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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 2011

1. Overnight subsistence – not exceeding £50.00 for each night
2. Daily out-of-pocket expenses – not exceeding £15.00 per day
3. Mileage rate, when no public transport is available – 25p per mile

(Note: a claim under 1. does not exclude a claim under 2.)

Expense Claim Forms will be received in the New College Foyer on:
Friday 27 May 10.00 am to 3.00 pm

COMMITTEES

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**BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

| Convener Nominate    | Rev Janet S Mathieson †             | 863 |
| Vice-Convener Nominate | Rev E Lorna Hood †                 | 864 |

* Communications should be delivered to the Moderator’s Room, not to boxes.
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**Ministers**

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53. Ms Laurene C Ramage, Edinburgh: Old Kirk
54. Mrs Elize A Rutherford, Edinburgh: Portobello St Philip’s Joppa
55. Mr Robert J Scott, Edinburgh: Gorgie
56. Mr Eddie Thorn, Edinburgh: Blackhall St Columba’s
57. Mrs Joy Walkling, Edinburgh: St Martin’s
58. Miss Rachel Wright, Edinburgh: Canongate

Deacons
59. Miss Sheila Moyes DCS, (Edinburgh: St Cuthbert’s)
60. Mrs Pauline Rycroft-Sadi DCS, Edinburgh: St Margaret’s
61. Mrs Marilyn Steele DCS, Edinburgh: Granton

2. Presbytery of West Lothian

Ministers
62. Rev Dr Robert A Anderson, Blackburn & Seafield
63. Rev Robert B Gehrke, Blackridge l/w Harthill: St Andrew’s
64. Rev Ronald G Greig, Livingston Ecumenical Parish
65. Rev Thomas Preston, Breich Valley
66. Rev Thomas S Riddell, Auxiliary, Linlithgow: St Michael’s
67. Rev Duncan Shaw, Bathgate: St John’s
68. Rev Julia C Wiley, Armadale

Elders
69. Miss Hazel Forrester, Armadale
70. Mr Boyd J Glen, Livingston Ecumenical Parish
71. Mr Alexander Kennedy, Harthill: St Andrew’s
72. Mr John Macfarlane, Bathgate: High
73. Mr Alex Middleton, Blackridge
74. Miss Sheila Reid, Breich Valley
75. Mr Edward Younger, Blackburn & Seafield

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

3. Presbytery of Lothian

Ministers
77. Rev Yvonne E S Atkins, Musselburgh: St Andrew’s High
78. Very Rev John B Cairns LLD DD, (Aberlady l/w Gullane)
79. Rev Neil J Dougall, North Berwick: St Andrew Blackadder
80. Rev Graham L Duffin, Loanhead
81. Rev Jan E Gillies, Tranent
82. Rev Alexander G Horsburgh, Dalkeith: St Nicholas’ Buccleuch
83. Rev Anne M Jones, Hospital Chaplain
84. Rev Keith L Mack, Dalkeith: St John’s and King’s Park
85. Rev Jennifer Macrae, Haddington: St Mary’s
86. Rev Alison P McDonald, Musselburgh: Northesk

Elders
87. Mr Samuel Campbell, Newton
88. Mrs Isobel Colley, Haddington: St Mary’s
89. Mr James F Couper, Longniddry
90. Mrs Jane Hepburn, Prestonpans: Prestongrange
91. Mr Archibald B Johnston, Cockenzie & Port Seton: Old
92. Mr John D McCulloch DL, Glencorse
93. Miss Yvonne McGurk, Musselburgh: St Andrew’s High
94. Mrs Emma T Stewart, Musselburgh: St Clement’s & St Ninian’s
95. Mrs Sheila J Stewart, Dalkeith: St Nicholas’ Buccleuch
96. Mr A Hugh Trevor, North Berwick: St Andrew Blackadder

Deacon
97. Mr Gordon R Steven DCS, Newbattle

4. Presbytery of Melrose and Peebles

Ministers
98. Rev Alistair G Bennett, Bowden & Melrose
99. Rev Morag A Dawson, Caddonfoot l/w Galashiels: Trinity
100. Rev Jane M Howitt, Galashiels: St John’s
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101. Rev Victoria Linford, Stow: St Mary of Wedale and Heriot
102. Rev Malcolm M Macdougall, Eddleston l/w Peebles: Old

Elders
103. Mr Andrew T Bramhall, Galashiels: St John’s
104. Mr Thomas W Fairbairn, Peebles: Old
105. Mr John G Henderson, Bowden & Melrose
106. Mr Edward A Martin, Galashiels: Trinity
107. Mr Fraser Simm, Stow: St Mary of Wedale & Heriot

5. Presbytery of Duns

Ministers
108. Rev Bruce F Neill, (Maxtown & Mertoun l/w St Boswells)
110. Rev Norman R Whyte, Ayton & Burnmouth l/w Foulden & Mordington l/w Grantshouse & Houndwood & Reston

Elders
111. Mrs Caroline Fairnie, Gordon: St Michael’s l/w Greenlaw l/w Legerwood l/w Westruther
112. Mrs Irene McEwan, Coldstream l/w Eccles
113. Mr Allan W Rodger, Berwick-upon-Tweed: St Andrew’s Wallace Green & Lowick

6. Presbytery of Jedburgh

Ministers
114. Rev Graham D Astles, Jedburgh Old & Trinity
115. Rev Tom McDonald, Kelso: North & Ednam
116. Rev Lisa-Jane Rankin, Hawick: Wilton l/w Teviothead

