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NOTES

1. The General Assembly stand
   (a) When The Lord High Commissioner or the Moderator enters the Hall before the
       constitution of any Session;
   (b) when Her Majesty’s Commission to The Lord High Commissioner and Her Majesty’s
       Letter to the General Assembly are read;
   (c) when The Lord High Commissioner addresses the General Assembly, or the Moderator
       addresses The Lord High Commissioner; and
   (d) when a distinguished visitor is brought into the Hall to address the General Assembly.

2. The General Assembly do not stand when The Lord High Commissioner retires from the Hall.

COMMISSIONERS’ TRAVELLING EXPENSES AND
SUBSISTENCE EXPENSES

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2012

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Expense Claim Forms will be received in the New College Foyer on:
Friday 25 May       10.00 am to 3.00 pm

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COMMITTEES

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## BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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<td>Rev Janet S Mathieson †</td>
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ROLL OF COMMISSIONERS

1. Presbytery of Edinburgh

Minister
1. Rev Peter Bluett, Edinburgh: Newhaven
2. Rev Dr Derek Browning, Edinburgh: Morningside
3. Rev Gavin J Elliott, Ministries Council
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9. Rev Gordon D Jamieson, Head of Stewardship
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12. Very Rev Finlay A J Macdonald DD, (Principal Clerk)
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15. Rev Sigrid Marten, Edinburgh: London Road
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17. Rev Moira McDonald, Edinburgh: Corstorphine Old
18. Rev R Russell McLarty, Project Co-ordinator
20. Rev John K S McMahon, Hospital Chaplain
22. Rev Ian A Moir, (Adviser for Urban Priority Area)
23. Rev Mary B Morrison, (Edinburgh: Stenhouse St Aidan’s)
24. Rev David Rankin, Edinburgh: Kaimes Lockhart Memorial
27. Rev Gayle J A Taylor, Associate, Edinburgh: Colinton
29. Rev Peter Webster, Edinburgh: Portobello St James’
30. Rev John M Wilson, (Adviser in Religious Education, Highland Region)

Elder
31. Mr Norman G Anderson, Edinburgh: Inverleith St Serf’s
32. Mrs Muriel Armstrong, Edinburgh: Fairmilehead
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35. Dr Arthur Chapman, Edinburgh: St Andrew’s & St George’s West
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37. Mr William J Farrell, Edinburgh: Duddingston
38. Mr Eric Fisher, Edinburgh: Pilrig St Paul’s
39. Mr Charles R Godon, Edinburgh: Juniper Green
40. Mr G Grant Gordon, Edinburgh: Currie
41. Mr Desmond B G Herkes, Edinburgh: St David’s Broomhouse
42. Mrs June Herschell, Edinburgh: St Andrew’s Clermiston
43. Mr Ian W Huggan, Edinburgh Cramond
44. Mr John Mackay, Edinburgh: St Nicholas’ Sighthill
45. Mr John Mackay, Edinburgh: Dalmeny
46. Mrs Valerie Macniven, Edinburgh: Greenbank
47. Ms Karen W F McKay, Edinburgh: Kirkliston
48. Ms Marion McRae, Edinburgh: Broughton St Mary’s
49. Mr W Wilson Murray, Edinburgh: High (St Giles’)
50. Mr John H Mutch, Edinburgh: Dean
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53. Mrs Fiona J Punton, Edinburgh: St Michael's
54. Mr David N G Reid, Edinburgh: Craigmillar Park
55. Mrs Anna Robertson, Edinburgh: Corstorphine Craigsbank
56. Mrs Norma Rolls, Edinburgh: Palmerston Place
57. Mrs Jane Walker, Edinburgh: Corstorphine Old
58. Miss Ann Wanless, Edinburgh: Holy Trinity
59. Dr Rita M Welsh, Edinburgh: Slateford Longstone
60. Mr James Young, Edinburgh: London Road

Deacon
61. Mrs Margaret Gordon DCS, Edinburgh: Currie
62. Miss Elspeth McPheat DCS, CrossReach
63. Miss Agnes M Rennie DCS, Edinburgh: Bristo Memorial Craigmillar

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Minister
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65. Rev Murdo C Macdonald, Bathgate: High
66. Rev John M Povey, Kirk of Calder
67. Rev Duncan Shaw, Bathgate: St John’s
68. Rev Robert Sloan, Fauldhouse: St Andrew’s
69. Rev Graham W Smith, Livingston: Old
70. Rev Ian Walker, (Rutherglen: Wardlawhill)

Elder
71. Mrs Patricia Chapman, Linlithgow: St Ninian’s Craigmil
72. Dr Innes Duncan, Torphichen
73. Miss Sarah Elliott, Livingston: Old
74. Mr David H Grant, Kirk Of Calder
75. Mr John Hardy, Bathgate: St John’s
76. Mrs Margaret D G Hendrie, Fauldhouse: St Andrew’s
77. Mr John A Macfarlane, Bathgate: High

Deacon
78. Miss Ann Merrilees DCS, (Glasgow: St James’ (Pollock))

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Minister
79. Very Rev John B Cairns LLD DD, (Aberlady I/w Gullane)
80. Rev Ian A Cathcart, Howgate I/w Penicuik: South
81. Rev Neil J Dougall, North Berwick: St Andrew Blackadder
82. Rev Graham L Duffin, Loanhead
83. Rev John W Fraser, (Penicuik: North)
84. Rev Alison P McDonald, Musselburgh: Northesk
85. Rev Mark S Nicholas, Gorebridge
86. Rev Matthew Z Ross, Cockpen & Carrington I/w Lasswade & Rosewell
87. Rev David J Torrance, Ormiston I/w Pencaitland
88. Rev John R Wells, Bilston I/w Glencorse I/w Roslin

Elder
89. Mr William A Brown, Cockpen & Carrington
90. Mrs Mabel J Currie, Newbattle
91. Mr Martin Gray, Musselburgh: Northesk
92. Mr Malcolm Hutchison, Glencorse
93. Mrs Margaret Jarvis, Ormiston
94. Mrs Rosemary Marwick, Howgate
95. Mr John D McCulloch DL, Presbytery Clerk
96. Mrs Diane Nicholas, Gorebridge
97. Mrs Anne P Pearson, Penicuik: North
98. Mr Ronald G Pearson, Loanhead

Deacon
99. Mr Gordon R Steven DCS, Newbattle

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Minister
100. Rev Janice M Faris, Innerleithen, Traquair & Walkerburn
101. Rev James J Griggs, Channelkirk & Lauder
102. Rev Sheila W Moir, Maxton & Mertoun I/w Newtown I/w St Boswells
103. Rev Margaret D J Steele, Ashkirk I/w Selkirk
104. Rev Julie M Woods, Earlston

Elder
105. Mr Paul S A Faris, Innerleithen, Traquair & Walkerburn
ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

106. Mr Paul J Goode, Earlston
107. Mrs Elizabeth M Hendrie, Selkirk
108. Mrs Linda D Kirby Organ, Channelkirk & Lauder
109. Mrs Ann B Smith, Maxton & Mertoun

5. Presbytery of Duns

Minister
110. Rev William S Landale, Auxiliary, Hutton & Fishwick & Paxton
111. Rev Duncan E Murray, Bonkyl & Preston l/w Chirnside l/w Edrom: Allanton
112. Rev David J Taverner, Coldstream l/w Eccles

Elder
113. Mrs Margaret Dixon, Coldstream l/w Eccles
114. Mr Charles W Swan, Bonkyl & Preston
115. Mrs Cecile Whitecross, Hutton, Fishwick & Paxton

6. Presbytery of Jedburgh

Minister
116. Rev Prof A Graeme Auld, (University of Edinburgh)
117. Rev Neil R Combe, Hawick: Teviot & Roberton
118. Rev Douglas A O Nicol, Hobkirk & Southdean l/w Ruberslaw

Elder
119. Mr R Scott Elliot, Hawick: Burnfoot
120. Mrs Moira Fleming, Jedburgh: Old & Trinity
121. Mr Colin Hogg, Oxnam

7. Presbytery of Annandale and Eskdale

Minister
122. Rev Stephen Fulcher, Canobie United l/w Liddesdale
123. Rev C Bryan Haston, Presbytery Clerk
124. Rev John G Pickles, Annan: St Andrew’s l/w Brydekirk
125. Rev David P Pitkeathly, The Border Kirk

Elder
126. Mr Alan Dodds, Annan: Old
127. Mrs Elizabeth Findlay, Canonbie: United
128. Mr John Rafferty, Brydekirk
129. Mrs Christian Robertson, The Border Kirk

8. Presbytery of Dumfries and Kirkcudbright

Minister
130. Rev David M Almond, Kirkmahoe
131. Rev Dr David S Bartholomew, Balmacellian & Kells l/w Carsphairn l/w Dalry
132. Rev Donald Campbell, Dumfries: St George’s
133. Rev William T Hogg, Sanquhar
134. Rev Norman M Hutcheson, Dalbeattie l/w Urr
135. Rev Douglas R Irving, Kirkcudbright
136. Rev Christopher Wallace, Balmaghie l/w Tarff & Twynholm

Elder
137. Mr David Johnson, Dumfries: Maxwelltown West
138. Mr Douglas M Kerr, Urr
139. Mrs Anne McKinlay, Penpont, Keir & Tynron
140. Mr John R Ronnie, Dumfries: Troqueer
141. Mrs Violet J Service, Tarff & Twynholm
142. Mr Peter M Stewart, Thornhill
143. Mr William J Waugh, Sanquhar

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Minister
144. Rev Mike Binks, Auxiliary Minister
145. Rev Gordon Kennedy, Portpatrick l/w Stranraer: St Ninian’s
146. Rev Mary C McLauchlan, Mochrum
147. Rev Michael J Sheppard, Ervie Kirkcolm l/w Leswalt

Elder
148. Mrs Lesley M Allen, Kirkcolm
149. Mr Steve Flower, Leswalt
150. Mrs Jane C Pitcher, Penninghame
151. Mrs Nicola Steel, Presbytery Clerk

10. Presbytery of Ayr

Minister
152. Rev David Clarkson, Monkton & Prestwick: North
153. Rev Steve F Clipston, Auchinleck l/w Catrine
154. Rev Helen E Cuthbert, New Cumnock
155. Rev Kenneth C Elliott, Presbytery Clerk
156. Rev David R Gemmell, Ayr: The Auld Kirk
ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

157. Rev W Gerald Jones, Kirkmichael l/w Straiton
158. Rev Glenda J Keating, Craigie l/w Symington
159. Rev Robert McCrum, Ayr: St James’
160. Rev Jamie Milliken, Troon: Portland
161. Rev David Whiteman, Coylton l/w Drongan: The Shaw Kirk

Elder
162. Mrs Sandra Black, Ayr: St James’
163. Mrs Anna Cameron, Coylton
164. Mr Colin P Cameron, Troon: Portland
165. Mr Iain Gemmell, Ayr: Auld Kirk
166. Mrs Mary Harper, New Cumnock
167. Mr James Kirk, Straiton
168. Mrs Moira Pirie, Drongan: The Shaw Kirk
169. Mr Frank Potter, Kirkmichael
170. Mrs Jennifer Ramsay, Girvan: North
171. Miss Moyra Withycombe, Symington

11. Presbytery of Irvine and Kilmarnock

Minister
172. Rev Dr S Grant Barclay, Kilmarnock: St Kentigern’s
173. Rev Andrew R Black, Irvine: Relief Bourtreethill
174. Rev Gary E Horsburgh, Drehorn & Springside
175. Rev Judith A Huggett, Hospital Chaplain
177. Rev T Edward Marshall, Crosshouse
178. Rev James D McCulloch, Hurlford
179. Rev David S Randall, Newmilns: Loudoun
180. Rev Colin A Strong, Kilmarnock: Riccarton

Elder
181. Mr James Barnes, Kilmarnock: Riccarton
182. Mr John Bland, Galston
183. Mr I Steuart Dey, Presbytery Clerk
184. Miss Janice M Gillespie, Kilmarnock: St Andrew’s & St Marnock’s
185. Mrs Jane Johnston, Kilmarnock: St John’s Onthank
186. Mr Gilbert C Macdonald, Drehorn & Springside

187. Miss Fiona M McBride, Crosshouse
188. Miss Jane McLaren, Irvine: Relief Bourtreethill
189. Mrs June E Ramsay, Hurlford

Deacon
190. Mrs Barbara Urquhart DCS, Kilmaurs: St Maur’s Glencairn

12. Presbytery of Ardrossan

Minister
191. Rev Morag Garrett, Kilwinning: Mansfield Trinity
192. Rev Dorothy A Granger, Ardrossan: Barony St John’s
193. Rev Roderick I T MacDonald, Beith: High l/w Beith: Trinity
194. Rev Marjory H Mackay, (Cumbrae)
195. Rev Stephen J Smith, Largs: Clark Memorial
196. Rev Elizabeth R L Watson, Whiting Bay & Kildonan
197. Rev Jeanette Whitecross, Kilwinning: Old

Elder
198. Mr Brian H Anderson, West Kilbride
199. Mr Stephen Brown, West Kilbride
200. Mrs Nancy Martin, Kilbirnie: St Columba’s
201. Miss Bonnie McDowell, Fairlie
203. Mrs Anne Pringle, Corrie
204. Mr Alan K Sauderson, Presbytery Clerk

13. Presbytery of Lanark

Minister
205. Rev Robert Cleland, Douglas Valley
206. Rev Helen E Jamieson, Carluke: St Andrew’s
207. Rev Bryan Kerr, Lanark: Greyfriars
208. Rev Sarah L Ross, Forth: St Paul’s
209. Rev Ian M Watson, Kirkmuirhill

Elder
210. Mr J Donald Barrie, Black Mount
211. Mr Robert R Boag, Kirkmuirhill
212. Mr Ian Conn, Forth: St Paul’s
213. Mr James Fleming, The Douglas Valley
214. Mr Jim Johnstone, Symington
15. Presbytery of Greenock & Paisley

