



## MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

For Consideration      \*  
For Action                      X

Resolution Number	Annual Reports	Assembly Record		Local Churches	District Councils	Synods
23	64	10	Giving to central funds	*	*	*
25	77	14	Elders and Ecumenism		X	
26	77	14	Election of Elders	X		
27	78	14	Elders and Wider Church Representation	X	X	
28	78	14	Elders, Personal Development	X		X
29	79	15	Collaborative Leadership	*		
30	79	15	Deployment		X	X
6	33	17	Declaration of a Safe Church	*	*	X
20	53	20	Make Poverty History	*	*	*
	<u>Catch the Vision</u>					
40	5	35	Councils of the Church One level		X	X
41	5	34,35	New Synods		X	X
45	7	40	Local Ecumenical Possibilities	*		
46	7	41	Local Ecumenism, strategy	X	X	X





Visitors and members from overseas were introduced by the Revd Elizabeth Nash:

Ecumenical/International:  
Equal Opportunities:  
Finance:  
Interfaith Relations:  
Life and Witness:  
Ministries:  
Mission Council:  
Nominations:  
Pastoral Reference:  
Racial Justice & Multi Cultural Ministries:  
Training:  
Youth & Children's Work:

Revd Elizabeth Nash  
Revd Wilf Bahadur  
Mr Eric Chilton  
Revd Dr John Parry  
Revd Brian Jolly  
Mr John Ellis  
Revd Sheila Maxey  
Revd Principal Stephen Orchard  
Revd Keith Forecast  
Revd Andrew Prasad  
Revd John Humphreys  
Revd Kathryn Price

Synod Clerks:

I      Revd John Dur

XIII Mr Tom Woodbridge  
Theological College Representatives:

Mansfield College  
Northern College  
Queens Foundation  
Scottish United Reformed  
and Congregational College  
Westminster College

Revd Dr Walter Houston, Mrs Caroline Vodden  
Revd Dr John Campbell, Mrs Caroline Andrews,  
Revd Dr Michael Jagessar, Mr Suk In Lee  
Revd Jack Dyce, Mr Craig Jesson

Revd Dr Janet Tollington, Mrs Sam White

Youth representatives:

Miss Fleur James, Mr Gareth Jones

Assembly Members from Other Churches in the United Kingdom:

Action of Churches Together in Scotland  
Baptist Union of Great Britain  
Catholic Bishops' Conference of  
England and Wales  
Church of Scotland  
C

Revd Lindsey Sanderson  
Revd Michael Cleaves  
Dame Anne Doyle  
  
Revd Alister Goss

### Synod I

- A: Revd Barry Hutchinson, Revd Pamela Ward, Miss Rebella Sutherland  
B: Revd Gordon Brown, Revd Ann Jackson, Revd Margaret Johnson, Mrs Pat Gurr, Miss Sheila Hill, Miss Sara Paton  
C: Revd Norma Leveridge, Revd Jan Maxwell, Mrs Maranny Jones, Mrs Jean Lamplugh  
G: Revd Barry Welch, Miss Alison Beecroft

### Synod II

- J: Revd Ann Hufton, Revd Alistair Smeaton, Mrs Freda Bradbury, Mr Jim Bradbury, Mrs Margaret McQueen  
K: Revd Thomas Carmichael, Revd David Greenwood, Revd Sarah Moore, Revd Lena Talbot, Revd George Townsend, Mr Derek Estill, Mr George Grime, Mr Peter Hunter  
L: Revd George McCleave, Revd Craig Muir, Revd Anne Stokes, Revd Kirsty Thorpe, Miss Mavis Butterworth, Mr Tim Rudge, Mr James Wickens  
M: Revd Kate Gray, Revd John Piper, Revd Peter Sharp, Revd Marion Tugwood, Revd Mike Walsh, Ms Bethan Galliers, Mr Michael Aspinall, Mrs Eula Mesquita, Miss Katie Unsworth

### Synod III

- A: Revd Ruth Allen, Revd David Coaker, Revd Sally Willett, Dr Roger Allen, Mr Robin Hodgkins, Mr John White  
B: Revd Gary McGowan, Mrs Margaret Blair, Mr Richard Lathaen  
C: Revd John Bradbury, Revd Ruth Dillon, Mrs Pat Fr Rbuoburm04snwooRev741()Tlbot1(o)3(a)W2extBDC ()TjE0()10(R)5



- E: Revd Catherine Ball, Revd Keith Riglin, Revd Eileen Springbett, Miss Claire Gouldthorp, Mrs Pat Plumb,  
Mrs Joan Turner  
F: Revd Thomas MacMeekin, Mrs Ann Stokes