Elders
117. Mr R Scott Elliot, Hawick: Burnfoot
118. Mrs Linda Fleming, Linton, Morebattle, Hownam & Yetholm
119. Mrs Winnie Robson, Kelso: North & Ednam

7. Presbytery of Annandale and Eskdale

Ministers
120. Rev Jack M Brown, Applegarth, Sibbaldie & Johnstone l/w Lochmaben
121. Rev Adam J Dillon, Kirkpatrick Juxta l/w Moffat: St Andrew’s l/w Wamphray
122. Rev C Bryan Haston, Gretna: Old, Gretna: St Andrew’s, Half Morton & Kirkpatrick Fleming
123. Rev Hugh D Steele, Annan: Old l/w Dornock

Elders
124. Mr Eric T Dempster, Wamphray
125. Mr Alan Dodds, Annan: Old
126. Mrs Jennifer Dodds, Annan: Old
127. Dr John Wilson, Lochmaben

8. Presbytery of Dumfries and Kirkcudbright

Ministers
128. Rev Willem Bezuidenhout, Kirkmichael, Tinwald and Torthorwald
129. Rev Neil G Campbell, Dumfries: North West
130. Rev William W Kelly, Dumfries: Troqueer
131. Rev Robert J Malloch, Castle Douglas
132. Rev Gordon A McCracken, Caerlaverock l/w Dumfries: St Mary’s-Greyfriars
133. Rev Valerie J Ott, Borgue l/w Gatehouse of Fleet
134. Rev Gordon M A Savage, Dumfries: Maxwelltown West

Elders
135. Mrs Kay Keith, Dunscore
136. Mrs Flora I Little, Kirkmichael, Tinwald & Torthorwald
137. Miss Edith McDonald, Lochend & New Abbey
138. Mr John R McIlroy, Dumfries: St Michael’s & South
139. Mr Ian R Smith, Dumfries: North West
140. Mrs Helen A Teenan, Dumfries: Troqueer
141. Mr William J Waugh, Sanquhar: St Bride’s

9. Presbytery of Wigtown and Stranraer

Ministers
142. Rev Alexander I Currie, Glasserton & Isle of Whithorn l/w Whithorn
143. Rev Gordon Kennedy, Portpatrick l/w Stranraer: St Ninian’s
144. Rev Ian McIlroy, Stranraer: High Kirk
145. Rev Thomas M McWhirter, New Luce l/w Old Luce
10. Presbytery of Ayr

Ministers
150. Rev Elizabeth A Crumlish, Ayr: Castlehill
151. Rev Kenneth C Elliott, Prestwick: South
152. Rev Brian Hendrie, Maybole
153. Rev Nancy Jackson, Auxiliary, Lugar I/w Old Cumnock: Old
154. Rev William R Johnston, Ochiltree I/w Stair
155. Rev Robert Mayes, Dundonald
156. Rev Harry B Mealyea, Ayr: St Andrews
157. Rev Alastair H Symington, Troon: Old
158. Rev T David Watson, Prestwick: Kingcase
159. Rev Rona M Young, Ayr: St Quivox

Elders
160. Mrs Anne Beedie, Ayr: St Andrews
161. Miss Aileen Fraser, Troon: Old
162. Mr Andrew Graham, Ayr: Castlehill
163. Mrs Pat Johnston, Ayr: St Quivox
164. Mr Gordon Macdonald, Prestwick: Kingcase
165. Mrs Nan McTurk, Stair
166. Mrs Isabell Montgomerie, Ochiltree I/w Stair
167. Mr Frank Potter, Kirkmichael
168. Mrs Joyce Pringle, Prestwick: Kingcase
169. Mrs Doreen Qua, Maybole

Deacon
170. Miss Muriel Wilson DCS, Dalmellington I/w Patna: Waterside

11. Presbytery of Irvine and Kilmarnock

Ministers
171. Rev Dr S Grant Barclay, Kilmarnock: St Kentigern’s
172. Rev Andrew R Black, Irvine: Relief Bourtreehill
173. Rev Colin G F Brockie, Presbytery Clerk
174. Rev H Taylor Brown, Kilmarnock: St Ninian’s Bellfield I/w Kilmarnock: Shortlees
175. Very Rev David W Lacy DLitt, Kilmarnock: Henderson
176. Rev Charles Lines, Darvel
177. Rev Gavin A Niven, Stewarton: John Knox
178. Rev Geoffrey Redmayne, Fenwick
179. Rev Robert Travers, Irvine: Old

Elders
180. Mr James Barnes, Kilmarnock: Riccarton
181. Mr Fraser Cooper, Irvine: Relief Bourtreehill
182. Mr I Steuart Dey, Kilmarnock: New Laigh Kirk
183. Mrs Margaret A Hamilton, Kilmarnock: Shortlees
184. Mrs Jane Johnston, Kilmarnock: St John’s Onthank
185. Mr William Kerr, Irvine: Old
186. Mrs Charlotte McCrone, Kilmarnock: Henderson
187. Mrs Anne Ramsay, Darvel
188. Mr John Strathdee, Stewarton: John Knox

Deacon
189. Miss Fiona Blair DCS, Irvine: St Andrew’s

12. Presbytery of Ardrossan

Ministers
190. Rev M Scott Cameron, Stevenston: High
191. Rev Dorothy A Granger, Ardrossan: Barony St John’s
192. Rev James J McNay, West Kilbride
193. Rev James Teasdale, Dalry: St Margaret’s
194. Rev Martin Thomson, Dalry: Trinity
195. Rev Valerie G C Watson, Beith: High
196. Rev Jeanette Whitecross, Kilwinning: Old