Minister
215. Rev Donald Campbell, Houston & Killellan
216. Very Rev John C Christie, Interim Minister
217. Rev James Cowan, Barrhead: Arthurlie
218. Rev Lilly C Easton, Renfrew: Old
219. Rev Kenneth Gray, Bridge of Weir: Freeland
221. Rev C Ian W Johnson, Greenock: Lyle Kirk
222. Rev Andrew T MacLean, Langbank I/w Port Glasgow: St Andrew's
223. Rev Kenneth A L Mayne, Paisley: Martyrs’ Sandyford
224. Rev Alison McBrier, Inchinnan
225. Rev Ann C McCool, Johnstone: High
226. Very Rev Alexander McDonald DUniv, (Department of Ministry)
227. Rev Dr Peter McEnhill, Presbytery Clerk
228. Rev Allan G McIntyre, Greenock: St Ninian's
229. Rev William G McKaig, (Langbank)
230. Rev Francis E Murphy, Greenock: Mount Kirk
231. Rev Alan K Sorensen, Greenock: Wellpark Mid Kirk
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234. Mr James Bain, Renfrew: North
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237. Mr James R Finnie, Greenock: Lyle Kirk
238. Mr John O Hawthorn, Gourock: Old Gourock & Ashton
239. Mr George Macmillan, Langbank
240. Mr Stewart McDougall, Paisley: Abbey
241. Mr Campbell McGregor, Renfrew: North
242. Mrs Eileen Nish, Bridge of Weir: Freeland
243. Mr Kenneth Paton, Greenock: Lyle Kirk
244. Mrs Helen Salisbury, Johnstone: St Andrew's Trinity
245. Mrs Ann Simpson, Renfrew: Old
246. Mrs Elizabeth Smith, Greenock: Westburn
247. Mr John Stewart, Paisley: Oakshaw
248. Mrs Georgette Whitelaw, Paisley: Glenburn
249. Mr Ronald Whitelaw, Paisley: Glenburn
250. Deacon
251. Mr William Wishart DCS, Paisley: St Ninian's Ferguslie (New Charge)

16. Presbytery of Glasgow

Minister
252. Rev Graham T Atkinson, Glasgow: Sandyhills
253. Rev Nigel L Barge, Torrance
254. Rev Catherine J Beattie, Giffnock: South
255. Rev James Birch, (Auxiliary, Cambuslang: St Andrews)
256. Rev Stephen A Blakey, Glasgow: Shawlands
257. Rev James A S Boag, Broom
258. Rev Sandra Boyd, Glasgow: King's Park
259. Rev Daniel J M Carmichael, Lenzie: Union
260. Rev Sandra Farrington, Campsie
261. Rev G Gray Fletcher, Glasgow: Carmunnock
262. Rev Alan A Ford, Glasgow: Springburn
263. Rev Ian F Galloway, Glasgow: Gorbals
264. Rev Mike R Gargrave, Glasgow: Clincarthur
265. Rev Alex Green, (Strathblane)
266. Rev Roy J M Henderson, Glasgow: Lansdowne
267. Rev David P Hood, Glasgow: Merrylea
268. Rev Mark E Johnstone, Kirkintilloch: St Mary's
269. Rev Dr Angus Kerr, Presbytery Clerk
270. Very Rev David W Lunan DD, (Presbytery Clerk)
271. Rev Calum D MacDonald, Giffnock: The Park
272. Rev Murdo MacLean, Glasgow: Carmyle I/w Kenmuir Mount Vernon
273. Rev Dr Moyna E C McGlynn, Glasgow: Govan & Linthouse
274. Rev Ian M S McInnes, Glasgow: Dennistoun New
275. Rev James A McIntyre, Glasgow: Partick South
276. Very Rev John D Miller DD, (Glasgow: Castlemilk East)
277. Rev Dr A Leslie Milton, Glasgow: Cambuslang
278. Rev Julie H C Moody, Milton of Campsie
279. Rev Thomas Nelson, Netherlee
281. Rev Lyn Peden, Glasgow: Penilee St Andrew
282. Rev Barbara D Quigley, Glasgow: St Andrew’s East
283. Rev Ian Reid, Williamwood
284. Rev Dr Joan Ross, Glasgow: High Carntyne
285. Rev Dr David I Sinclair, Glasgow: Wellington
286. Rev David G Slater, Gartcosh l/w Glenboig
287. Rev Chris Vermeulen, Giffnock: Orchardhill
288. Rev Laurence A B Whitley, Glasgow: Cathedral (St Mungo’s or High)
289. Rev William T S Wilson, Burnside Blairbeth
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Elder

293. Mrs Sheila Allan, Glasgow: Cathedral (High or St Mungo’s)
294. Mrs Jean Armstrong, Glasgow: Calton Parkhead
295. Mr Graeme Barrie, Glasgow: Lochwood
296. Mr John Boyle, Glasgow: Broomhill
297. Dr Alastair K Denholm, Williamwood
298. Mrs Betty Dunn, Lenzie: Union
299. Mr Brian Elder, Chryston
300. Mr Henry T Ewart, Gartcosh
301. Ms Irene Gillies, Glasgow: Colston Milton
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303. Mr Scott P Hamilton, Glasgow: Cambuslang
304. Mr Gordon Kay, Busby
305. Mrs Irene Leitner, Cambuslang Flemington Hallside
306. Mr Gordon J Macfarlane, Glasgow: Cлинкарналл
307. Mr Duncan MacInnes, Glasgow: Cathcart Old
308. Mr Robert F MacKenzie, Cadder
309. Mr Alex McCall, Glasgow: Gallowgate
310. Mr Alan McClean, Glasgow: Carmyle

311. Mrs Isabel McCormick, Glasgow: Eastwood
312. Mrs Isabel McDerment, Scotstoun
313. Mr James McGrouther, Glasgow: Carnwadric
314. Mr Alan McKay, Eaglesham
315. Mrs Catherine McLaughlin, Glasgow: Easterhouse St George’s & St Peter’s
316. Mr Bill McMurtrie, Giffnock: Orchardhill
317. Miss Maureen McNabb, Glasgow: Cardonald
318. Mr William Meldrum, Lenzie: Union
319. Mr Roy Mills, Glasgow: Burnside Blairbeth
320. Mrs Elizabeth Murray, Glasgow: Croftfoot
321. Mr Douglas Paton, Glasgow: Cathcart Trinity
322. Mr Ian Robertson, Glasgow: Dennistoun New
323. Mr Douglas Robertson, Broom
324. Mr William Steven, Giffnock: South
325. Miss Annie M Taylor, Glasgow: Cardonald
326. Mrs Jean Thompson, Glasgow: Carmunnock
327. Mrs Margaret A Tindall, Campsie
328. Mr Andrew Wilkin, Kirkintilloch: St David’s Memorial Park
329.
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Deacon

334. Mrs Marion Buchanan DCS, Glasgow: Garthamlock & Craigend East
335. Mr Paul Cathcart DCS, Glasgow: Govan & Linthouse
336. Mr Jim Hamilton, Glasgow: Maryhill

17. Presbytery of Hamilton

Minister

337. Rev Graham Austin, Wishaw: St Mark’s
338. Rev Arthur P Barrie, (Hamilton: Cadzow)
339. Rev John Brewster, East Kilbride: Greenhills
340. Rev Allan Brown, Shotts: Calderhead Erskine
341. Rev Neil Buchanan, East Kilbride: Moncreiff
342. Rev Klaus O F Buwert, Wishaw: South Wishaw
343. Rev Gary J Caldwell, Airdrie: Flowerhill
344. Rev Andrew M Campbell, (Motherwell: St Margaret’s)
345. Rev Robert D Currie, (Cambuslang: Flemington Hallside)
346. Rev Roddy S Dick, Auxiliary, Coatbridge: Calder
348. Rev Alistair McKillop, Larkhall: St Machan’s
349. Rev Dr John L McPake, East Kilbride: Mossneuk
350. Rev Dr D Cameron McPherson, Dalserf
351. Rev Shaw J Paterson, Chapelton I/w Strathaven: Rankin
352. Rev Anne Paton, East Kilbride: Old
353. Rev John M A Thomson, Hamilton: Old
354. Very Rev Hugh R Wyllie DD, (Hamilton: Old)
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356.

Elder
357. Mr David S Alexander, Uddingston: Viewpark
358. Mr Scott Bennie, Strathaven: Rankin
359. Mr William R Carson, Coatbridge: Old Monkland
360. Mrs Mary C Coles, East Kilbride: Greenhills
361. Mrs Barbara Curtin, Wishaw: St Mark’s
362. Mrs Jennifer Dick, Hamilton: Old
363. Mr David Findlay, Calderbank
364. Mrs Beverley Gardner, Coatbridge: Calder
365. Miss Frances Gilmour, Larkhall: Trinity
366. Mr Ian MacGregor, Hamilton: St John’s
367. Mrs Brenda McCrae, East Kilbride: Moncreiff
368. Mr John E McMillan, Wishaw: South Wishaw
369. Mrs Ann Pickering, Newarthill
370. Mrs Joan Pollok, Dalserf
371. Mr George Robertson, Hamilton: North
372. Mr Malcom W Ross, Airdrie: Flowerhill
373. Mrs Agnes Walker, Airdrie: New Monkland
374. Mrs Sheena Walker, Greengairs
375. Mrs Marion A Woodley, Larkhall: St Machan’s
376.

18. Presbytery of Dumbarton

Minister
377. Rev Fergus C Buchanan, Milngavie: St Paul’s
378. Rev David W Clark, Helensburgh: The West Kirk
379. Rev Dr Christine Goldie, Bearsden: Westerton Fairlie Memorial
380. Rev Fiona Maxwell, Dalmuir: Barclay
381. Rev Elaine McKinnon, Dumbarton: West
382. Rev Norma Moore, Jamestown
383. Rev Dr Dane Sherrard, Arrochar I/w Luss
384. Rev Richard B West, Craighrownie I/w Rosneath: St Modan’s

Elder
385. Mr Alex Anderson, Bearsden Westerton Fairlie Memorial
386. Mrs Helen Bain, Craighrownie I/w Rosneath: St Modan’s
387. Mrs Janice Dinning, Dalmuir: Barclay
388. Mrs Anne E Henderson, Bearsden: Cross
389. Miss May Macdonald, Luss
390. Mrs Margaret Neville, Helensburgh: Park
391. Mrs Elizabeth Stewart, Dalmuir: Barclay
392. Mr Cliff Tilley, Dumbarton: West Kirk

19. Presbytery of Argyll

Minister
393. Rev Clifford R Acklam, Glassary, Kilmartin & Ford I/w North Knapdale
394. Rev Robert D Barlow, Kilarrow I/w Kildalton & Oa
395. Rev Louis C Bezuidenhout, Cumloden, Lochfyneshide & Lochgair I/w Glenaray & Inveraray
396. Rev Robert E Brookes, Kilchrenan & Dalavich I/w Muckairn
397. Rev Roderick D M Campbell, Appin I/w Lismore
398. Rev Catriona A Hood, Auxiliary
399. Rev Elspeth J MacLean, Tiree
400. Rev Anne McIvor, Gigha & Cara
401.
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Elder
403. Mr William G Blair, Sandbank
404. Mrs Rona Blythe, North Knapdale
ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

405. Mrs Doreen Henderson, Kilmore & Oban
406. Mrs Janette Henderson, United Church of Bute
407. Mr Stephen Hunter, Ardrishaig
408. Mr Donald L MacKinnon, Kilmore & Oban
409. Mr Ian MacLagan, Presbytery Clerk
410. Mrs Marion McDonald, Killean & Kilchenzie
411. Mr Robert Miller, Connel

22. Presbytery of Falkirk

Minister
413. Rev Douglas Campbell, Bo’ness: Old
414. Rev Melville Crosthwaite, Larbert: East
415. Very Rev Sheilagh M Kesting DD, Ecumenical Officer
416. Rev George MacDonald, Bonnybridge: St Helen’s
417. Rev Louise J E McClements, Blackbraes & Shieldhill I/w Muiravonside
418. Rev Michael R Philip, Falkirk: Bainsford
419. Rev Grace Saunders, Cumbernauld: Condorrat
420. Rev David J Smith, Grangemouth: Kirk of The Holyrood
421. Rev Raymond Thomson, Slamannan
422. Rev William Thomson, Stenhouse & Carron
423. Rev Ian Wilkie, Falkirk: Grahamston United

Elder
424. Mrs Ann Allison, Grangemouth: Kirk of The Holy Rood
425. Ms Margaret Anderson, Airth
426. Mrs Charlene Condeco, Slamannan
427. Mr Christopher Dunn, Cumbernauld: Kildrum
428. Mr James B Irvine, Falkirk: Bainsford
429. Mrs Monica MacDonald, Bonnybridge: St Helen’s
430. Mrs Rena Moore, Blackbraes & Shieldhill I/w Muiravonside
431. Mr John Newlands, Cumbernauld: Condorrat
432. Mr Robert Robertson, Falkirk: Grahamston United
433. Miss Sheila Stewart, Bo’ness: Old
434. Mrs Ann Wells, Stenhouse & Carron

Deacon
435. Mr David Nicholson DCS, Cumbernauld Kildrum

23. Presbytery of Stirling

Minister
436. Rev Richard Begg, Strathblane
437. Rev Andrew B Campbell, Gargunnock I/w Kilmadock I/w Kincardine
438. Rev Sang Y Cha, Alloa: St Mungo’s
439. Rev Alistair Cowper, Stirling: Alan Park South
440. Rev Stuart Davidson, Stirling: St Mark’s
441. Rev James N McNeil, Alva
442. Rev Alex M Millar, Presbytery Clerk
443. Rev Kenneth G Russell, NHS Chaplain
444. Rev Robert Simpson, Callander
445. Rev Alan H Ward, Dollar I/w Glendevon I/w Muckhart

Elder
446. Mrs Linda Cantlay, Callander
447. Mr John Carruthers MBE, Alloa: St Mungo’s
448. Mr James Gibson, Strathblane
449. Miss Dorothy C Kinloch, Callander
450. Mr Percy Lafferty, Stirling: Allan Park South
451.
452. Ms Joy Macfarlane, Stirling: St Columba’s
453. Mr Ronald Marshall, Stirling: St Mark’s
454. Mr Andrew Muirhead, Alva
455. Mr Byron Tilly, Dollar

Deacon
456. Mrs Linda Dunnett, Cowie and Plean

24. Presbytery of Dunfermline

Minister
457. Rev Elizabeth Fisk, Dunfermline: St Ninian’s
458. Rev Peter S Gerbrandy-Baird, Aberdour: St Fillan’s
459. Rev Elizabeth S S Kenny, Presbytery Clerk
460. Very Rev Andrew C McLellan DD, (HM Inspector of Prisons)
461. Rev Andrew J Philip, Dunfermline: St Leonard’s
462. Rev Jayne E Scott, Culross & Torryburn
463. Rev Iain A Sutherland, Dunfermline: Gillespie
ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS 13

464. Rev Alan S Vint, Mission Development Officer

Elder
465. Mrs Fiona Aitken, Saline & Blairingone
466. Mrs Fay Colyer, Dunfermline: Gillespie
467. Mrs Catherine Dickie, Tulliallan & Kincardine
468. Mrs Margaret Dow, Kelty
469. Mr David George, Cowdenbeath: Trinity
470. Mrs Sheila Leel, Dunfermline: St Leonard’s
471. Ms Ishbel M Ritchie, Dunfermline: Gillespie Memorial
472. Mr James Watson, Culross & Torryburn

Deacon
473. Miss Morag Crawford DCS, Rosyth

25. Presbytery of Kirkcaldy

Minister
474. Rev Richard Baxter, Kennoway, Windygates & Balgonie: St Kenneth’s
475. Rev J Kenneth Froude, Kirkcaldy: St Bryce Kirk
476. Rev Robin J McAlpine, Kirkcaldy: Bennochy
477. Rev Gillian Paterson, Methil
478. Rev Ben Pieterse, Auchterderran: St Fothads l/w Kinglassie
479. Rev Allistair Roy, Glenrothes: St Ninian’s
480. Rev Alan Sharp, Burntisland

