

**MINUTES**

OF THE

**PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**General Assembly**

OF THE

**Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

**Held at Belfast, June, 2001**

**FIRST SESSION**

**Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2001**

**Seven o'clock. Evening**

**Within Church House**

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

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

The Clerk announced that the names of 623 ministers being ex officio members and 517 elders on whose behalf commissions had been received, had been entered on the Roll of the Assembly together with 61 Assembly Elders, Conveners and nominees of the Business Board. 28 Deaconesses, 1 Woman Worker, 7 Irish Mission Workers, 63 Women's representatives and 33 Youth representatives together with 30 Conveners and Missionaries who are not members of the court had been invited to sit and deliberate along with 17 Licentiates. There were also 14 Corresponding Members and Delegates from other Churches.

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

# BELFAST ASSEMBLY

## 1. ARDS PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
A.S. Cromie .....	.....	Lisnabreen, Bangor
A.S. Cromie .....	.....	Lisnabreen, Bangor
Dr. C. Presho .....	.....	Bible Society, Director
R.S.G. Gilmore .....	.....	Helen's Bay
Dr. D. Burke .....	.....	Hamilton Road, Bangor
Dr. T.J. Simpson .....	.....	Clerk of Assembly Emer.
J.McC. Auld .....	.....	R.E. Teacher
D.G. Bailie .....	.....	West Church, Bangor
Dr. T.S. Reid .....	.....	Theological Professor Emer.
Dr. John Ross .....	.....	High Street, Holywood
Dr. Rodney Sterritt .....	.....	Greenwell St., N <sup>o</sup> ards
N.J. Linkens .....	.....	Retired
David Johnston .....	.....	First Newtownards
W.L. Haslett .....	Mrs. E. Warden .....	Ballyblack
Dr. W.P. Addeley .....	+ N. Eves .....	Theological Professor
W.A. Kennedy .....	Miss H. Moreland .....	Trinity, Bangor
W.T. Cordner .....	N. Hearst .....	First Bangor
J. Gordon .....	.....	First Donaghadee
J.T. Williamson .....	J.M. Warnock .....	Glastry
Dr. D.J. Watts .....	F. Wilson .....	Ballyholme
W.J. Parkes .....	G. Beers .....	St. Andrew's, Bangor
Dr. D.R. Purce .....	Ms. M. McCreedy .....	Groomsport
J.H. Robinson .....	+ R. Johnston .....	Dir. of Ministerial Students
Dr. R.A. Russell .....	Mrs. J. Little .....	Ballywalter
.....	+ J. Doherty .....	Theological Professor
G.F. McKeown .....	N. Gibson .....	Second Newtownards
T.W.D. Johnston .....	T. Killick .....	Hamilton Rd., Bangor
A. Gibson .....	.....	Lect. Belfast Bible College
S.J. Hanna .....	+ D. Johnston .....	Ballyholme Associate
R.A. Patton .....	J. McCullough .....	Ballygilbert
J.N.I. McNeely .....	H. Coulter .....	First Holywood
Dr. S.R. Jones .....	R. Graham .....	Kilcooley
A. Little .....	F.P. Quiry .....	Shore Street,
Donaghadee	.....	.....
C.W. Megaw .....	Mrs. S. McCullough .....	Helen's Bay
J. Campbell .....	W. Gunning .....	First Newtownards
Helen S. Boyd .....	Miss M. Startin .....	Millisle & Ballycopeland
C.J.C. McMullen .....	.....	West Church, Bangor
R. Stirling .....	.....	Conlig
Averil Stevenson .....	.....	Kirkcubbin
-do- .....	.....	Portaferry
W.J.A. Sleith .....	R. Martin .....	Regent St., Newtownards
W. Sinclair .....	N. Wilson .....	Strean, Newtownards
L. Hilditch .....	E. Shaw .....	Greenwell Street
W.J. Murdock .....	J. Cranston .....	Greyabbey
A. Bates .....	Mrs. S. Harrison .....	Scrabo
N.J. McCullough .....	.....	Ballygrainey
R.J. Stevenson .....	.....	Carrowdore & Ballyfrenis
G.J. Kennedy .....	S. Fox .....	1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Bangor Assoc.</b>
S.J. Castles .....	.....	Lisnabreen
.....	W McDowell .....	Cloughey
.....	J. Thompson .....	Portavogie
.....	W. Graham .....	Movilla
.....	Mrs. R. Cochrane .....	High Street, Holywood

## 2. ARMAGH PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
Dr. W.M. Craig .....	.....	First Portadown
Dr. J. Thompson .....	T.H. Savage .....	The Mall, Armagh
Samuel McMillan .....	.....	Caledon & Minterburn
.....	Mrs. O. Smart .....	Armagh Rd., Portadown
T.A. Moore .....	.....	Hill Street, Lurgan
Desmond Knowles .....	G. Russell .....	First Portadown
Stephan van Os .....	J. Spence .....	First Lurgan
C.G. Harris .....	W.A. Miskelly .....	Ahorey
-do- .....	N.H. Cully .....	Clare
A.D. Davidson .....	N.A.K. Bassett .....	First Armagh
R.B. Thompson .....	Mrs. E. Huston .....	Cladymore
B.A. Small .....	J. MacQueen .....	Loughgall
-do- .....	.....	Tartaraghan
D.H. Gilpin .....	J. Megaw .....	Druminnis
-do- .....	W. Kelly .....	Redrock
W.G. Cameron .....	.....	First Keady
-do- .....	W.J. Kennedy .....	Armaghbrague
T.A. McNeely .....	.....	Richhill
B. Ann McDonald .....	L. Hadden .....	Caledon
-do- .....	R. Burns .....	Minterburn
J.W.P. McConnell .....	.....	Waringstown
J.A. Curry .....	.....	Second Keady
-do- .....	.....	Drumhillery
A.J. Thompson .....	.....	Craigavon
-do- .....	J. Whittle .....	Vinecash
M.M. Stewart .....	D. McCrea .....	Lislooney
-do- .....	.....	Knappagh
-do- .....	S. Cargill .....	Middletown
W.J.A. Moody .....	D Riddell .....	Moy
-do- .....	.....	Benburb

## 3. BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
Dr. A.M. Adams .....	.....	Third Portglenone
David Alderdice .....	.....	Wellington St., B'mena
Dr. E.P. Gardner .....	.....	First Ballymena
R.S. Ross .....	.....	Carnlough & Cushendall
W.J. Lamont .....	.....	Killymurriss
W.J.A. Armstrong .....	.....	Second Broughshane
W.J. Hook .....	.....	Cunningham Memorial
J.B. Mooney .....	.....	Grange
G.A. Preston .....	J. Surgenor .....	Connor
Dr. R.E.H. Uprichard .....	M. Rankin .....	Trinity, Ahoghill
D.E. Jones .....	I. Johnston .....	Clough
R.B. Savage .....	R. Gibson .....	Ballykeel
.....	J. Suitters .....	Harryville, Ballymena
Dr. R.I. Birney .....	J. Adams .....	High Kirk, Ballymena
Dr. D.G. McMeekin .....	J. Small .....	First Ahoghill
N.A. Brown .....	W.J. Caves .....	Wellington St., Ballymena
J.J. Andrews .....	.....	Ballee
.....	J. Black .....	Ballyloughan
W.F. Dickey .....	.....	First Broughshane
A.A.P. Baxter .....	Maurice Fleming .....	First Portglenone
Brian McManus .....	R. Simpson .....	Cloughwater
J.A. Beattie .....	Mrs. D. Humphreys .....	Second Broughshane
D.J. Kane .....	.....	West Church, B'mena

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
W.B. Boyd .....	J. Reid .....	Kells
-do- .....	J. Todd .....	Esskylane
W.S. Marrs .....	.....	Missionary
D.A. Murphy .....	S. Marcus .....	Cuningham Mem. Cullybackey
W.J. Todd .....	A. Gaston .....	Killymurriss
J.D. McGaughey .....	H. Craig .....	Brooksidge, Ahoghill
S.W. Dickinson .....	.....	Glenarm
-do- .....	M. Rea .....	Cairnalbana
J.J. Currie .....	J. Gregg .....	1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Ballymena</b>
M.J.R. Neilly .....	J. Robinson .....	Buckna
J.C. Simms .....	N. Royle .....	Rasharkin
M. Dunn .....	N. McMullan .....	Carnlough/Cushendall
-do- .....	.....	Newtowncrommelin

## 4. NORTH BELFAST PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
S.E.M. Brown .....	.....	Abbey, Monkstown
James McAllister .....	.....	Fortwilliam Park
J.A. Fullerton .....	.....	Carmoney
H.D. McKillen .....	.....	Whitehouse
J.W. Neilly .....	.....	Immanuel
J.S. Dallas .....	.....	Whiteabbey
J.C. Buick .....	.....	Prison Chaplain
Robert Allen .....	.....	Rathcoole
Dr. John Dunlop .....	Mrs. M. McGuiggan .....	Rosemary
R.J.T. McMullan .....	+ A.W. Marshall .....	Overseas Board Sec.
T.I. Harte .....	.....	Crumlin Road
J.P. Taylor .....	+ G. Crooks .....	Theological Professor
T.V. Patterson .....	E. Beck .....	Immanuel
T.C. Wright .....	.....	Alexandra
J.N. Seawright .....	Mrs. E. Pollock .....	Abbey, Monkstown
J.K. Doherty .....	R. McKeown .....	Woodvale
R.S. Hetherington .....	W. Davidson .....	Glegormley
J.R. Dickinson .....	A. Gillespie .....	Seaview
T.C. Morrison .....	D. Crowe .....	Eglinton
A.W. Boyd .....	R. Greer .....	Ballyhenry
T.N. Hamilton .....	E. Stirling .....	Ballysillan
I.D. Neish .....	W. McKnight .....	Abbot's Cross
I.K. McDonald .....	+ R. Doggart .....	New Mossley (Ch.Ext.)
S.E. Hughes .....	J.K. Snowball .....	Whitehouse
Margaret L. Johnston .....	.....	Fortwilliam Park
T.D. Gribben .....	A. McAlpin .....	Whiteabbey
Lesley E. Carroll .....	Ms. J. Larmour .....	Fortwilliam Park
.....	+ Miss D. Draffin .....	Hospice Chaplain
K. McConnell .....	W. Flaherty .....	Oldpark
T.W.A. Greer .....	W.J.A. Crawford .....	Macrory Memorial
-do- .....	J. Hunter .....	Newington
-do- .....	A. McClelland .....	Sinclair Seamen's
R.W. Love .....	Miss A. Grant .....	Duncairn/St. Enoch's
P.D. Thompson .....	+ J. Clarke .....	Whiteabbey Assoc.
W.H.G. Crawley .....	.....	University Chaplain
.....	D. Nesbitt .....	Carmoney
.....	T. Dallas .....	Rathcoole

## 5. SOUTH BELFAST PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
K.D. Harvey .....	.....	McCracken Memorial
W.D.F. Marshall .....	.....	Windsor
Dr. John Thompson .....	.....	Professor Emer.
J.V. Craig .....	.....	Townsend Street
I.S. McDowell .....	.....	Christian Aid Secretary Emer.
Dr. J.B. Moore .....	C. Kane .....	West Kirk
Dr. J.W. Morrow .....	.....	Lect. Irish School Ecum. Emer.
Dr. R.N. Brown .....	.....	Stranmillis Lecturer Emer.
Dr. D.C. Irwin .....	Mrs. R. Simpson .....	McCracken Memorial
Dr. J.C. McCullough .....	+ Wm. Hanna .....	Theological Professor
K.N.E. Newell .....	Miss M. Duncan .....	Fitzroy Avenue
.....	+ O. McAuley .....	Dean of Res. Q.U.B.
J.A. Braithwaite .....	Mrs. I. Coey .....	Dunmurry
W.D. Moore .....	+ T. Jackson .....	Taughmonagh (Ch.Ext.)
D.J. McKelvey .....	A. Young .....	Fisherwick
Dr. G.A. Grindle .....	.....	Kinghan Church
.....	W. Halliday .....	Richview
W.P.H. Erskine .....	W.J. Caves .....	Windsor
D.J. Boden .....	E. Mairs .....	Malone
.....	W. Clarke .....	Ballycairn
Dr. W.D. Patton .....	W. McBride .....	Low Memorial (Finaghy)
W.McB. Campbell .....	Miss D. Pinkerton .....	Shankill Road Mission
Dr. M. Ruth Patterson .....	+ Miss J.P. Gamble .....	Restoration Ministries
W.I. Hull .....	A. Robinson .....	Ulsterville
Dr. Ian Hart .....	T. Kelly .....	Gt. Victoria Street
J.T. Lamb .....	V.E. Skillen .....	Townsend Street
.....	+ D. McCleery .....	Belfast Bible Col. Lec.
J.F. Barnes .....	.....	May Street
B.R. Hughes .....	+ Mrs. M. Jackson .....	Chaplain City Hospital
J.H. Wilson .....	+ N. Donnell .....	Chaplain R.V.H.
.....	+ V. Elliot .....	Dean of Resid. Derryvolgie
T.J. Wilson .....	.....	Kilmakee
.....	J. Gault .....	Nelson Memorial

## 6. EAST BELFAST PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
Samuel Eaton .....	.....	W.J. McQuiston Memorial
W.C. McReynolds .....	.....	Granshaw
Dr. V.H. Ryan .....	.....	First Ballymacarrett
J.M. Maddock .....	.....	Carryduff
Dr. R.F.G. Holmes .....	.....	Theological Professor Emer.
Dr. A.A. Sleith .....	.....	Cregagh
D.R. Whitley .....	Ms. E. Campbell .....	Kirkpatrick Memorial
R.D. Drysdale .....	Mrs. B. Robinson .....	Belmont
S.J. Campbell .....	Mrs. M. Simpson .....	Cooke Centenary
Dr. J.R. Savage .....	J. Irvine .....	Stormont
Harold Boyce .....	+ W. Harris .....	Evangelism Director
I.A. McKay .....	E.M.L. Reilly .....	Dundonald
Dr. H.A. Dunlop .....	R. Storey .....	Knock
J. McVeigh .....	W. Hamill .....	Gilnahirk
W.J. Orr .....	Mrs. M. Jackson .....	Newtownbreda
W. McKeown .....	.....	Ravenhill
D.R. Baker .....	+ A. Spence .....	Mediation Network
G. Connor .....	A. Shilliday .....	Bloomfield
K.A. McBride .....	D. Sloss .....	Orangefield
A.R. Bill .....	Mrs. E. Scott .....	Saintfield Road

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
George Moffett .....	W.F.A. Charlton .....	Tullycarnet
H.E. Lewis .....	.....	Bloomfield Assoc.
Dr. R.M. Crooks .....	B. Dunwoody .....	Belvoir
H.R. Quinn .....	Dr. R. Cooper .....	Christ Church, D' donald
I.T. McKee .....	+ R. Tinney .....	Sec. for Ed. & S.S. Org.
Dr. D. Murphy .....	A. Mawhinney .....	First Ballymacarrett
.....	A. Hunter .....	St. Andrew's
Margaret E. Taylor .....	+ Mrs. H. Simpson .....	Cooke Cent. Asst.
D.J. McCarthy .....	+ J.D. McKibbin .....	Orangefield Assoc.
A.S. Smyth .....	M. Murphy .....	Carryduff
J.H. McIntyre .....	.....	Castlereagh
R. Hornby .....	N. McKenna .....	Mersey Street
R. Hill .....	Miss V.J. Wilson .....	Garnerville
D.H. Thompson .....	H. Black .....	Strand
J.R. Lambe .....	D.F. Kennedy .....	Mountpottinger
.....	R. Simpson .....	Granshaw
D.J. Montgomery .....	+ J. Gourley .....	Knock Assoc.
.....	+ R. Arnold .....	Newtownbreda Assoc.
C.M. Glover .....	+ N. Valentine .....	Stormont Assoc.
J.M. Casement .....	+ Miss E.L.G. Semple .....	Knock Asst.
Peter McDowell .....	.....	Missionary Nepal
.....	David Chapman .....	Westbourne
.....	J. Gordon .....	McQuiston Memorial
.....	W.F. McConnell .....	Cregagh

## 7. CARRICKFERGUS PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
Dr. R.V.A. Lynas .....	.....	Gardenmore
Dr. R.G. Craig .....	.....	First Carrickfergus
J.W. McAuley .....	.....	Whitehead
Douglas Armstrong .....	.....	Greenisland
R.W.C. Clements .....	.....	Joymount
G.L. McAdoo .....	N. Carmichael .....	First Larne
S.S. McFarland .....	E. Stenton .....	First Carrickfergus
Dr. J.W. Lockington .....	I. Thompson .....	Gardenmore
W.J. Johnstone .....	.....	Craig Hill
R. Valley .....	I. Cusick .....	Ballylinney
A.T. Maze .....	.....	Chaplain, Royal Navy
M.S. Gault .....	F. Picton .....	Downshire, Carrickfergus
T.J. Stothers .....	B.P. Smyth .....	Greenisland
R.J.A. Bell .....	M. Fisher .....	Ballyclare
F.A. Bradley .....	J. Crooks .....	Whitehead
D. Chapman .....	Mrs. I. Crawford .....	Second Islandmagee
R.J. Montgomery .....	+ S. Wylie .....	First Carrickfergus Assoc.
.....	R.J. McDowell .....	Woodlands
R.J. McCullough .....	R. Weatherup .....	Loughmorne
-do- .....	R. Kennedy .....	Woodburn
T.R. Graham .....	.....	Joymount
S.P. Moore .....	E.R. Dunwoody .....	First Islandmagee
Gabrielle A.J. Ellis-Farquhar ...	Ms. B. Mitchell .....	Ballycarry
R.J. Beggs .....	S. Peoples .....	Raloo
P.W. Patterson .....	.....	Army Chaplain
Anne Tolland .....	+ Miss D. Irwin .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Larne Assoc.
J. Moxen .....	Miss M. Hunter .....	Ballynure
B.D. Colvin .....	+ D. Gawn .....	Ballyclare Assoc.
.....	R.I. Bashford .....	Magheramorne
.....	J.B. Robinson .....	Cairncastle

## 8. COLERAINE PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
J.E.P. Boyd .....	.....	Terrace Row, Coleraine
Dr. B. Kingsmore .....	.....	Evangelism Promoter
R.J. Wilson .....	.....	Portstewart
Dr. W.W. Porter .....	.....	Moneydig
Dr. D.H. Allen .....	.....	New Row, Coleraine
F. Russell .....	.....	Castlerock
Dr. J. Frazer .....	.....	Ballywillan
V. Whyte .....	.....	Macosquin
A.McM. Kerr .....	W. Anderson .....	Aghadowey
-do- .....	.....	Crossgar
R.J. Lester .....	.....	Ringsend
S.J. Millar .....	E. McDowell .....	Hazelbank
W.J. Waring .....	.....	Ballyrashane
D. Clarke .....	Prof. R. Anderson .....	Terrace Row, Coleraine
W.I. Hunter .....	.....	Ballywatt
T.S. Lindsay .....	J. Moody .....	First Garvagh
Dr. J.W. Cheshire .....	+ D. Kane .....	Hazelbank Assistant
J.A. McCaughan .....	W.H. King .....	First Dunboe
T.J. McCormick .....	W. Dinsmore .....	First Kilrea
J.A. Kirkpatrick .....	P. McGonigle .....	Portrush
T.P. Fleming .....	J.J. Shaw .....	First Coleraine
-do- .....	.....	Killaig
R.S. McMullan .....	J. Grant .....	New Row, Coleraine
M. Goudy .....	.....	Macosquin
T.D. Allen .....	D. Lyons .....	Ballyrashane
B.A.H. Wilson .....	.....	Missionary
P.C. Lyle .....	H. Millen .....	Second Dunboe
-do- .....	.....	Ringsend & UU Chaplain
John Coulter .....	+ G. McIntyre .....	Ballysally (Ch. Ext.)
T.J. Laverty .....	R.H. McRobert .....	Portstewart
C. Aitcheson .....	.....	Castlerock
R.D. Gregg .....	N. Stevenson .....	Burnside

## 9. DERRY &amp; STRABANE PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
R.S.K. Neill .....	.....	First Castledearg; Killeter
Maurice Bolton .....	.....	Second Derry (Strand); Buncrana
Dr. John Lappin .....	.....	Carndonagh; Malin
J.M. Cathcart .....	D. Walker .....	Waterside
-do- .....	D. Lamberton .....	Fahan
Dr. Joseph Fell .....	Mrs. R. Millar .....	Ebrington
-do- .....	* A. Craig .....	Inch
D. Hillen .....	J. Kincaid .....	Magheramason
G.P. Young .....	.....	Moville
-do- .....	.....	Greenbank
J.K. McCormick .....	Miss H. Colhoun .....	Second Derry (Strand)
-do- .....	J. Buchanan .....	Burt
R.L. Craig .....	R. McCullough .....	Kilfennan
David Latimer .....	G. Doherty .....	First Derry & Claremont
-do- .....	.....	Monreagh
D.A. Edgar .....	.....	Chaplain R.A.F.
Dr. R.A. Kane .....	Miss A. Gordon .....	Badoney; Corrick
-do- .....	.....	Glenelly
Dr. S.D.H. Williamson .....	J. Shiels .....	Strabane
G.R. Stockdale .....	F. Hood .....	Newtownstewart