Elders
197. Mrs Margaret Donaldson, Dalry: St Margaret’s
198. Mr Ron Lavalette, Ardrossan: Park
199. Mr Stuart McMahon, Ardrossan: Barony St John’s
200. Miss Jemima McSwan, Saltcoats: New Trinity
201. Mr Alan K Saunderson, Presbytery Clerk
202. Mrs Ann Turner, Saltcoats: St Cuthbert’s
203. Mr James Welsh, Largs: St John’s

13. Presbytery of Lanark

Ministers
204. Rev Iain D Cunningham, Carluke: Kirkton
205. Rev David J C Easton, (Glasgow: Burnside-Blairbeth)
206. Rev Alison Meikle, Lanark: St Nicholas’
207. Rev Aileen Robson, Coalburn I/w
Lesmahagow: Old
208. Rev Una B Stewart, Law

Elders
209. Mrs Sadie Cameron, Biggar
210. Mr Tom Chalmers, Law
211. Mrs Helen Duffy, Coalburn I/w Lesmahagow: Old
212. Mr William Love, Lanark: St Nicholas'
213. Mr Willie Macsween, Carluke: Kirkton

15. Presbytery of Greenock & Paisley

Ministers
214. Rev John Campbell, (Caldwell)
215. Rev Alastair J Cherry, Presbytery Clerk
216. Rev Alistair W Cook, Paisley: Lylesland
217. Rev R Douglas Cranston, Kilmacolm: St Columba
218. Rev Dr Kenneth P Forrest, Auxiliary, Inverkip
221. Rev E Lorna Hood, Renfrew: North
222. Rev Andrew T MacLean, Port Glasgow: St Andrew’s
223. Rev Janet MacMahon, Chaplain, Erskine
224. Rev Daniel Manastireanu, Bishopton
225. Very Rev Alexander McDonald DUniv, (Department of Ministry)
226. Rev Francis E Murphy, Greenock: Mount Kirk
227. Rev Graham P Nash, Paisley: Glenburn
228. Rev David Stewart, Howwood
229. Rev David J Thom, Paisley: Laigh Kirk
230. Rev David T Young, Gourock: Old Gourock & Ashton

Elders
231. Mr Jim Bain, Renfrew: North
232. Mrs Fiona Cameron, Kilmacolm: St Columba
233. Mr Kenneth Dalgleish, Kilbarchan: West
234. Mr Charles Davey, Greenock: Old West Kirk
235. Mr William Dougan, Howwood
236. Mrs Linda Dye, Barrhead: Bourock
237. Miss Julie Ferguson, Port Glasgow: St Martin’s
238. Mrs Margaret A Foggie, Greenock: Ardgowan
239. Mr Allan Gilfillan, Houston & Killellan

240. Mr John O Hawthorn, Gourock: Old Gourock & Ashton
241. Mrs Janet MacFadyen, Johnstone: High
242. Mr Stanley Nathan, Barrhead: South & Levern
243. Mr Geoff Orry, Barrhead: Bourock
244. Mr David Osborne, Paisley: Oakshaw Trinity
245. Mr John Renwick, Erskine
246. Mrs Marion Sommerville, Paisley: Abbey
247. Mrs Lyn Thom, Johnstone: St Paul’s

Deacons
248. Mr Duncan Ross DCS, Greenock: Old West Kirk
249. Mr William Wishart DCS, Paisley: St Ninian’s Ferguslie

16. Presbytery of Glasgow

Ministers
250. Rev Eric J Alexander, (St George’s Tron)
251. Rev Martin A W Allen, (Chryston)
252. Rev Colin M Anderson, (Inverness: St Stephen’s with The Old High)
253. Rev Graeme K Bell, Glasgow: Carnwadric
254. Rev Sandra Black, Glasgow: Toryglen
255. Rev Richard G Buckley, Glasgow: Trinity Possil & Henry Drummond
256. Rev Bryce Calder, Kirkintilloch: St David’s Memorial Park
257. Rev Graham R G Cartlidge, Glasgow: Eastwood
258. Rev P Jill Clancy, Glasgow: Tron St Mary’s
259. Rev Ronald A S Craig, Glasgow: Shettleston New
260. Rev Peter L V Davidge, Glasgow: Gallowgate
261. Rev Stuart M Duff, Glasgow: Lochwood
262. Rev Valerie J Duff, Glasgow: Garthamlock & Craigend East
263. Rev William B Ferguson, Glasgow: Broomhill
264. Rev Graham S Finch, Cadder
265. Rev Martin Forrest, Glasgow: St Paul’s
266. Rev Sandy Forsyth, Kirkintilloch: St David’s Memorial Park
267. Rev Neil Galbraith, Glasgow: Cathcart Old
268. Rev Ian F Galloway, Glasgow: Gorbals
269. Rev Douglas Gay, Lecturer, Glasgow University
270. Rev Karen E Hendry, Glasgow: Yoker
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271. Rev William F Hunter, Glasgow: Ruchazie
272. Rev Mark E Johnstone, Kirkintilloch: St Mary's
273. Rev Jonathan A Keefe, Glasgow: Robroyston
274. Rev Dr Angus Kerr, Presbytery Clerk
275. Rev Fiona L Lillie, Glasgow: St John's Renfield
276. Very Rev David W Lunan DD, (Presbytery Clerk)
277. Rev Donald M MacInnes, (Glasgow: St Columba)
278. Rev Stuart MacQuarrie, Chaplain, Glasgow University
279. Rev John C Matthews, Glasgow: Ruchill Kelvinside
280. Rev Stuart C Matthews, Glasgow: Maryhill
281. Rev David J McAdam, Chryston
282. Rev Lynn M McChlery, Eaglesham
283. Rev Alan McWilliam, Glasgow: Whiteinch
284. Very Rev John D Miller DD, (Glasgow: Castlemilk East)
285. Rev Iain Morrison, Glasgow: Cathcart Trinity
286. Rev Stuart J Smith, Glasgow: Partick Trinity
287. Rev lan Taylor, Bishopbriggs: Springfield Cambridge
288. Rev Linda A Walker, Auxiliary, Stepps
289. Rev Ainslie Walton, (University of Aberdeen)
290. Rev John D Whiteford, Glasgow: Newlands South