Elder
481. Mr Kenneth Cameron, Burntisland
482. Mr Thomas Fowler, Auchterderran: St Fothads
483. Mr George Grant, Kirkcaldy: Bennochy
484. Mr Alfred Patey, Glenrothes: St Ninian’s
485. Mr Alexander Redpath, Leslie: Trinity
486. Mrs Elizabeth Scott, Kinglassie
487. Mrs Christine Whitelaw, Methil

Deacon
488. Mrs Jacqueline Thomson DCS, Buckhaven & Wemyss

26. Presbytery of St Andrews

Minister
489. Rev Ann G Fraser, (Auchtermuchty)
490. Rev Alan McCafferty, Strathkinness l/w Hope Park & Martyrs
491. Very Rev Alan D McDonald DLitt DD, Cameron l/w St Andrews: St Leonard’s
492. Rev Neil Mclay, Creich, Flisk & Kilmany l/w Monimail
493. Rev James G Redpath, Presbytery Clerk
494. Rev Margaret E S Rose, Carnbee l/w Pittenweem
495. Rev Caroline Taylor, Leuchars: St Athernase

Elder
496. Dr John Ballany, Carnbee l/w Pittenweem
497. Mrs Sheila Boyd, Leuchars: St Athernase
498. Mrs Ann Crombie, Auchtermuchty l/w Edenshead & Strathmiglo
499. Miss Elaine Dowie, Strathkinness l/w Hope Park & Martyrs
500. Mrs Muriel Gray, St Andrew: St Leonard’s
501. Mr William Imlay, Creich, Flisk & Kilmany l/w Monimail
502. Mrs Janet Royds, Strathkinness l/w Hope Park & Martyrs

27. Presbytery of Dunkeld and Meigle

Minister
503. Rev Mark Drane, Aberfeldy l/w Amulree & Strathbraan l/w Dull & Weem
504. Rev Nicola R Frail, Ardler, Kettins & Meigle
505. Rev Harry Mowbray, Blairgowrie
506. Rev Thomas W Tait, (Rattray)

Elder
507. Mrs Evelyn Fairweather, Ardler, Kettins & Meigle
508. Dr R Nigel Henderson, Kirkmichael, Straloch & Glenshee l/w Rattray
509. Mrs Nancy Richardson, Blairgowrie
510. Mr Alexander M Smith, Aberfeldy l/w Amulree & Strathbraan l/w Dull & Weem

28. Presbytery of Perth

Minister
511. Rev Marc F Bircham, St Madoes & Kinfauns
512. Rev Alfred G Drummond, Scottish General Secretary, Evangelical Alliance
513. Rev Alexander M Gunn, (Aberfeldy l/w Amulree & Strathbraan l/w Dull & Weem)
ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

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514. Rev Graham McWilliams, Comrie l/w Dundurn
515. Rev Dr Angus Morrison, Orwell & Portmoak
516. Rev Gillian Munro, Head of Dept of Spiritual Care, NHS Tayside
517. Rev Alan D Reid, Kinross
518. Very Rev James A Simpson DD, (Dornoch Cathedral)
519. Rev Allan J Wilson, Dunbarney & Forgandenny

520. Mr Stewart Coutts, Kilspindie & Rait
521. Mrs Sheila Green, Kinross
522. Mr Alan McFarlane, Gask
523. Mr Gordon McFarlane, (Kinross)
524. Mr Gordon McMillan, Cleish
525. Miss Elizabeth Miller, Collace
526. Mr Ian Scott, St Martin’s
527. Mr Wilfred Urquhart, Auchtergaven & Moneydie
528. Dr Dot Weaks, Perth: North

29. Presbytery of Dundee

529. Rev Leslie M Barrett, University Chaplain
530. Rev Gordon A Campbell, University Chaplain
531. Rev Catherine E E Collins, Dundee: Broughty Ferry New Kirk
532. Rev David A Collins, Auchterhouse l/w Monikie & Newbigging & Murroes & Tealing
533. Rev Dr Marjory A MacLean, Abernyte l/w Inchture & Kinnaird l/w Longforgan
534. Rev Robert Mallinson, Dundee: Menzieshill
535. Rev David S Scott, Dundee: Logie & St John’s (Cross)
536. Rev Kenneth D Stott, Dundee: Chalmers Ardler
537. Rev Anthony P Thornthwaite, Dundee: Coldside

540. Mrs Katherine Clark, Longforgan
541. Mr Kenneth C Deas, Dundee: Dundee (St Mary’s)
542. Mrs Jean M Dykes, Dundee: Strathmartine
543. Mr Stewart Grace, Dundee: Whitfield
544. Mr John R Grinyer, Dundee: Broughty Ferry St Stephen’s & West
545. Mr Ian R Jackson, Fowlis & Liff
546. Mrs Jennifer Park, Dundee: Stobswell

30. Presbytery of Angus

547. Mr Lewis Rose DCS, (Industrial Chaplain Nat Co-ordinator)

548. Rev Dr Nelu I Balaj, Arbroath Knox’s l/w St Vigean’s
549. Rev David S Dixon, Inchbrayock l/w Melville South
550. Rev Dr Karen M Fenwick, Forfar: Lowson Memorial
551. Rev David T Gray, Edzell Lethnot Glensk I/w Fern Careston Menmuir
552. Rev Peter J Lamont, Arbirot l/w Carmyllie
553. Rev Carleen Robertson, Eassie Nevay & Newtyle
554. Rev Linda Stevens, Team Minister West Angus Area Ministry

31. Presbytery of Aberdeen

555. Mr Douglas Blacklaws, Montrose: Old & St Andrews
556. Mrs Celia Gray, Dun & Hillside
557. Mr Leonard Gregory, Arbroath Old & Abbey
558. Mrs Helen McLeod, Forfar: St Margaret’s
559. Mr Archie Milne, Brechin: Cathedral
560. Mr John Ray, Kirriemuir: St Andrews
561. Mrs Janice Tracey, Arbroath: West

562. Rev Markus Auffermann, Aberdeen: Woodside
563. Rev Keith T Blackwood, Aberdeen: Mannofield
564. Rev George S Cowie, Presbytery Clerk
ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

565. Rev Ewen J Gilchrist, Cults

566. Rev Scott C Guy, Aberdeen: Northfield


568. Rev Diane L Hobson, Aberdeen: St Mark's

569. Rev Dr Norman Maciver, (Aberdeen: Newhils)

570. Very Rev Prof Alan Main TD DD, (University of Aberdeen)

571. Rev Scott M Rennie, Aberdeen: Queen's Cross

572. Rev B Stephen C Taylor, Aberdeen: Kirk of St Nicholas

573. Very Rev Prof Iain R Torrance TD DD, Princeton Theological Seminary

574. Rev James Weir, Aberdeen: St George’s Tillydrone

575. Rev Maggie Whyte, Aberdeen: St Stephen’s Deacon

576. Mr Iain H Hunter, Aberdeen: Mannofield

577. Mrs Helen Kelbie, Aberdeen: Cults

578. Miss Alice Merrilees, Aberdeen: Kirk Of St Nicholas Uniting

579. Mr Robert A Oswald, Aberdeen: Rubislaw

580. Miss Catherine Paterson, Aberdeen: Cults

581. Mrs Judith Pearson, Aberdeen: Queen’s Cross

582. Miss Agnes Rae, Aberdeen: St Stephens

583. Mrs Eleanor Senior, Aberdeen: St George’s Tillydrone

584. Mrs Maureen Simpson, Aberdeen: Rubislaw

585. Mrs Betty Steel, Aberdeen: St Mark’s

586. Mr Malcolm Steel, Aberdeen: St Mark’s

587. Mr John Telfer, Aberdeen: Mannofield

588. Mr David T Yacamini, Aberdeen: St Marks

589. Mrs Jean Yacamini, Aberdeen: St Mark’s Elder


595. Rev Anthony Watts, Glenmuick

596. Mr Robin Brodie, Banchory-Ternan: West

597. Mr David C Horne, Glenmuick

598. Mr Dick Jenkins, Stonehaven: Fetteresso

599. Mr Ronald Mitchell, Drumoak Durris

600. Mrs Pam Taylor, Birse & Feughside

33. Presbytery of Gordon

Minister

601. Rev Stella Campbell, Skene

602. Rev Dr Mary M Cranfield, Culsalmond & Rayne l/w Daviot

603. Rev Brian Dingwall, Upper Donside

604. Rev D Brian Dobby, Blairdaff & Chapel of Garioch

605. Rev G Euan D Glen, Cluny l/w Monymusk

606. Rev Alan Greig, Kintore

607. Rev Neil I M MacGregor, Strathbogie Drumblade Church of Scotland Huntly Elder

608. Mrs Meta Chalmers, Kintore

609. Mr Alex D Easton, Strathbogie Drumblade

610. Mrs Martha A Easton, Strathbogie Drumblade

611. Mrs Ruth Greig, Kintore

612. Mr Bruce Luffman, Upper Donside

613. Mrs Ann Paterson, Skene

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34. Presbytery of Buchan

Minister

615. Rev James M Cook, Turriff: St Andrew’s l/w Monquhitter & New Byth

616. Rev Andrew Fothergill, New Pitsligo l/w Strichen & Tyrie

617. Rev Sheila M Kirk, Deer

618. Rev Margaret McKay, (Auchaber United l/w Auchterless)

619. Rev Robert J Thorburn, Fyvie l/w Rothienorman

620. Rev W Myburgh Verster, Ordiquihill & Cornhill l/w Whitehills

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Elder
622. Mr George W Berstan, Presbytery Clerk
623. Mrs Kathryn Drane, New Deer: St Kane's
624. Mrs Margaret Grant, Aberdour
625. Mr Raymond Morton, Monquhitter & New Byth
626. Mr William Stewart, Strichen & Tyrie
627. Mr James Thomson, Fraserburgh: West
628. Mrs Frances Webster, Ordiquhill & Cornhill

35. Presbytery of Moray

Minister
629. Rev Anne Attenburrow, Auxiliary, Elgin: St Giles & St Columba's South
630. Rev Shuna M Dicks, Aberlour
631. Rev John Macgregor, Dyke l/w Edinkillie
632. Rev Alison C Mehigan, Bellie l/w Speymouth
633. Rev Donald K Prentice, Dallas l/w Forres: St Leonard’s l/w Rafford
634. Rev Hugh M C Smith, Presbytery Clerk

Elder
635. Mrs Ann Bowie, Bellie
636. Mr Neil MacLeod, Elgin: High
637. Mrs Patricia North, Knockando
638. Mrs Elizabeth Reid, Buckie: North
639.
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36. Presbytery of Abernethy

Minister
641. Rev Dr Frank D Bardgett, (Board of National Mission)
642. Rev James A I MacEwan, Abernethy l/w Cromdale & Advie

Elder
643. Mrs Mary Duncanson, Kingussie
644. Mr Ross Noble, Newtonmore

Deacon
645. Mrs Sheila Wallace DCS, Boat of Garten, Duthil, and Kincardine

37. Presbytery of Inverness

Minister
646. Rev Reginald Campbell, Daviot & Dunlichity l/w Moy, Dalarossie & Tomatin
647. Rev Dr Peter H Donald, Inverness: Crown
649. Rev Edgar J Ogston, Kilmorack & Erchless
650. Rev James H Robertson, Culloden: The Barn
651. Rev Alastair S Younger, Presbytery Clerk

Elder
652. Mrs Heather Beck, Inverness: Crown
653. Mr Len Cazaly, Culloden: The Barn
654. Mr Eric Moodie, Kilmorack & Erchless
655. Mrs Sheila Proudfoot, Inverness: Ness Bank
656.
657.

38. Presbytery of Lochaber

Minister
658. Rev Dr Malcolm A Kinnear, Nether Lochaber l/w Kinlochleven
659. Rev Donald G B McCorkindale, Ardgour & Kingairloch l/w Morvern l/w Strontian

Elder
661. Mrs Ella Gill, Presbytery Clerk
662. Mrs Morag M Muirhead, Fort William: Duncansburgh MacIntosh
663. Mrs Mabel W Wallace, Fort William: Duncansburgh MacIntosh

39. Presbytery of Ross

Minister
664. Rev Andrew F Graham, Ferintosh
665. Rev Robert Jones, Rosskeen
666. Rev Alan T McKean, Avoch l/w Fortrose & Rosemarkie

Elder
668. Mrs Cath Chambers, Rosskeen
669. Mr Hector MacDonald, Resolis & Urquhart
670. Mr Tommy MacGregor
671. Mr Keith Riddell, Fearn Abbey & Nigg

40. Presbytery of Sutherland

Minister
672. Rev Anthony M Jones, Kincardine, Croick & Edderton
673. Rev John MacPherson, Eddrachillis
674. Rev Dr John B Sterrett, Golspie
Elder
675. Mrs Irene Chisholm, Creich & Rosehall
676. Mr Derek Innes, Lairg
677. Mrs Marion Sutherland, Golspie

41. Presbytery of Caithness

Minister
678. Rev Stuart Farmes, Wick: Pulteneytown & Thrumster
679. Rev Ronald Johnstone, Presbytery Clerk
680. Rev John Nugent, Wick: St Fergus

Elder
681. Miss Esme Duncan, Canisbay
682. Mr James Houston, Thurso, St Peter’s
683. Mrs Angela Lewis, Dunnet

Deacon
684. Mr John Craw DCS, Wick: St Fergus

42. Presbytery of Lochcarron – Skye

Minister
685. Rev Sandor Fazakas, Portree
686. Rev Dr Ben Johnstone, Strath & Sleat
687. Rev Geoffrey D McKee, Bracadale & Duirinish

Elder
688. Mr Keith Elliot, Bracadale & Duirinish
689. Mr Steve Fennell, Strath & Sleat
690. Mr Archie Macinnes, Strath & Sleat

43. Presbytery of Uist

Minister
691. Rev Ishie E MacDonald, Carinish
692. Rev Donald J Morrison, Auxiliary, Tarbert

Elder
693. Mr Hamish Taylor, Manish-Scarista
694.