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
-do- .....	.....	Gortin
D.J. Hutchinson .....	.....	Leckpatrick
R.K. Graham .....	R.C. Rutledge .....	First Castledearg
-do- .....	J. Young .....	Killeter
R.W. Gaston .....	A. Fletcher .....	Second Castledearg
-do- .....	.....	Alt
A.J.A. Rosborough .....	Mrs. E. Peoples .....	Ballyarnett
-do- .....	Miss R.H. Starrett .....	Knowhead
D.W. Reid .....	J. Smyth .....	Ardstraw
-do- .....	D. McElrea .....	Douglas
T.D. Hagan .....	T. Campbell .....	Carndonagh
-do- .....	.....	Malin

## 10. DONEGAL PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
K.J.C. McConnell .....	.....	Carrigart; Dunfanaghy
James Lamont .....	.....	Carrigart
-do- .....	Mrs. E. Montgomery .....	Dunfanaghy
Brian Brown .....	.....	Ballindrait
-do- .....	.....	Raphoe
C.F.D. Clements .....	W. Osbourne .....	Ramelton
-do- .....	.....	Kilmacrennan
S.W. Rea .....	.....	Fannet
-do- .....	.....	Millford
-do- .....	.....	Rathmullan
W.A. Watson .....	D. Vaughan .....	Ballyshannon
-do- .....	V. McKean .....	Donegal
.....	Mrs M Edwards .....	Newtowncunningham
Patricia A. McBride .....	.....	School Chaplain
A. Carson .....	.....	Donoughmore
-do- .....	.....	Stranorlar
W.A. McCully .....	Mrs. E. Corry .....	Letterkenny
-do- .....	.....	Trenta
.....	B. Finlay .....	Carnone
J.G. Jones .....	.....	Ballylennon
-do- .....	.....	St. Johnston

## 11. DOWN PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
C.D. Adams .....	.....	Spa; Magherahamlet
Desmond McBride .....	S. McFarland .....	Second Saintfield
Dr. James Harper .....	.....	Ballygowan
R.E. Boggs .....	D. McComb .....	Downpatrick
-do- .....	.....	Ardglass
-do- .....	.....	Strangford
R.G. Johnston .....	.....	First Saintfield
Dr. W.J. Patterson .....	J. Finlay .....	Killinchy
.....	J. Martin .....	Raffrey
D.S. McIlwrath .....	C.J. McCormick .....	First Killyleagh
T.W. Gordon .....	R. McAleese .....	First Comber
Samuel Armstrong .....	Miss T. Kennedy .....	Lissara
R.McM. Mackay .....	J. Kenning .....	Second Comber
W.A. Abernethy .....	W. Pentland .....	Kilmore
J.L. Keenan .....	.....	Spa



MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
-do- .....	.....	Magherahamlet
N.A.L. Cameron .....	R. McMurray .....	Second Killyleagh
R.A. Moffett .....	A. Macauley .....	Clough
-do- .....	D. Perry .....	Seaforde
R.J. Hyndman .....	J. Dobbin .....	First Saintfield
.....	W. Smith .....	Edengrove
.....	F. Fox .....	First Boardmills
.....	D. Porter .....	Ballygowan

## 12. DROMORE PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
John McCaughan .....	.....	Legacurry
Dr. J.B. Irvine .....	.....	Hillsborough
Kenneth Smyth .....	.....	Drumbo
R.D. Larmour .....	.....	Magheragall
Dr. H. Cromie .....	.....	Railway Street, Lisburn
W.H. Gray .....	.....	Harmony Hill, Lambeg
Dr. D.M. Scott .....	.....	St. Columba's, Lisburn
Dr. R.J.G. Gray .....	.....	First Lisburn
David McConaghy .....	G.A. Bell .....	Cargycrevy
-do- .....	.....	Loughagery
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D.C. Porter .....	T. Cochrane .....	Second Dromara
J.I. Davey .....	M. McMaster .....	Hillsborough
D.B. Knox .....	B. White .....	Harmony Hill, Lambeg
G.B.S. Gibson .....	.....	Railway St. Lisburn
.....	J. Douglas .....	Drumbo
D.J. Bruce .....	+ Miss E. McConnell .....	Gen. Dir. Scrip. Union, N.I.
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A.K. Duddy .....	C. Gamble .....	First Dromore
J. Honeyford .....	Mrs. M. Dunlop .....	St. Columba's, Lisburn
J.G. Trueman .....	A. Wilson .....	Banbridge Road, Dromore
S.W.W. Neilly .....	.....	Maghaberry/Maze Prison
M.G. McClelland .....	Mrs. M. Wills .....	Magheragall
W.J. Henry .....	.....	Maze
R. Liddle .....	C. Kinghan .....	Legacurry
G.W.M. Glasgow .....	R. Cairns .....	Drumlough
-do- .....	J. Magee .....	Anahilt
.....	T. Kinkead .....	First Lisburn

## 13. DUBLIN &amp; MUNSTER PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
A.V. Martin .....	.....	Abbey
J. Carson .....	B. Egan .....	Greystones
-do- .....	.....	Arklow
.....	* R.W. Alcorn .....	Killala
C. McCurdy .....	W. McIlreavy .....	Drogheda
-do- .....	.....	Ervey

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
Dr. R.W.J. MacDermott .....	.....	Christ Church, Sandymount
R. Cobain .....	.....	Galway
-do- .....	.....	Ballinasloe
.....	H. Borland .....	Clontarf
.....	K. Jackson .....	Ormond Quay and Scots
S.G. Anketell .....	.....	Gorey
-do- .....	* T.R. Reid .....	Enniscorthy
-do- .....	* W.J. Campbell .....	Wexford
G.D. Campbell .....	D. Poynton .....	St. Andrew's, Blackrock
-do- .....	J. Beattie .....	Bray
G.A. Mitchell .....	* W. Caswell .....	Sligo
-do- .....	.....	Boyle
Dr. T.W.J. Morrow .....	I. Scott .....	Lucan
J.G. Faris .....	.....	Trinity, Cork
-do- .....	* Mrs. C. Poynton .....	Aghada
J.D. Woodside .....	B. Patterson .....	Kilkenny
Katherine P. Meyer .....	.....	Dublin Chaplaincy
F.P. Sellar .....	.....	Adelaide Road, Donore
Mary Hunter .....	Ms. J. Cowle .....	Christ Church, Rathgar
S.S. Johnston .....	.....	H.M. Development; Carlow
D.K. McCrory .....	.....	Lucan Assistant
A.J. McL. Smith .....	N. Whisker .....	Dun Laoghaire
Dr. S. Mawhinney .....	.....	Fermoy
-do- .....	.....	Cahir
S. Simpson .....	.....	Mountmellick
-do- .....	.....	Tullamore
A.J. Boal .....	Mrs. L. Bell .....	Abbey Church
C.J. Gamble .....	.....	Athy
-do- .....	.....	Naas
.....	Ms. J. Webster .....	Christ Church, Limerick
.....	* Ms. J. Binnie .....	Corboy

## 14. FOYLE PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
D.J.H. Browne .....	.....	Ballykelly
S.J. Gray .....	Miss D.M. Morrison .....	Faughanvale
-do- .....	.....	Gortnessy
John McWhirter .....	.....	Glendermott
James Clarke .....	.....	Balteagh; Bovevagh
T.V. Mawhinney .....	.....	Second Limavady
-do- .....	H. Fulton .....	Myroe
N. Ward .....	I. Canning .....	Banagher
G.D. Simpson .....	O. Murphy .....	First Limavady
-do- .....	.....	Magilligan
D.S. Irwin .....	Mrs. E. Alexander .....	Drumachose
-do- .....	G. Caskie .....	Derramore
Dr. W.J.H. McKee .....	G. Thompson .....	Cumber
-do- .....	.....	Upper Cumber
K.G. Patterson .....	.....	Glendermott
Dr. C. Glass .....	.....	Largy
-do- .....	Mrs. C. Thompson .....	Dungiven
J.A. Noble .....	A. Pinkerton .....	Balteagh
-do- .....	F. Meenagh .....	Bovevagh
.....	V. Whiteside .....	Ballykelly
S. Stewart .....	Mrs. H. Lindsay .....	Donagheady
-do- .....	+ W. Taylor .....	Strathfoyle (Ch. Ext.)

## 15. IVEAGH PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
W.C. Lockhart .....	.....	Magherally
J.A. Todd .....	.....	Garvagh
Arthur Clarke .....	.....	Glascar; Donaghmore
T.J. Hagan .....	R. Fleming .....	Donacloney
S.A. Matthews .....	L. White .....	Bannside
W.H. Sanderson .....	.....	Ballydown
-do- .....	.....	Katesbridge
I.J. Patterson .....	W.O. McCammon .....	Newcastle
W.L. Orr .....	J. Hanna .....	Glascar
-do- .....	R. Murdock .....	Donaghmore
D.M. Rodgers .....	W. Adams .....	Magherally
A.S. Thompson .....	Mrs. D. McSpadden .....	Castlewellan
-do- .....	D. Harte .....	Leitrim
C.D. McClure .....	R. Cupples .....	Loughbrickland
-do- .....	R.G. Crothers .....	Scarva
R.J. Greer .....	W.R. Hamilton .....	Tandragee
H.S.W. Cubitt .....	.....	Second Rathfriland
-do- .....	.....	Third Rathfriland
John Holmes .....	G.R. Macauley .....	Drumgooland
-do- .....	.....	Kilkinamurphy
G.E. Best .....	.....	Newmills
A.T.F. Johnston .....	.....	Tullylish
-do- .....	.....	Gilford
R.M. Murray .....	.....	Clonduff
-do- .....	.....	Hilltown
A.A. Cole .....	.....	Garvagh
-do- .....	Miss A. Russell .....	Anaghlonge
J.R.I. Harbinson .....	S. Murphy .....	Ballyroney
-do- .....	E. Truesdale .....	Drumlee
.....	T.J. Crory .....	Scarva St., Banbridge

## 16. MONAGHAN PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
Walter Herron .....	.....	First Monaghan
David Nesbitt .....	T. Fuller .....	First Ballybay
-do- .....	A. McAdoo .....	Drumkeen
G. Jean Mackarel .....	K. Fleming .....	Drumkeeran
-do- .....	.....	Killeshandra
-do- .....	T.A. Anderson .....	Cavan
-do- .....	S. Byers .....	Bellasis
J.S.B. Drennan .....	.....	Clontibret
-do- .....	J. Bole .....	Smithborough
B.C.G. Black .....	M. Graham .....	First Monaghan
Florence Taylor .....	A. Hall .....	First Bailieborough
Dr. A. Hunter .....	.....	Corraneary
-do- .....	A. McElwaine .....	Trinity, Bailieborough
M.R. Burnside .....	J. Jenkins .....	Ballyalbany
-do- .....	Mrs. N. Wilson .....	Glennan
Nancy Cubitt .....	Mrs. D. Holmes-Greer .....	First Castleblayney
-do- .....	H. Hill .....	Frankford
.....	* T. Semple .....	Corvally
D.T. Moore .....	.....	Drum
-do- .....	.....	Cootehill
-do- .....	W. Ferris .....	Kilmount
A.A. McCullough .....	C. Mills .....	Second Ballybay
-do- .....	L. Forster .....	Rockcory

## 17. NEWRY PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
D.C. Scott .....	.....	Cremore; Tyrone's Ditches
Dr. D.J. McGaughey .....	W. Grills .....	Mourne
S.A. Finlay .....	H. McKnight .....	Annalong
N.S. Millen .....	.....	Dundalk & Castlebellingham
-do- .....	.....	Carlingford
Dr. M.A. Barry .....	Mrs. S. Knight .....	First Newry
A.L. Kirk .....	R. Graham .....	Kilkeel
F.J. Gibson .....	F. Henning .....	First Drumabanagher; J'pass
-do- .....	R. Harpur .....	Kingsmills
W.J. Carlisle .....	W. McKee .....	Downshire Rd., Newry
J.M. Wade .....	.....	Second N'hamilton
-do- .....	.....	Creggan
B. McMillen .....	G. Rea .....	Warrenpoint
-do- .....	C. Williams .....	Rostrevor
E.P. Gamble .....	A. Clarke .....	Clarkebridge
-do- .....	.....	& First Newtownhamilton
-do- .....	.....	Garmany's Grove
-do- .....	W. McNiece .....	McKelvey's Grove
D. Rankin .....	J. Hamilton .....	First, Second Markethill
J.K.A. McIntyre .....	S. Paul .....	Bessbrook
-do- .....	.....	Tyrone's Ditches
.....	Wm. Henning .....	Tullyallen
.....	T.J. Kernaghan .....	Mountnorris

## 18. OMAGH PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
J.L. Casement .....	P. McKelvey .....	Sixmilecross
J.F. Murdoch .....	.....	First Omagh
N.R. McCormick .....	W.R. Cooper .....	Ballygawley
-do- .....	.....	Ballyreagh
B.A. Hunt .....	F. McKee .....	Irvinestown
-do- .....	.....	Pettigo
-do- .....	.....	Tempo
W.J. Kelly .....	.....	Clogher; Glenhoy
R. Herron .....	R.A. Elliott .....	Trinity, Omagh
-do- .....	R. Smyth .....	Gillygooley
W.D. Cupples .....	.....	Enniskillen
J.I. Mairs .....	.....	Mountjoy
-do- .....	T. Miskelly .....	Drumlegagh
D.P. Kirkwood .....	.....	Lisbellaw, Lisnaskea, Maguiresbridge, N'townbutler
N.S. Harrison .....	K. Clements .....	Clogherney
J.L. Blair .....	.....	Clogher
-do- .....	R. Mulligan .....	Glenhoy
J.R. Burnett .....	F. Giles .....	Seskinore
-do- .....	J. Gilmour .....	Edenderry
R.I. Abraham .....	J. Cochrane .....	Cavanaleck
-do- .....	.....	Aughtentaine
G. Aitcheson .....	.....	Dromore
-do- .....	.....	Drumquin
G.D. Allen .....	A. Murphy .....	Lisbellaw
-do- .....	W. McConkey .....	Lisnaskea
-do- .....	D. Jamieson .....	Maguiresbridge
-do- .....	.....	N't'nbutter
E.S. McDowell .....	G. Donald .....	Fintona
-do- .....	R.T. McCaffrey .....	Ballynahatty & Creevan

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.....	F. Robinson .....	Aughnacloy
.....	J. Cromie .....	Ballymagrane

## 19. ROUTE PRESBYTERY

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H.W. Brooks .....	.....	Armoy
H.B. Wallace .....	.....	Bushmills
Dr. A.W.G. Brown .....	E.C. Redmond .....	Ballycastle
R.F.S. Poots .....	+ W.V. McClean .....	Deputy Clerk of Assembly
G. Cunningham .....	.....	Armoy
-do- .....	.....	Ramoan
J.T. Magowan .....	M. Morrison .....	St. James's, Ballymoney
T. Luke .....	H. Allen .....	Drumreagh
-do- .....	Miss M.J. Downs .....	Dromore
J.A. Thompson .....	H. White .....	Dercock
D.I.J. McNie .....	G. Backus .....	Trinity, Ballymoney
Maurice Barr .....	.....	Ballyweaney
Ian McClean .....	.....	Toberkeigh
A.C. Rankin .....	J. Michael .....	First Ballymoney
S.T. Carson .....	G. Fullerton .....	Dunluce
K.D.W. Crowe .....	Mrs. N. Moore .....	Bushvale
R.J. Gilkinson .....	.....	Garryduff
-do- .....	R. Gault .....	Dunloy
W.R.B. Martin .....	J. Beattie .....	Finvoy
R.D. McDowell .....	Miss C. Anderson .....	Bushmills
.....	J. Christie .....	Toberdoney
.....	J. Fleming .....	Croaghmore

## 20. TEMPLEPATRICK PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
Colin Corkey .....	.....	Hydepark
Dr. A.L. McAloney .....	.....	Randalstown O.C.
W.D. Weir .....	P.C. Patterson .....	Killead
-do- .....	G.A. Fleming .....	Loanends
J. Tolland .....	Mrs. M. Porter .....	First Donegore
J.H. MacConnell .....	I. Patterson .....	First Ballyeaston
S.W. McClintock .....	.....	Kilbride
Dr. S.J. Dixon .....	I. Hamill .....	First Antrim
W.J. Sleith .....	W.J. Canning .....	High Street, Antrim
B. Kennaway .....	W. Addis .....	Crumlin
T. Pollock .....	.....	First Randalstown
-do- .....	.....	Duneane
T.H. Wilson .....	Miss M. Morrison .....	Templepatrick
G. Moore .....	Mrs. A. Wilson .....	Kilbride
N. McClean .....	T. Nicholl .....	Randalstown O.C.
P.P. Campbell .....	D. Craig .....	Second Ballyeaston
D. Bannerman .....	R. Jones .....	Greystone Road, Antrim
J. Brackenridge .....	J. Brown .....	Dundrod
R.L. Brown .....	J. McIlroy .....	Second Randalstown
J.L. Tosh .....	.....	Second Donegore
P.T. Dalzell .....	D. Robinson .....	Hydepark
-do- .....	B. Fleming .....	Lylehill
P.E. Dickinson .....	J. Gowdy .....	Muckamore

## 21. TYRONE PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS	RULING ELDERS	CONGREGATIONS
J.E. Barr .....	.....	Sandholes
S.B. Moles .....	.....	Union Rd., M'felt; Lecumpher
Dr. A.R. Rodgers .....	.....	Dungannon
W.T. Coburn .....	.....	Molesworth, Cookstown
D.S. Graham .....	H. Duncan .....	First Magherafelt
J.B. McCormick .....	.....	First & Second Moneymore
I.F. Smith .....	R. Freeburn .....	Orritor
-do- .....	.....	Claggan
.....	C. Moore .....	Newmills
J.I. Thompson .....	Mrs. M. Crooks .....	First Cookstown
N.W. McAuley .....	.....	Union Road, M'felt
-do- .....	.....	Lecumpher
Philip G. McCreagh .....	W. Linton .....	Maghera
J.W. Fleck .....	D. Condy .....	Upper Clonaneese
-do- .....	R. Cuddy .....	Lower Clonaneese
T.J. Conway .....	A. McGinnis .....	Culnady
-do- .....	.....	Swatragh
R.I.A. Allely .....	.....	Dungannon
W.T. Bingham .....	N. Black .....	Sandholes
-do- .....	H. Watt .....	Pomeroy
R.N. Agnew .....	H. Ferson .....	Bellaghy
-do- .....	.....	Knockloughrim
Dr. T.R. Buick .....	D. Reid .....	First Stewartstown
-do- .....	Mrs. W. Hammond .....	Brigh
-do- .....	.....	Albany
J.H. Flaherty .....	T.G. Campbell .....	Tobermore
-do- .....	G. Dickson .....	Draperstown
Dr. K.O. Patterson .....	E. Fulton .....	Castledawson
-do- .....	D. Hamilton .....	Curran
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.....	T. Espie .....	Molesworth, Cookstown
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Ms. Kate Turner

**THE METHODIST CHURCH IN IRELAND**

Rev. Dr. Kenneth A. Wilson  
Rev. R.D. Rodgers  
Mrs. Irene McKeown  
Mr. R.S. Strong

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE SUDAN**

Rev. Shawish Nyawelo Kir

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PAKISTAN**

Rev. Dr. Maqsood Kamil

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EAST AFRICA**

Rev. Peter Kenyanjui

**IRISH COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

Dr. D. Stevens

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

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

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

The Rev H A Dunlop, BA, BD .....	19 votes
The Rev R I Birney, BA, BD, DMin .....	2 votes

On the motion of the Rev Dr R I Birney, seconded by the Very Rev Dr S Hutchinson, the Rev Dr H A Dunlop was unanimously called to the Chair, welcomed by the retiring Moderator and commended to God in prayer.

The Right Rev Dr H A Dunlop then addressed the House.

The sederunt came to a close at 9.10 pm, the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

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## SECOND SESSION

**Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2001                      Half past nine o'clock. Forenoon**

### Within May Street Church

The members of Assembly, and other members of the Church, met and participated in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the Moderator conducting the Service, assisted by the Very Rev Dr T W J Morrow and the Clerk.

### Intermission

### Within Church House

The Assembly afterwards convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

The Report of the **BUSINESS BOARD** (Reports pp 91-98) was submitted by the Very Rev Dr S Hutchinson, together with the following Supplementary Report.