Elders

291. Mrs Catherine Arbuckle, Glasgow: St James' (Pollock)
292. Mr Robert Barclay, Glasgow: St Nicholas' Cardonald
293. Mr Forbes G Barron, Williamwood
294. Mrs Jemina Bell, Glasgow: Barlanark Greyfriars
295. Miss Alison Bovell, Glasgow: Toryglen
296. Miss Margaret Brough, Glasgow: St David's Knightswood
297. Mr Donald N Carmichael, Giffnock: Orchardhill
298. Mr Callum Croall, Glasgow: Yoker
299. Dr David Cumming, Glasgow: Victoria Tollcross
300. Miss M Douglas, Glasgow: Springburn
301. Mr John Duncan, Rutherglen: West & Wardlawhill
302. Mrs Margaret Forbes, Bishopbriggs: Kenmure
303. Mr Alexander Glen, Glasgow: Sandyford Henderson Memorial
304. Mr William Gray, Torrance
305. Miss Christine Hay, Glasgow: Balshagray Victoria Park
306. Mr Leslie Hooper, Glasgow: Shettleston New
307. Dr Roland Hunt, Glasgow: South Carnytne
308. Mr Peter Kay, Glasgow: Trinity Possil & Henry Drummond
309. Mrs Helen Kerr, Glasgow: Sandyhills
310. Dr James G MacDonald, Glasgow: St John's Renfield
311. Mr Andrew MacKenzie, Bishopbriggs: Springfield Cambridge
312. Mr William MacKenzie, Glasgow: St Columba
313. Miss Marion MacLeod, Glasgow: St Rollox
314. Mr Thomas A Magill, Glasgow: St George's Tron
315. Miss Sheila Martin, Rutherglen: West & Wardlawhill
316. Mr David J McLachlan, Glasgow: South Shawlands
317. Mrs Eleanor McLintock, Glasgow: Shawlands
318. Miss Maureen McNabb, Glasgow: Cardonald
319. Miss Lorna McRobert, Glasgow: Sherbrooke St Gilbert's
320. Miss Jean T Morrison, Glasgow: Shettleston Old
321. Mr Fergus G Platt, Glasgow: Temple Anniesland
322. Mrs Margaret Robertson, Williamwood
323. Mr Peter Russell, Glasgow: St Enoch's Hogganfield
324. Mrs Jean Slimmon, Glasgow: Tron St Mary's
325. Miss Annie M Taylor, Glasgow: Cardonald
326. Miss Jeanette M Thomson, Glasgow: St Andrew's East
327. Mrs June Thomson, Stepps
328. Dr Heather Walton, Glasgow: Wellington
329. Miss Anne R Weir, Glasgow: Temple Anniesland
330. Mr Andrew Wilkin, Kirkintilloch: St David's Memorial Park
331. Mr Neil Young, Glasgow: St Paul's
ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Deacons
332. Mrs Sandra Bell DCS, Glasgow Royal Infirmary
333. Mrs Karen Hamilton DCS, Glasgow: Castlemilk East
334. Miss Helen Hughes DCS, (Springburn & Tron St Mary’s)

17. Presbytery of Hamilton

Ministers
335. Rev Georgina M Baxendale, Motherwell: South
336. Rev Isobel R Birrell, Airdrie: Broomknoll I/w Calderbank
337. Rev Leslie N Brunger, Uddingston: Burnhead
338. Rev Patricia A Carruth, Coatbridge: Blairhill Dundyvan
339. Rev W John Carswell, Hamilton: Cadzow
340. Rev Sharon E F Colvin, (Airdrie: Jackson)
342. Rev Derek W Hughes, Motherwell: Dalziel St Andrew’s
343. Rev J Peter N Johnston, Blantyre: St Andrew’s
344. Rev Mhorag MacDonald, Wishaw: Cambusnethan North
345. Rev Mahboob Masih, East Kilbride: West
346. Rev Norman B McKee, (Uddingston: Old)
347. Rev Dr John L McPake, East Kilbride: Mossneuk
348. Rev Gordon Palmer, East Kilbride: Claremont
349. Rev Shaw J Paterson, Chapelton I/w Strathaven: Rankin
350. Rev Lindsay Schluter, Larkhall: Trinity
351. Rev Bruce H Sinclair, Overtown
352. Rev John Stevenson, (Cambuslang: St Andrew’s)
353. Rev Dr Ronald J M Stitt, Hamilton: Gilmour & Whitehill
354. Rev Alan B Telfer, Strathaven: Avendale Old & Drumclog
355. Very Rev Hugh R Wyllie DD, (Hamilton: Old)