#### Synod VIII

- A: Revd Paul Snell  
B: Revd Glyn Millington, Mrs Jean Baker  
C: Revd Rose Barrett, Revd Craig Bowman, Dr Wendy Milne, Mr Geoffrey Powell  
D: Revd Michael Whitfield, Mrs Marie Whitman, Mr John Willis  
E: Revd Andrew Francis, Revd Michael Hodgson, Ms Sara Crabb, Mrs Joan Trippier  
F: Revd Wendy Baskett, Revd Dilys Brace, Revd Ian Kirby, Mr John Waines  
G: Revd Barbara Bennett, Mrs Barbara Madge  
H: Mrs Shirley Paton  
J: Mrs Peggy Gray, Revd Martyn Skinner

#### Synod IX

- A: Revd Clive Sutcliffe, Revd Margaret Tilley, Mrs Brenda McCarron  
B: Revd Terry Hinks, Revd George Thomas, Mrs Christine Hardwick, Mr Josh Thomas  
C: Revd Michael Thomas, Revd David Williams, Miss Ruth Hezlett, Mr Roy Markham  
D: Revd David Bedford, Revd David Mather, Revd Stephen Thornton, Ms Nikki Andrews, Mr Peter Bulley,  
Ms Sarah Power  
E: Revd Andrew Lonsdale, Revd Dick Wolcott, Mrs Kath Lonsdale, Mr Colin Macbean, Mrs Julie McLaren,  
Mrs Margaret Telfer

#### Synod X

- A: Revd John Dan

Synod XIII

- A: Revd Linda Rice, Dr Andrew Davidson
- B: Revd John Sanderson, Mrs Maureen Stewart
- C: Revd Gordon Smith, Mr Douglas Hay, Mr James Mack, Mr Keith Muskett\*
- D: Revd Thomas Heggie, Mrs Irene Merrilees
- E: Mr George Barclay, Mrs Mary Howat

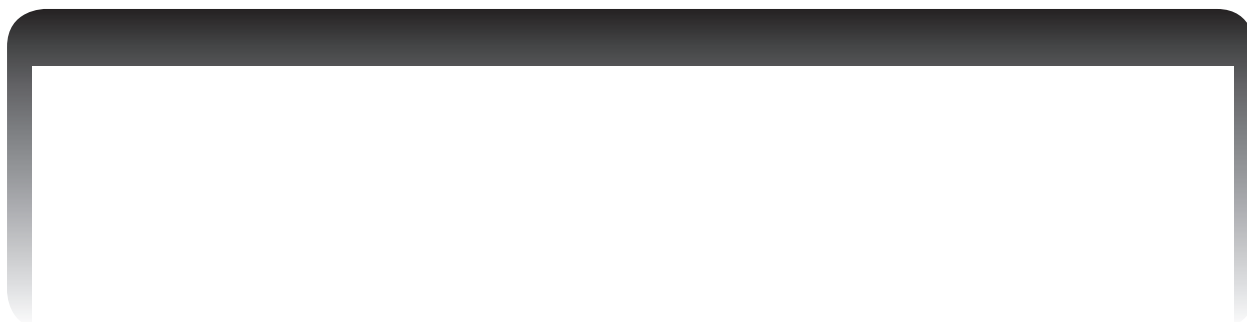
The Moderator then delivered his address. This was followed by prayers of Intercession. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered by the Moderator assisted by the Chaplain. The Moderator pronounced the Blessing and the Assembly stood adjourned.

## **Saturday, 2 July 2005**

## **Second Session**

The Moderator welcomed those who were attending the Assembly for the first time and introduced the people on the platform.

The Convener of the Assembly Arrangements Committee, Mr William McVey, presented Convewwww5



Mr Chilton moved adoption of Resolution 22:

### Resolution 22

### Appointment of Auditors

General Assembly resolves that PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP be appointed auditors of the United Reformed Church, to hold office until the conclusion of the next meeting at which accounts are laid before General Assembly and that their remuneration be fixed by the Finance Committee.

Resolution 22 was carried.

Mr Chilton moved adoption of Resolution 23:

### Resolution 23

### Ministry and Mission Fund

General Assembly gratefully acknowledges the giving of the churches in 2004 to the Ministry and Mission Fund and the work of the local church, district and synod treasurers.

Resolution 23 was carried.

Mr Chilton moved adoption of Resolution 18:

### Resolution 18

### 2006 Budget

General Assembly accepts the budget for the year 2006 as set out in the Book of Accounts.

Resolution 18 was carried.

The Moderator, on behalf of the Assembly, thanked Ms Avis Reaney for her service to the Church on her departure after five years as Secretary for Finance.

## **Mission Council**

The General Secretary, on behalf of Mission Council, moved adoption of Resolution 12:

### Resolution 12

### Ratification of changes to Section O, Part 1

General Assembly agrees to ratify its decision to make the following changes to Part 1 of the Section O Process for Ministerial Discipline:

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Paragraph 4.2

Add the following words at the end of this Paragraph: '... but any person who reaches the end of the term of his/her appointment on the Commission Panel whilst serving as a member of an Assembly Commission in a case in progress may continue so to serve until the conclusion of that case.'