### **Supplementary Report**

### **DELEGATES TO OTHER CHURCHES**

#### **The Church of Scotland General Assembly (2001)**

*The Right Rev Dr T W J Morrow reports:*

The Church of Scotland General Assembly met from 19-25 May. The corresponding members from our Church were Rt Rev Dr T W J Morrow, Rev Frank Sellar and Mr Ian Scott.

Many images flash through the mind in recollection of the Scottish Assembly 2001; the majesty of Edinburgh Castle, the splendour of Holyrood Palace, the lavishness of generous hospitality, but the lingering memory is not of impressive kindness, far less buildings, but rather of the transparently pure words of Jesus resounded out by the Rt Rev John D Miller, Moderator of the General Assembly, to the assembled company in St Giles Cathedral: "You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the world." Illustrated from his experience of ministering in a Glasgow housing scheme parish for 30 years, his words reverberated with integrity:

"Structures are secondary. The Gospel comes first. The Church's business is nothing less than the Word of Life. The Church is not a building. Nor is the Church merely a social agency, providing care and help to the needy. Far less is it a stern parent, seeking to direct the behaviour of old and young according to a strict set of rules. The Church is the community of faith, listening to the Lord, listening for the Word of Life, the unchanging Lord".

This Gospel dominated the weeks proceedings through the adoption of a major report entitled 'A Church Without Walls'. This encouraged the Church in Scotland to hear again the words of Jesus "Follow me". "These two words offer us the purpose, shape and process of continuous reform of the Church at the beginning of a new millennium". This may mean a U-turn, so that the local Church dictates the agenda and is served by new-sized Presbyteries and HQ. Structures require to be flexible, not rigid.

At a time when the processes of secularism have decimated numbers in the Church of Scotland from 1,133,515 in 1971 to 626,665 in 1999 (a decrease last year alone of 24,000), and where it is projected that soon every second Church will be vacant, and every minister an interim moderator, drastic solutions are required... The report calls the Kirk to 'risk the way of Jesus' ... personally, locally, realistically, sacrificially, radically, globally, eschatologically, enlivened and sustained by the grace of God. This requires the Kirk no longer to be the voice of the people, but rather a voice to the people; to sit loose to every pattern of organisation, ready to respond to the call of the Spirit in our times".

In that report concerning Review and Reform, the Assembly urged congregations to reaffirm their primary purpose, and instructed Kirk Sessions and Presbyteries and Boards and all agencies of the Church to take action in no fewer than 39 radical resolutions.

The Assembly welcomed many delegates from partner Churches overseas and through the Board of World Mission, gave serious consideration to 'Confessing Faith in Christ in the context of the HIV/AIDS pandemic', where current

estimated numbers of adults and children with the virus is 36 million. In Sub-Saharan Africa, 1 in 5 adults carry the virus. The Assembly strongly encouraged congregations to become actively involved with HIV/AIDS organisations at the local level and also in support of partner Churches throughout the world in their fight against this disease. The Assembly also spent considerable time formulating a carefully considered policy on Human Genetics, and undertook a review of the office of elder in the Church, with a view to enabling the whole Church to rediscover the full significance of the eldership as a scriptural office.

It was a humbling joy to meet delegates from countries of past persecution, most especially a brother who for 35 years remained faithful in Cuba, steadfastly refusing to leave the island through hard times, preferring instead to worship with one other believer, now in happier days celebrating a packed congregation.

Other impressions include passion over nuclear weapons held at Faslane, affirmation of the right of Israelis and Palestinians to live within secure and fixed boundaries in states of their own, urging Israeli withdrawal from illegal annexation of territory as a first step towards a just and peaceful resolution of conflict, the notable active participation of youth delegates in debates, and hardly a clerical collar in sight, ... including the Moderator!

I conclude, quoting words from the report on 'Church Without Walls'...

"Jesus said 'Follow me'. That core calling calls us to turn again to be people with Jesus at the centre, travelling wherever Jesus takes it. It is so simple we cannot miss it. It is so profound we can never exhaust it. This calling invites us to risk the way of Jesus".

### **The General Synod of the Church of Ireland (2001)**

*The Very Rev Dr John Lockington reports:*

The General Synod of the Church of Ireland was held from May 15 to 17 in the O'Reilly Hall at University College, Dublin.

The delegates from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland were Very Rev Dr John Lockington and Mr George Knaggs (Adelaide Road, Donore). They were extended a warm welcome, both formally and informally, and received generous hospitality.

St Patrick's Cathedral was the venue for the Synod service, now held at the end of the first day of business. This took the form of a Communion service when the preacher was the Bishop of Tuam, Right Rev R C A Henderson. Devotions each morning were conducted by Right Rev K H Clarke, the new Bishop of Kilmore.

The business sessions were presided over by the Archbishop of Armagh, Most Rev R H A Eames assisted by the Archbishop of Dublin, Most Rev W N F Empey. In a wide ranging Presidential address Archbishop Eames referred specifically to the foot and mouth crisis and the Synod engaged in prayer for those involved.

A proposal to reduce the size of the Synod involving the redistribution of members across the dioceses and the election of members by proportional representation was defeated. However, the Synod later agreed to set up a committee to examine the structures and workings of Synod and report in 2002.

The legislative function of the Synod was apparent in the parliamentary terminology such as bills, first, second and third readings, Green and White papers, Aye and No lobbies and the strangers gallery.

A considerable amount of time was taken up with liturgical matters, especially in the preparation of a new Book of Common Prayer to be introduced in 2004.

Some concerns were voiced about the new hymnal which had been launched in September 2000. Some of the issues raised were pertinent to the General Assembly's debate on the subject.

A resolution from the bishops to allow baptised children to receive communion before confirmation engendered a passionate debate but the proposal did not receive the necessary two-thirds majority of both houses of clergy and laity.

As a result of the Commission of Ministry's White Paper on Pastoral Breakdown presented in 2000, the Synod agreed to establish two Provincial Mediation Boards to provide a mediation procedure in conflict resolution.

In addition to these special issues the Synod dealt with familiar matters such as education, youth, mission, abortion, marriage and Church and State. Concern for the ministry to be relevant was evidenced in the decision to hold a 'summit' in 2002 to consider the future shape of ministry.

It was interesting to note that many discussions involved the formal proposing or seconding of resolutions; expressions of thanks were kept to a minimum and all the clergy who attended were engaged in the active ministry.

It was a privilege to have been given the opportunity to see another denomination at work and to renew many friendships and make new ones.

### **Eglise Réformée de France: National Synod (2001)**

*Mrs Maureen Patterson reports:*

The 94<sup>th</sup> National Synod of the Eglise Réformée de France (ERF) met 24-27 May 2001 in the town of Soissons, the first Capital of France under the first Kings of the Merovingian dynasty. This town was seriously damaged during the First World War and shell marks are still visible in the walls of St Paul's College where the Synod was held.

The Synod consisted of 92 voting members from the 8 regional synods in the ERF, together with a similar number of consultative members representing various interests and visiting delegates from other churches, including 19 international partners. M Laurent Schlumberger acted as Moderator for the duration of the Synod assisted by two vice-Moderators. The church also has a President of its National Council, who is the real leader of the denomination. Pasteur Michel Bertrand has just completed 3, three-year terms in this office and is not seeking re-election. He was thanked for his years of leadership, particularly for his capacity to listen, to pull people together and for the quality of his public work.

The Synod has no boards or committees, as a number of years ago they were replaced by Networks, whose remit is to facilitate the sharing of resources and ideas at all levels in the church and report to Synod. All this work comes under the headings 'Edify and Train' and 'Witness and Serve'. The Synod always majors each year on a particular theme and this year it was, 'The Sacraments'. Time was given for group work on this theme before it was brought to its final stage. This was the completion of a four year process of looking at the Sacraments, their meaning and proper administration and use in the Church.

During the Synod time was allowed for resolutions to be put down on current issues. 14 proposals were recommended for adoption on topics such as refugees,

action against torture, homosexuality, problems facing serving pastors today and that a future Synod should look at the meaning of mission for the ERF.

I was grateful for the invitation to attend the ERF Synod, for the warmth of the welcome and for the opportunity to see at first hand the similarities and differences between our two churches. There is much that we can learn from each other, so I hope that contacts will not only continue but also increase.

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

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the recommended Order of Business be adopted.
3. That the resignations of Dr Margaret Haire and Mrs Joyce Moran be noted and that they be thanked for their services as Hospitality Secretaries.
4. That the professional amplification controller and the visual display operator be admitted to the private session.
5. That a grant of £10,500 be made from the Incidental Fund to the Arrangements Committee.
6. That the next General Assembly be held in Church House, Belfast on Monday, 10 June, 2002.
7. That the Communion Service in 2002 be held in the Assembly Hall.
8. That for an experimental period of two years a question about the representative elder to the General Assembly be included on the annual statistics sheet. This provision shall supplement and not replace the official Form of Commission.

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

9. That the resignation of Rev Roy Vallely as Convener of the Arrangements Committee be accepted, that he be thanked for his services, and that Rev Colin Morrison be appointed in his place.

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

10. That the Business Board, with its associated working committee, for the ensuing year beginning 15 March, 2002 be appointed in accordance with Par 275 of the Code.

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

**Mr H W  
Templeton**

That in view of his service to the Church, especially as an Opening Night steward and as time-keeper at business Sessions of the General Assembly, Mr Herbert W Templeton be made a member of Assembly under Par 97(i) and Par 107(a) of the Code.



The Report of the **Synods and Presbyteries** (Reports pp 80-90) was submitted by the Very Rev Dr S Hutchinson. **Synods & Presbyteries**

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

1. That the Report be received.

The **Corresponding Members** were received from the Church of Scotland. These were Right Rev John Miller, and Miss Ann Lyall DCS. **Corresponding Members**

The Moderator welcomed the Corresponding Members. The Right Rev John Miller replied and conveyed greetings.

The Moderator welcomed Rev Wm W Mahood, Corresponding Member of the United Reformed Church of the United Kingdom, and Rev J E Wynne Davies, a delegate from the Presbyterian Church of Wales. Rev J E Wynne Davies replied and conveyed greetings.

The Moderator welcomed other delegates. These were: Presbyterian Church of the Sudan: Rev Shawish Nyawelo Kir. Presbyterian Church of Pakistan: Rev Dr Maqsood Kamil. Presbyterian Church of East Africa: Rev Peter Kenyanjui. Rev Dr Maqsood Kamil and Rev Peter Kenyanjui replied and conveyed greetings.

The Moderator welcomed Rev Canon P F Patterson and Ms Kate Turner, delegates from the Church of Ireland; Rev Dr Kenneth A Wilson, Rev R D Rodgers, Mrs Irene McKeown, and Mr R S Strong, delegates from the Methodist Church in Ireland and Dr David Stevens from the Irish Council of Churches. Rev Dr Kenneth A Wilson replied and conveyed greetings.

The Report of the **BOARD OF MINISTRY AND PENSIONS** (Reports pp 271-276) was submitted by the Rev D S Graham, together with the following Supplementary Report. **BOARD OF MINISTRY & PENSIONS**

### **BOARD OF MINISTRY AND PENSIONS - Supplementary Report**

#### **Committee on Retirements and Pensions**

The Scheme Actuary has issued a preliminary report on his Actuarial Valuation of the Ministers' Pension Scheme (1978) as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2000.

Since the previous Valuation, there has been a reducing level of return on investments and this, together with other changes in funding assumptions made by the Actuary, will result in a need for higher levels of funding to meet the benefits accruing.

The Committee will assess the situation when the final report is received from the Actuary and make appropriate recommendations.

Moved by the Rev D S Graham, seconded by the Rev J McVeigh, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. 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 Central Ministry Fund. **Central Ministry Fund**
3. That the rate of Assessment for CMF in 2001 be 23.5p in £ of Stipend.
4. That the rate of Assessment for the Ministers Pension Scheme (1978) for 2001 remain at 16.25p in the £ of Stipend as shown in the column 'Stipend paid to the Minister' or as fixed by the Union Commission in the case of a vacancy. **Ministers' Pension Scheme (1978)**

5. That the General Board be authorised to act for the General Assembly, during the coming year, in relation to any proposed change to the assessments and contributions for the Ministers' Pension Scheme (1978).

**Retired  
Ministers' Fund**

6. That the rate of Assessment for the Retired Ministers Fund for 2001 remain at 12p in the £ of Stipend.

**Widows of  
Ministers' Fund**

7. That the rate of Assessment for the Widows of Ministers Fund for 2001 remain at 6.75p in the £ of Stipend.

**General**

8. That the retirement of Mr William Alexander as Co-Convener of the Central Ministry Fund be accepted, that he be thanked for his services, and that Mr Jack Hutcheson be appointed in his place.

9. That the Board of Ministry and Pensions, with its associated working committees for the ensuing year, be appointed in accordance with Par 288 of the Code as follows:

**Rev DS Graham, Convener**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Convener of Union Commission, Convener and Secretary Home Mission Committee; Revs DS Graham, DJ Boden, J McVeigh, JL Casement; J Hutcheson, J Millar, N McLaughlin.**

(b) **Rev JT Williamson; WJ Moorhead — A Sleator, N Greenlee — Rev WD McBride; S Cunningham — C Stanfield, J Magee — Revs ASThompson, J Briggs — Rev D Rankin; D Orr.**

(c) **Rev GA Preston; H Coulter — Rev Douglas Armstrong; JB Robinson — Rev R Kelly; L Montgomery — Revs JA Thompson, G Cunningham — FJ Hand, W Hoy.**

(d) **Rev JS Dallas; B Gordon — Rev Dr Ian Hart; John McKeown — Rev RD Maxwell; H McRoberts.**

(e) **Rev D Latimer; F Arbuckle — Rev S Stewart; J Boggs — Rev NR McCormick; WC Henderson — Rev DS Graham; Noel Johnston.**

(f) **Rev J Carson; J Hodgins — Rev MR Burnside; J Jenkins — Rev SW Rea; O Perry.**

**A. CENTRAL MINISTRY FUND COMMITTEE (5)**

**Rev J McVeigh; J Hutcheson, Conveners**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Rev J McVeigh; J Hutcheson, W Alexander; Rev DS Graham; J Millar; Revs DJ Boden, RL Craig, WJ Orr, Deputy Clerk, Clerk-Designate.**

(x) **Revs D Nesbitt, Robert Bell; DJ Clements, Adrian Patterson.**

(y) **Revs J Briggs, MR Burnside, S Stewart, D Armstrong, SW Rea; WJ Moorhead, J McKeown, O Perry.**

**B. COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENTS AND PENSIONS (5)**

**Rev DJ Boden; J Millar, Conveners**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs DS Graham, DJ Boden, J McVeigh; J Hutcheson, J Millar, Clerk-Designate.**

(x) **Sir Eric McDowell, DA Crowe, John McKeown.**

(y) **Revs MR Burnside, D Armstrong, J Dallas, Alan S Thompson, WD McBride, R Kelly; N Johnston, H McRoberts.**

**C. RETIRED MINISTERS' HOUSE FUND (5)****Rev JL Casement; N McLaughlin, Co-Conveners**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs JL Casement, DS Graham; N McLaughlin, Financial Secretary**
- (x) **Rev James Clarke; D Carson, EA Jackson.**
- (y) **Revs J Briggs, JS Dallas, GA Preston, NR McCormick; J Hodgins, JB Robinson.**

The Report of the **Ad hoc Committee on the Tyrone Memorial** (Reports pp 283-285) was submitted by the Rev R Kelly. **Committee on Tyrone Memorial**

Moved by the Rev R Kelly, seconded by the Rev Dr W J Patterson, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Scheme submitted by the Committee on the Tyrone Memorial come into operation on 1 January, 2002.
3. That stipends for the year 2002 be at the rate of the stipend for the year 2001 plus such increases as the Board of Ministry and Pensions may fix, unless the Union Commission determine otherwise in any particular case.
4. That the ad hoc Committee on the Tyrone Memorial be reappointed for a further year as follows:

**Rev R Kelly, Convener**

**The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Convener of Union Commission, Convener of the Board of Ministry and Pensions, Clerk of the Synod of Derry and Omagh; Revs James Lamont, MG McClelland, Dr Ian Hart, Raymond Kelly, Dr S Williamson, TP Fleming, Dr WJ Patterson, JI Davey, Dr IJ Wilson, IJ Patterson, MR Burnside, JA Noble, TWA Greer, KDW Crowe, RIA Allely, RB Savage; J Clarke, H McRoberts, NC Patterson, Ian Kelly, RW Vaughan.**

The **Overture anent Par 236** of the Code (Reports p 285) was submitted by the Rev R Kelly. **Overture anent par. 236**

Moved by the Rev R Kelly, seconded by the Rev Dr W J Patterson, and agreed:

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

The Sederunt came to a close at 12.35 pm the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

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**THIRD SESSION****Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2001****Two o'clock. Afternoon**

The Assembly again convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

**P W A** The Report of the **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION** (Reports pp 185-190) was submitted by Mrs Margaret Myers.

Mrs. Maureen Patterson, PWA President, also addressed the Assembly.

Moved by Mrs Margaret Myers, seconded by the Rev R F S Poots, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.

**NOMINATION BOARD** The Report of the **NOMINATION BOARD** (Reports pp 114-128) was submitted by the Very Rev Dr S Hutchinson.

Moved by the Very Rev Dr S Hutchinson, seconded by the Very Rev Dr D H Allen:

1. That the Report be received.

Moved, as an amendment, by the Rev N W McAuley, seconded by the Rev A L Kirk:

That the Report be received and that the Nomination Board be instructed to readvertise the post of Clerk of Assembly.

On being put, the amendment was declared lost.

The original resolution, being put, was passed.

Moved by the Very Rev Dr S Hutchinson, seconded by the Very Rev Dr D H Allen, and agreed:

2. That Rev W S Marrs be appointed Secretary-Designate of the Overseas Board.

The Moderator informed the Rev W S Marrs of his election and, having subscribed the Westminster Confession of Faith, he was declared appointed after which he thanked the Moderator and the members of Assembly.

**SUBSCRIPTION** in terms of the General Assembly's Formula.

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

W S MARRS  
Attested by SAMUEL HUTCHINSON  
Clerk of Assembly  
5<sup>th</sup> June, 2001

The Moderator, leading in prayer, commended the Rev W S Marrs to the care and guidance of God.

The Assembly proceeded to consider the post of Clerk-Designate

In accordance with the rules of the Nomination Board the names of the Rev Dr Donald James Watts as nominee and the Rev Wilfred John Orr as second were submitted and a ballot was taken.

The Moderator declared the result as follows:

Rev Dr D J Watts ..... 268 votes

Rev W J Orr ..... 218 votes

Moved by the Very Rev Dr S Hutchinson, seconded by the Very Rev Dr D H Allen and agreed:

3. That the Rev Dr D J Watts be appointed Clerk-Designate of the General Assembly.

Voting: For ..... 333 votes

Against ..... 272 votes

The Rev W J Orr proposed and the House agreed to make the decision unanimous.

The Rev Dr D J Watts was duly informed by the Moderator of his election and, having signed the following documents, was declared appointed.

The Rev Dr D J Watts thanked the Moderator and the members of Assembly.

SUBSCRIPTION in terms of the General Assembly’s Formula.

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

DONALD J WATTS  
Certified by SAMUEL HUTCHINSON  
Clerk of Assembly  
5<sup>th</sup> June, 2001

The DECLARATION

I, Donald J Watts, having been chosen as Clerk-Designate of the General Assembly do hereby promise that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office to which I have been appointed; and that I will carefully preserve and, when required by this Court, restore the records and other documents now intrusted, to my care.

DONALD J WATTS  
Attested by SAMUEL HUTCHINSON  
Clerk of Assembly  
5<sup>th</sup> June, 2001

The Moderator, leading in prayer, commended the Rev Dr D J Watts to the care and guidance of God.

The Moderator, on behalf of the Assembly, instructed that the Rev Dr D J Watts be made a member of the appropriate Courts of the Church.

Moved by the Very Rev Dr S Hutchinson, seconded by the Very Rev Dr D H Allen, and agreed:

4. That the experimental method of interviewing and nominating by a 10 member Panel be retained in the meantime as an alternative to the procedure set out in Par 276 of the Code, the General Assembly (or the General Board) to determine the method to be used for any particular appointment.