Elders
356. Mr David S Alexander, Uddingston: Viewpark
357. Mr Scott Bennie, Strathaven: Rankin
358. Mr David Findlay, Calderbank
359. Mrs Jean K M Giggie, Overtown
360. Miss Frances Gilmour, Larkhall: Trinity
361. Miss Margret L Graham, Larkhall: Trinity
362. Mr William G Hawthorne, Airdrie: Clarkston
363. Mrs Alison MacAuslane, Uddingston: Old
364. Mr Angus MacKay, Wishaw: Cambusnethan North
365. Mr Alistair S Macrae, Hamilton: Cadzow
366. Mr Wilson Meechan, Airdrie: Broomknoll
367. Dr Margaret Miller, Strathaven: Avendale Old & Drumclog
368. Mr John C W Moffat, Motherwell: Dalziel St Andrew’s
369. Mr Douglas Pearson, Uddingston: Burnhead
370. Mrs Ann Pickering, Newarthill
371. Mr Steven Preston, East Kilbride: Claremont
372. Mrs Janette F Rennie, Motherwell: St Mary’s
373. Mr John W Roberts, East Kilbride: West
374. Mr George Robertson, Hamilton: North
375. Mr James H Spence, Strathaven: Avendale Old & Drumclog
376. Mrs Maureen W Stitt, Hamilton: Gilmour & Whitehill
377. Mrs Marjory Burns DCS, Bellshill Churches

18. Presbytery of Dumbarton

Ministers
378. Rev Fergus C Buchanan, Milngavie: St Paul’s
379. Rev Dr Charles M Cameron, Dumbarton: St Andrew’s
380. Rev J Colin Caskie, Rhu & Shandon
381. Rev David W Clark, Helensburgh: The West Kirk
382. Rev Alastair S Duncan, Garelochhead
383. Rev Andrew Frater, Milngavie: Cairns
385. Rev George Vidits, Helensburgh: St Columba

Elders
386. Mr R Campbell Bennie, Kilmaronock Gartocharn
387. Dr Geoffrey J Cartwright, Rhu & Shandon
388. Mr Iain A S Gray, Bearsden: New Kilpatrick
389. Mr Roy Greer, Helensburgh: St Columba
390. Mr James Morris, Old Kilpatrick Bowling
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19. Presbytery of Argyll

Ministers

394. Rev Dr Robert D Barlow, Kilarrow l/w Kildalton & Oa
395. Rev Andrew Barrie, Rothesay: Trinity
396. Rev Dr Roderick D M Campbell, Appin l/w Lismore
397. Rev David Carruthers, Ardriashaig l/w South Knapdale
398. Rev George G Cringles, Coll l/w Connel
399. Rev Elizabeth A Gibson, Glenorchy & Innishael l/w Strathflian
400. Rev Catherine Y E Knott, Associate, Kilmore & Oban
401. Rev Jeffrey A McCormick, Ardchattan
402. Rev David Mill, Kilmun (St Munn's) l/w Strone & Ardentinny
403. Rev David Mitchell, Kilfinan l/w Kilmodan & Colintraive l/w Kyles

Elders

404. Mr Archibald Campbell, Connel
405. Mr Alistair Gow, Ardriashaig
406. Mrs Doreen Henderson, Kilmore & Oban
407. Mr Ian Maclagan, Presbytery Clerk
408. Mr Alexander McNeill, Gigha & Cara
409. Mr Clifford Moisey, Salen & Ulva
410. Mrs Elizabeth Speirs, Rothesay: Trinity
411. The Hon Lord Weir, South Knapdale
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22. Presbytery of Falkirk

Ministers

414. Rev Gavin Boswell, Larbert: West
415. Rev Murdo M Campbell, Brightons
416. Rev Jean W Gallacher, Denny: Dunipace
417. Rev Aftab Gohar, Grangemouth: Abbotsgrange
418. Rev Dr J M Henderson, Falkirk: Laurieston l/w Redding & Westquarter

23. Presbytery of Stirling

Ministers

438. Rev Elizabeth Clelland, Alloa: Ludgate
439. Rev James P N Cochrane, Tillicoultry
440. Rev Alan Dunnett, Cowie & Plean l/w Fallin
441. Rev R Stuart M Fulton, Logie
442. Rev James Landels, Bannockburn: Allan
443. Rev Alexander J Macpherson, Buchanan l/w Drymen
444. Rev Gordon MacRae, Kippen l/w Norrieston
445. Rev Scott Raby, Clackmannan
446. Rev Gillian Weighton, Bridge Of Allan

Elders

447. Mrs Lesley Christie, Bridge Of Allan
448. Mrs Janette Elliott, Bannockburn: Allan
449. Miss Dorothy C Kinloch, Presbytery Clerk

419. Very Rev Sheilagh M Kesting DD, Ecumenical Officer
420. Rev Joyce A Keyes, Cumbernauld: Abronhill
421. Rev Glendon Macaulay, Falkirk: Erskine
422. Rev John Murning, Denny: Old
423. Rev Catriona Ogilvie, Cumbernauld: Old
424. Rev Andrew M Randall, Larbert: Old
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24. Presbytery of Dunfermline