2(5)(B) 'As soon as any minister becomes the subject of a case against a minister under the Section O Process for Ministerial Discipline, neither General Assembly nor Mission Council on its behalf shall exercise any of General Assembly's functions in respect of that minister in such a manner as to affect, compromise or interfere with the due process of that case, provided that the provision of such pastoral care as shall be deemed appropriate shall not be regarded as a breach of this Paragraph'.





## Resolution 28

## Personal Development of Elders

To promote the development of the gifts and skills of Elders, Assembly requests:

Synods to ensure the provision of locally based opportunities for the development of Elders in local churches or groups of churches; and each local church to set aside time and resources at least once a year specifically for the development of the gifts and skills of Elders.

Resolution 28 was carried.

Mr Ellis moved adoption of Resolution 29:

## Resolution 29

## Collaborative Leadership

General Assembly urges local churches and groups of churches to develop collaborative leadership patterns, and wherever possible to do so ecumenically.

After discussion, Resolution 29 was carried.

### **Election of Moderator of General Assembly 2006/7**

The Assembly Clerk explained the voting procedure. The Moderator led the Assembly in prayer and ballot slips were collected.

The Revd William Mahood took the Chair.

Mr John Ellis moved adoption of Resolution 30:

## Resolution 30

## Deployment

General Assembly, recognising that the number of Ministers of the Word and Sacraments continues to fall much more rapidly than the number of congregations, requests Synods, District and Area Councils to deploy Ministers in ways which show imagination and flexibility, and in particular:

- a) to focus on present and future opportunities not historical patterns;
- b) to look at leadership needs and resources in each congregation, accepting that not every congregation has or will have a Minister directly providing their day-to-day leadership;
- c) to take account of the deployment plans of sister denominations;
- d) to take account of the service offered by self-supporting Ministers;
- e) to take account of the Church's policy on Local Church Leaders as agreed at the 1998 meeting of the Assembly;
- f) to remember the possibilities provided by the Special Category Ministry scheme.



## **Ministries Committee**

Mr Ellis moved adoption of Resolution 31:

### **Resolution 31**

### **Ministry and Mission Fund Report**

General Assembly resolves that a report showing how the Ministry and Mission Fund

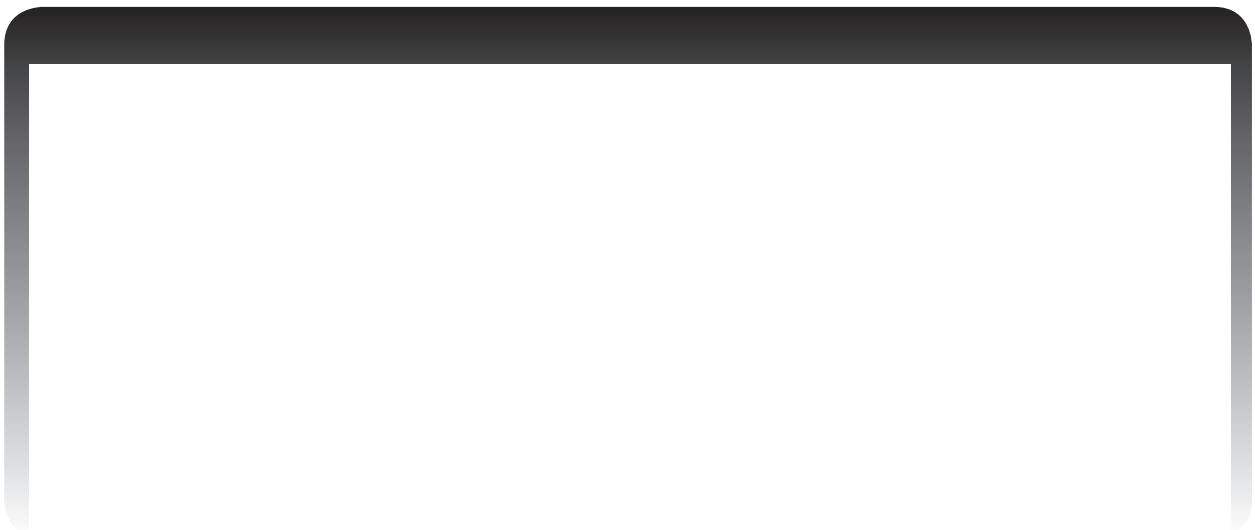


## **Doctrine, Prayer and Worship Committee**

The report of the Doctrine, Prayer and Worship Committee was presented by the Convener, the Revd John Young. The Moderator, on behalf of the Assembly, thanked the Mr Young for the report and for his Convenership of the Doctrine, Prayer and Worship Committee.

## **Training Committee**

The Convener presented the report of the Training Committee.