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

**The Clerk, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly.**
  - (b\*) **Revs AL Kirk, DJ Temple, D Knowles; H Plester, Maitland Eves, H Lennon.**
  - (c\*) **Revs PP Campbell, JA Beattie, SS McFarland; Dr RMcC McMillan, Leslie Morrell, RI Bashford.**
  - (d\*) **Revs A Boyd, DR Whitley, B Hughes; H McRoberts, Mrs Edna Murray, R McKeown.**
  - (e\*) **Revs James Clarke, JB McCormick, John F Murdoch; Mrs Rhona Ferguson, G Sproule, DM McCurry.**
  - (f\*) **Revs SW Rea, D Nesbitt, GA Mitchell; John Ellis, Samuel Anderson, Mrs D Holmes-Greer.**
  - (g) **The Clerk-Designate; Mrs Kathleen Mawhinney — Rev Dr DH Allen; Prof HF Nicholl — Rev RFS Poots; DF Adair.**
- Together with four “specialists” variously nominated for particular appointments.**

**Intermission**

**INTER-CHURCH  
RELATIONS  
BOARD**

The Report of the **INTER-CHURCH RELATIONS BOARD** (Reports pp 129-140) was submitted by the Rev R Herron.

Moved by the Rev R Herron, seconded by the Rev R F S Poots, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.

2. That the following appointments be made:

To the Irish Council of Churches - Revs S Anketell, C J Aitcheson, S J Campbell; Mr N Chambers; Rev R Cobain; Mrs P Crossley; Revs A D Davidson, G A J Ellis-Farquhar; Miss D Gilmour; Revs Dr R J G Gray, R Herron, Dr S Hutchinson; Mrs M Irwin; Revs D B Knox, C D McClure, D Nesbitt; Mr J A Patterson; Rev R F S Poots; Mr I Scott, Mrs E Sheppard.

To the Irish Inter-Church Committee - Revs A D Davidson, Dr H A Dunlop.

**World Church  
Relations**

3. That the resignation of the Rev David Campbell as Convener of the World Church Relations Committee be accepted, that he be thanked for his services, and that Rev Gabrielle Ellis-Farquhar be appointed in his place.

4. That Rev C D McClure be appointed to serve for the next three years as the PCI representative on the Ecumenical Committee of the URC and as a voting delegate at the URC General Assembly.

5. That the General Assembly welcome the members of the Leuenberg Assembly to their meeting in Belfast from 19-24 June 2001.

6. That the General Assembly support the Tearfund campaign to encourage ‘Ethical tourism’ and the Christian Aid “Trade for Life” campaign. **World Development**
7. That Sunday 9 September, 2001 be observed as Racial Justice Sunday on the theme “One Race: The Human Race”. **Race Relations**
8. That the following grants be made from the Incidental Fund: **Grants**
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|---|---------|
| Irish Council of Churches .....   | £16,400 |
| Irish Inter-Church Meeting .....  | £8,000  |
| Conference of European Churches .....   | £3,350  |
| Leuenberg Consultation .....  | £1,000  |
| World Alliance of Reformed Churches .....   | £9,785  |
| Race Relations Grants:  |         |
| (i) Multi-Cultural Resource Centre, Bryson House, Belfast .....                     | £750    |
| (ii) Diakonia Council of Churches, Durban, South Africa .....                       | £1,500  |
| (iii) Churches Council for Racial Justice<br>(Refugees and Asylum Seekers UK) ..... | £375    |
| (iv) Christ Holiness Assembly International (Dublin) .....                          | £375    |
| General Work of the Board .....   | £5,000  |
9. That the following grant be made from the Incidental Fund:
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| Leuenberg Assembly 2001 ..... | £5,000 |
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10. That the Inter-Church Relations Board, with its associated working Committees, be appointed for the ensuing year in accordance with Par 278 of the Code as follows: **General**

**Rev R Herron, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator, Clerk of Assembly, Rev R Herron, Conveners and Secretaries of the Home Mission Committee and Overseas Board, Professor of Systematic Theology at the Union Theological College, Superintendent of the Irish Mission, Overseas Board Representative, the Youth Officer.**
- (b) **Rev WT Cordner; Mrs FM Watts — Revs AD Davidson, DH Gilpin — Rev Dr WJ Patterson; I Adair — Revs DJ Bruce, Dr RJG Gray — Revs CD McClure, R Murray — Revs JM Wade, AL Kirk.**
- (c) **Rev JM Finlay; S Davison — Revs GAJ Ellis-Farquhar, FA Bradley — Revs JG Johnston, F Russell — Revs AC Rankin, JT Magowan — Rev D Bannerman; RJ Coulter.**
- (d) **Rev JK Doherty; W Crawford — Rev Dr DC Irwin; D McCleery — Rev Joan Scott; AJ Kilgore.**
- (e) **Revs David Latimer, GP Young — Revs SJ Gray, DS Irwin — Rev NS Harrison; Mrs CA Trimble — Rev WT Bingham; Miss B Miller.**
- (f) **Rev CFD Clements; G Vance — Revs AV Martin, Denis Campbell — Rev David Nesbitt; W McConkey.**
- (g) **Revs J Gordon, SJ Millar, DB Knox, N McAuley; Mrs P Crossley, D Hewitt.**

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

**Mrs H McCall, Convener**

- (a) **Moderator, Clerk of Assembly, Rev R Herron; PWA Executive Secretary, Mrs H McCall; Overseas Board Representative.**

- (x) **Revs MCA Gray, Dr DJ Watts; J Doherty, Mrs Sheila Phillips.**
- (y) **Revs Dr WJ Patterson, WT Cordner, CD McClure, D Nesbitt, JT Magowan, DS Irwin, DJ Bruce, Denis Campbell.**

**B. IRISH CHURCH RELATIONS COMMITTEE (5)**

**Rev AD Davidson, Convener**

- (a) **Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs R Herron, AD Davidson.**
- (x) **Revs DJ McCarthy, M Hunter; D Montgomery, Miss D Gilmour.**
- (y) **Revs D Bannerman, GP Young, CD McClure, JM Finlay, WT Bingham, Dr DC Irwin, NS Harrison, JG Johnston.**

**C. WORLD CHURCH RELATIONS COMMITTEE (5)**

**Rev GAJ Ellis-Farquhar, Convener**

- (a) **Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs R Herron, GAJ Ellis-Farquhar, Overseas Board Representative.**
- (x) **Revs SE Hughes, WJA Sleith; Mrs M Irwin, Miss A Taylor.**
- (y) **Revs FA Bradley, AC Rankin, D Bannerman, CD McClure, Denis Campbell, AD Davidson, N Harrison; A Kilgore.**

**D. RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE (5) Rev Dr RJG Gray, Convener**

- (a) **Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Overseas Board Secretaries, Revs R Herron, Dr RJG Gray.**
- (x) **D Boyd, Ms Fee Ching Leong; Revs A Boal, K Meyer.**
- (y) **Revs CFD Clements, Joan Scott, F Russell, GAJ Ellis-Farquhar, Denis Campbell; W Crawford, AJ Kilgore, RJ Coulter.**

**UNION  
COMMISSION**

The Report of the **UNION COMMISSION** (Reports pp 59-78) was submitted by the Rev W J Orr.

Moved by the Rev W J Orr, seconded by the Rev J Gordon, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.

Moved by the Rev W J Orr, seconded by the Rev J Gordon:

2. That 1,000 copies of the Guidelines on Manses, as printed in the Appendix, together with the Guidelines on Redundant Manses (Reports 1980, 1992 and 1994) and the Church Architecture Committee's Guidelines on New Manses (Reports 1994) be printed in Booklet Form as a charge upon the Incidental Fund.

Moved, as an amendment, by Mr H L Todd, seconded by Mr T Nicholl:

That the Guidelines on Manses be sent down to Congregational Committees for report to Presbyteries and that Presbyteries report to the Convener of the Union Commission, taking into account comments from the Congregational Committees, not later than 31 December, 2001.

On being put, the amendment was declared lost.

The original resolution, being put, was passed.



Moved by the Rev W J Orr, seconded by the Rev J Gordon, and agreed:

3. That the CMF be authorised to pay grants towards expenses incurred by ministers in congregations, up to a limit of £5,100 for ministers residing in Northern Ireland, and IR£5,800 for ministers residing in the Republic of Ireland, within the terms of resolution 3, p 70 General Assembly Minutes 1998.

4. That the Union Commission, with its associated working committee, be appointed for the ensuing year in accordance with Par 128 of the Code as follows:

**Rev WJ Orr, Convener**  
**Rev SA Matthews, Secretary**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Convener and Secretary of HM Committee, Superintendent of the Irish Mission, Conveners of Church Extension, and CMF Committees, Convener of Ministry and Pensions Board, Revs SA Matthews, WJ Orr.**

(b\*) **Revs RE Boggs, SA Matthews; TA McNeely, Albert Maxwell, Wm Grills, Mervyn Spence.**

(c\*) **Revs Dr RI Birney, I McClean, TR Graham, WI Hunter; HL Todd, JW Petrie.**

(d\*) **Revs TV Patterson, Dr I Hart, WJR Robinson; J Wilson, R McClung, L Holly.**

(e\*) **Revs TJ Conway, GD Simpson, Dr J Fell; Mrs L Thompson, R Forbes, TR Reid.**

(f\*) **Revs GJ Mackarel, KJC McConnell, Charles McCurdy, B Brown; Eric Latimer, Miss J Binnie.**

(g) **Revs CD McClure, James Gordon, JI Mairs, JNI McNeely, P Dalzell, DC Porter; Lyle Cubitt, RJ Davidson, W Alexander.**

**A. PERSONNEL AND PLANNING COMMITTEE (5)**

**Rev CD McClure, Convener**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs WJ Orr, Professor of Practical Theology, HM representatives, PWA representatives, Church Extension representatives, Rev J McVeigh; W Alexander; Rev CD McClure, Chairman of Union Commission.**

(x) **Rev TJ McCormick; H Smyth, Miss D Shannon, Jack Hutcheson.**

(y) **Revs TV Patterson, Dr Ian Hart, GJ Mackarel, Dr J Fell, TJ Conway, SA Matthews; R McClung, A Maxwell.**

The **Overtures anent Pars 193(1)(a)(i) and 193(2)(a)** of the Code (Reports pp 78-79) were submitted by the Rev W J Orr. **Overtures anent Par 193**

Moved by the Rev W J Orr, seconded by the Rev J Gordon, and agreed:

That the Overtures be received and, that under Par 111 of the Code, they be made the rules of the Church.

The **Overture anent Par 274(4)** of the Code (Reports p 79) was submitted by the Rev W J Orr. **Overture anent Par 274(4)**

Moved by the Rev W J Orr, seconded by the Rev J Gordon, and agreed:

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

**YOUTH BOARD**

The Report of the **YOUTH BOARD** (Reports pp 211-219) was submitted by the Rev R J Hyndman.

Moved by the Rev R J Hyndman, seconded by the Rev DJ Montgomery, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Revs R J Hyndman, Dr William Crawley, John Peacock and Mr Trevor Long be appointed as representatives on the Youth Link NI Council and the Board of Management of the Churches Youth Service Council.
3. That the following grants be paid from the Incidental Fund:
  - Youth Link NI - £6,500
  - PCI Family Holiday - £6,000
4. That the resignation of the Rev David Stanfield as Convener of the Youth Training and Resources Committee be accepted, that he be thanked for his services and that the Rev Jonathan Moxen be appointed in his place.
5. That the Youth Board, with its associated working committees for the ensuing year, be appointed in accordance with Par 283 of the Code as follows:

**Rev RJ Hyndman, Convener**  
**Miss R Stirling, Secretary**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Convener of Evangelism and Christian Training Committees, Education Board Secretary, Sunday School Organiser, University Chaplains, Rev RJ Hyndman, Youth Officer.**
  - (b) **Revs AM Bates, W Sinclair — Rev JWP McConnell; Allen Foster — Rev. M Stanfield; Nathan Conkey — S Macfarlane, E Poots — Rev I Harbinson; Miss Diane Johnston — M Peacock, Miss E Wallace.**
  - (c) **Revs AWT Brown, KA Drury — Rev RJ Beggs; R Logan — Revs CJ Aitchison, JG Johnston — Rev EJ Hyndman; S Tweed — Rev PE Dickinson; Miss L McMahon.**
  - (d) **Rev P Thompson; I Carton — Rev T Wilson, Miss H Murray — Rev J Peacock; G Hamilton.**
  - (e) **Rev G Stockdale; K McCrossan — Rev Dr C Glass; Wm Semple — Rev JR Burnett; Miss M Guy — Revs JH Flaherty, RA McLernon.**
  - (f) **Revs A Carson, JG Jones — Revs Andrew Smith, Keith McCrory — Kieran Kelly, Miss P Patton.**
  - (g) **Miss A Morrow, Miss Elaine Johnston, Miss Pauline Wilson, Mrs Margaret McCreedy, Mrs R McKnight, Miss Anne Houston, Mrs Maureen Blake, Mrs Heather Carey, Mrs Heather McCartney, Miss Gillian Kerr, Mrs Karen Black, Mrs Ellen Wilmont, Ivan Ferris, Reuben McCormick, Trevor Long, David Laney, Christian Hofstra, David Pattison, T Bruce; Rev RS Stockman.**
- A. **YOUTH EVENTS COMMITTEE (5) Rev JWP McConnell, Convener**
  - (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Rev RJ Hyndman, JWP McConnell; Youth Officer, Sunday School Organiser.**
  - (x) **Miss Gail Neill, Alan Meban, Shane Tucker.**
  - (y) **Revs KA Drury, AJMcL Smith, EJ Hyndman, J Burnett; Ian Carton, Stephen Macfarlane.**

**B. YOUTH TRAINING AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE (5)****Rev Jonathan Moxen, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Revs RJ Hyndman, David Stanfield, Jonathan Moxen; Youth Officer, Youth Development Officers.**
- (x) **Revs D Montgomery, Dr William Crawley; Paul Bowman, Tim Garrett.**
- (y) **Revs Dr C Glass, M Stanfield, J Peacock, K McCrory, JG Jones; Miss P Patton, Miss D Johnston, Miss Lorna McMahon.**

**C. YOUTH HOME MISSION COMMITTEE (5)****Rev DJ Paul, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Revs RJ Hyndman, DJ Paul; Youth Officer, Youth Development Officers, Evangelism Promoter.**
- (x) **Rev Andrew Thompson; Miss Louise McDowell, Miss Judith Mackay.**
- (y) **Revs Wm Sinclair, JH Flaherty, RJ Beggs, PE Dickinson, Philip Thompson; Nathan Conkey.**

**D. YOUTH OVERSEAS COMMITTEE (5)****Rev PC Lyle, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Revs RJ Hyndman, PC Lyle; Youth Officer, Overseas Board Representative.**
- (x) **Richard Ross, Miss Cheryl Reid, Miss Rosemary Dickie.**
- (y) **Revs RA McLernon, A Carson, EJ Hyndman, AJMcL Smith, Graeme Stockdale; Keith McCrossan.**

**E. YOUTH CENTRES COMMITTEE (5)****Rev DIJ McNie, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Revs RJ Hyndman, DIJ McNie; Youth Officer, Centre Director, Convener Youth Training and Resources Committee, Youth Board Development Officer.**
- (x) **Revs TD Gribben, B McMillen; C Graham, Mrs S Maginnis.**
- (y) **Revs JG Johnston, AWT Brown, CJ Aitcheson, I Harbinson; M Peacock, Stephen Tweed, Miss H Murray, E Poots.**

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

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## FOURTH SESSION

**Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2001****Half past nine o'clock. Forenoon**

The Assembly again convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

The Report of the **Church and Government Committee** (Reports pp 27-49) was submitted by Mr G McCullagh, together with the following Supplementary Report.

**Church and Government Committee – Supplementary Report.**

1. Because of the widespread incidences of foot-and-mouth disease, the Westminster elections as well as local government elections in the United Kingdom were postponed until Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2001.

2. The results of these elections, along with a Referendum in the Republic of Ireland on the European Nice Treaty, could have widespread consequences at European, national, provincial and local levels. If the Republic of Ireland votes “No” in the referendum it will throw the European Union into confusion. It is important that people exercise their franchise and vote.

3. Many communities are marked by the overbearing control of paramilitary groups, resulting in the rule of law slipping from the hands of normal authorities. The ultimate consequence is that people become controlled by and dependent upon these groups and their freedom and rights are denied.

Moved by Mr G McCullagh, seconded by the Very Rev Dr J Dunlop, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the General Assembly note with concern the difficulty of families working in Dublin who are forced to live outside the city and commute long and stressful distances.
3. That the General Assembly compliment the Garda Siochana on their success in recently bringing to justice members of drug gangs and call upon the governments in both parts of Ireland to make adequate resources available to combat this threat to normal society.
4. That the General Assembly welcome the creation of the Northern Ireland Organised Crime Task Force.
5. That the General Assembly, conscious of the suffering and fear caused to many communities by vigilantism - deep seated in Northern Ireland and rising in the Republic of Ireland - declare that this should never be accepted as a normal way of ordering society.
6. That the General Assembly encourage political representatives in both parts of Ireland to vigorously pursue policies which will engender maximum confidence across the ancient divisions in this society.
7. That the General Assembly acknowledge the importance of establishing effective communication between the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and political authorities in Belfast, Dublin, London and Brussels.
8. That the General Assembly, believing that convicted prisoners associated with paramilitary groups have been treated with generosity, call upon those same paramilitary groups to reciprocate those generous actions by decommissioning their weapons, the absence of such action being experienced by many people as threatening, unhelpful and insulting.
9. That the General Assembly call for the new Police Board to be brought into operation without further delay and encourage people to apply for membership

of the new Police Service of Northern Ireland and urge the whole community to actively support the new arrangements.

10. That the General Assembly, conscious of the needs of victims of the troubles, welcome the significant additional funding being provided by the government and call upon congregations to be aware of the long term needs of victims for spiritual, relational and practical support.

11. That the General Assembly encourage voters to exercise their privileges and fulfil their responsibilities in voting in the elections and the Referenda, bearing in mind the importance of conciliation and of the needs of their neighbours as well as of themselves.

12. That the General Assembly convey their sympathy to the farming community and to all others whose livelihoods have been affected by the foot-and-mouth disease, especially to those who will receive no compensation.

13. That the General Assembly affirm the importance of Human Rights and Human Responsibilities in creating and sustaining a society where both individuals and communities are important.

14. That the General Assembly welcome the decision of the Irish Government to introduce a Bill to incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into Irish law.

15. That a grant of £3,000 be paid to the Church and Government Committee from the Incidental Fund.

### **Intermission**

The Report of the **GENERAL BOARD** (Reports pp 5-26) was submitted by the Very Rev Dr S Hutchinson, together with the following Supplementary Report.

**GENERAL  
BOARD**

### **GENERAL BOARD - Supplementary Report**

#### **Church House Staff**

As indicated in Reports 2001 p 20 the General Board's ad hoc Committee has proceeded to consider the position of Deputy Clerk of the General Assembly and Assistant General Secretary. The sequence of events will be that the new Clerk-Designate will take up duty in September this year and that Rev R F S Poots will retire next year. It is envisaged that a new Deputy Clerk will be appointed in June 2003, when the Clerk-Designate takes over the Clerkship.

The present job description for the Deputy Clerk is very wide, including duties as Education Secretary and Home Mission Secretary, as well as helping the Clerk. All three areas of work have now developed to such an extent that it is no longer reasonable to ask one person to undertake all of them.

The ad hoc Committee therefore proposes to confer with the Education Board, the Board of Mission in Ireland and any other interested parties with a view to presenting a job description for the next Deputy Clerk to the General Assembly in 2002.

In the meantime the ad hoc Committee requests that the General Board be given full Assembly powers to deal with any development in the next twelve months that could have a bearing on this matter.

It would also be advisable for the Clerk-Designate to be able to attend all Boards and Committees on the same basis as the Clerk.

Appropriate additional resolutions are appended.

### **Presbytery Visitations Sub-Committee**

To assist discussion of resolutions 11 and 12 we reprint an extract from Reports 1998 which gives an outline of the new Consultation process. There has been extensive discussion since then but no material change in the planned procedure.

4. *The process as currently envisaged would proceed as follows:*

- (i) *The congregation would be notified by the Presbytery that the consultation is to take place and its leaders asked to provide answers to questions relating to the following areas of congregational life – worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and mission. It would be up to the individual congregation to decide how each question should be addressed, but it is not envisaged that each will require the same attention in every situation.*
- (ii) *The members of the consultation team would meet to familiarise themselves with the replies, to extract from elsewhere whatever statistical and financial information they may consider necessary and to plan how they want to approach the consultation.*
- (iii) *The Convener would liaise with the minister and office-bearers to arrange whatever meetings are considered necessary including a congregational meeting at which members will be asked to make a presentation of its current life and goals for the future. This to take whatever form is decided at the local level.*
- (iv) *The members of the consultation team could attend services, visit organisations and Session and Committee meetings, as appropriate, during the process.*
- (v) *Preliminary comments would be presented to minister, Kirk Session and Committee.*
- (vi) *After a period (yet to be decided) a report, with recommendations, would be presented to the congregation and Presbytery.*
- (vii) *A review of progress would be activated one year after the report has been presented to the congregation.*

Moved by the Very Rev Dr S Hutchinson, seconded by Mr J A Scott, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the General Board be given full Assembly powers to deal with any matter arising in the next twelve months that could have a bearing on the appointment of the next Deputy Clerk.