44. Presbytery of Lewis

Minister
695. Rev Ian M Macdonald, Cross Ness
696. Rev Thomas S Sinclair, Presbytery Clerk
697. Rev Hugh M Stewart, Lochs-in-Bernera l/w Uig

Elder
698. Mr Roy F Cameron, Stornoway: St Columba
699. Mr Finlay Maciver, Lochs-in-Bernera
700. Mr Angus G Morrison, Stornoway: Martin’s Memorial

45. Presbytery of Orkney

Minister
701. Rev Alison H Burnside, Flotta l/w Hoy & Walls l/w Orphir & Stenness
702. Rev William A M Burnside, Stromness
703. Rev Andrea E Price, Birsay, Harray & Sandwick

Elder
704. Mrs Jean Gillespie, Hoy & Walls
705. Mrs Elma J J Moar, Rendall
706. Mr David Sillar, Stromness

46. Presbytery of Shetland

Minister
707. Rev Charles H M Greig, Dunrossness l/w Sandwick
708. Rev Wilma A Johnston, Burra Isle l/w Tingwall
709. Rev Robert M MacGregor, Delting l/w Northmavine

Elder
710. Mr Thomas L Leighton, Dunrossness
711. Mr Laurence J Sutherland, Tingwall
712. Mr Creighton J Williamson, Sandsting & Aithsting

47. Presbytery of England

Minister
713. Rev Dr David Coulter, Deputy Chaplain General
714. Rev Brian Cross, (Coalburn)
715. Rev Alistair Cumming, London: St Columba’s
716. Very Rev John H McIndoe DD, (London: St Columba’s l/w Newcastle: St Andrew’s)
717. Rev Dr Paul Middleton, University Lecturer
718. Rev Dr Peter W Mills CB, Presbytery Clerk
719. Rev Dr Robert Pickles, Director of New College, Birmingham

Elder
720. Mr John McAuley, Newcastle
721. Mrs Gill McLean, Corby: St Ninian’s
722. Mrs Elaine Milligan, Corby: St Andrew’s
723. Mrs Margaret Mitchell, Corby: St Ninian’s
724. Mr Ian Russell, London: St Columba’s
725. Mrs Anne Wilson, London: St Columba’s
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**48. Presbytery of Europe**  
**Minister**
727. Rev James M Brown, Bochum
728. Rev James M Cowie, Paris
729. Rev Ian J M McDonald, Lausanne
730. Rev Graham G McGeoch, Lisbon
731. Rev T Douglas McRoberts, Malta

**Elder**
732. Ms Eva F Ecsery, Lisbon
733. Mr Alec Grant, Brussels
734. Mr Ian McLeod, Malta
735. Mrs Lindsay D McTeague, Lausanne
736. Mrs Dorothy H Nitsche, Paris

**49. Presbytery of Jerusalem**  
**Minister**
737. Rev George C Shand, Jerusalem: St Andrew’s

**Elder**
738. Ms Helen Shehadeh, Jerusalem: St Andrew’s
DELEGATES FROM OTHER CHURCHES
UNITED KINGDOM & IRELAND

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland
739. Rt Rev Dr Ivan Patterson, Moderator
740. Rev Neil Bingham, Chaplain
741. Mr Brownlow McLean, Elder

The Presbyterian Church of Wales
742. Rev Robert O Roberts, Moderator

The United Reformed Church
743. Rev Dr Kirsty Thorpe, Co-Moderator
744. Rev Rachel Poolman, Chaplain

United Reformed Church National Synod of Scotland
745. Rev Mitchell Bunting, Ecumenical Officer

The Baptist Union of Scotland
746. Rev Dr William Orr

The Church of England
747. The Rt Rev Dr Peter Forster, Bishop of Chester

The Methodist Church in Scotland
748. Rev Andrew Letby, Edinburgh and Forth Circuit Superintendent

Religious Society of Friends – General Meeting for Scotland
749. Elizabeth Allen, Clerk of West Scotland Area Meeting

The Roman Catholic Church Bishops’ Conference of Scotland
750. The Rt Rev Mgr Philip Kerr, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh

The Salvation Army
751. Major Alan Dixon, Assistant to the Scotland Secretary

The Scottish Episcopal Church
752. The Rt Rev Dr Robert A Gillies, Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney (19-23 May)
753. Rt Rev John Armes, Bishop of Edinburgh (24-25 May)

The United Free Church of Scotland
754. Mr George H McRobb, Moderator

The Congregational Federation in Scotland
755. Rev May-Kane Logan, Secretary

DELEGATES FROM ECUMENICAL BODIES

Action of Churches Together in Scotland
756. Br Stephen Smyth, General Secretary

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland
757. Rev Bob Fyffe, General Secretary

DELEGATES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

AFRICA
Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana
758. Rev Emmanuel Adjei Korbla Amey

Presbyterian Church of East Africa
759. Rev Festus Kaburu Gitonga

Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Synod of Blantyre
760. Rev Cliff Charles Nyekanyeka

Presbyterian Church of Nigeria
761. Rev Ivan Ekong

Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa
762. Rt Rev Dr George Marchinkowski

The United Church of Zambia
763. Rev Prof Teddy Kalongo

AMERICAS
Sinodo de Iglesia Evangelica, Guatemala
764. Rev Lizardo Neftali Lopez Gramajo

Presbyterian Church USA
765. Rev Doug Baker
ASIA

The Amity Foundation
766. Ms Helen Zhao

Church of South India
767. Mr Modayil Mani

Presbyterian Church of Korea
768. Rev Son Dal Ig

Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea
769. Rev BAE Tae-Jin

CLAAS UK
770. Mr Nasir Saeed

CARRIBBEAN

The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands
771. Rev Norbert D Stephens

Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago
772. Rev Adrian Sieunarine

EUROPE

Evangelical Church of the Czech Brethren
773. Rev Stepan Janca

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark
774. Rev Jorgen Skov Sorensen

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland
775. Rev Pekka Hiltunen

Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland
776. Rev Michael Mehl

Reformed Church in Hungary
777. Rev Balazs Odor

Church of Norway
778. Rev Torbjorn Holt

Reformed Christian Church in Slovakia
779. Bishop Dr Erdelyi Geza

MIDDLE EAST

Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East
780. Rev Canon Hatem Shehadeh

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land
781. Rev Sami Ibrahim Azar

Middle East Council of Churches
782. Mr George Emil Estephan

National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon
783. Rev Firas Shammas

PACIFIC

The Presbyterian Church of Australia
784. Very Rev Dr Bob Thomas

Uniting Church of Australia
785. Rev Ken Sumner

VISITORS

ASIA

Presbyterian Church of Korea
786. Rev KIM Guoen Soo
787. Rev KIM Kyung In

GREETINGS FROM PARTNER CHURCHES NOT ATTENDING GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2012

AFRICA

Igreja Evanglica de Cristo em Mocambique
I wish the General Assembly good deliberations especially with “a Focus on the Council’s Work in Asia”.

AMERICAS

United Church of Canada
We wish you God’s blessing as you gather.
**ASIA**

**Church of Bangladesh**
We would uphold your Assembly in our prayers that God may guide you to have a successful Assembly and inspire your leaders to work for God’s mission in solidarity with the partners.

**Church of North India**
We wish every delegate from different Partner Churches a most blessed, enriching and fruitful time.

**Hong Kong Christian Council**
We trust the Assembly will be a fruitful time and be a great blessing to the Church and the people.

**The Presbytery of Lanka**
We pray for the very presence of the Lord in and through every session.

**National Churches Fellowship of Nepal**
We pray for the General Assembly.

**National Council of Churches of Nepal**
We wish a grand success for the Assembly. May God guide in the preparations.

**United Mission to Nepal**
May God lead, inspire and guide you through all the discussion and interaction, and draw us all closer to Him.

**Presbyterian Church of Singapore**
We wish you every success in the General Assembly.

**Trinity College Singapore**
We wish God’s blessings upon your 2012 GA.

**The Church of Christ in Thailand**
May the Lord continue to bless your works for His Kingdom wherever His Spirit might lead you.

**CARRIBEAN**

**Presbyterian Reformed Church in Cuba**
We wish you a good Assembly and may God bless the Church of Scotland.

**EUROPE**

**Verenigde Protestantse Kerk in Belgie**
We wish you God’s blessing and pray that He may guide the decisions of your assembly.

**Eglise reformee de France**
We wish you a very fruitful Assembly.

**Greek Evangelical Church**
We pray for and wish you have a blessed and fruitful General Assembly.

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia**
We pray for God’s richest blessings on the General Assembly deliberations and decisions.

**Transylvanian Reformed Church District**
May our Lord richly bless the organisers and the attendants of the General Assembly.

**Svenska Missionskyrkan (Mission Covenant Church of Sweden)**
We wish you God’s blessing for great Assembly with the important theme of “Invest in Peace”.

**MIDDLE EAST**

**Near East School of Theology**
We wish you a successful Assembly, may God bless your church and it’s mission.

**APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES**

**AFRICA**
Presbyterian Church of Ghana
Igreja Evangelica de Cristo em Mocambique

**AMERICAS**
Presbyterian Church in Canada
United Church of Canada

**ASIA**
Church of Bangladesh
Church of North India
Hong Kong Christian Council  
Presbytery of Lanka  
National Churches Fellowship of Nepal  
National Council of Churches of Nepal  
United Mission to Nepal  
Presbyterian Church of Singapore  
Trinity Theological College Singapore  
Church of Christ in Thailand  

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Presbyterian Reformed Church in Cuba  

**EUROPE**  
Reformed Evangelical Church in Austria  
Verenigde Protestantse Kerk in Belgie  
Reformed Christian Church in Croatia  
Eglise reformee de France  
Tavola Valdese  
Greek Evangelical Church  
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia  
Alliance des Eglise Protestantes en Luxembourg  
Transylvanian Reformed Church District  
Svenska Missionskyrkan (Mission Covenant Church of Sweden)  
Federation of Swiss Protestant Churches  

**MIDDLE EAST**  
Near East School of Theology  
Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Centre  

**PACIFIC**  
Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand  

**CORRESPONDING MEMBERS**

**Council of Assembly**  
788. Mr Donald N Carmichael – Finance Group  
789. Mr Iain M Johnston  
790. Mrs Pauline Weibye – Secretary  

**Church and Society Council**  
791. Rev Ewan R Aitken  
792. Mrs Lorraine Fraser  

**Ministries Council**  
793. Rev Dr Martin C Scott  
794. Rev Muriel B Pearson  

**Mission and Discipleship Council**  
795. Rev Nigel Robb  
796. Rev David C Cameron  

**Social Care Council**  
797. Mr Peter Bailey  
798. Rev Sydney S Graham  

**World Mission Council**  
799. Rev Ian W Alexander  
800. Mrs Shirley Brown  

**Committee on Church Art and Architecture**  
801. Rev Eleanor Macalister  

**Central Services Committee**  
802. Mr Angus Macpherson  

**General Trustees**  
803. Rev Dr James A P Jack  

**Church of Scotland Guild**  
804. Mrs Alison Angus – 19 – 21 May (am), 23 & 25 May  
805. Mr Iain Whyte – 21 May (pm) 22 & 24 May  

**Housing and Loan Fund**  
806. Mr J G Grahame Lees – 21 May  
807. Miss Lin J Macmillan – 19, 20, 22 – 25 May  

**Nomination Committee**  
808. Rev James S Dewar  

**Panel on Review & Reform**  
809. Rev Jack Holt  

**Safeguarding Committee**  
810. Rev Karen K Campbell – 19 – 23 May  
811. Mr Ranald Mair – 24, 25 May  

**Ecumenical Relations Committee**  
812. Rev Dr Alan D Falconer  

**Life & Work**  
813. Mrs Lynne McNeil  

**General Treasurer**  
814. Mr Iain Grimmond  

**Head of HR and IT**  
815. Mr Mike O’Donnell
Parliamentary Officer (Acting)
816. Mr David Bradley

OVERSEAS STAFF ON LEAVE
817. Ms Susan Clark – Mission Partner in training (Pakistan)

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES
Youth Representatives appointed at the National Youth Assembly 2010
818. Miss Lara Coyle
819. Miss Hayley Henderson
820. Miss Lyndsay Kennedy
821. Miss Sarah MacDonald
822. Mr Matthew McKenzie
823. Mr Euan Patterson
824. Mrs Amanda Philips
825. Mr Colin Scott
826. Miss Laura-Jane Sinclair
827. Miss Laura Smith

PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATION
Edinburgh
828. Mr Dan McKinlay

West Lothian
829. Mr Darren Philip

Lothian
830. Miss Kathryn Thomson

Melrose & Peebles
831. Mr James Woods

Duns
832. Miss Becky Hogg

Dumfries & Kirkcudbright
833. Miss Sarah Crossan

Wigtown & Stranraer
834. Mr John Kennedy

Irvine & Kilmarnock
835. Mr John Urquhart

Lanark
836. Miss Ailsa Fyfe

Greenock & Paisley
837. Miss Fiona Marshall

Glasgow
838. Mr Ross Brownlee

Hamilton
839. Miss Gemma Forbes

Dumbarton
840. Miss Hannah West

Stirling
841. Mr Duncan Forsyth

Dunfermline
842. Miss Esther Nisbet

Kirkcaldy
843. Miss Ruth Reidpath

Dundee
844. Miss Shona McNicoll

Angus
845. Mr Alistair Vannet

Aberdeen
846. Miss Stephanie Rae

Kincardine & Deeside
847. Mr David Stuart

Buchan
848. Mr James Hyman

Moray
849. Mr Grant Petrie

England
850. Miss Hannah Pickles

Europe
851. Miss Julianna S Hedberg
GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2012
ORDER OF BUSINESS

Order of Proceedings

FOR THE FIRST DAY

SESSION I – Saturday 19 May – 10 am
Opening of the General Assembly
2. Roll of Commissioners laid on the table.
3. Election of Moderator and Prayer of Consecration (Members of Assembly stand when Moderator enters).
4. Commission to His Grace the Lord High Commissioner to be read, and order given for recording it (Members of Assembly stand).
5. Her Majesty’s Letter to be read, and order given for recording it (Members of Assembly stand).
6. Address by His Grace The Lord High Commissioner, and Reply by the Moderator (Members of Assembly stand).
7. Appointment of Committee to prepare Answer to The Queen’s Letter.
10. Appointment of Committee for arranging Order of Business. (This Committee will meet at the close of the morning session).
11. Appointment of Panel of Tellers.
12. Appointment of Committee to prepare Minute on Deceased Ministers, Missionaries and Deacons.

Suspension of business for fifteen minutes

15. Report of the Scottish Bible Society and Presentation of Bible to Moderator (Reports 7.1/6).
16. Report of the Committee on Classifying Returns to Overtures (Reports 21/1).
18. Minutes of Commissions of Assembly (Reports 24.1/1 and 24.2/1).

SESSION II – Saturday 19 May – 7 pm
2. Address by Retiring Moderator.
3. Presentation of Delegates and Visitors.

Order of Proceedings

FOR THE SECOND DAY

Sunday 20 May
10.00am – Assembly Service (St Giles’)
12.30pm – Gaelic Service (Greyfriars Highland and Tolbooth)
1.00pm – 6.00pm – ‘Heart and Soul’, Princes Street Gardens

Order of Proceedings

FOR THE THIRD DAY

SESSION III – Monday 21 May – 9.30 am
HOLY COMMUNION

Order of the Day
2.00pm – Economics Commission
3. Report of the Housing and Loan Fund (Reports 15/1).
4. Report of the Iona Community Board (Reports 17/1).
5. Report of the Church and Society Council (Reports 3/1).