Mr John Ellis, on behalf of Mission Council, moved adoption of Resolution 7:

## Resolution 7

## Revised Ethical Investment Policy

General Assembly recommends that trustees and all those with investment responsibilities connected with the United Reformed Church should avoid any investment in:

- a) companies directly engaged in the manufacture or supply of weapons of destruction;
- b) companies a significant part of whose business is in the supply of alcoholic drinks or tobacco products or military equipment (other than weapons of destruction); or the provision of gambling facilities; or the publication or distribution of pornography.

General Assembly notes that the definition of these activities, or of what constitutes a significant part of a company's business, requires judgement and the Ethical Investment Advisory Group (EIAG) of Mission Council is available to offer advice. In general, EIAG will deem "significant" to mean where the share of turnover derived from the activity concerned is more than around 10-20% of the company's total turnover.

General Assembly recognises that this policy can only be advisory as the responsibility for specific investment decisions remains with each body of trustees.

Resolution 7 was carried.

## Church and Society Committee

The report of the Church and Society Committee was presented by the Convener, the Revd Martin Camroux.

The Revd Elizabeth Nash moved adoption of Resolution 54:

## Resolution 54

## Emergency Resolution – Zimbabwe

The General Assembly of the United Reformed Church meeting in Warwick University, mindful of the deteriorating situation in Zimbabwe and of its church and 'Commitment for Life' partners in that country:

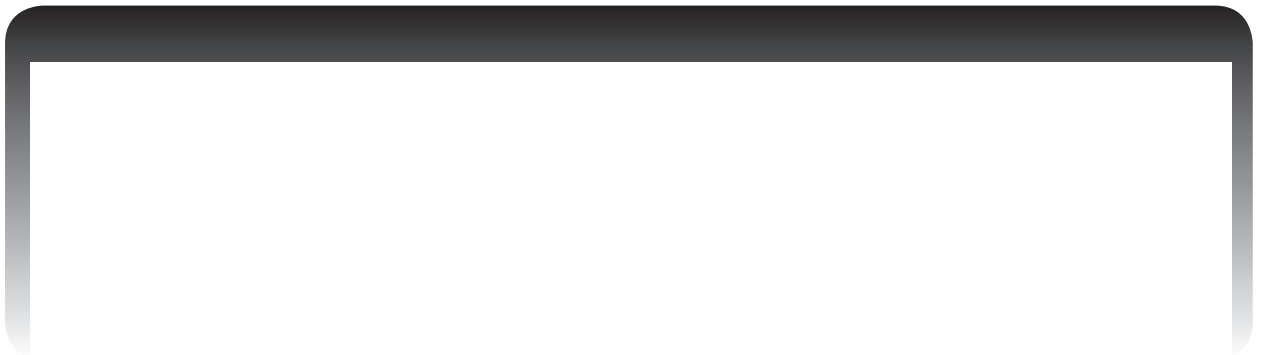
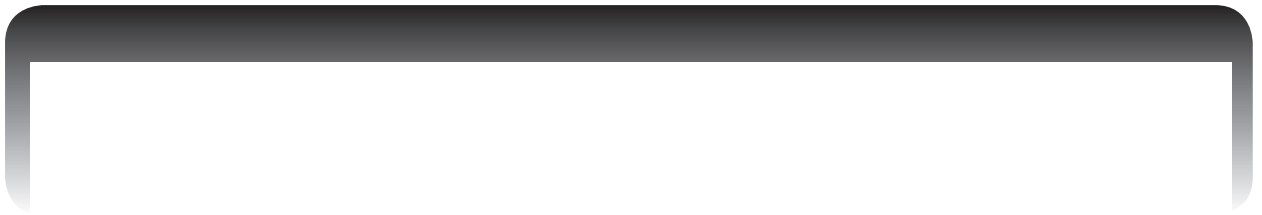
- expresses its outrage at the actions being taken against the people of Zimbabwe by their own government;
- reaffirms the support of the United Reformed Church for its partners in Zimbabwe and instructs the Moderator to convey the news of this to them;
- calls upon its Ecumenical Committee and the Commitment for Life Programme to explore with all the church's partners fresh initiatives to end the injustices being committed against the Zimbabwean people;
- calls upon Her Majesty's Government to recognise the claims of refugees and asylum seekers from Zimbabwe and to offer them shelter in the UK.

Several members spoke in support of the Resolution.

Resolution 54 was carried. Members of Assembly stood, and were led in prayer by the Chaplain, as a token of solidarity with the people of Zimbabwe.

The Moderator, on behalf of the Assembly, greeted Mrs Ann Martin and offered her the Assembly's best wishes as she completes her term of office as *Commitment for Life* co-ordinator.