3. That the Clerk-Designate be permitted to attend all Boards and Committees on the same basis as the Clerk.

4. That the greetings of the General Assembly be sent to all our serving chaplains. **Forces Committee**

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

6. That the General Assembly commend the work of Forces Chaplaincy and encourage ministers to consider the possibilities of such a calling.

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

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

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

9. That the resignation of Mr John Scott as Convener of the Chaplains Committee be accepted, that he be thanked for his services, and that Dr R J Rodgers, OBE be appointed in his place.

Moved by the Very Rev Dr S Hutchinson, seconded by Mr J A Scott, and agreed: **Peace & Peacemaking Committee**

10. That the General Assembly urge Presbyteries to encourage the work of Peace Agents by inviting reports at Presbytery meetings and arranging opportunities for congregational peace agents to meet together on a regular basis.

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

12. That a grant of £3,000 be made available to the Conciliation Panel from the Incidental Fund. **Conciliation**

13. That Presbyteries be recommended to bring in the new Consultation process, as proposed by the Panel on Visitations, from January 2002. **Visitations**

14. That Presbyteries be urged to recognise that successful implementation of the new scheme will require participation in the training provision.

15. That Presbyteries be recommended to appoint a "Review of Resources" sub-committee as from January, 2002.

16. That the College and Magee Management Committee, the Education Board, the Shankill Road Mission and the Board of Communications submit a five-year business plan to the Panel on the Overview of Funding by 30 September. **Overview of Funding**

17. That the following be appointed as an ad hoc Committee on Priorities:

**The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Clerk Designate, Financial Secretary, Rev T D Gribben (Convener).**

**Revs R Bell, J Dickinson, E S Hughes, R Lockhart, G Moore, Dr T W J Morrow, Dr G Millar; J Millar, D Thomson, D F Adair.**

18. That the General Board be empowered to appoint additional members to the ad hoc Committee on Priorities during the year.

**General** 19. 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 DJ Watts, J Gordon; WJ McClelland, J McIntyre — Revs Dr J Thompson, FAC Wilson; TH Savage, WH Scott — Revs Dr James Harper, RE Boggs; DH Browne, Mrs I McBride — Revs JI Davey, R Lockhart; RDT Gibson, Miss E McConnell — Revs IJ Patterson, J Holmes; RA McCracken, J Hudson — Revs SA Finlay, Dr DJ McGaughey; E McWilliams, H McGaffin.**

(c) **Revs JJ Andrews, WB Boyd; J Petrie, Mrs A Erwin — Revs WJ Johnstone, Dr JW Lockington; Mrs E Love, RJ McDowell — Revs Ivan Hunter, TP Fleming; I Smyth, P McGonigle — Revs HB Wallace, DIJ McNie; RH Gault, RD McConaghie — Revs WD Weir, B Kennaway; IJ Liddle, Mrs AB Wilson.**

(d) **Revs JR Dickinson, TI Harte; M Whittle, JH McDowell — Revs RT Anderson, WPH Erskine; L Holly, Miss JP Gamble — Revs John McVeigh, Dr R Savage; AJ Morrow, Miss VJ Wilson.**

(e) **Revs Dr J Fell, David Hillen; JA Emery, A Craig — Revs S Stewart, J Clarke; B Douglas, Wm Taylor — Revs JF Murdoch, NS Harrison; WC Henderson, TR Reid — Revs JB McCormick, NW McAuley; R Stewart, EM Carroll.**

(f) **Revs Brian Brown, WA McCully; AO Buchanan, Mervyn McKean — Revs JG Faris, FP Sellar; Joan Cowle, Wm Harper — Revs David Allen, BCG Black; G McConkey, A McAdoo.**

(g) **Revs RMcM Mackay, Dr DR Purce, CJC McMullen; Mrs G Irwin, Mrs K Mawhinney, Mrs Maureen Patterson, Miss E Drysdale, Mrs M Thompson, HS McCullough, JD Boyd, Aubrey McMurtry, S McKinney, Mrs Alison Harbison, Mrs C Poynton, Mrs Lois Robinson, Mrs H Jess, Mrs AW Boyd, Mrs P Sleith, D McCleery, WH Henry.**

**A. CHURCH AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE (5)**

**Rev Dr John Dunlop; George McCullagh, Conveners**

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

(x) **Rev Lesley E Carroll; Colin Gamble, Philip Mateer, Mrs Serena Blair.**

(y) **Revs Ivan Patterson, Dr Joseph Fell, Brian Kennaway, Dr Donald J Watts, John R Dickinson; James A Emery, Tom R Reid, George McConkey.**

**B. MODERATOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (5) The Clerk, Convener**

(a) **The Moderator, preceding three Moderators, Clerk, former Clerks, and Deputy Clerk of Assembly, Clerks of Synods.**

(x) **Revs Dr DH Allen, Dr GMcK Eagleson, Dr J Dunlop; VR Arnold.**

(y) **Revs Dr DJ Watts, JR Dickinson, Dr Joseph Thompson, IJ Patterson, Dr Joseph Fell, WD Weir; RDT Gibson, RA McCracken.**



- C. DOCTRINE COMMITTEE (5) Principal, UTC, Convener**  
 (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, the General Assembly's Theological Professors.**  
 (x) **Revs D Bradley, Prof RFG Holmes; Dr RJ Rodgers, Dr N Smith.**  
 (y) **Revs NW McAuley, TP Fleming, Dr Joseph Thompson, Dr JW Lockington, JG Faris, FP Sellar, John McVeigh, IJ Patterson.**
- D. FORCES COMMITTEE (5) Rev S van Os, Convener**  
 (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Rev S van Os.**  
 (x) **Revs. PP Campbell, Prof JP Taylor; S Agnew.**  
 (y) **Revs Dr J Fell, JJ Andrews, RT Anderson, B Kennaway, BCG Black, WD Weir; Mrs E Love, WH Scott.**
- E. CHAPLAINS COMMITTEE (5) Dr RJ Rodgers OBE, Convener**  
 (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Conveners of Church and Government Committee, Convener of Social Issues and Resources Committee; JA Scott, Dr RJ Rodgers OBE.**  
 (x) **Rev JA Thompson; RDT Gibson, Miss M Angus.**  
 (y) **Revs RT Anderson, J Gordon, WPH Erskine, Dr J Fell; Mrs A Erwin, J Petrie.**
- F. RECOGNISED MINISTRIES COMMITTEE (5) The Clerk, Convener**  
 (a) **The Moderator, Clerk of Assembly, Convener of Doctrine Committee, Convener of Union Commission, Clerk Designate.**  
 (x) **Revs IT McKee, RFS Poots, RB Savage; S Agnew.**  
 (y) **Revs WJ Johnstone, WD Weir, JI Davey, Dr J Fell, WPH Erskine, Dr Joseph Thompson, JJ Andrews; Miss VJ Wilson.**
- G. PEACE & PEACEMAKING COMMITTEE (5) Rev DR Baker, Convener**  
 (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Rev DR Baker.**  
 (x) **Revs JI Thompson, D Murphy; Mrs B Reid, Wm Brown.**  
 (y) **Revs TI Harte, J Gordon, NS Harrison; TR Reid, G McConkey, R Gibson, Miss VJ Wilson, Mrs A Erwin.**

The **Overtures anent Pars 65(2) and 97(h)** of the Code (Reports p 26) were submitted by the Very Rev Dr S Hutchinson.

**Overtures anent Pars 65(2), 97(h), 250(4)**

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

That the **Overtures anent Pars 65(2) and 97(h)** of the Code be received, placed on the books and sent down to Presbyteries under the Barrier Act.

The **Overture anent Par 250(4)** of the Code (Reports p 26) was submitted by the Very Rev Dr S Hutchinson.

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

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

**Memorial  
of Synod of  
Armagh & Down**

The **Memorial of the Synod of Armagh and Down** (Reports p 26) was submitted by the Rev E P Gamble.

Moved by the Rev E P Gamble, seconded by the Rev Dr D J Watts, and agreed:

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

The Minutes were taken and corrected.

The Assembly engaged in worship conducted by the Moderator, assisted by the Rev D J Montgomery, Mrs G Montgomery and the Rev J S Carson.

At the request of the Moderator, the Rev Alastair Morrice addressed the Assembly.

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

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## FIFTH SESSION

**Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2001**

**Two o'clock. Afternoon**

The Assembly again convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

**BOARD OF  
SOCIAL  
WITNESS**

The Report of the **BOARD OF SOCIAL WITNESS** (Reports pp 191-208) was submitted by the Rev J M Cathcart together with the following Supplementary Report.

### **BOARD OF SOCIAL WITNESS - Supplementary Report Kinghan Mission Committee**

In its supplementary report to the General Assembly 2000 (Minutes p 48) the Kinghan Mission Committee reported that the process of seeking a successor to Rev Dr George Grindle had begun.

The Committee, having interviewed applicants for the post of Minister and Superintendent, has appointed Mr Simon Henning to the position.

Mr Henning is a Licentiate of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and is available to take up the appointment without delay. Mr Henning's appointment has been welcomed by the members of the Kinghan Mission.

The Committee proposes the following arrangements.

- (i) That a Call to Mr Simon Henning as Assistant and Successor to Rev Dr George Grindle as Minister and Superintendent of the Kinghan Mission be issued as soon as possible;
- (ii) That the Call be issued by the Board of Social Witness (or by the Standing Committee on behalf of the Board);
- (iii) That, subject to the Call being sustained and accepted, the Presbytery of Belfast South be asked to arrange the Service of Ordination and Installation at a convenient time and place in September;
- (iv) That until Dr Grindle's retirement Mr Henning undertake a programme of training as determined by the Kinghan Mission Committee.

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

1. That the Report be received.

Moved by the Rev R F S Poots, seconded by the Rev N A L Cameron, and agreed:

2. That the resignation of Rev J M Cathcart as Convener of the Board of Social Witness be accepted, that he be thanked for his services, and that Rev R Vallye be appointed Convener.

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

3. That the resignation of the Rev J W McAuley as secretary of the Christian Marriage Panel be noted and that he be thanked for his services.

4. That the arrangements (i) – (iv) set out in the Supplementary Report be approved.

5. That the General Assembly commend to the wider Church the booklet "Engaging with the Community - The Challenge of Mission in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" for its prayerful consideration.

6. That ministers, licentiates, accepted students for the ministry, deaconesses and all appointed to, or training for, posts of ministry or mission be required to disclose promptly to the Clerk of the General Assembly, in confidence, any past conviction for offences against children or other serious offence involving eg dishonesty, indecency, violence, alcohol, or drugs.

7. That ministers, licentiates, accepted students for the ministry, deaconesses and all appointed to, or training for, posts of ministry or mission be required to disclose promptly to the Clerk of the General Assembly, in confidence, any future police investigation, summons or conviction for offences against children or other serious offence involving eg dishonesty, indecency, violence, alcohol, or drugs.

8. That overtures be prepared for the next General Assembly to give legislative effect to resolutions 5 and 6 above.

9. That the Marriage and the Family Committee review arrangements for interviewing divorced persons who wish to remarry, in the light of the experience of the Panel on Remarriage, and report to next Assembly.

10. That responsibility for nominating representatives to the Inter-Church Standing Committee on Mixed Marriages and reporting thereon pass to the Inter-Church Relations Board.

11. That the Boys' Residential Club/Trust and Thompson House be known as Thompson House.

12. That Thompson House be managed by the Thompson House Management Committee under the supervision and direction of the Board of Social Witness.

13. That the Thompson House Management Committee be appointed annually by the Board of Social Witness.

14. That the customary grant made by the Social Issues and Resources Committee up to a total of £1,500 be met from the Incidental Fund.

15. 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 Valley, Convener  
Director of Social Service, Secretary**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs WMcB Campbell, Dr G Grindle, R Valley, JM Cathcart; Residential Services Manager, Director of Social Service.**

(b) **Rev WJ Murdock; Miss D Shannon, Mrs A Sinclair — Rev AJ Thompson; J Smart, Mrs D Foster — Rev JR Hyndman; W Keown, Mrs J Davidson — Rev AS Thompson; R McCleary, Mrs M Patterson — Rev RJ Greer; Mrs M Hewitson, Mrs E Robinson — Rev J Mattison; J Chestnutt, Mrs E Barry.**

(c) **Rev JA Beattie; J Todd, Mrs W Bristow — Rev MS Gault; AT Henderson, Mrs Z Valley — Rev J Coulter; George McIntyre, Mrs I Cairns — Rev M Barr; J Chestnutt, Mrs K Fulton — Rev WJ Sleith; RJ Coulter, Mrs W Dickey.**

(d) **Rev RW Love; Mrs B Brennan, Mrs J McAlpine — Rev J Braithwaite; J Furphy, Mrs A Gowdy — Rev Dr RM Crooks; EC Witherspoon, Mrs B Stewart.**

(e) **Revs AJA Rosborough, JK McCormick; Mrs M Thompson — Revs DS Irwin, KG Patterson; Mrs V Miller — Rev WD Cupples; H Alexander, Mrs M Good — Rev T Coburn; Mrs A Allingham, Mrs E Ross.**

(f) **Rev WA Watson; Mrs E Montgomery, Mrs G Patterson — Rev Dr S Mawhinney; D Boyd, Ms Linda Milligan — Rev GJ Mackarel; Miss F Fleming, W McConkey.**

(p) **Mrs Zoe Valley, Miss Elizabeth Smyth, Mrs Christine Finlay, Mrs Mary Boggs, Mrs Gillian Drennan, Mrs Helen Murdock, Mrs Pearl Johnston.**

**A. SOCIAL ISSUES AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE (5)**

**Rev NAL Cameron, Convener**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs NAL Cameron, R Valley; Director of Social Service.**

(x) **Revs Dr RA Russell; Mrs M Anderson, Dr K Moyna Bill.**

- (y) **Revs RW Love, JA Braithwaite, J Murdoch; Miss E Smyth, Mrs A Gowdy, Miss D Shannon.**
- B. ADDICTION AND EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE (5)**  
**Revs JA Beattie, R Love, Co-Convenor**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs R Valley, JA Beattie, R Love; Director of Social Service, Committee Conveners, 1 Rep Duncairn & St Enoch's Church.**
- (x) **Revs IK McDonald, Ian McClean, JC Buick; WJ Cairns.**
- (y) **Revs KG Patterson, AS Thompson, AJA Rosborough, AJ Thompson; Mrs Z Valley, G McIntyre, J Todd, Mrs Wendy Bristow.**
- C. WAR MEMORIAL HOSTEL COMMITTEE (5) JH Martin, Convenor**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Rev R Valley; Director of Social Service, JH Martin, Financial Secretary, Convenor and Secretary of the Board of Education, Convenor of the University Education Committee, Youth Officer.**
- (x) **JD McMullan, Austin Treacy; Revs T Coburn, RA Patton.**
- (y) **Revs MS Gault, DS Irwin, Dr RM Crooks, RW Love, A Watson; A Henderson, Mrs Helen Murdoch, Mrs G Drennan.**
- D. KINGHAN MISSION COMMITTEE (5) Dr Jean McClune, Convenor**  
**Rev Dr GA Grindle, Superintendent**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs Dr GA Grindle, R Valley, S Henning; Director of Social Service, Kinghan Mission Convenor.**
- (x) **Miss F Wright, A Shaw, Mrs Christine Houston.**
- (y) **Revs Dr RM Crooks, J Braithwaite, T Coburn, DS Irwin, M Barr; Mrs Amy Allingham.**
- E. PRESBYTERIAN RESIDENTIAL TRUST COMMITTEE (5)**  
**Rev TJ McCormick, Convenor**  
**Mrs Linda Wray, Secretary**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs R Valley, TJ McCormick; Director of Social Service, Residential Services Manager.**
- (x) **Rev J Noble; Miss H McMillen, J Nelson.**
- (y) **Rev MS Gault, Mrs E Barry, Miss F Fleming, Mrs P Johnston, Mrs Z Valley, Mrs A Allingham.**
- F. MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY COMMITTEE (5)**  
**Mrs R Simpson, Convenor**
- (a) **The Moderator, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Convenor of the Board, Secretary of the Board, Youth Secretary, Rev Dr RM Crooks, Director of Social Service, Professor of Practical Theology.**
- (x) **Mrs Irene Millar, Mrs Christine Finlay, Paul Gray.**  
**Revs Maurice Wade, JW McAuley; Mrs G Compton.**
- (y) **Revs J Braithwaite, DS Irwin, Jean Mackarel; Mrs Mary Boggs, Mrs E Montgomery, Mrs E Barry.**

The Report of the **SHANKILL ROAD MISSION COMMISSION** (Reports pp 209-210) was submitted by the Rev W McB Campbell.

Moved by the Rev W McB Campbell, seconded by Mr James O'Neill, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Mr Albert Lofthouse be commended to the prayers of the General Assembly in the difficult role he undertakes.
3. That the Shankill Road Mission Commission be appointed for the ensuing year in accordance with Par 129 of the Code as follows:

**Rev JS Dallas, Convener**

**Rev WMcB Campbell, Superintendent**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Convener Board of Social Witness, Revs WMcB Campbell, JS Dallas; Moderator and Clerk of Belfast South Presbytery, Clerk of Session of Shankill Road Mission Congregation.**

(x) **Revs Dr I Hart, ED Smyth, NM Williamson, K McConnell, GF McKeown, AW Boyd; W Caswell, Miss D Pinkerton.**

### **Intermission**

The Report of the **BOARD OF MISSION IN IRELAND** (Reports pp 165-184) was submitted by the Very Rev Dr D H Allen, together with the following Supplementary Report.

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

#### **Home Mission Committee**

1. The planning guidelines referred to in the main Report (Reports p 178) have been circulated to the Churches by Duchas. They still appear to be restrictive.

2. The guidelines state that, “The sections of the Act which specifically concern places of public worship have been designed to align the protection of these structures with the protection of all other protected structures. However, they provide a framework in which to balance the relative merits of the right of religious denominations to administer property and to have freedom of worship and the requirement to protect the architectural heritage and to resolve conflicts which might arise between them.”

3. The latter aim is provided for by compulsory consultation on the part of planning authorities to determine liturgical requirements prior to determining a planning application.

4. The guidelines recognise the need to “ ‘respect’ liturgical requirements [which] means to acknowledge and respect them as a valid aim of the users and to balance facilitating those requirements with the protection of the character of the interior” of a building.

5. The repetition of the requirement to ‘balance’ what may be conflicting objectives is cause for concern. This is reinforced by the statement, “Changes to the interior of a place of public worship, even if required for liturgical reasons, should be subject to the planning process”.

6. No mention is made of the removal of pews to create a dual-purpose building nor is there special provision for redundant church buildings. “Structures that are not in use for public worship are treated for planning purposes in the same manner as any secular protected structure.”

7. The seriousness of the implications of the legislation for Church developments, worship and the continuing ethos of Presbyterian places of worship as ‘meeting houses’ needs to be impressed upon the Government of the Republic of Ireland at the highest level.

Business lapsed on Standing Orders (See p 47)

The **Memorial of Mr Sam Condell and others** (Reports p 184) was submitted by Mr Patrick Prior. **Memorial of Mr Sam Condell and Others**

Moved by Mr Charles Mills, seconded by Mr Kenneth Fleming:

That the Memorial be received and its prayer granted.

Moved, as an amendment, by the Very Rev Dr D H Allen, seconded by the Rev G Connor:

That the Memorial be received but that its prayer be not granted.

On being put, the amendment was declared passed.

On being put as substantive motion, was passed.

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

**BOARD OF MISSION IN IRELAND**

Moved by the Very Rev Dr D H Allen, seconded by the Rev R L Craig, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.

2. That the General Assembly approve the scheme for Tentmaking Ministries, as set out in the Reports (p 169), to be administered by the Irish Mission Committee under the Board of Mission in Ireland. **Irish Mission Committee**

3. That the General Assembly encourage congregations to support Bible Sunday on 9 December 2001. **Evangelism Committee**

4. That the General Assembly commend the work of the Director of Evangelism, particularly the Presbytery seminars and the personal evangelism course, and urge Ministers, Kirk Sessions and congregations to make full use of his services.

5. That the General Assembly commend the “Power to Change” initiative, of Spring 2002, to congregations for their consideration.

6. That the General Assembly congratulate the Directors of the Presbyterian Mutual Society Limited for the success of the Society and encourage them to continue expressing the care of the Church through the financial support provided for individuals, congregations and others. **Presbyterian Mutual Society Limited**

**Home Mission  
Committee**

7. That the General Assembly appoint the Board of Mission in Ireland Conveners, Home Mission Convener, Home Mission Secretary, Mrs C Poynton and Rev S G Anketell to the Alternating Ministries Scheme Committee.