**Order of Proceedings**

**FOR THE FOURTH DAY**

**SESSION IV – Tuesday 22 May – 9.30 am**
2. Minutes.
3. Report of the Church of Scotland Guild (Reports 14/1).
4. Report of the Panel on Review and Reform (Reports 2/1).
5. Report of the National Youth Assembly (22/1).

Order of Proceedings

**FOR THE FIFTH DAY**

**SESSION V – Wednesday 23 May – 9.30 am**
2. Minutes.
3. Report of the Ecumenical Relations Committee (Reports 7.3/1).
5. Petition from the Presbytery of Hamilton anent St Ninian’s, Stonehouse (Cases, Reports and Supplementary Reports p4).
6. Report of the Church of Scotland Investors Trust (Reports 16/1).
7. Report of the Church of Scotland Trust (Reports 10/1).
8. Report and Supplementary Report of the Ministries Council (Reports 4/1 and Cases, Reports and Supplementary Reports p36).

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**FOR THE SIXTH DAY**

**SESSION VI – Thursday 24 May – 9.30 am**
2. Minutes.
3. Report of the Committee on Chaplains to Her Majesty’s Forces (Reports 9/1).
4. Report of the Church of Scotland Pension Trustees (Reports 19/1).
5. Report of the Church Hymnary Trustees (Reports 11/1).

Order of Proceedings

**FOR THE SEVENTH DAY**

**SESSION VII – Friday 25 May – 9.30 am**
2. Minutes.
4. Overture from the Presbytery of Dumfries & Kirkcudbright anent Insurance for Church buildings (Cases, Reports and Supplementary Reports p13).
5. Report of the Safeguarding Committee (Reports 7.5/1).
6. Report of the Central Services Committee (7.2/1).
7. Report of the Nomination Committee (Reports 18/1).
9. Protestations called for.
SESSION VIII – Friday 25 May – 3.00 pm
2. Report anent Deceased Ministers, Missionaries and Deacons.
3. Draft Minutes of Sederunts not yet submitted to be read if required.
4. Appointment of Committee to revise Minutes.
5. Act Appointing Commission of Assembly.
6. Act Appointing diet of next General Assembly.
7. Presentations to the Moderator.
8. Moderator addresses the General Assembly.
9. His Grace, the Lord High Commissioner, addresses the General Assembly.

NATIONAL ANTHEM


THE BENEDICTION
PROPOSED COMMITTEES

Committee to Prepare an Answer to Her Majesty’s Gracious Letter

(Meets on Saturday 19 May in the Moderator’s Room at 11.30 am)

Rev Donald G B McCorkindale 659  Miss Agnes Rennie  DCS 63
Mrs Nicola Steel 151  Very Rev A David K Arnott, Convener

Business Committee/Panel of Tellers

Mrs Lesley M Allen 148  Rev Ishie E MacDonald 691
Mr James Bain 234  Mrs Brenda McCrae 367
Rev Dr S Grant Barclay 172  Rev Dr Moyna E C McGlynn 273
Mr George W Berstan 622  Rev Anne McIvor 400
Rev Dr Derek Browning 2  Rev Alison C Mehigan 632
Dr James Burns 538  Miss Alice Merrilees 578
Mr Colin P Cameron 164  Mr Angus G Morrison 700
Mrs Catherine Dickie 467  Mr David Nicholson DCS 435
Rev Brian Dingwall 603  Rev Shaw J Paterson 351
Rev Neil N Gardner 6  Mr Alfred Patey 484
Mrs Ella Gill 661  Mrs Sheila Proudfoot 655
Mr Alec Grant 733  Mr Douglas Robertson 323
Mrs Anne E Henderson 388  Mr Robert Robertson 432
Rev Diane L Hobson 568  Rev Grace Saunders 419
Rev William T Hogg 133  Rev Margaret D J Steele 103
Rev Helen E Jamieson 206  Rev Caroline Taylor 495
Rev Dr Ben Johnstone 686  Mrs Jacqueline Thomson DCS 488
Miss Dorothy C Kinloch 449  Rev Allan J Wilson 519
Rev Alison P McDonald 84  Mrs Anne Wilson 725

Rev Janet S Mathieson, Convener
Rev E Lorna Hood, Vice-Convener

Committee to Prepare Minute on Deceased Ministers, Missionaries and Deacons

Very Rev A David K Arnott  Principal Clerk
Depute Clerk
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I. COMMISSIONS

1. Roll of Presbytery. Each Presbytery Clerk shall, by 15 January of each year, transmit to the Clerks of Assembly the number of charges, appointments and deacons specified in sections 2 and 4 of Act III 2000 (as amended) – all as at 31 December immediately preceding.

2. Presbyterial Representation. The Assembly Arrangements Committee shall meet in January of each year for the purpose of considering the said Rolls and of ascertaining the effect, as regards representation, of any changes in Presbyteries which have occurred in the course of the previous year. The Clerks of Assembly shall immediately thereafter intimate to Presbyteries what will be their representation in the ensuing Assembly. The decision of the Assembly Arrangements Committee, so intimated to Presbyteries, shall be subject to review by the Assembly on Petition by the Presbytery concerned.

3. Question Arising. Should there arise between the month of February and the opening of the Assembly any question regarding representation not provided for in these Orders, the Assembly Arrangements Committee shall have power to dispose thereof.


5. Transmission of Certificates. The names, in alphabetical order, and full postal addresses of Commissioners from Presbyteries, shall be transmitted by Presbytery Clerks to the Clerks of Assembly not later than 31 March in each year so far as they have been elected by that time.

Certificates, endorsed by the Clerk of each Presbytery to the effect that to the best of his knowledge the Elders named therein are bona fide acting Elders and are commissioned by the Presbytery, shall be transmitted by Presbytery Clerks so as to be in the hands of the Clerks of Assembly not less than one week before the opening of the Assembly.

6. Committee on Commissions. The Committee on Commissions shall consist of the Clerks; the Principal Clerk shall be Convener. The Committee shall prepare a report on all Commissions and Certificates transmitted to them for submission to the Assembly at the opening Session. The said Committee shall prepare and print a list of Commissioners.

Along with the said list a copy of the Standing Orders of the General Assembly shall be made available to each member.

The Clerks shall arrange to forward to each Commissioner, at least one week before the opening day of the Assembly, a copy of the volume of Reports and Proposed Deliverances and a copy of all Assembly Papers then available.

7. Objections. The Committee on Commissions shall, if called upon, or if it shall appear to it necessary or expedient so to do, hear any person whose Commission is objected to in support of his Commission, and also any person or persons who may object to such Commission.

8. Late Commissions. It shall be competent at any time during the sitting of the Assembly to lodge with the Clerks of Assembly Commissions which have not previously been transmitted to them; and such Commissions shall be submitted by the Clerks to the Assembly on the day next after that on which the Commissions have been lodged, and shall be disposed of by the Assembly as may seem proper.
II. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

(a) OPENING SESSION

9. Convening. The Commissioners elected to serve in the Assembly shall convene on the day and at the hour fixed for the meeting of the Assembly, and, after prayer by the Moderator of the preceding Assembly, the List of Commissioners shall be laid on the table.

10. Election of Moderator. The election of a Moderator shall then be made.

11. Her Majesty’s Commission. Her Majesty’s Commission to the Lord High Commissioner shall then be read and ordered to be recorded.

12. Her Majesty’s Letter. Her Majesty’s Letter to the Assembly shall then be read and a Committee shall be appointed to prepare an answer thereto.


14. Committee on Commissions. The Report of the Committee on Commissions (SO 6) shall be called for and disposed of.

15. Order of Business. The Assembly shall appoint a Business Committee, the Convener and Vice-Convener thereof normally to be the Convener and Vice-Convener respectively of the Assembly Arrangements Committee. The Assembly Arrangements Committee shall prepare and submit at the opening session an Order of Business for the first two days.

(b) BUSINESS COMMITTEE

16. The Business Committee shall consist of forty Commissioners including the Convener and Vice-Convener; and the Moderator, Clerks, Procurator and Law Agent shall be additional members, ex officiis.

17. First Meeting. The Business Committee shall meet on the opening day of the Assembly as intimated and thereafter as business may require. At its first meeting it shall consider the Draft Order of Business which shall have been prepared by the Assembly Arrangements Committee for the business of the Assembly subsequent to the first two days, and shall be wholly responsible therefor.

18. Selection Committee. The Business Committee shall nominate a Selection Committee of twenty Commissioners, including a Convener and Vice-Convener, whose function it shall be to select and submit to the Assembly for their approval names of persons to serve on all Special Commissions and Committees appointed during the sittings of the Assembly. Such persons need not be Commissioners.

19. Communications. All letters addressed to the Moderator for the purpose of being communicated to the Assembly shall, in the first instance, be laid before the Business Committee, which shall advise the Moderator as to their disposal.

20. Paper through Boxes. Requests for permission to distribute material through Members’ boxes should be submitted to the Assembly Arrangements Committee before the commencement of the Assembly, and requests received thereafter shall be submitted to the Business Committee. Any other Committee concerned should be informed and supplied with copies, if available, of the material to be distributed.

(c) DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES

21. The Lord’s Supper. The Assembly shall celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper at a time appointed by the General Assembly at its opening session.

22. Acts of Worship. The Moderator shall be responsible to the Assembly for the conduct of all acts of worship, and shall consult the Assembly Arrangements Committee or the Business Committee anent any proposed innovation in such conduct.

(d) MISCELLANEOUS

23. Minutes. The minutes of each day’s proceedings, if available, together with the Agenda for the following day or days, intimations of meetings of Committees, and Notices of Motion, shall be printed as the “Assembly Papers”, and shall be made available
for all members. The Minutes, being taken as read and full opportunity having been given for correction, shall be approved as available. It shall always be in order at the close of any particular item of business to move that the Minute thereanent be adjusted and approved. Before the dissolution of the Assembly a small Committee, appointed for the purpose, shall be authorised to approve the Minutes not already approved by the Assembly.

24. **Quorum.** The quorum of the Assembly shall be thirty-one, of whom not less than sixteen shall be Ministers. Any Member may at any time call the attention of the Moderator to the fact that there is not a quorum present, and if, on a count being made, it is found that such is the case, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to suspend or adjourn the session.

25. **Tellers.** The Assembly Arrangements Committee shall submit for the approval of the Assembly at their first session a proposed Panel of Tellers. (See SO 103.)

26. **Printing of Acts.** The Committee on Commissions (SO 6) shall arrange for the printing of the Acts of Assembly and shall print in the Assembly Papers of the penultimate day an Interim Report thereon, which shall be considered on the last day of the Assembly.

27. **Examination of Records.** Minutes of the Standing Committees of the Assembly shall be examined by the Legal Questions Committee. The Committee shall report thereanent to the General Assembly.

28. **Returns to Overtures.**
   (a) A Committee on Overtures and Cases, consisting of the Clerks, Procurator and Law Agent of the Church (with the Principal Clerk as Convener) shall advise any Committee or individual on the procedure to be followed in respect of measures requiring process under the Barrier Act.
   (b) For the avoidance of doubt, measures other than Acts of Assembly may be referred for the consideration of Presbyteries, in which case they shall be presented to the General Assembly in the form of an Overture set out as an Act.
   (c) For the avoidance of doubt, it is open to the General Assembly to decline to consider any motion of which it believes inadequate notice has been given, considering the nature of its content.
   (d) Measures remitted to Presbyteries by an Overture under the Barrier Act shall be accompanied by a note of the voting figures in the General Assembly, the text of the relevant Report and a note by the Clerks explaining any technical or legal matters contained in the Overture.
   (e) All Presbyteries shall make a return in respect of every Overture sent down under the Barrier Act. The return shall be made upon the schedule sent electronically to the Presbytery Clerk for the purpose, transmitted to the Clerks of Assembly, and then submitted to the Committee on Overtures and Cases. The Committee shall classify the returns and make a report to the next Assembly. It shall be the duty of the Committee to report not only the number of Presbyteries for and against an Overture, but also the numbers voting in the Presbyteries as reported in the schedule.
   (f) The Report of the Committee shall include the text of such Overtures as have been approved by a majority of Presbyteries.
   (g) The Assembly Arrangements Committee shall ensure that the Committee's Report classifying returns is taken by the General Assembly no later than session 2 thereof, and in any case before any debate that in the opinion of the Committee on Overtures and Cases would more usefully follow consideration of the Committee's Report.
   (h) The Report of the Committee shall be given in to the Assembly by the Principal Clerk, with the reply to the debate on the merits of the measure given by the relevant Convener. Both should be available to answer questions, as appropriate.

29. **Closing of Assembly.**
When the business set down for the last day of the Assembly has been disposed of, the Assembly shall be closed by addresses by the
Moderator to the Assembly and to the Lord
High Commissioner, and by an address by
the Lord High Commissioner to the Assembly,
during an act of worship, and dissolved
according to the practice of the Church.

III. MEMBERS NOT
COMMISSIONERS

(a) MEMBERS ex officis

30. These are the Moderator of the Assembly,
on election, and the immediately preceding
Moderator, the Clerks, Procurator, and Law
Agent, and also the Convener and Vice-Convener
of the Business Committee upon their election.
They have all the rights and privileges of
Commissioners.

(b) CORRESPONDING MEMBERS, DELEGATES
AND VISITORS – DEFINITION

31. Corresponding Members. Representatives
of Departments and Standing Committees as
stated in Standing Order No 32.

Delegates from other Churches.
Representatives of other Churches who come
in response to an invitation from the Principal
Clerk sent at the request of the World Mission
Council or from the Committee on Ecumenical
Relations to their Church to send a delegate or
dellegates to the General Assembly and who
are duly accredited by the Courts or equivalent
authority of their Churches.

Visitors. Visitors from other Churches
who come with a Letter of Introduction from
Assembly or Presbytery Clerks or equivalent
officer of their Church.

32. Corresponding Members

1. (a) The following shall have the right to
appoint Corresponding Members in terms of
(b) below:

Council of Assembly, Church and Society
Council, Ministries Council, Mission and
Discipleship Council, Social Care Council, World
Mission Council, Committee on Church Art
and Architecture, Central Services Committee,
Ecumenical Relations Committee, General
Trustees, Church of Scotland Guild, Trustees of
the Housing and Loan Fund, the Nomination
Committee, Panel on Review and Reform,
Safeguarding Committee and Stewardship and
Finance Committee.

(b) Each of the above shall appoint for each
day a member or staff-member to act as
Corresponding Member, and will advise the
Assembly Arrangements Committee not less
than one week before the commencement
of the General Assembly of the names of the
Corresponding Members appointed for each
day. The names of Corresponding Members
appointed under this Standing Order shall be
printed in the Assembly Papers.

2. The Secretaries of the Council of Assembly,
the Church and Society, Ministries, Mission and
Discipleship, Social Care and World Mission
Councils, the Ecumenical Officer, the Editor of
Life and Work, the General Treasurer, the Head
of Stewardship, the Head of Human Resources,
the Convener of the Nomination Committee
and the Scottish Churches’ Parliamentary
Officer shall be Corresponding Members when
not Commissioners.