Ministers

457. Rev Peter S Gerbrandy Baird, Aberdour: St Fillan’s
458. Rev Norman M Grant, Cairneyhill I/w Limekilns
459. Rev Elizabeth S S Kenny, Presbytery Clerk
460. Very Rev Andrew R C McLellan DD, (HM Inspector of Prisons)
461. Rev Andrew A Morrice, Dunfermline: St Paul’s East
462. Rev Maggie Roderick, Carnock & Oakley
463. Rev Ian G Thom, Dunfermline: North
464. Rev Robert Watt, (Dumbarton: Riverside)

Elders

465. Mr Ken Brown, Dunfermline: St Paul’s East
466. Mrs Catherine Dickie, Tulliallan & Kincardine
467. Mrs Catherine E Duncan, Aberdour: St Fillan’s
468. Mr Alan Hunter, Cairneyhill
469. Mr A Stewart Laird, Dunfermline: St Leonards
470. Mr Kenneth A Logan, Dunfermline: North
471. Mr Colin C McKenzie, Dalgety
472. Mr Ian J Young, Carnock & Oakley

Deacon

473. Mr Mark Evans DCS, Chaplain, Queen Margaret Hospital

25. Presbytery of Kirkcaldy

Ministers

474. Rev Wilma Cairns, Buckhaven & Wemyss
475. Rev Elisabeth F Cranfield, Methilhill & Denbeath
476. Rev Rosemary Frew, Kirkcaldy: Abbotshall
477. Rev Catriona M Morrison, Auchtertool I/w Kirkcaldy: Linktown
478. Rev Gilbert C Nisbet, Leven
479. Rev James L Templeton, Innerleven: East
480. Rev Tilly Wilson, Dysart

Elders

481. Mr George M Grant, Kirkcaldy: Bennochy
482. Mr Douglas G Hamill, Kirkcaldy: Linktown
483. Mrs Jean G Levack, Buckhaven & Wemyss
484. Miss Helen M Mackenzie, Kirkcaldy: Linktown
485. Mr George A Mowatt, Kirkcaldy: Torbain
486. Mrs Margaret Watson, Methilhill & Denbeath
487. Miss Jane T Webster, (Kirkcaldy: Viewforth I/w Thornton)

Deacon

488. Mrs Jacqueline Thomson DCS, Buckhaven & Wemyss

26. Presbytery of St Andrews

Ministers

489. Rev Stanley A Brook, Newport-on-Tay
490. Ms Ann G Fraser, (Auchtermuchty)
491. Rev Dr Kenneth S Jeffrey, Cupar: Old & St Michael of Tarvit
492. Very Rev Alan D Macdonald DLitt DD, Carmeron I/w St Andrews: St Leonard’s
493. Rev Brian McDowell, Elie Kilconquhar & Colinsburgh
494. Rev John A H Murdoch, Largo & Newburn I/w Largo: St David’s
495. Rev James G Redpath, Presbytery Clerk

Elders

496. Mrs Linda Cameron, Cameron
497. Miss Elaine Dowie, St Andrews: Hope Park & Martyrs’
498. Mrs Muriel Gray, St Leonard’s
499. Mr William Imlay, Newport-on-Tay
500. Mrs Jean Martin, Cupar: Old & St Michael of Tarvit
501. Mrs Elizabeth Meacher, Elie Kilconquhar & Colinsburgh
502. Mrs Elizabeth Simmers, Howe of Fife
27. Presbytery of Dunkeld and Meigle

Ministers
503. Rev R Fraser Penny, Dunkeld
504. Rev Peggy Roberts, Caputh & Clunie I/w Kinclaven
505. Rev Matthew Robertson, (Cawdor I/w Croy & Dalcross)
506. Rev John Russell, Presbytery Clerk

Elders
507. Mr Alisdair Drummond, Blairgowrie
508. Dr R Nigel Henderson, Rattray
509. Mrs Christine E McNicoll, Dunkeld
510. Mr James Webster, Blairgowrie

28. Presbytery of Perth

Ministers
511. Rev Scott Burton, Perth: St Matthew’s
512. Rev Evelyn J Cairns, Chaplain, Rachel House
513. Rev Joanne G Finlay, Cleish I/w Fossoway: St Serf’s & Devonside
514. Rev Grant MacLaughlan, Perth: Riverside New Charge
515. Rev Eleanor D Muir, Fowlis Wester, Madderty & Monzie I/w Gask
516. Rev Alan D Reid, Kinross
517. Very Rev James A Simpson DD, (Dornoch Cathedral)
518. Rev David I Souter, Perth: Kinnoull
519. Rev Anne E Stewart, Prison Chaplain
520. Rev James C Stewart, Perth: Letham St Mark’s

Elders
521. Mrs Maureen Auld, Perth: Kinnoull
522. Mrs Helen-May Bayne, Auchterarder
523. Mr Neil Bremner, Fowlis Wester, Madderty & Monzie
524. Mrs Elizabeth Cunningham, Dundurn
525. Mr Alexander B Duthie, Cargill Burrelton
526. Mrs Avril Fulton, Dunbarney & Forgandenny
527. Mrs Rosemary Johnston, Abernethy & Dron & Arngask
528. Mr Kenneth McFarlane, Redgort & Stanley
529. Mrs Helen Moir, Scone: Old
530. Mr James C Williams, Methven & Logiealmond