8. That the study on the Status of Deaconess in the Courts of the Church be referred to the Doctrine Committee, the Judicial Commission and any other relevant body for preliminary comments to the Board of Mission in Ireland by 31 December, 2001.

9. That the General Assembly strongly encourage the Church leaders to seek a meeting with the Government of the Republic of Ireland at the highest level to bring to its attention the serious implications for the Churches of the 1999 Local Government (Planning and Development) Act.

**General**

10. 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:

**Revs Dr DH Allen, Dr JB Moore, Conveners  
Deputy Clerk, Rev DJ Temple; Mrs M Myers, Secretaries**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, President, Home Vice-President, and Executive Secretary of PWA, Irish Mission Superintendent, Convener and Secretary of the Social Witness Board, the Conveners of the Education, Studies and Christian Training, Youth and Inter-Church Relations Board and the Union Commission and the Central Ministry Fund Committee, the Presbyterian Mutual Society Agent, two Young Women's Group representatives, two Youth Board representatives, two deaconess representatives, the Conveners and Secretaries of the Board.**

(b) **Rev CW Megaw; RG Beers, Mrs J Richardson — Revs BA McDonald, BA Small; Mrs M Dowds — Revs S Armstrong, TW Gordon; Mrs L Moore — Rev WJ Henry; I McCullagh, Mrs H Jess — Revs AA Cole, J Hagan; Mrs A Harbinson — Revs Dr DJ McGaughey, FJ Gibson; Mrs J Kirk.**

(c) **Rev SW Dickinson; J McWhirter, Miss H Nicholl — Revs RJ McCullough, TJ Stothers; Mrs I Wallace — Rev Mark Goudy; Dr JH Gillespie, Mrs M Quinn — Rev ST Carson; RH McIvor, Mrs M Gault — Revs N McClean, T Pollock; Mrs HW Montgomery.**

(d) **Revs ID Neish, RS Hetherington; Miss J Gwyn — Rev DJ McKelvey; G Houston, Miss S Swindle — Rev R Hornby; A Spence, Mrs Irene Younge.**

(e) **Revs Dr R Kane, RK Graham; Mrs M McCloskey — Rev J McGregor, DJ Paul; Mrs M Docherty — Rev RI Abraham; JA Patterson, Miss J Patterson — Revs Dr KO Patterson, PG McCrea; Mrs Pearl Ewing.**

(f) **Rev J Lamont; S Anderson, Mrs M Dorrans — Revs John Woodside, SS Johnston; Mrs C Poynton — Rev N Cubitt; Mrs G Oliver; RJ McConkey.**

(p) **Mrs Jane McClure, Mrs E Greenlee, Mrs Hilary Jess, Mrs Amanda Blair, Mrs B Thompson, Mrs Margaret Clarke, Mrs Michelle McClean.**

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

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; PWA President, Home Vice President, PWA Home Treasurer, PWA Executive Secretary, HM Treasurer, Irish Mission Superintendent; PMS Representative; Revs RL Craig, Dr JB Moore, Dr DH Allen, DJ Temple; Mrs C Poynton, Deputy Clerk, Clerk Designate.**



- (x) **Revs JD Woodside, JG Faris, WA Watson; T Stewart.**
  - (y) **Revs ID Neish, N McClean, RS Hetherington, WJ Henry, SS Johnston; Miss J Gwyn, Mrs M McCloskey, JA Patterson.**
- B. CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE (7)**  
**Rev G Moffett; Brian Knox, Conveners**  
**Deputy Clerk, Secretary**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; PWA President, Home Vice President, PWA Executive Secretary; Revs Dr JB Moore, Dr DH Allen, DJ Temple, G Moffett, Deputy Clerk; Brian Knox.**
  - (x) **JH Martin, J Sloan, Mrs Rosemary Thompson, Cyril Cavan.**
  - (y) **Revs Dr R Kane, TJ Stothers, J Lamont, M Goudy, J McWhirter; Mrs B Thompson, RH McIvor, Mrs H Jess.**
- C. COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM (5)**      **Rev WJ Parkes, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Board Conveners, Board Secretaries, Convener of Committee on Christian Training, Superintendent of City Mission; Rev WJ Parkes, Director of Evangelism.**
  - (x) **Revs AW Boyd, AS Smyth, HE Lewis; C Matthews.**
  - (y) **Revs WJ Henry, RS Hetherington, RJ McCullough, DJ Paul, PG McCrea, Dr DJ McGaughey; Mrs J Kirk, Dr JH Gillespie.**
- D. IRISH MISSION (5)**      **DC Cowan, Convener**  
**Rev DJ Temple, Superintendent**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs Dr DH Allen, Dr JB Moore, Board Secretaries, Conveners Home Mission, Christian Training, Evangelism, Secretaries, Home Mission, PWA, Youth, City Mission, DC Cowan.**
  - (x) **Revs RIA Allely, G Trueman; DF Adair, JS Mills.**
  - (y) **Revs J Woodside, SS Johnston, N McClean, WJ Henry, RJ McCullough, RS Hetherington; Mrs M Dorrans, Mrs Irene Younge.**
- E. DIVINE HEALING COMMITTEE (5)**  
**Rev Dr SDH Williamson, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs Dr DH Allen, Dr JB Moore, Dr SDH Williamson; Director of Social Service, Board Secretaries.**
  - (x) **Revs Dr Ruth Patterson; Dr Margaret AF Wallace, Mrs AJ Giffen.**
  - (y) **Revs C Megaw, Dr R Kane, T Pollock, Nancy Cubitt; Mrs M McCloskey, Mrs M Dorrans.**

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

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On Wednesday evening, 6th June 2001, a Rally, conducted by the Moderator, took place at 7.45 pm. After worship the Moderator welcomed Licentiatees and expressed thanks to recently retired Ministers.

At the request of the Moderator, Rev Alastair Morrice addressed the Assembly.

The sederunt came to a close at 9.55 pm, the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

## SIXTH SESSION

**Thursday, 7th June, 2001**

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

The Assembly again convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

**2003 Committee** The Report of the **2003 Committee** (Reports pp 286-288) was submitted by the Rev T D Gribben together with the following Supplementary Report.

1. As outlined in our main report to the Assembly, Reports pp 286-288, the option of using the New Horizon marquee, based at the University of Ulster Coleraine, will not be open to us in 2003. We have explored many other alternative venues, looking for somewhere that would have a 'residential campus feel' to it, have adequate seminar facilities, and also have capacity for some 2,500 people in the evenings. Venues in both Northern Ireland and Southern Ireland have been explored. The Committee has concluded that the most appropriate venue will in fact be the University of Ulster Coleraine, without the large marquee.

2. The most significant implication of this option is that the actual 2003 Assembly Conference itself will have to be a 'delegate only' conference of around 1,000 people, using the Diamond in the University buildings as its main venue. Unlike '2020 Vision', we will be unable to facilitate visitors in the evenings. This conclusion has been arrived at taking into account both the availability of suitable facilities and also the need to most effectively fulfil our aims.

3. As a Committee we regret that this wider participation will not be possible during the actual Conference week. However, as part of what we hope will be a '2003 process', it is proposed that the main Conference will be followed up by a series of regional rallies, and/or day conferences, in the autumn. These will have a vital role in disseminating the main themes and lessons of the Conference week. Added to this, it is hoped to put in place a process for follow-up at Congregational level that will help to ensure that what we explore together in the summer and autumn of 2003 is earthed at local level. It is envisaged that the 2003 Residential Assembly will be a catalyst in helping our denomination tackle the issues outlined in the Statement of Purpose in our main report.

4. As requested by last year's Assembly, an initial budget is appended. It should be noted that it is proposed that each delegate will pay a conference fee of £60, and that the cost to the central funds of the Church will be £70,000, some 10% higher than the cost of 2020 Vision which was held in 1997. This we feel is a realistic figure, as it is in fact both well below an inflationary increase over 2020 Vision, and will provide for not only the Conference week, but also the follow-up process.

### INITIAL BUDGET (as at May 2001)

	2003 £	2020 Vision £
<b>INCOME</b>		
Registration Fees	57,000	41,290
Offerings	5,000	19,812
Total Income	62,000	61,102
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Hire of tent		22,454
University of Ulster		24,774
Campus	12,000	
Accommodation	9,500	
Meals and coffee	11,000	
Speakers fees and expenses	7,000	9,112
Workshops	5,000	6,651
Donations (from offerings)	5,000	7,514
Postage and printing	9,000	8,312
Admin fee	12,000	8,000
Advertising	2,000	897
CDs		8,460
Audio Visual	15,000	13,062
Copyright and reg fees	1,500	1,035
Publications and other costs	15,500	14,303
Committee costs	2,500	
Musicians fees and expenses	5,000	
Pre/post Conference follow-up and events	20,000	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	132,000	124,574
<b>DEFICIT</b>	70,000	63,472

### Notes

1. The above budget represents broad estimates only. It is not possible to be definitive some two years before the event and in the absence of firm proposals which have still to be agreed. It is envisaged that more specific figures will be available next year.
2. Assumes 950 delegates each paying £60 per person as a Conference fee. This does not include accommodation or meals, other than tea and coffee. Allowance however has been made in the budget for accommodation and food for speakers, seminar leaders, musicians, stewards, etc.

Moved by the Rev T D Gribben, seconded by the Rev J H Robinson, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the General Assembly approve the Statement of Purpose (Par 3 above) for the 2003 Assembly Conference.
3. That the 2003 Assembly Conference be held at the University of Ulster Coleraine during August 2003, on the basis of a 'delegate only' conference.
4. That the ad hoc Committee be encouraged to develop their plans for a follow-up process.
5. That the initial budget be approved and that the central cost be funded through the Incidental Fund.
6. That the ad hoc Committee for the 2003 Assembly Conference be reappointed for a further year as follows :

**Rev TD Gribben, Convener**  
**Rev JH Robinson, Secretary**

**The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Revs TD Gribben, JH Robinson.**

**Revs Dr MA Barry, H Boyce, MR Burnside, G Connor, R Hill, RJ Hyndman, KA McBride, Dr JG Millar, DJ Montgomery, SW Rea, AJMcL Smith, IF Smith; Dr D Alexander, Mrs A Campbell, Mrs R Craig, Miss A Houston, S Lynas, S McDowell, Mrs M Myers, Miss C Reid, D Thomson, DF Adair.**

**BOARD OF  
EDUCATION**

The Report of the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** (Reports pp 220-235) was submitted by the Rev J McAllister.

Moved by the Rev J McAllister, seconded by Prof R H Mitchell, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the State Education Committee be authorised to co-operate with the other three main Churches in a review of the R E Core Syllabus.
3. That the resignation of the Rev W T J Richardson, as Organiser of Religious Education in Day Schools, be noted and that he be thanked for his services.
4. That the General Assembly thank Sunday Schools and Youth Groups for their generous support for the current Same Sky Project 2001 and commend the new Project focusing on rebuilding an Irish Presbyterian Mission Girls School in Rajkot, Gujarat and the Supported Housing development in Coleraine.
5. That the General Assembly approve the discontinuation of the Sunday School Department publishing four new Sunday School Lessons annually, and approve the publication of a series of lessons which will not date, and cover important topics eg baptism, communion, children in the church, evangelism, leadership, on being a Presbyterian etc.

**Church  
Education  
Committee**

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

**University  
Education  
Committee**

Moved by the Rev J McAllister, seconded by the Rev R F S Poots, and agreed:

7. That the resignation of Prof R H Mitchell as Convener of the University Education Committee be received, that he be thanked for his services, and that the Rev Dr T R Buick be appointed in his place.

Moved by the Rev J McAllister, seconded by Prof R H Mitchell, and agreed:

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

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

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, the Principal UTC, University Chaplains, Sunday School Organiser, Conveners of RE in Day Schools, Representative on Stranmillis Management, Transferors' Representatives on the NI Area Boards, Deputy Clerk, Rev J McAllister.**

(b) **Rev RA Patton; R Davidson — Revs WG Cameron, J Curry — Rev JL Keenan; WA Wilson — Dr J Davis; J Wilkinson — Rev H Cubitt; George Beattie — Revs WJ Carlisle, JKA McIntyre.**

(c) **Rev M Dunn; W Cairns — Rev G Ellis-Farquhar; GL Gillespie — Rev M Goudy; N Lyttle — Rev B Martin; JL Snodgrass — Rev J Tolland; T Nicholl.**

(d) **Rev WG Stewart; R Manson — Rev Prof JC McCullough; D Todd — Rev KA McBride; WH Hawe.**

(e) **Revs R Stirling, DW Reid — Rev S Stewart; RE Wright — James Cochrane, Mrs M Patterson — Rev Noel Agnew; Mrs E Farr.**

(f) **Rev NE Dorrans; EJ Wallace — Rev Mary Hunter; Dr Mary Carson — Rev Nancy Cubitt; Mrs D Holmes-Greer.**

(g) **Rev Dr John Thompson; TJ Shaw, Mrs S Lewis, Mrs R Clements, Mrs L Gibson, Mrs D McKee, Alan S Kennedy, TGJ Moag, David McClurg.**

**A. CHURCH EDUCATION COMMITTEE (5) Rev IT McKee, Convener**

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

(x) **Rev Dr SR Jones; Miss R Stirling, Mrs E Pollock, WR Quinn.**

(y) **Revs R Stirling, KA McBride, RA Patton, WJ Carlisle, WG Stewart, M Goudy, NE Dorrans, B Martin.**

**B. STATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE (5) Deputy Clerk, Convener**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs JSB Drennan, IT McKee, J McAllister, Dr TR Buick, Deputy Clerk; J McBride, BT Duffy, Clerk-Designate.**

(x) **John Magowan, WJ Caves, W Steele; Mrs J Campbell.**

(y) **Revs GAJ Ellis-Farquhar, JA Curry, S Stewart, Nancy Cubitt; RE Wright, JL Snodgrass J Wilkinson, Mrs M Patterson.**

**C. UNIVERSITY EDUCATION COMMITTEE (5)****Rev Dr TR Buick, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs IT McKee, J McAllister, TR Buick; Youth Officer; Deputy Clerk; Prof RH Mitchell, Convener of War Memorial Hostel Committee, Secretary Board of Social Witness, Clerk-Designate.**
- (x) **Rev Prof WP Addley; TJ Shaw, TGJ Moag, N Todd.**
- (y) **Revs RA Patton, WJ Carlisle, KA McBride, Nancy Cubitt, Princ JC McCullough, Mary Hunter; Mrs M Patterson, Dr Mary Carson.**

**OVERSEAS BOARD** The Report of the **OVERSEAS BOARD** (Reports pp 141-164) was submitted by the Very Rev Dr SJ Dixon.

**Intermission**

Moved by the Very Rev Dr S J Dixon, seconded by the Rev R J T McMullan, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the General Assembly, recognising that we are going through a period of rapid change in our global village, encourage the Board to establish priorities for the mission of our Church in the world and to continue to review its administration, its training and preparation of personnel and its partner Church relationships.
3. That the General Assembly give thanks to God for the faithful witness and service of our missionary personnel during the past year and commend them and their families to the whole Church for prayer and support as they witness for and serve Jesus Christ with their national colleagues in our partner Churches.
4. That the General Assembly, recognising the value of our partnerships in mission in Kenya, Malawi, Sudan and Togo, pray earnestly for leaders and people as they continue to address the economic, health, social and moral problems in their societies, and as they take up the opportunities for the spread of the Gospel and the growth of the Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
5. That the General Assembly call upon our people to pray for peace in Sudan and request the governments of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland and the international community to urge, through diplomatic channels, the Government of Sudan and the liberation movements to take positive steps towards the establishment of peace in Sudan for the sake of its long-suffering people.
6. That the General Assembly give thanks for the vibrant ministry of the churches in Brazil and in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands and pray that the Lord of the harvest will encourage them as they continue to be involved in urban and rural mission and in serving the poor and marginalised in their societies in the Name of Jesus Christ.
7. That the General Assembly rejoice in the strengthening of our partnerships with reformed Churches in the Czech and Slovak Republics, France, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Spain and Ukraine and encourage the Board to continue fostering these important relationships through exchange visits and congregational partnerships.

8. That the General Assembly rejoice in the courageous witness to the Gospel by Christians throughout the Middle East, including Israel, encourage the move towards greater unity in the body of Christ and pray that recent serious reverses on the diplomatic front will not prevent progress being made towards a just and lasting peace, nor obstruct the spread of the Gospel.

9. That the General Assembly give thanks for the response of the world community, including our Church, to the earthquake disaster in Gujarat and for the involvement of the Church of North India in the relief and rehabilitation of the victims, and encourage the Church in its outreach and service to the people of Gujarat, praying that many will be brought to a living faith in Jesus Christ and be added to the Church.

10. That the General Assembly give thanks to almighty God for the witness to the Gospel by our partner Churches in China, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Thailand, often in the midst of opposition and persecution, and pray for leaders and people as they continue to serve Jesus Christ in the life of their nations and as they seek peaceful and just solutions to their religious, economic, political and social problems.

11. That the General Assembly thank congregations, organisations and individuals who have supported the mission of Christ in prayer and finance, in projects and in practical ways during the past year, and request the Board to continue its information sharing and its education in mission programmes throughout the Church, so that all may be fully informed about our role in world mission and pray and give for its fulfilment.

12. That the General Assembly thank most sincerely all who have given their time and talents to help fulfil our calling to mission in a needy world and promote this challenging task among our people, and thank the whole Church for providing the necessary personnel and finance for this important work and for the prayer support and 'extra mile' giving during the past year.

13. 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 RJT McMullan; Mrs M Myers, Secretaries**

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

(b) **Rev NJ McCullough; J Warnock, Mrs A Murdock — Rev MM Stewart; Miss J Allen, Mrs E McIlwaine — Rev SR Conkey, RA Moffett; Miss M McCombe — Rev GBS Gibson; Dr Alistair Crockard, Miss W Norwood — Rev G Best; S Murphy, Mrs T Johnston — Rev NS Millen; R Harper, Mrs D Rea.**

(c) **Rev NA Brown; W Steele, Mrs T Boyd — Rev LJ Addis; RI Bashford, Mrs J Gaston — Rev P Lyle; G Henderson, Mrs M McCormick — Rev KDW Crowe; Mrs N Moore, Mrs M Binnie — Rev PP Campbell; D Robinson, Mrs A Reid.**

(d) **Rev TWA Greer; Mrs D Smyth, Mrs M Boyd — Rev WD Moore; W Hanna, Mrs E Jackson — Rev HR Quinn; WH Hawe, Miss R Taylor.**

(e) **Rev D Hillen; E Laverty, Dr H Williamson — Revs KG Patterson, Noel Ward; Mrs E Alexander — Rev G Aitcheson; Dr C McKibbin, Mrs M McKibbin — Rev JW Fleck; R Wallace, Mrs M McCreedy.**

(f) **Rev NE Dorrans; A Speer, Mrs F Armour — Revs S Anketell, John Mann; Mrs D Mitchell — Rev FJ Taylor; L Foster, E Martin.**

(p) **Mrs Doreen McMullen, Mrs Sandra Fleck, Mrs Rosemary Cowan, Mrs Annie Erwin, Mrs Sheila Fell, Mrs Pat Colvin, Mrs Valerie Stewart.**

**A. ASIA COMMITTEE (7) Dr Max Watson, Convener  
Rev RJT McMullan; Mrs M Myers, Secretaries**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Rev Dr SJ Dixon; Mrs M Patterson, Mrs G Irwin, Mrs D McMullen; Rev RJT McMullan; Mrs M Myers, CN Eves, Dr Max Watson, Overseas Secretary Designate.**

(x) **Revs SJ Hanna, PG Lyle; Mrs M Lygo, Dr J Shannon.**

(y) **Revs WD Moore, GE Best, G Aitcheson; Miss M McCombe, RI Bashford, Mrs S Fell, Mrs E McIlwaine, Mrs F Armour.**

**B. EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST COMMITTEE (7)  
Mrs Maureen Patterson, Convener  
Rev RJT McMullan; Mrs M Myers, Secretaries**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Rev Dr SJ Dixon, JA Kirkpatrick, JN Seawright; Mrs M Patterson, Mrs G Irwin, Mrs D McMullen; Rev RJT McMullan; Mrs M Myers, Overseas Secretary Designate.**

(x) **Revs Dr RI Birney, IJ Patterson, JI Thompson, Prof WP Addley.**

(y) **Revs D Hillen, NJ McCullough, KDW Crowe, RA Moffett; Mrs M Boyd, G Henderson, Mrs J Gaston, Mrs D Rea.**

**C. AFRICA, CARIBBEAN & LATIN AMERICA COMMITTEE (7)  
Rev HR Quinn, Convener  
Rev RJT McMullan; Mrs M Myers, Secretaries**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs SJ Dixon, HR Quinn; World Development Committee Convener, Mrs M Patterson, Mrs G Irwin, Mrs D McMullen; Rev RJT McMullan; Mrs M Myers, Overseas Secretary Designate.**

(x) **Revs WS Marrs, TW Gordon, WJ Waring; TA Macpherson.**

(y) **Revs J Mann, NE Dorrans, SR Conkey; E Laverty, WH Hawe, Miss R Taylor, Mrs M Binnie, Mrs D Mitchell.**

The Minutes were taken and corrected.