General Assembly instructs the Nominations Committee to monitor the appointments of Synod Moderators, Assembly Appointed Staff, Westminster College Staff and the Conveners of Assembly Committees for equal opportunities purposes. It further instructs Nominations, Equal Opportunities and Racial Justice and Multicultural Ministry Committees to work together to devise a strategy for all appointment procedures which ensure a balance in those groupings which matches the balance in other nominations of:

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## 2. ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES and Sub-COMMITTEES

Notes:

1. The Moderator, the Moderator-elect, the immediate past Moderator and the General Secretary are members *ex officio* of every Standing Committee.
2. Officers and members appointed since Assembly 2004 are indicated by one asterisk (\*), two asterisks (\*\*) denotes those whom Assembly 2005 is invited to appoint for the first time (#) indicates a **Convener Elect** who will become Convener in 2006. (◀) indicates a **Secretary Elect** who will become Secretary in 2006.
3. The date in brackets following the names indicates the date of retirement, assuming a full term.
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### 2.5.1 ECUMENICAL – INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE Sub-Committee

Convener: Revd Chris Baillie [2007]

Secretary: Secretary for International Relations

Mrs Heather Barnes [2006]

Revd Nigel Uden [2006]

Mrs Eileen McIlveen [2007]

Revd Michael Thomason [2007]

Mrs Sylvia Jackson\*\* [2009]

### 2.6 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Convener: Revd Wilf Bahadur [2006]

Ms Morag McLintock #\*\* [2010]

Secretary: Revd Derek Hopkins [2008]

Mr Derek Estill [2006]

Mr Alan Hart [2006]

Revd Sue MacBeth [2007]

Dr Ruth Shepherd [2008]

Mrs Louise Sanders [2008]

Revd Kate Gartside\*\* [2009]

### 2.7 FINANCE

Convener: The Treasurer

Secretary: *to be advised*

Ms Alison Holt [2006]

Revd David Dones [2007]

Mrs Marie Whitman [2007]

Mr Errol Martin [2008]

Mr Graham Law [2008]

Revd Dick Gray\*\* [2009]

Mr Graham Morris\*\* [2009]

Mr John Kidd\*\* [2009]

Convener of the URC Trust

Financial Secretary

### 2.8 INTER-FAITH RELATIONS

Convener: Revd Dr John Parry [2007]

Secretary: Mrs Jean Potter [2008]

Revd Peter Colwell [2006]

Dr Iain Frew [2008]

Revd Helen Pollard [2008]

Mr David Jonathon\*\* [2009]

### 2.9 LIFE and WITNESS

Convener: Revd Brian Jolly [2006]

Revd Peter Ball\*\*# [2010]

Secretary: Secretary for Life and Witness

Revd Linda Elliott [2006]

Mrs Sheila Brain [2007]

Mr Colin Ferguson [2007]

Revd Ian Fosten [2007]

Revd Michael Hodgson [2007]

Revd Kate Gray [2008]

Mr Emmanuel Nkusi [2008]

Revd Simon Walkling\*\* [2009]

Mr Patrick Smyth\*\* [2009]

### 2.9.1 LIFE and WITNESS – STEWARDSHIP Sub-Committee

Convener: Mr Ray McHugh [2008]

Secretary: Secretary for Life and Witness

Revd David Legge [2006]

Mrs Jackie Haws [2007]

Mrs Susan Wilkinson [2007]

Revd John Durrell [2008]

Mr Gareth Curl\*\* [2009]

### 2.9.2 WINDERMERE ADVISORY GROUP

Convener: Revd Bernard Collins [2009]

Secretary: The Director of Windermere

Mrs Irene Wren [2008]

Revd Carole Allison\*\* [2009]

Revd Jan Berry\*\* [2009]

Convener of Windermere Management Committee      Convener of Life and Witness Committee

Representative of Carver URC

### 2.10 MINISTRIES

Convener: Mr John Ellis [2006]

Revd Peter Poulter#\*\* [2010]

Secretary: Secretary for Ministries

Revd Pauline Barnes [2006]

Mrs Joan Trippier [2007]

### 2.10.1 **MINISTRIES – ACCREDITATION Sub-Committee**

Convener: Revd Gwen Collins [2009]

Secretary: Secretary for Ministries

Mrs Judith Booth [2006]

Revd Tony Wilkinson [2007]

Revd Howard Sharp\*\* [2009]

Mr Simon Rowntree\*\* [2009]

Mr Rod Morrison\*\* [2009]

### 2.10.2 **MINISTRIES – CRCW Programme Sub-Committee**

Convener: Revd Bob Day [2008]

Secretary: The CRCW Development Workers

Revd John Burgess [2006]

Mrs Janet Holden [2006]

Mr Peter Twilley [2007]

Revd Tracey Lewis [2008]

Mrs Maureen Thompson\*\* [2009]

### 2.10.3 **MINISTRIES – LAY PREACHING Support Sub Committee**

Assembly Lay Preaching Advocate: Dr Philip Theaker [2007]