531. Mr Kenneth D Mackay DCS, Perth: Letham St Mark’s

29. Presbytery of Dundee

Ministers
532. Rev Dorothy U Anderson, Monifieth
533. Rev David M Clark, Dundee: The Steeple
534. Rev Alberto A de Paula, Dundee: Broughty Ferry St James’
535. Rev David Laing, Trinity
536. Rev Robert J Ramsay, Invergowrie
537. Rev Dr James M Rogers, (Gibraltar and Costa del Sol)
538. Rev David Sutherland, Auxiliary, Balgay
539. Rev Susan Sutherland, Dundee: Barnhill St Margaret’s
540. Rev Hazel Wilson, Dundee: Lochee
541. Rev James L Wilson, Dundee: Whitfield

Elders
542. Mr Hamish Carr, Abernyte
543. Miss Margaret Coutts, Dundee: Trinity
544. Mr Fiona Elder, Dundee: Balgay
545. Mrs Brenda Elwell-Sutton, Dundee: The Steeple
546. Mr D Lindsay Hood, Monifieth
547. Mr Gordon McBean, Dundee: Lochee
548. Mr Donald Orrock, Dundee West
549. Miss Gladys Y Ramsay, Dundee: Camperdown
550. Mrs Mary Rice, St Luke’s & Queen Street
551. Mrs Irene Wilkie, Dundee: St Andrew’s

Deacon
552. Mrs Jeannie Allan DCS, (Dundee: Craigiebank)

30. Presbytery of Angus

Ministers
553. Rev Matthew S Bicket, Carnoustie: Panbride
554. Rev Jim M Davies, Dunnichen, Letham and Kirkden
555. Rev Roderick J Grahame, Brechin Cathedral
556. Rev Brian I Murray, The Isla Parishes
557. Rev Peter A Phillips, Colliston I/w Friockheim Kinnell I/w Inverkeilor & Lunan
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558. Rev Brian Ramsay, Aberlemno l/w Guthrie & Rescobie
559. Rev Barbara Ann Sweeten, Forfar: East & Old

Elders

560. Mr James Kellas, Inchbrayock
561. Mr Robert J Kidd, Forfar: East & Old
562. Mr Tom McClung, Eassie & Nevay l/w Newtyle
563. Mr Ian Morrison, Dunnichen Letham & Kirkden
564. Mrs Marion Preston, Carmyllie
566. Mr George Taylor, Arbroath: St Vigean’s

31. Presbytery of Aberdeen

Ministers

567. Rev Ian M Aitken, Aberdeen: New Stockethill
568. Rev Dr Iain C Barclay MBE TD, Aberdeen: Torry St Fittick’s
569. Rev Marian Cowie, Aberdeen: Midstocket
570. Rev Dr John A Ferguson, Peterculter
571. Rev Louis Kinsey, Aberdeen: St Columba’s Bridge of Don
572. Very Rev Prof Alan Main TD DD, (University of Aberdeen)
573. Rev John R Osbeck, Aberdeen: St John’s for Deaf People
574. Rev Kenneth L Petrie, Aberdeen: Craigiebuckler
575. Rev Dr Henry R Sefton, (Christ’s College, Aberdeen)
576. Rev Dr Brian S Sheret, (Glasgow: Drumchapel Drumry St Mary’s)
577. Rev James C Stewart, (Kirk of St Nicholas, Aberdeen)
578. Rev Hugh M Wallace, Newhills

Elders

579. Mr Brian Bryce, Aberdeen Craigiebuckler
580. Mrs Jean D Bryce, Aberdeen: Craigiebuckler
581. Mrs Liz Goodge, Aberdeen: Bridge of Don Old Machar
582. Mrs Hazel Hewitt, Aberdeen: St Nicholas South of Kincorth
583. Mr James McDonald, Aberdeen: Torry St Fittick’s

584. Mr Alan Morrison, Aberdeen: Midstocket
585. Mrs June Morrison, Midstocket
586. Mr John Naughton, Aberdeen St John’s Church for Deaf People
587. Mrs Betty A Steel, Aberdeen: St Mark’s
588. Mr Malcolm A Steel, Aberdeen: St Mark’s
589. Mr George Wilson, Aberdeen: St Columba’s Bridge of Don
590. Mr David Wood, Newhills

32. Presbytery of Kincardine and Deeside

Ministers

591. Rev Hugh Conkey, Presbytery Clerk
592. Rev Colin J Dempster, Mearns Coastal
593. Rev Catherine Hepburn, West Mearns
594. Rev Dr Flora J Munro, Portlethen
595. Rev Dr Heather M Peacock, Banchory-Devenick & Maryculter/Cookney

Elders

596. Mr Alistair Abel, Portlethen
597. Mr Alan Bainbridge, Mid Deeside
598. Mrs Kathleen M Downie, Banchory-Devenick & Maryculter/Cookney
599. Dr Marshall Halliday, Mearns Coastal
600. Mrs Ann Rennie, West Mearns

33. Presbytery of Gordon

Ministers

601. Rev Thomas R Calder, Huntly Cairnie Glass
602. Rev Regine U Cheyne, Noth
603. Rev Alan Greig, Kintore
604. Rev Rosemary Legge, Cushnie & Tough
605. Rev T Graeme Longmuir, Inverurie: St Andrew’s
606. Rev W Kenneth Pryde, Foveran
607. Rev John P Renton, Kemnay

Elders

608. Mrs Ruth D Greig, Kintore
609. Mrs Alice H M Kemp, Howe Trinity
610. Dr Peter Kiehlmann, Foveran
611. Mr Mike Mair, Kemnay
612. Mrs Lesley A M Michie, Howe Trinity
613. Mr Leslie E F Moffat, Udny & Pitmedden
614. Mr Alastair Smith, Inverurie: St Andrew’s
### 34. Presbytery of Buchan