The Assembly engaged in worship conducted by the Moderator, assisted by the Rev D J Montgomery, Miss Rosemary Casement and the Rev R I A Allely.

At the request of the Moderator, the Rev Alastair Morrice addressed the Assembly.

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



**SEVENTH SESSION****Thursday, 7th June, 2001****Two o'clock. Afternoon****In Private**

The Assembly again convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

The Report of the **Committee on Reception of Ministers and Licentiates** (Reports p 243) was submitted by the Rev R B Savage.

**Committee on  
Reception of  
Ministers and  
Licentiates**

Moved by the Rev R B Savage, seconded by the Very Rev Dr S Hutchinson, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.

The **Memorial of the Rev Christina U Bradley** (Reports pp 243-244) was submitted by the Rev S P Moore.

**MEMORIAL  
OF REV. C H  
BRADLEY**

Moved by the Rev S P Moore, seconded by Mr J Robinson, and agreed:

That the Memorial be received and its prayer granted.

The **Memorial of the Rev Stephen C Calder** (Reports p 245) was submitted by the Rev R B Savage.

**MEMORIAL  
OF REV. S C  
CALDER**

Moved by the Rev R B Savage, seconded by the Rev A Gibson, and agreed:

That the Memorial be received and its prayer granted.

The Report of the **Recognised Ministries Committee** (Reports pp 50-51) was submitted by the Very Rev Dr S Hutchinson together with the following Supplementary Report.

**Recognised  
Ministries  
Committee**

**Recognised Ministries Committee – Supplementary Report**

On 21 May the Presbytery of Dublin and Munster resolved:

*“That the Clerk of Presbytery be instructed to advise the Clerk of the General Assembly that Presbytery has now received what it believes to be an adequate report from Mr Kenneth Gibson as a Licentiate without Charge under Para. 219 3 c ii. and requests that he be continued as a Licentiate without Charge”.*

Mr Gibson is National Director of the Leprosy Mission, Republic of Ireland.

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

1. That the Report be received.

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

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

Moved, as an amendment, by the Rev J G Faris, seconded by the Rev S S Johnston:

That the General Assembly adopt the recommendations of the Recognised Ministries Committee on Ministers and Licentiates without Charge, but that Mr K Gibson be retained as a Licentiate for a further year.

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

Voting: For ..... 220 votes  
Against ..... 219 votes

A ballot was then taken and the Moderator announced the result as follows:

Voting: For ..... 230 votes  
Against ..... 234 votes

The amendment was declared lost.

The original resolution, being put, was passed.

**JUDICIAL  
COMMISSION**

The Report of the **JUDICIAL COMMISSION** (Reports pp 52-58) was submitted by the Very Rev Dr S Hutchinson.

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

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Clerk-Designate of the General Assembly, the Rev Dr D J Watts, be appointed to the Judicial Commission in place of Very Rev Dr A J Weir.

**Overture anent  
Par 19(4)**

The **Overture anent Par 19(4)** of the Code (Reports p 58) was submitted by the Very Rev Dr S Hutchinson.

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

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

**Intermission**

**In Public**

**BOARD OF  
COMMUN-  
ICATIONS**

The Report of the **BOARD OF COMMUNICATIONS** (Reports pp 99-113) was submitted by the Rev IF Smith together with the following Supplementary Report.

## **BOARD OF COMMUNICATIONS – Supplementary Report**

### **Public Worship Committee**

The financial year of the Church Hymnary Trust ends on 31 March. It is therefore proposed that, should the Presbyterian Church in Ireland cease to be a member of the Trust, that withdrawal should be with effect from 31 March, 2002.

### **Memorial Record**

**Rev Thomas Carlisle Patterson, BA, DD**, formerly of Christian Aid, died on 1 April, 2001, in the 80th year of his age and the 54th of his ministry.

A Belfastman, he was brought up in the congregation of Townsend Street and educated at the Royal Belfast Academical Institution and Queen's University, graduating with First Class honours in Philosophy in 1943.

During the next two years he volunteered to serve with the YMCA in North Africa and Italy.

Theological training led to his licensing by the Presbytery of Belfast and he was ordained by the same Presbytery on 1 June, 1947, to serve as a missionary. He became Professor of Philosophy at Wilson College, Bombay in the years 1948-51. Seconded by the Board of Mission to the staff of the Student Christian Movement in schools, he served as Midlands Area Secretary from 1952-1956.

On 28 June, 1956 he was installed as minister of Conlig, and it was during his ministry there that he became Organising Secretary, part-time, of what is now the Irish Council of Churches. After some six years in Conlig he was called to the Crescent Church in Belfast and continued in the convenership of the Inter-Church Relations Board begun in 1960.

Though he moved to live in England on becoming first Home Secretary and then General Secretary of the Conference of British Missionary Societies, he remained a member of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and in 1986, by which time he had taken up a senior post with Christian Aid, the Presbyterian Theological Faculty, Ireland conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*.

Dr Carlisle Patterson throughout his varied ministry belonged to, identified with and faithfully served a World Church as missionary teacher, scholar and gifted administrator. His book "Over the Hill", published in 1997, gives a personal account of relationships between the Churches in Ireland and their relationship with the wider Church. An enabler and encourager of people, regardless of colour, class or creed, he had the pastor's heart which reached out to those with whom, as well as to those for whom, he worked.

Retirement brought with it new and welcome opportunity for work within a local Council of Churches and within the United Reformed Church.

He died suddenly, leaving his widow, Gwenda, their children Anthony, Michael and Frances and a wide circle of family and friends.

**The Rev John Hall Lyons, BA**, senior minister of Redrock and Druminnis, died on 23 April, 2001 in the 85th year of his age and the 55th of his ministry.

Born at Myroe, Limavady on 15 January, 1917, he was a farmer's son. After early education at the local primary school, he attended Limavady Grammar School and, after study at Magee University College and Trinity College, Dublin, graduating in Arts in 1939, he entered Assembly's College, Belfast to train for the ministry.

Licensed by the Presbytery of Limavady on 18 November, 1941, he served as assistant in Argyle Place, Belfast and in 1st Killyleagh. On 15 May, 1946 he was ordained and installed in Cavanaleck, where he ministered faithfully for some nine years.

On 28 September, 1955 Mr Lyons was installed as minister of the united congregations of Redrock and Druminnis, and here he was to make his home for some 26 years. This was a period of growth for the congregations, whose people recognised in their minister a diligent and effective pastor and one whose conduct of worship was marked by dignity and sincerity. Two major renovations were carried out in Redrock, and in Druminnis a gallery was added to the Church building. Organisations too benefited from his attention, and he was instrumental in the formation of both Badminton and Bowling Clubs. Gardening provided him with his main recreational interest.

Retirement on 31 January 1982 brought a move to Dollingstown and was followed two years later by the death of his wife Maisie, for whom he had cared during many years of her ill-health. Five years later he re-married, and he is survived by his second wife, Ruby.

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

1. That the Report be received.

Moved, as an amendment by the Rev I D Neish, seconded by the Rev N W McAuley:

That the Report be received and that the sections relating to the sacraments contained in the experimental folder referred to in Par 4 be sent to the Doctrine Committee for comment and to Presbyteries for consideration and report to the Convener of the Public Worship Committee not later than 31 December, 2001.

On being put, the amendment was declared passed.

On being put as substantive motion, was passed.

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

**Communications  
Administration**

2. That the General Assembly congratulate the Board of Directors and staff of Familybooks on the sustained success of the bookshop and the excellent standard of service provided, and encourage the church to continue to support the bookshop in the future.

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

**Public Worship**

3. That the General Assembly authorise the Public Worship Committee to produce a new Irish Presbyterian Book of Praise.

Moved as an amendment by the Rev D J Montgomery, seconded by the Rev G Moore:

That the General Assembly recommend the use of "Praise" and ask the Public Worship Committee to list up to three other hymnbooks considered appropriate for our Church and also authorise the Public Worship Committee to investigate the practicality of producing a resource containing particular elements

of Presbyterian Worship not catered for in these books and report to the 2002 Assembly.

On being put, the amendment was declared lost.

The original resolution, being put, was passed.

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

4. That the lists contained in Reports 2000 form the basis of the new Book of Praise.

5. That the words of the new Book of Praise be produced in electronic format.

6. That the Presbyterian Church in Ireland cease to be a member of the Church Hymnary Trust with effect from 31 March, 2002.

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

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

9. That a grant of £500 be paid from the Incidental Fund to the Church Architecture Committee. **Church Architecture**

10. 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: **General**

**Rev IF Smith, Convener**  
**Stephen Lynas, Secretary**

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

(b) **Rev WA Kennedy; D Lusk — J MacQueen, V Riddell — Revs WD McBride, RE Boggs — Rev DJ Bruce; A Robinson — Revs WH Sanderson; H Morrow — Rev DC Scott; Mrs P Qua.**

(c) **Rev NA Brown; T Montgomery — R Nelson, Mrs H Graham — Rev JA McCaughan; Ian Smyth — Rev RMcC Bell; K McAuley — Rev RL Brown; SJ Waugh.**

(d) **Rev TC Wright; R Daggart — Rev Dr G Grindle; J Gault — Rev AS Smyth; T Busby.**

(e) **Rev D Hagan; FL Hood — Rev GD Simpson; Mrs J Norris — Miss Margaret Guy, JA Patterson — Rev Noel Agnew; Mrs M Crooks.**

(f) **Rev WA Watson; N Watt — Rev Robert Cobain; Val Fitzgerald — Rev GJ Mackarel; J Jenkins.**

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

**Rev WJ Carlisle, Convener**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Information Officer, Editors of “Herald”, “Christian Irishman”, “Wider World”, Representative of Familybooks, FM and PWA Representatives — Revs IF Smith, WJ Carlisle; S Lynas.**

- (x) **Revs Dr Joseph Thompson, Dr WE Davison; Maurice O'Neill, Mrs G Morrow.**
- (y) **Revs WH Sanderson, RMcC Bell, JA McCaughan, Dr G Grindle, AS Smyth; Mrs P Qua, Mrs M Crooks, Ian Smyth.**
- B. MEDIA COMMITTEE (5) Rev R Hill, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Information Officer, Magee Director, Revs R Hill, IF Smith, Dr RS Tosh, Professor of Practical Theology, Rel Advisers Downtown Radio, RTE, UTV, S Lynas.**
- (x) **Rev C Glover; Maurice O'Neill, Jonathan Wylie, Mrs WDF Marshall.**
- (y) **Revs RMcC Bell, Dr G Grindle, WA Kennedy, GJ Mackarel, JA McCaughan; D Lusk, T Busby, Mrs M Crooks.**
- C. PUBLIC WORSHIP COMMITTEE (5) Rev WTJ Richardson, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs IF Smith, JF Murdoch, HB Wallace, WTJ Richardson; Professor of Practical Theology, S Lynas.**
- (x) **Revs JH McIntyre, WJ Murdock, D Stanfield; Mrs M Boden.**
- (y) **Revs WH Sanderson, WA Kennedy, TR Graham, Dr G Grindle, JA McCaughan; H Morrow, Mrs M Crooks, Miss M Guy.**
- D. CHURCH ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE (5) Rev LWH Hilditch, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs IF Smith, LWH Hilditch; S Lynas.**
- (x) **B McClean, W Boyce, Mrs J Hamilton.**
- (y) **Revs RMcC Bell, GD Simpson, R Cobain, JA McCaughan; J Gault, T Montgomery.**
- E. HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE (5) Rev Dr WJH McKee, Convener**
- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Revs Prof LS Kirkpatrick, Dr H Cromie, IF Smith, JF Murdoch, Dr WJH McKee; S Lynas.**
- (x) **Rev K Smyth; George Gillespie, Derek Alexander, Mrs D McKee.**
- (y) **Revs RMcC Bell, JA McCaughan, Dr G Grindle, WA Kennedy, WD McBride, AS Smyth; Mrs M Crooks, T Busby.**

The sederunt came to a close at 6.05 pm, the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

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**EIGHTH SESSION****Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2001****Half past nine o'clock. Forenoon**

The Assembly again convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

The Report of the **TRUSTEES** (Reports pp 277-280) was submitted by Mr **TRUSTEES** John Millar, OBE, together with the following Supplementary Report.

**TRUSTEES – Supplementary Report**

After the annual Reports went to press the Executive Committee received and examined the audited Accounts for 2000 of The Ministers Pension Scheme (1978) and accepted them for inclusion in the volume of Accounts to be submitted to the General Assembly.

The law regarding Pension Trustees is changing shortly and the Trustees will present their proposals in this regard to next year's General Assembly.

Moved by Mr John Millar, OBE, seconded by Mr Wilson Ervin, CBE, 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 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, Very Rev Dr T J Simpson, Revs J McAllister, OBE, 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 **Overture anent Assembly Trustees Bye-Law XIII** (Reports p 280) was submitted by the Very Rev Dr S Hutchinson.

**Overtures anent  
Bye-laws  
XIII and XIV**

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

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

The **Overture anent Assembly Trustees Bye-Law XIV** (Reports p 280) was submitted by the Very Rev Dr S Hutchinson.

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

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

**New Trustees**            The Assembly proceeded to consider the appointment of new Trustees.

A nomination having been received from the Synod of Ballymena and Coleraine it was moved by the Mr John Millar, OBE, seconded by Mr Wilson Ervin, CBE, and unanimously resolved:

That Rev David Clarke be, and is hereby nominated and appointed by the General Assembly as a Trustee of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland in room of Rev John Williamson, deceased, and of the due appointment of Rev David Clarke 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.

H ALASTAIR DUNLOP

Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

SAMUEL HUTCHINSON

Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

8 June, 2001

A nomination having been received from the Synod of Belfast it was moved by Mr John Millar, OBE, seconded by Mr Wilson Ervin, CBE, and unanimously resolved:

That Rev Wilfred John Orr be, and is hereby nominated and appointed by the General Assembly as a Trustee of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland in room of Rev Herbert Courtney, resigned, and of the due appointment of Rev Wilfred John Orr 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.

H ALASTAIR DUNLOP

Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

SAMUEL HUTCHINSON

Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

8 June, 2001

A nomination having been received from the Synod of Derry and Omagh it was moved by Mr John Millar, OBE, seconded by Mr Wilson Ervin, CBE, and unanimously resolved:

That Rev David Selwoode Graham be, and is hereby nominated and appointed by the General Assembly as a Trustee of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland in room of Rev Richard Graham, deceased, and of the due appointment of Rev David



Selwoode Graham 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.

H ALASTAIR DUNLOP

Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

SAMUEL HUTCHINSON

Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

8 June, 2001

A nomination having been received from the Synod of Dublin it was moved by Mr John Millar, OBE, seconded by Mr Wilson Ervin, CBE, and unanimously resolved:

That Rev Robert Cobain be, and is hereby nominated and appointed by the General Assembly as a Trustee of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland in room of Rev Desmond Black, deceased, and of the due appointment of Rev Robert Cobain 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.

H ALASTAIR DUNLOP

Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

SAMUEL HUTCHINSON

Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

8 June, 2001

A nomination having been received from the Synod of Dublin it was moved by Mr John Millar, OBE, seconded by Mr Wilson Ervin, CBE, and unanimously resolved:

That Mr Leslie McKeague be, and is hereby nominated and appointed by the General Assembly as a Trustee of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland in room of Mr George Wilson, deceased, and of the due appointment of Mr Leslie McKeague 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.

H ALASTAIR DUNLOP

Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

SAMUEL HUTCHINSON

Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

8 June, 2001

The Report of the **COMMISSION ON TRUSTS** (Reports p 246) was submitted by Mr A J Rankin.

**COMMISSION  
ON TRUSTS**

Moved by Mr A J Rankin, seconded by Mrs W D F Marshall, 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, Deputy Clerk, Clerk-Designate, RJT McMullan; TH Cochrane, JW Russell, WH Henry, Mrs WDF Marshall.**

**UNITED APPEAL BOARD**

The Report of the **UNITED APPEAL BOARD** (Reports pp 264-270) was submitted by Mr Hal Stewart.

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

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Board be given permission to include an amount for contingencies of £175,000 for the year 2002.
3. That the United Appeal for 2002 be as set out in Schedules III and IV.
4. That the United Appeal Board for the ensuing year be appointed in accordance with Par 287 of the Code as follows:

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

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; MH Stewart.**  
 (b\*) **Revs R Lockhart, B McMillen, WL Haslett; B McClean.**  
 (c\*) **Rev GA Preston; RW Vaughan, RJ Owens, MH Stewart.**  
 (d\*) **Revs SE Hughes, V Sinclair, JR Lambe; J McKibben.**  
 (e\*) **Revs PG McCrea, Dr SDH Williamson, TV Mawhinney; JA Patterson.**  
 (f\*) **Revs J Drennan, JG Jones, A Boal; Norman Watt.**  
 (g) **Revs D Clarke, TD Gribben, J Lamont, Rev G McClelland; Mrs O Marshall, J Clarke.**

**BOARD OF STUDIES & CHRISTIAN TRAINING**

The Report of the **BOARD OF STUDIES AND CHRISTIAN TRAINING** (Reports pp 236-242) was submitted by the Very Rev Dr A W G Brown.

Moved by the Very Rev Dr A W G Brown, seconded by the Rev G Connor, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Rev T J Conway be appointed as Joint Convener of the Students Bursary Fund Committee.
3. That the following grants be paid from the Incidental Fund:

Information Day for Enquirers	£650
June Residential Course and Interview	£2,075
Pre-Term College Retreat	£1,080
Applicants' Study Day	£200
Licentiate Courses	£585
Meetings for students and spouses	£300
Honoraria for Extern Examiners	£300
Communication Skills for students outside Ireland	£85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5,275</b>

4. 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:

Amanda Best	Ballywalter	Ards
David Henry Brown	First Cookstown	Tyrone
Karen Campbell	Adelaide Road, Donore	Dublin & Munster
Richard Cameron Kerr	Dundalk	Newry
David Jonathon Laney	Carnmoney	North Belfast
Barry John McCroskery	West Church, Bangor	Ards
James William David Rogers	First Bangor	Ards
Jonathan Edward Sloan	Kells	Ballymena

5. That the assessment for the Ministerial Development Programme in 2001 be 1.75p per £ of stipend.

6. That the General Assembly approve the following amendment to the Magee Fund Scheme:

that clause 8(a) be renumbered 8(a)(i), and that the following be inserted after it:

“(a)(ii) Without prejudice to the preceding sub-clause, to contribute, whether by way of loan or otherwise, to the cost of adapting and maintaining Union College.”

