie.**

**B. COLLEGE AND MAGEE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (4)****Rev DW Brice, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, the Principal UTC.**
- (fac) **Revs Prof JC McCullough, Prof WP Addley, Prof LS Kirkpatrick, WDF Marshall.**
- (x) **Revs GBS Gibson, SP Moore, DW Brice, G Moore; Dr TD Alexander, R Martin.**

- C. COMMITTEE ON RESOURCING CHRISTIANS FOR MINISTRY (6)**  
**Rev Dr RM Crooks, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly Board and Committee Conveners, Professor of Practical Theology, Director and Deputy Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, Directors of Christian Training, Social Service, Director of Ministerial Studies, Congregational Life.**
  - (x) **Revs Dr IA McKay, G Aitchison, J Coulter; C Millar.**
  - (y) **Revs JD McGaughey, RJ Gilkinson, JNI McNeely, TWA Greer, WJM Parker, DJ Hutchinson; T Long, Dr J Gillespie.**
- D. RECEPTION OF MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES COMMITTEE (6)**  
**Rev RB Savage, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk, Board and Committee Conveners, Principal UTC, Convener and Director of Ministerial Studies, Convener Church Relations.**
  - (x) **Revs Dr DH Allen, SD Finlay, SS Johnston, TWD Johnston, DS McIlwrath, WTJ Richardson.**
  - (y) **Revs JR Dickinson, J Lamont, Dr JG Millar, A Shaw Thompson, WJM Parker; Mrs M Robinson.**

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**AJ Rankin, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk; AJ Rankin.**
- (g) **Revs D Clarke, Dr TJ Simpson, RJA Bell, D Chapman, WS Marrs, JH Robinson, JW Russell, L Walker, Mrs O Marshall.**

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**J Millar, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board Convener, Financial Secretary, Convener of Union Commission.**
- (b) **Rev NJ Linkens; Mrs J Mann — AG Sleator, N Greenlee — Rev—JM Casement; R Courtenay — Rev A Shaw Thompson; WM McMaster — Rev SA Matthews; H Smyth — Rev D Rankin; M Agnew.**
- (c) **Rev WF Dickey; C McClelland — Rev RJA Bell; F Picton — Rev R Kelly; MH Stewart — Rev KDW Crowe; J McMullan — FJ Hand, SJ Waugh.**
- (d) **Rev WA Abernethy; A Bridle — C Graham, M Fitch — JD McKibbin, N Valentine.**
- (e) **Rev JT Williamson; A Fletcher — Rev JA Noble; RJ Boggs — Rev JL Casement; RH Kidd — Rev IF Smith; E Carroll.**
- (f) **Rev SW Rea; WC Patterson — Rev J Carson; J Gregg — Rev—D Nesbitt; T Semple.**

## A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, LEGAL AND IT (3)

**M Fitch, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board and Committee Conveners, Financial Secretary.**

- (x) **R Power, T McQuoid, B McCluggage, WJ Miscampbell.**
- (y) **Revs D Nesbitt; A Bridle, FJ Hand, N Valentine.**

**B. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (4) D Lamb, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Board and Committee Conveners, Head of Personnel, Financial Secretary.**
- (x) **Revs Dr J Fell; B Phillips, I Moore, L Murray.**
- (y) **Revs JM Casement, IF Smith; T Semple, H Smyth.**

**C. ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE (3) JH Martin, Convener  
J Kelly, Secretary**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board and Committee Conveners, Committee Secretary, Financial Secretary.**
- (x) **WJ Cairns, A McQuoid, D Bell.**
- (y) **Revs JT Williamson, R Kelly, A Shaw Thompson.**

**D. PENSIONS AND ASSESSMENTS COMMITTEE (4)  
D Crowe, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board and Committee Conveners, Financial Secretary.**
- (x) **Rev D Armstrong; J Hutcheson, I Johnston, D Munster, D Clements.**
- (y) **Revs RJA Bell, JL Casement, SW Rea, WA Abernethy; E Carroll.**

**XIV.—UNITED APPEAL BOARD (8)**

**MH Stewart, Convener  
The Clerk, Secretary**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Board Convener.**
- (b) **Mrs J Mann — Rev RIA Allely — S Cunningham — Rev DC Porter — G Macauley — J Peacock.**
- (c) **D Preston — G McKinley — Rev Dr SH Williamson — V McLean — Rev JH MacConnell.**
- (d) **Rev TC Wright — Miss H McMillan — Rev JR Lambe.**
- (e) **S Ramsey — Rev N Ward — Rev RD Cameron — O Gibson.**
- (f) **Rev SW Rea — Rev AJ Boal — Rev M Burnside.**
- (g) **Revs—D Clarke, TD Gribben, J Lamont; D Alexander, J Clarke, B McCormack, N Adams.**

**XV. — HYMNAL COMMITTEE (7)**

**Rev WTJ Richardson, Convener  
The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Committee Convener, Information Officer.  
Revs Prof WP Addley, WTJ Richardson, WJ Murdock, WA Kennedy, RL Brown, JH McIntyre, WH Sanderson, RD McDowell, M Spratt, R Hill, JF Murdoch, IF Smith, JR Dickinson, Dr AWG Brown; H Morrow, Mrs O Marshall, Miss M Guy, O McAuley, C Blake, Ms J Cowle, Mrs M Braithwaite, Ms D Holt.**