And four members elected by the Lay Preaching Commissioners Consultation

### 2.10.4 **MINISTRIES – MAINTENANCE OF MINISTRY Sub-Committee**

Convener: Revd Geoffrey Roper\*\* [2009]

Secretary: *to be advised*

Mr Patrick Hickey [2007]

Mrs Lyn Alford [2008]

Mr David Hayden [2008]

Mr David Taylor [2008]

The Treasurer

Convener of Pensions Executive

Financial Secretary

### 2.10.5 **MINISTRIES – RETIRED MINISTERS HOUSING – Sub-Committee**

Convener: Revd David Bedford [2010]

Secretary: Secretary Retired Ministers' Housing Society Ltd

Mr Malcolm Lindo [2007]

Mrs Pauline Mewis [2006]

Mrs Liz Tadd\*\* [2009]

Revd Elizabeth Caswell [2008]

The Treasurer

**Note:** Properties are managed by a Company *viz*: **RETIRED MINISTERS HOUSING SOCIETY LTD** Details of the Members of the Board etc may be obtained from the Secretary: Mr Tony Bayley at Church House.

### 2.10.6 **ASSESSMENT BOARD**

Convener: Prof David Cutler [2009]

Retiring 2006 Revd Thomas Heggie, Revd Michael Mewis, Revd Peter Poulter, Revd Hilma Wilkinson

Retiring 2007 Revd Diana Cullum-Hall, Miss Sarah Dodds, Revd Roy Fowler, Mrs Wilma Frew, Mrs Pat Poinen, Revd Nigel Uden, Revd Simon Walkling

Retiring 2008 Mrs Judith Harris, Mrs Barbara Lancaster, Dr Cameron Wilson

Retiring 2009 Mrs Tina Ashitey, Dr Peter Clarke, Mr Hugh Abel

Retiring 2010\*\* Revd David A L Jenkins, Revd Dr Irene John, Revd Edward Sanniez, Revd Lesley Charlton

### 2.11 **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

Convener: Revd Dr Stephen Orchard [2006]

Revd Malcolm Hanson#\*\* [2010]

Secretary: Revd Elizabeth Brown [2009]



### 3 MISSION COUNCIL

Mission Council acts on behalf of General Assembly. It consists of the Officers of Assembly, the Provincial Moderators and three representatives from each Synod together with the Conveners of Assembly Committees.

Northern Synod	Revd John Durell, Revd Colin Offor, Mrs Susan Rand
North Western Synod	Miss Kathleen Cross, <i>vacancy, vacancy</i>
Mersey Synod	Revd Jenny Morgan, Mrs Wilma Prentice, Mr Donald Swift
Yorkshire Synod	Mrs Val Morrison, Revd Pauline Loosemore, Mr Roderick Garthwaite
East Midlands Synod	Mrs Ann Ball, Mrs Barbara Turner, Mrs Irene Wren
West Midlands Synod	Mrs Melanie Frew, Revd Anthony Howells, Mr Bill Robson
Eastern Synod	Mr Mick Barnes, Revd Victor Ridgewell, Mrs Joan Turner
South Western Synod	Revd Roz Harrison, Mrs Janet Gray, Revd Richard Pope
Wessex Synod	Mrs Glenis Massey, Revd Clive Sutcliffe Revd Ruth Whitehead
Thames North Synod	Revd John Macauley, Revd Dr Roger Scopes, d4P(30(t)005C 10.8 (t))12.tr ee7580hR4878 (t)1(a)4(275E0 .)-7(o1T.d(n)-1(n)0i3 5-E0.)T408/Actu0. 10 1s7asse2n86030.e 1h7Bj d5N7fdadse75o(2)-E21(S)240(e75o)1 0.933 0 T5



## 7 URC Representatives at formal bi-lateral and multi-lateral committees.

### 7.1 METHODIST/URC Liaison Committee

The Secretary for Ecumenical Relations together with: Ms Rachel Greening, Revd Roy Fowler, Revd Harry Lanham, Revd Roberta Rominger

#### 7.1.1 HEALTH and HEALING DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Dr Margaret Moore, Mrs Jackie Ballard, Revd Delia Bond, Revd Deborah McVey

### 7.2 Anglican/Moravian Contact Groups

Revd David Tatem

### 7.3 ENFYS (The Commission of Covenanted Churches in Wales) see Note 5

Synod Moderator                      Synod Ecumenical Officer                      Mrs Ann Shillaker                      Revd Dr Robert Pope

## 8 URC Representatives on Governing Bodies of Theological Colleges etc.,

### 8.1 Mansfield College:

Ministerial and Educational Training Committee:                      Professor Malcolm Johnson [2006]  
Revd Fiona Thomas\*\* [2009]  
Convener of the Training Committee  
Secretary for Training