33. Status. Corresponding Members of
Assembly shall be entitled to attend all sessions
of the same and to speak on any matter before
the Assembly affecting the interests of their
Council or Committee, where applicable, but
shall not have the right to vote or make a
motion.

(c) YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES

34. Status

(i) One person between the ages of
eighteen and twenty-five on the opening day
of the General Assembly shall, if possible, be
appointed by each Presbytery to serve as a
Youth Representative; each Representative
shall be regularly involved in the life and
worship of a congregation within the bounds
of the Presbytery, and the minister of the
congregation shall provide confirmation of
this involvement if asked by the Mission and
Discipleship Council.
(ii) The National Youth Assembly each year shall appoint ten of its own number, being between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five on the opening day of the following General Assembly, to serve as Youth representatives to that General Assembly.

(iii) Youth Representatives shall be entitled to speak and move motions but not to vote:
- during debates on Committee reports
- during debates on Overtures

(iv) Youth Representatives shall not be entitled to speak, move motions or vote:
- during debates on Petitions or cases
- during debates on matters affecting General Assembly procedure or Standing Orders

(v) Youth Representatives shall not be members of the Commission of Assembly.

Oversight

(vi) The Mission and Discipleship Council shall take responsibility for Youth Representatives and shall extend to them appropriate hospitality.

(d) DELEGATES AND VISITORS

35. Reception. Delegates from other Churches shall be received and welcomed by the Moderator. The Assembly Arrangements Committee is authorised, after consultation with the World Mission Council and the Ecumenical Relations Committee, to recommend to the Moderator to invite two specified delegates to convey greetings briefly after all the delegates have been received and welcomed by the Moderator.

36. Status.

(i) Delegates to the Assembly shall have the right to attend all sessions and to speak on all matters before the Assembly, except when the Assembly are exercising judicial functions, but shall not have the right to vote.

(ii) Visitors shall have the privilege of seats in the Assembly but without the right to speak or vote. As in the case of Delegates, the officials of the World Mission Council, the Ecumenical Relations Committee, or other relevant Council or Committee shall extend appropriate hospitality to Visitors.

37. Oversight. The officials of the World Mission Council, the Ecumenical Relations Committee, and other Councils or Committees which may be interested in Delegates, shall see that Invitations to Assembly functions are procured for the Delegates, and that the Members of Assembly shall do everything in their power to make the visits of all the Delegates pleasant and profitable.

(e) NON-MEMBERS

38. Guest Speakers. Where any Committee wishes that one of its members or staff members, not being a Member of Assembly, should have an opportunity of addressing the Assembly in connection with the discussion of its Report, the Convener shall, before the commencement of the debate, (i) obtain the permission of the Convener of the Business Committee, and (ii) inform the Moderator. Where any Committee wishes that a person, not being a Member of Assembly or member or staff member of that Committee, should address the Assembly, the Convener shall submit the name of such person for approval to the Assembly Arrangements Committee before the Assembly opens, or to the Business Committee during the sittings of the Assembly, and the decision of the Assembly Arrangements Committee or Business Committee shall be final, unless the Assembly themselves shall resolve in terms of SO 126 hereof to dispense with the observance of Standing Orders in respect of that particular matter.

39. Conference Sessions. The Assembly Arrangements Committee, or the Business Committee, in consultation with other Councils and Committees as appropriate may invite the General Assembly to meet in conference sessions and arrange for guest speakers to address such sessions. Councils and Committees shall also be free to invite guests, whom they consider to have a particular interest in the matter under discussion, to participate in the debate. When the General Assembly is meeting in conference
no resolutions shall be framed or decisions taken. Expert speakers invited to address the conference shall be allowed a maximum time of fifteen minutes. All other speeches shall be limited to five minutes.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OVERTURES

(a) REPORTS

40. Transmission. Reports of all Committees reporting to the Assembly shall be transmitted to the Clerks of Assembly not later than the first Monday after the third Tuesday in February each year provided that, by arrangement with the Clerk of Assembly, a Statement and Proposed Deliverance on the Budget of the Church, report on Congregational Statistics as reported by Kirk Sessions through Presbyteries and report on Statistics of Ministry may be submitted at a later date, but in time to be printed and forwarded with the Reports. All Reports shall be accompanied by the Deliverance to be proposed to the Assembly, and when the Proposed Deliverance exceeds two sections each section shall be numbered consecutively.

41. Printing. It shall be the duty of the Clerks to arrange for all such Reports and Proposed Deliverances to be printed in the authorised form, to be stitched together, paged, and for a copy to be forwarded to each Member of Assembly at least one week before the day of meeting. All Reports so distributed shall be held as read. Each Committee shall immediately after the rising of the Assembly furnish the publisher of the Reports with the number required for circulation.

42. Oral Reports and Reports of Sub-Committees. Oral Reports shall not be received, and no Sub-Committee shall give any Report to the Assembly.

43. In Retenitis. Reports shall not be engrossed in the Minutes, but two copies of each printed Report certified by one of the Clerks as being that given to the Assembly, shall be kept in retenitis; and the Reports thus collected shall be bound up in volume to be preserved among the other Records of the Assembly.

44. Questions on Reports. After the Deliverance on the Report of any Committee has been moved and seconded the Assembly, before dealing with any other motions or amendments thereon, shall have opportunity for asking questions on the Report, this being without prejudice to the right of Members to put questions, with the leave of the Assembly, at any subsequent stage.

45. Questions requiring Notice. It shall be in order to ask questions of the Convener regarding any matter in the care of the Committee to which no reference is made in the Report but in such cases timeous notice shall be given to the Convener.

46. Deliverance. The final Deliverance of the Assembly upon the Report of any Committee shall follow immediately after the consideration of that Report, except in the event of a special reason for the contrary having been approved by the Assembly and recorded in the Minutes.

47. Late Reports. Reports of Committees appointed during the sittings of Assembly, if they propose any motion not already printed, shall be put into the hands of the Clerks of Assembly at least one day prior to their being considered, and printed in the “Assembly Papers”.

(b) OVERTURES

48. Transmissions. All Overtures from Presbyteries passed on or before 24 April shall be sent to the Clerks of Assembly not later than that date in each year. Overtures from Commissioners shall be lodged with the Clerks not later than noon on the third last day of the meeting of the Assembly, unless the Assembly for special reason decide otherwise.

49. Printing. The Clerks shall arrange for the printing of Overtures, at the expense of those promoting them and for their circulation to Commissioners, either with the papers for Cases or in the “Assembly Papers”.
50. **Form.** Overtures should contain a brief statement of the matter to be brought before the Assembly together with a Proposed Deliverance, of which the first section shall be “The General Assembly receive the Overture”.

51. **When Taken.** Overtures relating to matters under the care of the Committees of the Church whose reports are on the Agenda for one of the first two days of the Assembly shall be assigned by the Assembly Arrangements Committee (unless the Committee on Overtures and Cases decides not to transmit) to the place in the discussion at which they shall be introduced to the Assembly. In other cases this shall be done by the Business Committee. When the Proposed Deliverance of an Overture is capable of being treated as a counter-motion or amendment to the Proposed Deliverance of a Committee, or as a new section of such Proposed Deliverance, it shall be so treated.

52. **Grouping.** Overtures on the same or cognate subjects shall be grouped by the Assembly Arrangements Committee or Business Committee of the Assembly and only one speaker shall be heard introducing each group.

53. **Introduction.** An Overture from a Presbytery may be introduced by any member of that Presbytery, specially appointed for the purpose, at the bar; or by any one of its Commissioners to the Assembly in his or her place as a Commissioner.

(c) **GENERAL**

54. **New or Additional Expenditure.** Any proposal which involves new or additional expenditure must, together with an estimate of such expenditure, be in the hands of Commissioners in print and in proper form (for example, as a Proposed Deliverance, Notice of Motion, or Crave of a Petition), provided that:

(a) if it relates to the income disposition proposed within Co-ordinated Budget for the next calendar year and if the proposal is not submitted in the form of an amendment to the total of the said Budget, it shall provide for and specify the reduction or reductions to be made in other expenditure contained within the said Budget; and

(b) if it involves continuing or recurring expenditure which, if approved, would require to be incorporated in future Co-ordinated and Rolling Budgets, it shall provide for the matter to be remitted in the first instance to the Council of Assembly for consideration and report to the next General Assembly.

55. **Declaratory or Interim Act.** The draft of any proposed Declaratory or Interim Act, as also the draft of any Overture which it is proposed to transmit to Presbyteries in terms of the Barrier Act (other than any Overture printed and circulated in the volume of Reports), shall be printed and laid on the table of the Assembly and circulated among the Members at least one day before a Motion for the passing of such Declaratory or Interim Act, or for the transmission of such Overture to Presbyteries, is made in the Assembly.

V. **CONDUCT OF CASES**

56. **Commission of Assembly.** In Sections 57 – 59 references to the General Assembly shall be taken to refer where appropriate to the Commission of Assembly and all references shall be so construed mutatis mutandis.

(a) **LODGING OF PAPERS**

57. **Appeal; Dissent and Complaint; Petition.** The papers in all cases intended to be brought before the Assembly, whether Appeals or Dissents and Complaints against the judgement of inferior courts, or Petitions, should be lodged with the Clerks of Assembly not later than 24 April, and must be lodged not less than fourteen days before the opening session of Assembly; except in the case of judgements pronounced within sixteen days of the meeting of Assembly, in which case they shall be lodged within forty-eight hours of the judgement being pronounced.

58. (a). **Reference.** In the case of Reference
of a matter from an inferior court for the judgement of the Assembly the same limits as to time for lodging of papers in the case shall apply as in SO 57.

(b) Reference of Matter Previously Considered. Where the matter of a Reference has previously been under consideration of the Assembly, the Reference shall state the date when the matter was previously before the Assembly and shall narrate the Assembly’s Deliverance thereon.

59. Answers. It shall be competent for all parties claiming an interest in the subject matter of an Appeal, Dissent and Complaint or Petition to lodge Answers thereto complying with the requirements of SO 60. Answers may be lodged any time after the Appeal, Dissent and Complaint or Petition is received by the Clerks, but not later than seven days before the opening meeting of Assembly. Answers shall be in the form of articulate numbered Answers to the narrative contained in the Appeal, Dissent and Complaint or Petition, indicating in particular matters of fact that are admitted and denied, and shall set forth a concise statement of the Respondent’s case, together with a crave specifying the action the Assembly are invited to take thereon.

(b) PRINTING OF PAPERS

60. Printing. It shall be the duty of the Clerks on receiving papers that are to come before the Assembly in connection with cases to arrange to have these printed in authorised form, stitched together and paged.

61. In Private. Papers relating to business dealt with by Presbyteries in private, or which the Committee on Overtures and Cases (SO 6) consider should be taken in private, shall be printed separately and may be dealt with by the Assembly in private.

62. Cost of Printing. In cases of discipline brought before the Assembly by the Judicial Commission, by Reference from a Presbytery, or by complaint by a minority of the Court, the expense of printing shall be borne by the Assembly Arrangements Committee; in other circumstances by the Complainer or Appellant. In all other use of Commissioners shall be borne by the party having interest in the same or desiring a Deliverance from the Assembly.

63. In Retentis. Two copies of every printed paper shall be kept by the Clerks of Assembly to be bound up and retained among the Records of Assembly.

(c) CIRCULATION OF PAPERS

64. Date of Dispatch. A copy of all papers transmitted to the Clerks of Assembly not later than 24 April shall be forwarded by them to each Member of Assembly at least one week before the opening day of the Assembly.

65. In Private. The Clerks of Assembly shall not issue in advance to Members the papers in cases which they think require to be conducted in private, until specially instructed by the Assembly so to do; but shall report such cases to the Convener of the Business Committee, for the information of that Committee, immediately after its appointment.

(d) INTIMATION TO PARTIES

66. Appeal; Dissent and Complaint. In all cases coming before the Assembly by Appeal or Dissent and Complaint it shall be the duty of the Clerks of Assembly to inform the parties on both sides as soon as possible of the time at which such case is likely to be taken by the Assembly. Such intimation shall, unless in a specific case the Assembly determine otherwise, be regarded as sufficient notice. The Clerks shall further be bound, on application made to them for the purpose, to supply six copies of all prints made in pursuance of the foregoing Orders to the opposite party or parties in any case, or to his or their duly accredited Agents.

67. Petition. In every Petition it shall be the duty of the Petitioner to make such intimation of the Petition as may be necessary having regard to the nature of the Petition. Such intimation shall be made not more than seven days later than the time when the Petition is
lodged with the Clerks of Assembly as provided in SO 57 above; and along with the Petition there shall be lodged a certificate signed by the Petitioner or his or her Agent setting forth the names of the parties to whom such intimation has been made or is to be made. The Assembly may refuse to dispose of any Petition if in their opinion sufficient intimation thereof has not been made.

(e) TRANSMISSION TO ASSEMBLY

68. Committee on Overtures and Cases. All papers lodged with the Clerks in cases of every sort in terms of the foregoing Orders shall be laid by them before the Committee on Overtures and Cases, which shall consider the same and report to the Assembly.

69. Decision not to Transmit. If the Committee on Overtures and Cases shall decide not to transmit to the Assembly any papers in cases duly lodged with the Clerks of Assembly it shall report the same to the Assembly at their first Session, or at the Session next after such decision, with its reasons for not transmitting the papers, and parties shall be entitled to be heard thereon at the bar of the Assembly. Intimation of a decision not to transmit papers shall be made to the parties concerned as soon as possible, and in time to allow of their being represented at the bar when the decision not to transmit is reported to the Assembly.

70. In Private. The Business Committee shall, in its first Report, specify any case which in its judgement requires to be conducted in private, and any case which does not appear to it to be of that character although the Clerks of Assembly may have reported it as such. The Assembly shall thereupon determine by a special Deliverance, at what stage in the proceedings the papers in such a case shall be issued to the Commissioners. In every case which the Assembly appoint to be conducted in private the instruction to issue the papers shall be accompanied by a special exhortation to the Commissioners to keep them private.

71. Proposed Legislation. All Overtures from Presbyteries or from Commissioners which propose the introduction of new or the amendment of existing Acts (or Regulations) shall contain the precise terms of the legislation which they propose; and the Committee on Overtures and Cases shall not transmit to the Assembly any Overture which is deficient in this respect, provided always that the Clerks and Procurator shall be available to assist with the framing of such proposals.

(f) HEARING OF CASES

72. Announcement. Before parties are heard in any contentious case the Clerk shall read the following announcement, viz – “The Commissioners are reminded that justice requires that all the pleadings at the bar should be heard by all those who vote in this case, and that their judgement should be made solely on the basis of the pleadings.” Immediately before a vote is taken in such a case, the Clerk shall read the following further announcement, viz – “The Commissioners are reminded that only those who have heard all the pleadings at the bar are entitled to vote in this case.”