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

**Rev Dr AWG Brown, Convener**

**Rev JH Robinson, Director of Ministerial Students**

(a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Professors in UTC, and two student representatives, University Chaplains, Secretary of the HM Committee, Revs JH Robinson, Dr AWG Brown.**

(b) **Revs JN McNeely, TWD Johnston — Revs CG Harris, JWP McConnell — Revs RA Moffett, WA Abernethy — Rev GBS Gibson; JNC Walsh, — Revs CD McClure, DM Rodgers — Revs B McMillen, Dr MA Barry.**

(c) **Revs JD McGaughey, D Murphy — Rev SP Moore; Dr NH Smith — Rev DS Mackay; Dr JH Gillespie — Revs ST Carson, RJ Gilkinson — Revs J Brackenridge, WJ Sleith.**

(d) **Rev TD Gribben; Mrs H Murdock — Revs V Sinclair, Dr WD Patton — Rev W McKeown; WF McConnell.**

(e) **Revs RW Gaston, J Hutchinson — Revs Dr WJH McKee, James Clarke — Rev RI Abraham; Miss M Guy — Revs NW McAuley, T Conway.**

(f) **Revs A Carson, PA McBride — Revs Dr G Millar, F Sellar, — Revs Nancy Cubitt, BCG Black.**

(g) **Mrs M Robinson; Revs JH McIntyre, GAJ Ellis-Farquhar, ATF Johnston, Dr SDH Williamson, ML Johnston, GE Best, DT Moore, RS McMullan.**

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

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Principal UTC, Education Secretary, Convener of Reception of Ministers and Licentiates Committee, Rev JH Robinson; Convener of Student's Bursary Fund Committee, Revs Dr AWG Brown, SP Moore, Committee Convener.**
- (x) **Revs GR Stockdale, AJMcL Smith, Prof WP Addley, Prof LS Kirkpatrick.**
- (y) **Revs CD McClure, RA Moffett, ST Carson, DS Mackay, JWP McConnell, TWD Johnston; NW McAuley; Dr JH Gillespie.**

**B. COLLEGE AND MAGEE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (4)****Rev Graham Connor, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, the Principal UTC.**
- (fac) **Revs Prof JP Taylor, Prof SN Williams, Prof LS Kirkpatrick, WDF Marshall.**
- (x) **Dr TD Alexander, D Clements; Revs LE Carroll, SP Moore, Graham Connor, Dr AWG Brown.**

**C. COMMITTEE ON RESOURCING CHRISTIANS FOR MINISTRY (5)****Rev Dr RM Crooks, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Education Secretary, Youth Secretary, Professor of Practical Theology, Sunday School Organiser, Director of Christian Training, Superintendent Irish Mission, Convener of Evangelism Committee, Director of Social Service, Revs WJ Johnstone, Dr RM Crooks, Board Convener, Director of Ministerial Students.**
- (x) **Revs IA McKay, G Aitcheson, J Coulter; Miss S Sutter.**
- (y) **Revs JD McGaughey, RJ Gilkinson, JNI McNeely, WA Abernethy, B McMillen, DJ Hutchinson, Dr G Millar; Dr J Gillespie.**

**D. STUDENT'S BURSARY FUND COMMITTEE (5)****Revs G Moore, TJ Conway, Conveners  
Assignment Convener, Secretary**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Principal UTC, Convener of the Board of Studies, Convener of the Committee on Studies, HM Secretaries, Assignment Convener, Revs G Moore, JH Robinson, TJ Conway.**
- (x) **Rev J Campbell; DJ Thompson, D Clements, ES McDowell.**
- (y) **Revs DS Mackay, JNI McNeely, TJ Conway, John Brackenridge, TD Gribben, DM Rodgers; Mrs H Murdock, JNC Walsh.**

**E. RECEPTION OF MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES COMMITTEE (5)****Rev RB Savage, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk, Principal UTC, Revs R Herron, Dr AWG Brown, RB Savage, JH Robinson, Convener of the Committee on Studies.**
- (x) **Revs Dr DH Allen, WTJ Richardson, Dr JB Moore, DS McIlwrath.**
- (y) **Revs J Brackenridge, James Clarke, TD Gribben, W McKeown, TWD Johnston, NW McAuley, DM Rodgers, Mrs H Murdock.**

The Minutes were taken and corrected.

### **Intermission**

The Assembly engaged in worship conducted by the Moderator, assisted by the Rev DJ Montgomery, Mrs G Montgomery, the Rev JM Casement and the Rev J Brackenridge.

At the request of the Moderator, the Rev Alastair Morrice addressed the Assembly.

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

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## **NINTH SESSION**

**Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2001**

**Two o'clock. Afternoon**

The Assembly again convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

The Report of the **BOARD OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION** (Reports pp 247-263) was submitted by Mr DF Adair together with the following Supplementary Report.

**BOARD OF  
FINANCE &  
ADMINISTRATION**

The Board of Finance and Administration has been concerned for some time at the overdraft being built up in the Board of Communications – General Account. At 31<sup>st</sup> December 2000 this was £130,076. The accounts include £125,681 as recoverable from sundry debtors. With the assistance of the Board of Communication's full-time staff an analysis of this amount has been prepared, which indicates that it is overstated and that not all of it is likely to be received. The Board of Finance and Administration is requesting the Board of Communications to address this issue as part of the request from the General Board to prepare a 5-year plan. In particular it recommends that a review of costs, funding and administrative requirements to support the current range of activities be undertaken by the Board of Communications.

### **Incidental Fund**

The 2003 Assembly Conference Committee has submitted a proposed budget of around £70,000 for this event.

In accordance with previous practice the Incidental Fund intends to build up a fund in preparation for the Conference. A revised resolution is therefore submitted adjusting the assessment for the Incidental Fund to 5.00 in the £ of stipend.

Moved by Mr D F Adair, seconded by the Rev R I A Allely, and agreed:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the General Assembly request the Board of Finance and Administration to bring a report to the General Assembly in 2002 to clarify the issues regarding contracts into which the Church and the Assembly Agencies enter, in particular to ensure that under Par 286(3)(c) of the Code all steps are taken as 'considered necessary by the Board for the protection of the assets of the Church against all classes of risk'.
3. That Ernst and Young/Ernst and Young LLP (Reports p 252 par 8) be appointed as auditors for all the Committees, Boards, Trusts, Commissions and Agencies of the General Assembly for the year 2001.
4. That the assessment for the Incidental Fund for 2001 be 5.00p in the £ of stipend.
5. That the Board of Finance and Administration, with its associated working committees for the ensuing year, be appointed in accordance with Par 286 of the Code as follows:

**DF Adair, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; DF Adair.**
- (b) **Rev JT Williamson; D Johnston — Rev TA McNeely; N Greenlee — Rev J Harper; R Courtenay — M McMaster, J Lockhart — Revs J Holmes, A Thompson — Revs D Rankin, EP Gamble.**
- (c) **Rev WF Dickey; W Alexander — D Tomb, F Picton — Rev R Kelly; H Stewart — Rev KDW Crowe; R McIvor — Rev JH MacConnell; CRA Davis.**
- (d) **Rev ML Johnston; J Clarke — Rev WI Hull; M Fitch — M Cairnduff, N Valentine.**
- (e) **Rev Dr SDH Williamson; S Clyde — Rev DS Irwin; Samuel Kelly — Wilfrid Steele, Norman Morrison — Rev Dr TR Buick; RJ McLean.**
- (f) **Rev WA Watson; Alan Speer — Arthur Jordan, Ian Kelly — Rev BCG Black; JA Jenkins.**
- (g) **Mrs Maureen Patterson, Mrs G Irwin, J Petrie.**

**A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND STAFFING (5)**

**D Lamb, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Personnel Officer; D Lamb, DF Adair.**
- (x) **Rev J Fell; Mrs E Armstrong, JF McMahan, A Treacy.**
- (y) **Revs JT Williamson, Alan S Thompson, J Harper, JH MacConnell, KDW Crowe; N Valentine, D Tomb, M Fitch.**

**B. INCIDENTAL FUND COMMITTEE (5)**

**M Fitch, Convener**

- (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly; Financial Secretary, M Fitch, DF Adair.**
- (x) **Rev RIA Allely; B McClean, RB Lyons, TG Swan.**
- (y) **Revs R Kelly, KDW Crowe, BCG Black, J Harper, Dr SDH Williamson, D Rankin; M Cairnduff, J Clarke.**

- C. **ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE (5)** Rev RIA Allely, Convener  
 (a) **The Moderator and Clerk of Assembly, Arrangements Committee Convener, Board Convener, TH Cochrane; Rev RIA Allely.**  
 (x) **Rev HJ Honeyford; Mrs J Moran, AN Other, B Smyth.**  
 (y) **Revs TA McNeely, JH MacConnell, R Kelly, JT Williamson; RJ McLean, J Clarke, CRA Davis, M Fitch.**

The **Overture anent Par 137** of the Code (Reports p 263) was submitted by Mr D W Lamb. **Overture anent Par 137**

Moved by Mr D W Lamb, seconded by Mr M Fitch, and agreed:

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

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

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

At its meeting on Friday, 1 June, the resolutions appended were approved for submission at the close of Assembly.

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

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

*To the Church of Scotland 2002*

Right Rev H A Dunlop

Rev I A McKay

An Elder to be appointed by the Business Board

*To the United Reformed Church of the United Kingdom 2002*

Right Rev Dr H A Dunlop

3. That the delegates to the Presbyterian Church of Wales 2002, the 2002 General Synod of the Church of Ireland and the Methodist Conference be appointed by the Business Board.

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

### CLOSE OF ASSEMBLY

After a brief adjournment the Moderator conducted a closing act of worship assisted by the Rev I A McKay and the Rev J A Kirkpatrick.

The Moderator thanked the Clerk of the Assembly and the Deputy Clerk, his chaplains, Mrs Jean Hanna and staff of the General Office, Mr Stephen Lynas and the Church House staff including Mr Harry Orr, the Rev R Vallyly, the organist and musicians and May Street Kirk Session, those who acted as stewards, the time-keepers, the media, the RUC and others.

Thereafter he declared the Assembly to be dissolved and convened the next Stated General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland to meet in Church House, Belfast, on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2002 at seven o'clock in the evening.

The Moderator pronounced the Benediction.

The sederunt came to a close at 3.30 pm.

Attested by  
SAMUEL HUTCHINSON  
Clerk of Assembly



**GENERAL SYNOD OF ULSTER**

BELFAST, 2001

**Wednesday, 6th June, 2001****Five o'clock. Afternoon.**

The Very Rev Dr D H Allen presided and opened the Synod with prayer.

The Very Rev Dr D J McGaughey was unanimously constituted Moderator of the Synod for the ensuing twelve months.

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

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

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

The meeting of Synod was closed with the Benediction.

Attested by

SAMUEL HUTCHINSON, Clerk of Synod

**SECESSION SYNOD**

BELFAST, 2001

**Thursday, 7th June, 2001****Five o'clock. Afternoon.**

The Very Rev Dr J W Lockington presided, and opened the Synod with prayer.

The Rt Rev Dr H A Dunlop was then constituted Moderator of the Synod for the ensuing year.

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

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

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

The Synod was closed with prayer.

Attested by

SAMUEL HUTCHINSON, Clerk of Synod

## DEPUTATIONS — 2002

- I.— CORRESPONDING MEMBERS TO THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND  
     Right Rev Dr H A Dunlop, Moderator  
     Rev I A McKay  
     An Elder to be appointed by the Business Board
  
- II.— CORRESPONDING MEMBER  
     TO THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH OF THE UNITED KINGDOM  
     Right Rev Dr H A Dunlop, Moderator
  
- III.— DELEGATE TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WALES  
     To be appointed by the Business Board.
  
- IV.— DELEGATES TO THE CHURCH OF IRELAND GENERAL SYNOD  
     To be appointed by the Business Board.
  
- V.— DELEGATES TO THE METHODIST CHURCH IN IRELAND CONFERENCE  
     To be appointed by the Business Board.

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### ECCLESIASTICAL CHANGES, ETC.

	Reported by Presbyteries in —	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Licensures .....		11	12	17	13	13	15	8
Ordinations .....		9	1	1	12	16	13	14
Installations .....		29	36	36	24	26	41	36
Resignation of Ministers .....		28	36	34	28	13	28	26
Retirements of Ministers .....		8	10	4	13	11	14	16
Deaths of Ministers .....		10	13	10	15	3	10	14
Students .....		84	53	51	44	39	26	22
Ministers under care of Assembly .....		24	24	23	26	26	21	22
Licentiates .....		13	20	35	41	33	34	18

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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 2001

CHURCH HOUSE,  
BELFAST, BT1 6DW  
AUGUST, 2001.

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

SAMUEL HUTCHINSON  
Clerk of Assembly.

## **Par. 19 (4)**

Delete the words “the following sub-paragraph” and insert “sub-paragraph 6”. (2001).

## **Par. 137**

After the words “under Chapter VII” add the additional words: “audit” and “auditors”, when used in relation to a congregation, mean respectively the independent inspection of the accounts and financial statements, and the persons appointed to carry out such an inspection. (2001).

## **Par. 193 (1)(a)(i)**

Delete the words “except that ministers ordained in January or February shall be eligible from 15th January of the qualifying year” and substitute “except that an ordained assistant to the Moderator of the General Assembly shall be eligible to apply from 15th January of the qualifying year”. (2001).

## **Par. 193 (2)(a)**

Delete the words “except that ministers ordained in January or February shall be eligible from 15th January of the qualifying year”. (2001).

## **Par. 236**

Delete and substitute:

**236 (1)** In a congregation’s call to a minister, the promise of stipend “with increase” shall be interpreted as meaning that the minimum stipend to be paid in each year shall be the stipend promised in the call together with the annual percentage increases fixed by the Board of Ministry and Pensions.

(2) Should the application of this rule give rise to serious difficulty, or as part of a seven year review, the Union Commission shall have power to vary the amount payable so that an equitable arrangement may be made. (2001).

**Par. 250 (4)**

Delete the words “Home Board” and substitute “Board of Mission in Ireland”. (2001).

**Par. 274 (4)**

After the words “for a new ministry” add the additional words: “and the Commission is satisfied that the Manse (if any) is being put into suitable condition for the use of the Minister.” (2001).

**Assembly Trustees Bye-law XIII**

Delete and substitute:

“All cheques shall be signed, and other payments by any means shall be approved, by two signatories on the following basis:

- (a) for sums up to £25,000 (or such sum as the Executive Committee may from time to time decide):  
by the Clerk of Assembly (or the Deputy Clerk) and the Financial Secretary (or any deputy authorised by the Executive Committee):
- (b) for sums over £25,000 (or such sum as the Executive Committee may from time to time decide):  
either by a member of the Executive Committee and the Financial Secretary, or by two members of the Executive Committee.” (2001).

**Assembly Trustees Bye-law XIV**

Delete the words “signed by one of the Executive Committee and by that Committee’s Secretary for the time being” and substitute “signed either by a member of the Executive Committee and the Financial Secretary, or by two members of the Executive Committee.” (2001).

**CORRECTION - Par 321 (5)**

*There was a misprint in last year’s correction slip. The correct text is as follows:*

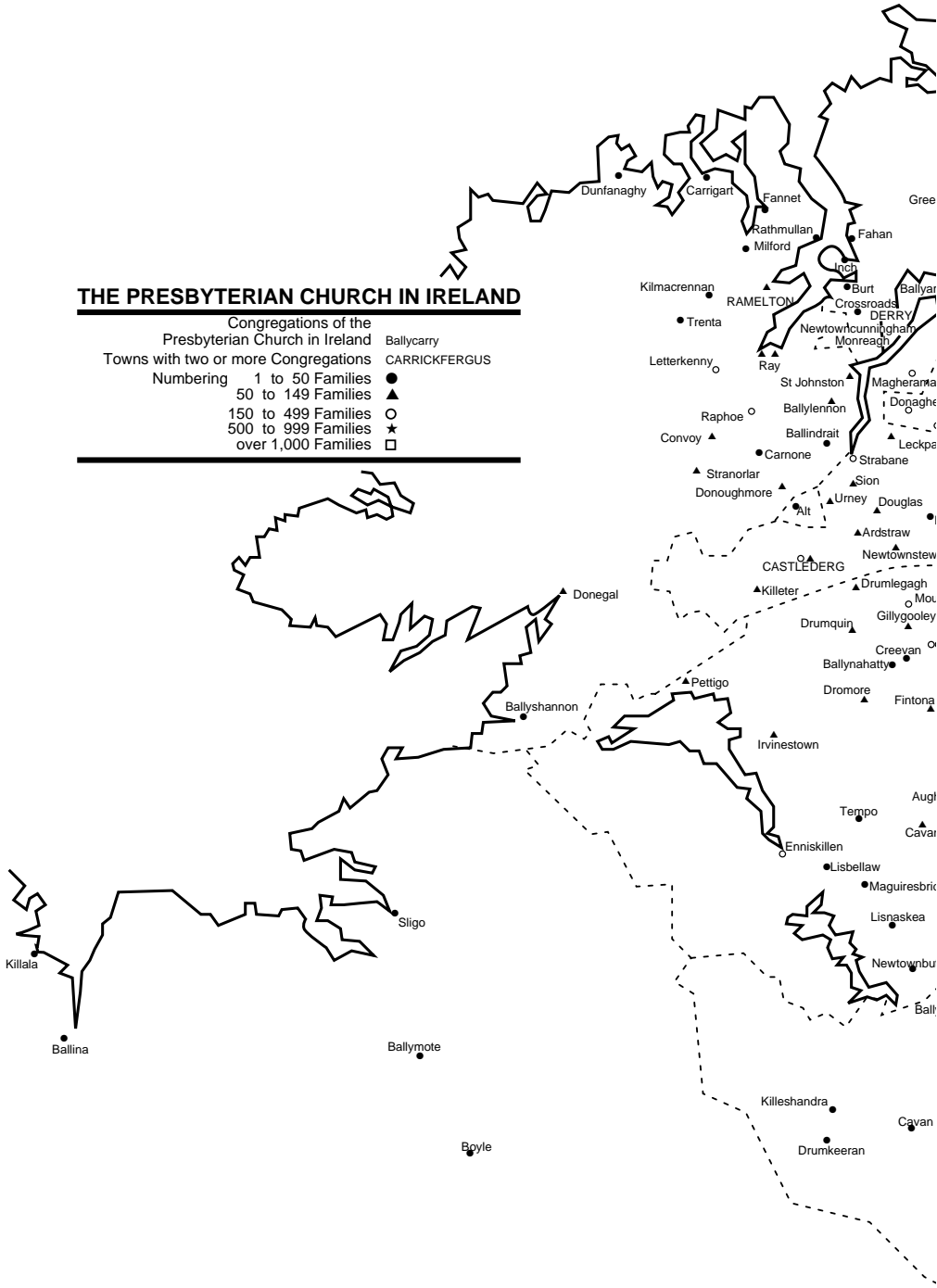
**Par 321 (5)**

Delete and substitute:

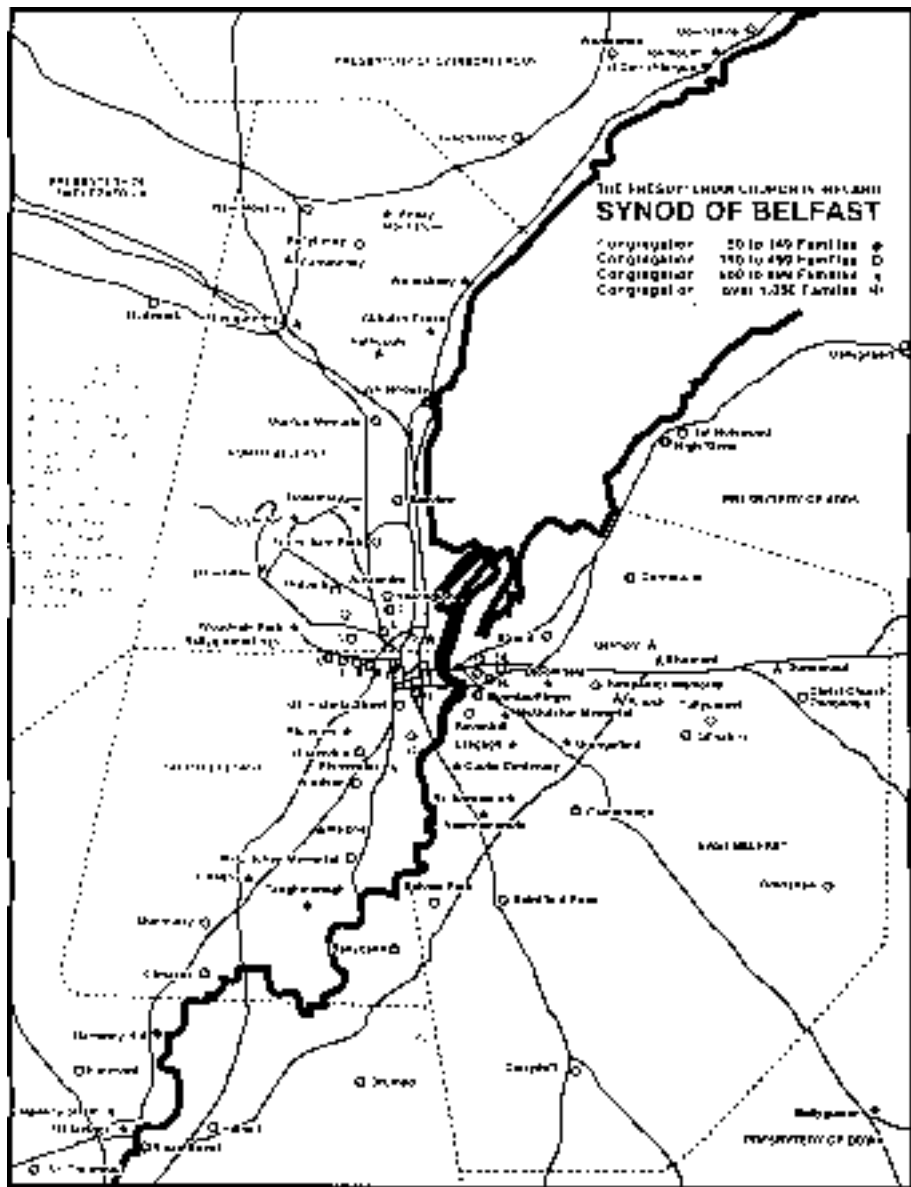
(5) A minister demitting his charge after at least two years’ ordained service in this Church may, upon application to the Board, be granted a pension equal to one fortieth of the full retirement pension for each year served in this Church, completed before 1 April, 1978, beginning at age 65 or on his date of retirement, if later, or on becoming permanently incapacitated for duty. No back payments shall be made for more than one year from the date of application. (2000).

# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

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









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