8.2 New College London                      Foundation Trustees:                      Mr John Smethers [2006]  
Mr Graham Stacy [2007]  
Mr Philip Wade [2007]  
*alternate* Mr Colin Howard [2008]

8.3 Northern College                      Secretary for Training, [2009]  
Revd David Jenkins [2009]  
Mr Bill McLaughin [2009]  
Miss Margaret Atkinson [2007]  
Mrs Helen Brown [2007]  
Revd Dr Robert Pope [2007]

Council of the Partnership for  
Theological Education, Manchester:                      Secretary for Training

8.4 Westminster College: Board of Governors  
Convener:                      Revd Dr David Thompson [2008]  
Clerk:                      Revd Clifford Wilton [2006]  
Mrs Sally Abbott [2006]  
Revd Craig Muir [2009]  
Mr John Kidd [2009]  
Mr Brian Long [2010]  
Revd Fleur Houston\*\* [2010]  
Secretary for Training

8.4.1 Cheshunt Foundation                      Mr David Butler

8.4.2 Cambridge Theological Federation                      Convener Westminster  
College Governors

8.5 Homerton College Trustees                      Mr John Chaplin [2005]  
Mrs Elisabeth Jupp [2006]  
Lady Sally Williams [2007]  
Revd Dr David Thompson [2008]

8.6 Queen's College, Birmingham                      Revd Elizabeth Welch  
*vacancy\*\**  
Secretary for Training in attendance

8.7 Aberystwyth (Memorial College)	Mr Leslie Jones
<b>9 GOVERNORS of COLLEGES and SCHOOLS with which the URC is associated</b>	
9.1 Caterham School	Revd Nigel Uden [2007] Mr John Mathias [2008]
9.2 Eltham College	Revd Derek Lindfield [2007]
9.3 Walthamstow Hall	Mrs Margaret Abraham
9.4 Milton Mount Foundation	Mrs Clare Meachin [2006] Revd David Cuckson [2006] Mr Graham Rolfe [2008] Mr Brian West [2008] Revd Nicola Furley-Smith* [2008]
9.5 Silcoates School	Dr Peter Clarke [2009] Dr Moira Gallagher [2009] Mrs Val Morrison [2006] Prof Clyde Binfield [2007] Mrs Valerie Jenkins [2009] Mr David Figures [2007]
9.6 Taunton School	Revd David Grosch-Miller
9.7 Wentworth College	Revd Daphne Hull
9.8 Bishops Stortford College	Revd Nigel Rogers
<b>10 Miscellaneous:</b>	
The URC is represented on a variety of other national organisations and committees as follows:	
Retired Ministers' and Widows' Fund	Mr Ken Meekison Mrs Jill Strong Revd Julian Macro
Christian Education Board of Trustees Publications Development Group	Mrs Patricia Hubbard Mrs Rosemary Johnston
Churches Main Committee	Ms Avis Reaney Mr Hartley Oldham
Congregational Fund Board	Revd Margaret Taylor Revd Eric Allen Revd John Taylor Mr Anthony Bayley Revd David Helyar
Guides' Religious Advisory Panel	Mrs Susan Walker
Pilots Management Committee	Mr Huw Morrison
Samuel Robinson's Charities	Mr Tony Alderman
Scouts' Religious Advisory Group	Revd David Marshall-Jones





The Assembly met in groups to discuss the *Catch the Vision* report.

**New Ministers and CRCWs**

Synod Moderators introduced Ministers and Church Related Community Workers who had been ordained or commissioned since the previous meeting of the Assembly. Each of those present was greeted in turn and received by the Assembly with applause.

**Northern Synod (Moderator: Revd Peter Poulter)**

Revd Elaine Brown	Gateshead Group
Revd Gordon Brown	Gateshead Group
Revd Jan Maxwell	North West Durham Group
Revd Margaret Johnson	Industrial Chaplain, Port of Tyne
Revd Barry Welch	Ashington and Widdrington

**North Western Synod (Moderator: Revd Peter Brain)**

Revd Ann Hufton	Furness
Revd Sarah Moore	Darwen Ecumenical Partnership
Revd Marion Tugwood	Goyt Valley Pastorate
Revd Dr Mark Houghton	SW Manchester District ( <i>in absentia</i> )

**Mersey Synod (Moderator: Revd Howard Sharp)**

Revd David Coaker	St John's and Elmwood Avenue, Warrington
Revd Jenny Morgan	Hamilton Memorial, Prenton and Upton, Birkenhead
Revd John Bradbury	Earle Road and Liverpool City Centre Ecumenical Team
Revd Ruth Dillon	Stoneycroft, Oakvale and Huyton

**Yorkshire Synod (Moderator: Revd Arnold Harrison)**

Revd Geoff Ellis	Leeds District ( <i>In absentia</i> )
Revd Sarah Hall	St Andrew's, Sheffield and University Chaplaincy