73. Appeal; Complaint; One Appellant. In cases brought before the Assembly by Appeal, where there is only one appellant (or one set of appellants concurring in the same reasons of Appeal) and only one respondent (or one set of respondents concurring in the same answers to the reasons of Appeal) the case for the appellant (or set of appellants) shall be stated by him or herself or by his or her counsel, who at the same time shall submit such argument upon the case as he or she shall think fit. The party or counsel so stating the Appeal shall be followed by the respondent or his or her counsel who likewise shall submit such arguments upon the case as he or she shall think fit. At the close of the statement for the respondent the appellant shall be entitled to be again heard, and the respondent shall also be entitled to be heard in answer to the second speech for the appellant and if, in his or her final answer, the respondent shall state any
fact or submit any argument not adverted to in his or her answer to the opening statement for the appellant, the appellant shall be entitled to a reply upon the new matter introduced in the final answer for the respondent. With the exception of this right of reply, so limited, more than two speeches shall not be allowed to any party at the bar.

74. Appeal; Complaint; More than one Appellant. In such cases as those referred to in SO 73 if there is more than one appellant (or set of appellants) insisting on the Appeal, or more than one respondent (or set of respondents) supporting the judgement appealed against, (a) on different grounds, or (b) in separate reasons or answers, each appellant shall be entitled to open and state his separate case, and each respondent shall be entitled to make his or her separate answer, and the debate shall be closed with a reply for the several appellants; provided always that it shall be competent to the parties, with consent of the Assembly to make any arrangement for conducting the debate other than herein prescribed, if it shall have the effect of limiting, further than is herein done, the number of speeches to be made from the bar.

75. Appeal; Complaint; Who may appear. Any Member of an inferior court whose judgement is brought under review of the Assembly may appear at the bar in support of the judgement; but, when Commissioners have been specially appointed by the inferior court to support its judgement, the Assembly shall not hear any Member of such court other than the Commissioners so appointed, unless any Member not so appointed but wishing to be heard can show a separate and peculiar interest to support the judgement; and in all such cases it shall be competent to the Assembly to limit the number of Members of an inferior court who shall be heard in support of the judgement under review.

76. Dissents and Complaints. In SO 73 to 75, “Appeal” includes “Dissents and Complaints” and “Appellant” includes “Complainer”.

77. Petition. In cases brought before the Assembly as the court of first instance by Petition, the party promoting the application shall be entitled to be heard in support of the same; and the Assembly shall also hear an answer from any party at the bar claiming to be a proper respondent, and the debate at the bar shall be closed with a reply from the person promoting the application.

78. Reference. In cases brought before the Assembly by reference from a Presbytery the reference shall be stated to the Assembly by a Member of the referring court, specially appointed for the purpose, at the bar if not a Commissioner, or in his or her place as a Commissioner if a Commissioner from the Presbytery. The Assembly shall thereafter hear the parties in the case referred in such order as the nature of the case may seem to require, keeping in view the regulations in SO 73 to 78.

79. Readjustment Cases. In cases arising from Act VII, 2003, when a request for determination follows a decision of the Partnership Development Committee not to concur in the judgement of a Presbytery, the Convener, or other member of the said Committee, shall be heard at the bar if not a Commissioner, or in his or her place as a Commissioner if a Commissioner, immediately after the request for determination has been stated. After the initial statement and the response by the said Committee when applicable, the General Assembly shall hear at the bar such parties in the case as are not represented by Commissioners, in such order as the nature of the case may seem to require.

VI. ORDER OF DEBATE

(a) ORDER OF THE DAY

80. When the Assembly have resolved that a case or other piece of business shall be taken up at a certain hour mentioned in the Order of Business, such case or other piece of business shall be taken not later than the hour fixed
and the business before the Assembly, if not finished at the hour named, shall be adjourned, provided that, in the case of an Order of the Day following the Report of the Church and Society Council, such unfinished business shall not be taken up. If, in the opinion of the Moderator, it would be in accordance with the general convenience of the Assembly, the Moderator may allow the transaction of the business then actually under discussion to continue for a period of not more than fifteen minutes beyond the specified time, but no fresh business shall be commenced.

(b) MOTIONS

81. Right to Move. Any Commissioner to the Assembly may make a motion upon any matter coming regularly before the Assembly; and on rising to do so he or she shall read the terms of the motion having wherever possible handed the same in writing on the form provided to the Assembly Office or other point of collection intimated to the General Assembly. It shall be in order to move a motion regarding any matter in the care of a Committee to which no reference is made in the Report of that Committee, provided that reasonable notice has been given in writing to the Convener before presentation of the Report. The mover of any counter-motion or amendment may reply to the discussion of his or her motion, immediately before the Convener closes the debate.

82. Withdrawal. When a motion has been duly seconded it shall not be competent to withdraw it, or to make any alteration upon it, without the permission of the Assembly.

83. Priority. The Deliverance on the Report of a Committee shall take precedence of any other motion on that subject.

84. Committee Convener. The Convener of a Committee when a Commissioner, on giving in the Report of that Committee, shall move the Deliverance proposed in terms of SO 40. A Convener, when not a Commissioner, shall be allowed to submit the Report of the Committee, and to give explanations in the subsequent discussion. In such a case the Principal Clerk, whom failing, the Depute Clerk, shall formally move the Deliverance. In all cases the Convener shall have the right of replying to the debate.

85. Introducer of Overture. The Introducer of an Overture, if a Commissioner, shall move the Deliverance; and if he or she is not a Commissioner the Principal Clerk, whom failing the Depute Clerk, shall formally move the Deliverance. The Introducer, whether a Commissioner or not, may answer questions or give explanations in the course of the debate and, if a Commissioner, may reply to, the discussion immediately before the relevant Convener closes the debate.

86. Notice of Motion. Any Commissioner may, during the sittings of the Assembly, give notice of Motion on any subject due to come regularly before the Assembly, other than a contentious case. Notices of Motion so given in shall be printed in the “Assembly Papers” not later than the day before that on which the business is to be taken. Such printed Notice of Motion shall confer no right of priority of moving same, the Moderator being the sole judge of the order in which Members are entitled to address the Assembly.

(c) THE DEBATE

87. The Chair. Every speaker shall address the Assembly through the Moderator, and the correct address is “Moderator”.

88. In Support. When a motion or motions have been made and seconded, any Member (including a formal seconder in terms of SO 92) may take part in subsequent debate.

89. Speeches. (1) Except as provided in SO 81 and 84, no Member may speak twice on the same question except in explanation, and then only by special permission of the Assembly. (2) Members shall make relevant declarations of interest where the topic of debate makes it appropriate to do so.
90. **Point of Order.** Any Member may rise to speak to a Point of Order. A speaker is not to be interrupted unless upon a call to order. When so interrupted he or she shall cease speaking, and shall resume his or her seat until the Point of Order is decided. The Member calling to order shall state the grounds for so doing; and the speaker who has been interrupted may briefly reply in explanation, to show that he or she is not out of order, but no other Member may speak to the Point of Order unless with the permission or at the request of the Moderator, with whom the decision of the point rests, though the Moderator may put the point to a vote of the Assembly.

91. There shall be no right of reply to a debate except as provided for by SO 81 and 84.

92. **Limits.** All speeches shall be limited to 5 minutes, with the following exceptions:
(i) COMMITTEES Convener giving in the Report of his or her Committee and moving thereon (seconding to be formal) 20 minutes
Movers of Amendments or Counter-Motions (seconding to be formal) 10 minutes
(ii) OVERTURES Introducing an Overture and when the Introducer is a Commissioner, moving thereon 10 minutes
Mover of other Motions in relation to Overture (seconding to be formal) 10 minutes
(iii) PETITIONS Speeches of Petitioners 10 minutes

93. **No Time Limit.** The time limits shall apply, except in the following cases:
(a) when the Assembly are debating specific proposals for change under Barrier Act procedure;
(b) when the Assembly are exercising judicial functions;
(c) in Petitions when, for special reasons, the Committee on Overtures and Cases reports that the circumstances demand an extension, and when the General Assembly adopt that opinion;
(d) in any other matter when the Assembly Arrangements Committee (in respect of the Order of Business for the first two days) or the Business Committee (in respect of the Order of Business for the subsequent days) declares that, in its opinion, such matter is of exceptional importance, and when the Assembly adopt that opinion.

94. **Character of Motions.** Motions shall be considered as belonging to one of the following categories, and shall be dealt with as prescribed, viz:
1. The original Motion.
2. Counter-Motions – being Motions contradictory or negative of the original Motion or of a substantial part of the original Motion.
3. Amendments being Motions not substantially contradictory of the original Motion or Counter-Motion, but for making deletions, alterations, or additions thereto without defeating its main object.
4. Amendments of amendments already moved and seconded.

95. **Moderator to Judge.** The Moderator shall be judge of the category to which any Motions shall be considered to belong, and the ruling of the Moderator shall be final.

96. **Grouping of Amendments.** When to any Proposed Deliverance there has been given notice of amendments which differ from each other only slightly in their general tenor, the Moderator shall decide whether or not to permit more than one of such amendments to be moved.

97. **Voting on Amendments.** When an amendment (Category 3) has been proposed it shall be disposed of by the Assembly before any other counter-motion or amendment is proposed. However, it shall be in order for an amendment of an amendment (Category 4) to be proposed, seconded and debated, after which the Moderator shall take a vote “For” or “Against”. When all such Category 4 motions
have been so disposed of, the Assembly shall complete its consideration of the original amendment (Category 3) and the Moderator shall take a vote “For” or “Against” the original amendment amended or unamended as the case may be. For the avoidance of doubt, it is affirmed that the order of debate for Category 3 and Category 4 motions shall be the same except as herein provided and that the provisions of SO 84 shall apply to both.

98. Voting on Motions. After all amendments, if any, have been disposed of, the Moderator shall take a vote between all Motions in Categories (1) and (2), and in doing so shall adopt the following procedure. A vote shall be taken in one of the methods provided below, between all the Motions in the order in which they were made, beginning at the first. Each Commissioner may vote for one Motion only. If, on the numbers being announced, one Motion has obtained a clear majority of votes, all the other Motions shall fall; but if no Motion has obtained a clear majority, the Motion having the smallest number of votes shall be struck off and a vote taken between the remaining Motions; and the Assembly may determine.

99. Voting for Appointments. In the case of voting for appointments to vacant offices in the Church, where there are more than two nominations the Assembly shall vote separately on all the names proposed, and, unless there be a majority in favour of one over all the others combined, the one having the lowest number shall be dropped, and the Assembly shall again vote on those that remain.

100. Deliberative Vote. The Moderator or Acting Moderator in the Chair shall have no Deliberative Vote.

101. Casting Vote. If in any division there shall be an equality of votes for two proposals before the Assembly, the Moderator shall have power to give a deciding vote; and if in the course of the voting as provided in SO 98 and 99 above, there should be an equality of votes for the two Motions having fewest votes, the Moderator shall have power to give a deciding vote and the Motion for which the Moderator shall vote shall be retained for the purpose of the next vote of the Assembly.

(e) TAKING THE VOTE

102. Vote by Standing. The Moderator may, if so minded, ascertain the mind of the Assembly by asking the Commissioners to stand in their places, and shall intimate to the Assembly on which side there is in his or her opinion a majority. Unless the opinion of the Moderator so intimated is at once challenged it shall become the decision of the Assembly. If any Commissioner challenge the opinion of the Moderator the Assembly shall proceed to take a Vote by Electronic System as provided in SO 103.

103. Voting by Electronic System. If the Moderator is not prepared to give an opinion on the result of a vote by standing, or if his or her opinion is challenged, and whenever the Assembly are hearing a case, the Assembly shall proceed to take a vote by electronic system, using a system approved by the Assembly Arrangements Committee. The Business Committee shall ensure that Commissioners are familiar with the method of a vote by electronic system and may appoint tellers to assist Commissioners with the process of casting votes. After all votes have been counted the Moderator shall intimate the result of the voting. In no circumstances shall a second vote be taken on a matter which has already been the subject of a vote by electronic system.

(f) DISSENTS

104. Entering. Any Commissioner dissatisfied with a judgement of the Assembly, which has not been unanimous, has the right to enter his or her dissent against it; but no dissent can be given in until the matter to which it refers has, for that session, been disposed of, the Minute adjusted, and the Assembly is ready to proceed to other business.

105. Adhering. When a dissent has been entered, it is in order for any other
Commissioner present when that judgement was pronounced to adhere to such dissent. No other’s adherence may be entered.

106. Reasons. A person dissenting may do so with or without giving in reasons of dissent. If he or she dissent for reasons given in at the time, or to be afterwards given in, such reasons shall, if received by the Assembly as proper and relevant, and provided they are given in before the close of the next session (or, when made on the last day of the Assembly, before the close of the same session), be recorded in the Minutes.

107. Answers. If the Assembly appoint a Committee to prepare answers to reasons of dissent, the Report of the Committee shall, except on the last day of the Assembly, be printed in the “Assembly Papers”; and, as approved by the Assembly, shall be printed in the Minutes, if the reasons of dissent have been so printed.

108. Record of Dissents. Reasons of dissent and answers thereto when not entered in the Minutes, shall be kept in a separate Record of Dissents.

VII. COMMITTEES AND THEIR MEMBERSHIP

(a) COMMITTEES

109. Committees. The Committees of the General Assembly shall be those listed in SO 110 together with such ad hoc Committees as the General Assembly may appoint from time to time. Clerical services for the ad hoc Committees shall normally be provided by the staff of the Principal Clerk’s Department.

110. Membership. The Standing Committees of the General Assembly shall have membership as follows, General Assembly appointments being made on the nomination of the Nomination Committee except where otherwise stated.

1. Council of Assembly .................................26
   Convener, Vice-Convener, and 10 members appointed by the General Assembly, one of whom shall have appropriate knowledge and experience of Christian stewardship, the Secretary of the Council of Assembly, the Principal Clerk, the General Treasurer and the Solicitor of the Church as members ex officiis (non-voting); the Conveners and Council Secretaries (Secretaries to be non-voting) of the Church and Society, Ministries, Mission and Discipleship, Social Care and World Mission Councils and the Convener of the Support and Services Council.

2. Church and Society Council ..........................32
   Convener, Vice Convener, 28 members appointed by the General Assembly, one of whom will also be appointed to the Ecumenical Relations Committee, and one member appointed from and by the Social Care Council and the Guild. The Nomination Committee will ensure that the Council membership contains at least 5 individuals with specific expertise in each of the areas of Education, Societal/Political, Science and Technology and Social/Ethical. This number may include the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Council.

3. Ministries Council ........................................45
   Convener, 4 Vice-Convener, 36 members appointed by the General Assembly, one of whom will also be appointed to the Ecumenical Relations Committee, and 1 member appointed from and by the General Trustees, the Housing and Loan Fund, the Committee on Chaplains to Her Majesty’s Forces and the Diaconate Council. For the avoidance of doubt where a representative of these other bodies is a member of staff, they will have no right to vote.

