

MEMORIALS TRANSMITTED

To the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland to meet in Belfast on 4th June 2018.

The memorial of the Presbytery of Tyrone respectfully sheweth:

That the Rev Tom Conway will be released from his charge on 16th June 2018 on grounds of ill health. That while occupational health advise he is not able to continue as a minister in a pastoral charge they do advise that he is well enough to continue as Clerk of Presbytery. However, when the Rev Tom Conway becomes a minister without charge, and ceases to be a full member of Presbytery, he would normally be unable to continue as Clerk. It is nevertheless the Presbytery's desire that if possible he remains Clerk of Presbytery, at the pleasure of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery therefore respectfully ask the General Assembly to facilitate this by determining that Rev Tom Conway, on his resignation from his charge, shall continue as a member of the Presbytery under Code Par 61(j), so long as he remains in post as Clerk of Presbytery.

The Presbytery note that this would not change the status of Rev Tom Conway as a minister without charge, but it would make him ex officio a member of the General Assembly, under Code Par 97(h)(ii), so long as he remains in post as Clerk of Presbytery.

Adopted by the Presbytery of Tyrone at its meeting in First Cookstown on Tuesday, 6th March 2018.

REV JOHN MULLAN, Moderator

REV DR JONATHAN CURRY, Acting Clerk

To the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland to meet in Belfast on 4th June 2018.

The Memorial of the Presbytery of Templepatrick, respectfully sheweth:

That in Par 72 (e) The Code states that the Presbytery shall, in accordance with rules:

“commission and appoint deaconesses, senior lecturers, auxiliary ministers, lay agents and missionaries who have been called by an authorised body in the Church.”

That in Par 260 The Code further states that:

“Each Presbytery shall report annually to the General Assembly

- (a) the name of its Moderator;
- (b) the names of ministers who, since its last annual report, have died, been designated Minister Emeritus (Released), retired from active duty, resigned their charges, or have been installed, inducted, ordained or licensed by Presbytery, with the respective dates;
- (c) the names of ministers without charge or licentiates under the care of the Presbytery, or who have been furnished with credentials, with the respective dates;
- (d) the names of ministers who, since its last annual report, have resigned the office of the ministry, or have been suspended or deposed, or have been declared to be no longer ministers of the Church; and of licentiates who have ceased serving an assistantship under Par 219A, or from whom licence has been withdrawn;
- (e) the names of candidates for the ministry placed under its care together with the name of any student whose candidature has been terminated during the year;
- (f) the names of congregations which have been constituted by order of the General Assembly; and the names of congregations which have been ported, linked, amalgamated or dissolved;
- (g) the names of congregations which have been visited during the year;
- (h) the names of congregations which have given no replies, or replies which were defective, to the annual Statistical Sheet; and the names of congregations which have not sent to the Church’s Financial Secretary the amounts in full of each Assembly assessment or which have not contributed either to the Assembly’s United Appeal or to each mission or committee listed therein;
- (i) that the financial reports of the congregations have been, or are being, printed in pamphlet form;
- (j) the numbers voting for and against any overture sent down by the Assembly for its judgment; and

- (k) any other matter upon which the General Assembly directs it to report.

No other matter than those above specified shall be dealt with in the Presbytery's annual report, which shall be sent to the Clerk of Assembly immediately after its adoption by Presbytery."

That there is no provision in Par 260 of The Code for the reporting annually to the General Assembly of the commissioning and appointing of deaconesses, senior lecturers, auxiliary ministers, lay agents and missionaries who have been called by an authorised body in the Church.

Memorialists, therefore, pray your Venerable Assembly to direct that the names of deaconesses, senior lecturers, auxiliary ministers, lay agents and missionaries under its care who, since its last report, have died, retired, resigned, or have been commissioned and/or appointed by Presbytery, with respective dates, be included, henceforth, in the annual report of Presbytery; and that the Clerk of the Assembly present overtures to the 2019 General Assembly to amend Par 260 of The Code, accordingly and to mirror additionally the requirements of Par 260(d).

And Memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Adopted by the Presbytery of Templepatrick at its meeting on the 6th day of February 2018.

Rev COLIN McDOWELL, Moderator

Rev DESI PAUL, Clerk