**East Midlands Synod (Moderator: Revd Terry Oakley)**

Revd Jenny Yule	Sinfin Moor
Revd Keith Morrison	Castle Hill and Doddridge Memorial
Revd Peter Blackband	Arnold, Burton Joyce and The Dales

**West Midlands Synod (Moderator: Revd Elizabeth Welch)**

Revd Stuart Turner	Winson Green and Wilton Road, Birmingham
Revd Peter Hurter	Rugby and Brinklow

**Eastern Synod (Moderator: Revd Elizabeth Caswell)**

Revd Heather Kent	Harwich Road and Christchurch, Colchester, and
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Revd Viv Randles  
Revd Janet Llywellyn

Wembley Park (*in absentia*)  
Clapton Park and Dalston (*in absentia*)

**Southern Synod (Moderator: Revd Nigel Uden)**  
Revd Alan Sey





The Revd John Johansen-Berg moved an amendment to Resolution 41, that the words '**subject to any legal constraints**' be included after 'General Assembly resolves'.

This was seconded from the floor.

The Clerk moved that the amendment be now put. Assembly agreed.

The amendment was carried:

The Revd Keith Argyle proposed the amendment:

delete: 'the thirteen 'new Synods'.

add: 'Existing synods to be charged to split into new synods appropriate to local circumstances and served jointly by existing Moderators and professional staff.'

Seconded by Mr Robert Harvey.

Dr Orchard moved that the amendment be not put.

Seconded by the Revd Peter McIntosh.

The Assembly agreed that the amendment be not put.

After lengthy debate, the Moderator temporarily suspended discussion on Resolution 41.

## **Inter-faith Relations**

The report of the Inter-faith Relations Committee was presented by the Convener, the Revd Dr John Parry. Members of the Coventry inter-faith group were welcomed:

Mrs Jameela Qu'reshi  
Sister Cherry Steinberg  
The Revd Jean Clark

Mrs Qu'reshi addressed the Assembly.

The Moderator greeted the Revd Andrew Johnston, representing CWM and offered best wishes on behalf of the Assembly to David Jonathan.

## **Catch the Vision**

Debate on Resolution 41 resumed.

The following amendment was proposed by the Revd Keith Riglin:

delete: "'the 13 'new synods;'"

add: " 'new' synods, the number and bounds of which to be determined after discussion within the church's 13 existing synods."

Seconded by the Revd Roberta Rominger.

Following debate, the General Secretary responded and a vote was taken.

The amendment fell.

Following debate, the Revd David Bedford proposed that the resolution be now put, seconded by Sarah Powell.

The motion failed to achieve the required two thirds majority, and therefore fell.

After further debate Revd Clare Downing proposed that the resolution be now put, seconded by the Revd Brian Jolly. Assembly agreed by more than the required two thirds majority.

The General Secretary responded, and a vote was taken:

Resolution 41, as amended, and having achieved more than the required two thirds majority, was carried.

## Resolution 41

## Catch the Vision

General Assembly resolves, subject to any legal constraints, that as from General Assembly 2007, there shall be one level of council between the General Assembly and the local church, the thirteen 'new Synods'.



## Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

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Opening worship was conducted by the chaplain; Bible study was led by the Revd Dr Israel Selvanayagam.

The Convener of the Assembly Arrangements Committee moved adoption of the Resolution:

**General Assembly remits Resolutions 8, 9, 10 and 11 (Section O and Ministerial Incapacity) to Mission Council for consideration and such action as it deems necessary.**

Following an explanation by the Clerk the Resolution was carried.

The Moderator greeted Mrs Rosemary Johnstone, Children's Advocate, pending her retirement in March 2006.

### **Wessex Synod**

The Wessex Synod made its presentation.

The Revd Alasdair Pratt took the Chair.

### **Synod Resolution**

The Revd Andrew Francis, on behalf of the South Western Synod, moved adoption of Resolution 1:

#### **Resolution 1**

#### **Detention without trial**

General Assembly notes with concern the actions of Her Majesty's Government in introducing 'detention without trial' for UK citizens and passport holders and calls for the rapid repeal of the relevant legislation.

Seconded by Miss Sara Crabb.

Resolution 1 was carried.









Mr Prasad moved adoption of Resolution 34:

**Resolution 34**

**Developing Multicultural Ministry**

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To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty

The General Assembly of the United Reformed Church now meeting in Warwick sends loyal greetings to Your Majesty.

We are meeting just a few weeks into the third term of office of Your Majesty's Government, and look to it for further measures to improve the safety and quality of life of all our community, especially the most vulnerable and needy. We welcome all that has been done to enhance the dignity and well-being of disadvantaged people in our society – for example, in the areas of welfare provision and opportunities for meaningful employment – and look forward to further work being done in these fields. Many of



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## **Women's World Day of Prayer (Scotland)**

5 March 2005 saw many women converging on churches, halls and Eventide Homes, schools and various other