4. Ministries Appeal Panel ...............................5
   Convener, Vice-Convener and 3 members appointed by the General Assembly. At least 1 member shall be legally qualified, at least 1 shall be a minister and at least 1 shall be an elder.
5. Trustees of the Housing and Loan Fund.. 11
3 ministers and 1 member appointed by the Ministries Council;
4 appointed by the General Assembly
on the nomination of the Trustees, who
having served a term of 3 years shall be
eligible for re-appointment;
3 appointed by the Baird Trust.

6. Committee on Chaplains to H M Forces.. 22
Convener, Vice-Convener, and 20 members
appointed by the General Assembly.

7. Mission and Discipleship Council .......... 35
Convener, 3 Vice-Conveners and
24 members appointed by the General Assembly, one of whom will also be
appointed to the Ecumenical Relations Committee, the Head of Stewardship, the
Convener of the Church Without Walls Planning Group, 1 member appointed
from and by the General Trustees, the
Guild, the Parish Development Fund
and the Scottish Churches Community
Trust, and the Convener or Vice-Convener
of the Committee on Church Art and
Architecture as that Committee shall
determine The Nomination Committee
will ensure that the Council membership
contains at least 3 individuals with
specific expertise in each of the areas
of Education and Nurture, Mission and
Evangelism and Worship and Doctrine.

8. Committee on Church Art and
Architecture .................................................... 17
Convener, Vice-Convener and 15 members
appointed by the General Assembly.

9. Social Care Council ............................... 30
Convener, 2 Vice-Conveners and
28 members appointed by the General Assembly, one of whom will also be
appointed to the Ecumenical Relations Committee.

10. Assembly Arrangements Committee .... 16
Convener, Vice-Convener and 10 members
appointed by the General Assembly, the
Moderator, the Moderator Designate and
the Clerks of Assembly, the Convener and
Vice-Convener also to serve as Convener
and Vice-Convener respectively of the
General Assembly’s Business Committee.

11. Central Services Committee .................. 13
a) Convener, Vice-Convener (Human
Resources), Vice-Convener (Property)
and 6 members appointed by the
General Assembly, together with, ex officiis and non voting, the Secretary
of the Council of Assembly, the
Solicitor of the Church, the General
Treasurer and the Head of Human Resources.

b) Appeal Group ............................................ 8
8 members appointed by the General Assembly with the Solicitor of the
Church as Secretary. Members shall
not include any former or current
members of staff of any of the Church’s
Employing Agencies (including the
Social care Council), nor any current
Council or Committee member.

12. Ecumenical Relations ....11 plus co-optees
a) 5 members appointed by the General
Assembly, each to serve as a member
of one of the 5 Councils of the Church
(excluding Support & Services on
which the Convener of the Committee
will sit).

b) Convener who is not a member of
any of the other Councils and who
will act as a personal support for the
Ecumenical Officer (EO) and Vice-
Convener, appointed by the General
Assembly.

c) A representative of the United Free
Church of Scotland appointed by that
Church.

d) A representative of the Roman
Catholic Church in Scotland
appointed by the Bishops’ Conference
and 1 representative from each of
3 churches drawn from among the
member churches of ACTS and the
Baptist Union of Scotland, each to
serve for a period of 4 years.
e) The Committee shall co-opt Church of Scotland members elected to the central bodies of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI), the Conference of European Churches (CEC), the World Council of Churches (WCC), the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) and the Community of Protestant Churches in Europe (CPCE, formerly the Leuenberg Fellowship of Churches).

f) The General Secretary of ACTS shall be invited to attend as a corresponding member.

g) For the avoidance of doubt, while, for reasons of corporate governance, only Church of Scotland members of the Committee shall be entitled to vote, before any vote is taken the views of members representing other churches shall be ascertained.

13. Legal Questions ................................. 16
   Convener, Vice-Convener and 10 members appointed by the General Assembly, the Clerks of Assembly, the Procurator and the Solicitor of the Church.

14. Safeguarding ........................................ 9
   Convener, Vice-Convener and 4 members appointed by the General Assembly, the Council Secretaries of Mission and Discipleship and Social Care, 1 representative from and appointed by each of the Ministries and World Mission Councils, the Solicitor of the Church, the Principal Clerk, whom failing the Depute Clerk, the National Adviser as Secretary to the Committee, with other staff in attendance as required and, up to 6 members coopted by the Committee for their expertise. For the avoidance of doubt it is declared that only Assembly appointed members (including those representing the Ministries and World Mission Councils) will be entitled to vote.

15. World Mission Council ......................... 28
   Convener, 2 Vice-Conveners, 24 members appointed by the General Assembly, one of which will also be appointed to the Ecumenical Relations Committee, and 1 member appointed by the Presbytery of Europe.

16. Panel on Review and Reform ..................... 11
   Convener, Vice-Convener and 8 members appointed by the General Assembly, together with the Ecumenical Officer (non-voting).

17. Nomination of Moderator ......................... 4
   The 3 surviving immediate past Moderators, 3 elders appointed by the General Assembly, and 1 representative minister, deacon or elder from every Presbytery in the United Kingdom and from the Presbytery of Europe. The Convener shall be the past Moderator present and willing to act whose year of office was the latest. The Secretary shall be the Principal Clerk ex officio.

18. Judicial Commission .............................. 48
   Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and 46 ministers and elders appointed by the General Assembly.
   (The Clerks of Assembly are Clerks of the Judicial Commission though not members thereof.)

19. General Trustees
   Trustees are appointed as required, by the General Assembly on the nomination of the Trust.

20. Nomination Committee ........................... 44
   Convener, Vice-Convener and 42 members appointed by the General Assembly. Notwithstanding SO 115, no member of the Committee, having served a term of 4 years, shall be eligible for re-election until after a period of 4 years, except for special cause shown. The Convenership of the Committee shall be for 3 years.

21. Church of Scotland Trust
   Trustees are appointed as required, by the General Assembly on the nomination of the Trust.
22. Church of Scotland Investors Trust.........7
Trustees are appointed as required, by the
General Assembly on the nomination of
the Trust.
Convener, Vice Convener, and 5 members
appointed by the General Assembly.
23. Delegation of the General Assembly........4
The Clerks of Assembly, The Principal
Clerk as Chairman the Procurator and the
Solicitor of the Church, ex officis.
24. Iona Community Board ......................20
Convener and 5 members appointed by
the General Assembly;
6 members appointed by and from the
Iona Community, 2 changing each year;
The Leader of the Iona Community;
1 member appointed by and from the
Presbytery of Argyll.
In addition the Board will invite 6 member
churches of Churches Together in
Britain and Ireland (CTBI) to appoint a
representative member to the Board,
such members being eligible to serve for
a maximum period of 4 years.
25. Parish Development Fund ....................11
plus co-optees. Convener, Vice-Convener
and 9 members appointed by the General
Assembly.
The Committee shall have the power
to co-opt not more than 6 non-voting
advisors who have appropriate skill and
knowledge.

(b) MEMBERS
111. Period of Service. All Members of each
of the Standing Committees shall retire after
serving for four years.
112. Representatives. Bodies entitled to
appoint representatives shall be permitted
to make changes in their representation for
special reasons in any year.
113. Non-attendance. The name of a
Member shall be removed from any Standing or
Special Committee which has met three times or
oftener between 1 June and 1 March unless he
or she has attended one-third of the meetings
held within that period. Attendance at meetings
of Sub-Committees shall for this purpose be
reckoned as equivalent to attendance at the
meeting of the Committee itself.
114. Replacement. When a Minister, Elder, or
Member of any Standing or Special Committee
is unable to accept the appointment, or
where from any cause vacancies occur in
Committees during the year, that Committee,
after consultation with the Convener of
the Nomination Committee, may appoint
a Member to take the place of the Member
whose retirement has caused the vacancy. All
such appointments, if for a longer period than
one year, shall be reported for confirmation
through the Nomination Committee to the
General Assembly.
115. Re-election. A Member retiring from a
Council or Committee by rotation, or having his
or her name removed for non-attendance, shall
not be eligible for re-election to that Council or
Committee until the expiry of one year thereafter,
unless the Assembly are satisfied, on the Report
of the Nomination Committee, on information
submitted to it by the Council or Committee
concerned, that there are circumstances which
make re-election desirable; but in no case shall
more than one-half of the retiring members
be so re-elected. No Member shall normally
serve for more than two consecutive terms of
office. (If possible 20 per cent of the Assembly
appointed members of Councils or Committees
should be under the age of 35 at the time of
their appointment). A Member appointed in the
room of one deceased, resigned or removed, or
of one appointed as Convener or Vice-Convener,
shall serve for the remainder of the period for
which the person was appointed whose place
he or she takes, and on retirial shall be eligible for
re-election if he or she has not served for more
than two years.
A retiring Convener shall be eligible for re-
election as an additional member of the
Council or Committee concerned to serve for
one year only immediately following tenure of
office as Convener.
116. **Eligibility.** No person shall be a Member of more than three Councils or Committees at the same time. Appointments ex officio shall not be reckoned in this number. This rule shall not apply to those for whom the Nomination Committee is prepared to give special reason to the Assembly for their appointments to more than three Committees. The Nomination Committee shall not nominate for Committees any of its own number except in special circumstances which must be stated to the Assembly.

117. **Secretaries and Deputes.** It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary of each Council and Committee to attend the meetings thereof, to provide information and advice as requested, and to provide a depute for any meeting that he or she cannot attend. Members of staff shall not have the right to vote at any meeting.

118. **Expenses.** Expenses incurred by Members of Committee, consisting of travel charges and a sum for maintenance when required shall be defrayed.

(c) **CONVENERS AND VICE-CONVENERS**

119. **Appointment.** Conveners and Vice-Conveners of Councils and Committees shall be appointed by the Assembly. Conveners shall hold office for not more than four consecutive years (in the case of the Nomination Committee, three consecutive years) and Vice-Conveners shall hold office for not more than three consecutive years, unless the Assembly are satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances which make the reappointment of Conveners and Vice-Conveners desirable. The period of reappointment shall be for one year only. If at the time of their appointment they are already members of the Council or Committee another Member shall be appointed in their room for the remainder of the period of their original appointment.

120. **Replacement.** In the event of the death, resignation, or supervening incapacity of the Convener of any Council or Committee, the body concerned, after consultation with the Convener of the Nomination Committee, may appoint an Interim Convener. Such appointment shall be reported by the Committee to the General Assembly and the Assembly shall make such order as the situation may require.

(d) **NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

121. **List of Nominations.** The Nomination Committee shall include in its Report its list of nominations to be submitted to the Assembly. The Report, so prepared, shall be included in the Volume of Reports issued to Members of Assembly.

122. **Nomination of Conveners.** When the Convener or Vice-Convener of a Committee or Council is completing his or her term of office the Council or Committee shall be invited by the Convener of the Nomination Committee to suggest the name of one who may be appointed in succession. The Nomination Committee shall satisfy itself that an open and transparent process has been followed in identifying the Convener or Vice-Convener so suggested.

123. **Conveners to Attend Meeting.** Conveners of Standing Committees shall be entitled to be present at meetings of the Nomination Committee when the composition of their respective Committees is under consideration, but not to vote.

124. **Amendment to Report.** No amendment to the Report of the Nomination Committee shall be in order of which due notice has not been given. All notices of proposed amendments on the Report, including such as propose the omission or insertion of any name or names, or the addition of a name or names where the full number eligible has not been nominated by the Committee, must be given in to the Clerks before midday on the third day prior to the closing of the Assembly, signed by the Member or Members giving them. All such notices of proposed amendment shall,
with the names of those signing them, be printed in the “Assembly Papers” issued on the second day prior to the closing of the General Assembly, and on the morning of the day the Report is to be called for.

VIII. ALTERATION AND SUSPENSION

125. Alteration. Any proposal for alteration of Standing Orders shall be either (a) on the Report of the Legal Questions Committee and printed in the volume of Reports or (b) by Overture and the subject of at least one day’s notice in the “Assembly Papers”. This Standing Order shall not apply to Standing Order 110 which may be amended by the Principal Clerk in accordance with the decisions of the General Assembly.

126. Suspension. It shall always be competent for the Assembly, on the Motion of any Commissioner and on cause shown, summarily to dispense with the observance of the Standing Orders, or any part of them, in any particular case: provided that such Motion shall receive the support of not less than two-thirds of those voting on the question when put from the Chair, and that such suspension shall not contravene any Act of Assembly.
**FIRE PROCEDURE**
The following arrangements MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO:

A. **ON DISCOVERING A FIRE** –
   Sound the Alarm by operating the nearest break-glass Call point. This will automatically call the Fire Brigade.

B. **ON HEARING THE ALARM** –
   1. Evacuate the building by nearest available Exit route following the stewards’ directions
      - *Debating Chamber Level*: Main doors down to QUADRANGLE
      - *Gallery Level*: 4 Exits on to LAWNMARKET
   2. Do not use the Lift in the event of an emergency, due to the risk of power failure
   3. Do not stop to collect belongings, i.e. Coats, brief-cases, handbags, etc.
   4. Exit doors must remain clear at all times. When exiting leave in an orderly fashion
   5. **ASSEMBLE** –
      a. OPPOSITE THE MAIN ENTRANCE, MOUND PLACE or
      b. LAWNMARKET/JOHNSTON TERRACE, WHICHEVER IS NEARER

(Note: The above-mentioned arrangements relate to the Assembly Hall building. If present within New College when the College fire alarm sounds, leave the College by the nearest available exit. New College areas include the Cloakroom, Assembly Office, Stewards’ Office, Martin Hall, Media Rooms and Commissioners’ Box area (Rainy Hall).

**FIRST AID ROOM** – This room is off the “black and white” corridor of the Assembly Hall.

**REPORTS** – Only one copy of the Volume of Reports can be supplied to each Commissioner but a limited number of copies are on sale in the Bookshop.

**NOTICE TO SPEAKERS** – Speakers are asked to speak from one of the microphones situated round the Hall and in commissioners’ galleries.

**TIME LIMIT FOR SPEECHES** – A bell will notify Speakers that they are approaching the time limit and are expected to finish their speeches within one minute.

**HEARING AIDS** – These should be switched to “T” for best results from the induction loop. (Please note that a deaf Commissioner who requires sign language may be accompanied by an interpreter for this purpose. Enquiry should be made as soon as possible to the Principal Clerk at 121 George Street for details of documentation for admission and of payment of expenses).

**COMMISSIONERS** – Are informed that the Ground Floor and the South and West Galleries of the Hall are solely appropriated for them. Only when these parts of the Hall are fully occupied may Commissioners sit elsewhere, as guided by the Stewards.

**LEAVE TO MEET DURING ASSEMBLY** – applications from Church Courts or Assembly Committees for leave to meet during the Sittings of the General Assembly should be handed in to the Clerks’ Office. There is a standing permission for Kirk Sessions to meet if no members are Commissioners.

**LOST PROPERTY SHOULD BE REPORTED OR HANDED IN TO THE ASSEMBLY OFFICE**