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### 36. Presbytery of Abernethy

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### 37. Presbytery of Inverness

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666. Rev Iain Ramsden, Killearnan l/w Knockbain
667. Rev Russel Smith, Dingwall St Clements
668. Rev Dr Lectus Steenkamp, Lochbroom & Ullapool

**Elders**
669. Mr William A Anderson, Invergordon
670. Mr Angus W Bethune, Killearnan
671. Mr Duncan Cробм, Urray & Kilchrist
672. Mr Tom M R Fulton, Dingwall St Clements
673. Mr Stuart M Tickner, Cromarty

40. Presbytery of Sutherland

**Ministers**
674. Rev Susan M Brown, Dornoch Cathedral
675. Rev Stewart Goudie, Melness & Tongue
676. Rev John T Mann, Durness & Kinlochbervie

**Elders**
677. Mr Graham Bruce, Durness & Kinlochbervie
678. Mr Peter Macleod, Dornoch Cathedral
679. Mrs Mary J Stobo, Presbytery Clerk

41. Presbytery of Caithness

**Ministers**
680. Rev Alastair H Gray, Bower l/w Halkirk
681. Rev John Nugent, Wick: St Fergus
682. Rev Ivan C Warwick, Community Minister

**Elders**
683. Mr John Craw, Wick: St Fergus
684. Miss Esme Duncan, Canisbay l/w Dunnet
685. Mrs Judy Georgeson, Latheron

**Deacon**
686. Miss Janet Anderson DCS, Caithness Presbytery

42. Presbytery of Lochcarron – Skye

**Ministers**
687. Rev Ivor MacDonald, Kilkmuir & Stenscholl
688. Rev John M MacDonald, Lochalsh
689. Rev David Macleod, Applecross, Lochcarron & Torridon

**Elders**
690. Mr Robert Anderson, Lochalsh
691. Mr Donald Livingstone, Applecross, Lochcarron & Torridon
692. Mr Calum Nicolson, Kilmuir & Stenscholl

43. Presbytery of Uist

**Ministers**
693. Rev Andrew A Downie, Benbecula
694. Rev Donald J Morrison, Auxiliary, Tarbert

**Elders**
695. Mrs Annie MacGillivray, Benbecula
696. Mr Hamish Taylor, Manish-Scarista

44. Presbytery of Lewis

**Ministers**
697. Rev Andrew W F Coghill, Lochs-Crossbost
698. Rev Stephen Macdonald, Carloway
699. Rev Thomas MacNeil, Stornoway: Martin’s Memorial

**Elders**
700. Dr Neil R Galbraith OBE, Stornoway: High
701. Mr Kenneth D Paterson, Carloway
702. Mr Stewart D Wilson, Lochs-Crossbost

45. Presbytery of Orkney

**Ministers**
703. Rev R Graeme Brown, (Birsay with Rousay)
704. Rev Iain D MacDonald, Papa Westray l/w Westray
705. Rev Andrea E Price, Birsay, Harray, Sandwick
706. Rev James Wishart, Presbytery Clerk

**Elders**
707. Mr David Fidler, Stromness
708. Mr Jim Rendall, Papa Westray l/w Westray
709. Mr John Stockan, Birsay, Harray, Sandwick
710. Mr Margaret Sutherland, Kirkwall: St Magnus Cathedral

46. Presbytery of Shetland

**Ministers**
711. Rev Irene A Charlton, Nesting & Lunnasting
712. Rev Wilma A Johnston, Burra Isle l/w Tingwall
713. Rev Magnus J C Williamson, (Fetlar l/w Yell)
**Elders**

714. Mr Kenneth M Duerden, Tingwall
715. Mrs Christine Harrison, Unst
716. Ms Elizabeth C Kerr, Lerwick & Bressay

**47. Presbytery of England**

**Ministers**

717. Rev Graeme W Beebee, Guernsey: St Andrew's in the Grange
718. Rev Alastair Cumming, Auxiliary, London: St Columba's
719. Rev James A M Dowswell, (Lerwick & Bressay)
720. Rev David V F Kingston, Army Chaplain
721. Rev Philip L Majcher, London: Crown Court
722. Very Rev John H McIndoe DD, (London: St Columba's I/w Newcastle: St Andrew's)
723. Rev Peter W Mills, Presbytery Clerk

**Elders**

724. Dr Hilary Boyle, Guernsey: St Andrew's in the Grange
725. Mr George Fergusson, London: Crown Court
726. Miss Elizabeth Fox, London: St Columba's
727. Mr Henry Sheriff, London: Crown Court
728. Mrs Jean Smith, Corby: St Andrew's
729. Mr George Thain, Jersey: St Columba's
730. Mr John Wiseman, Corby: St Andrew's

**48. Presbytery of Europe**

**Ministers**

731. Rev Rhona Dunphy, ELC Regensburg
732. Rev Ewen MacLean, St Andrew's, Gibraltar
733. Rev Ian A Manson, Geneva
734. Rev John P S Purves, St Andrew's, Colombo
735. Rev Paraic Reamonn, Geneva

**Elders**

736. Dr Mary Couper, Geneva
737. Mr Graham de Kretser, St Andrew's, Colombo
738. Mrs Eileen M Jackson, Costa del Sol
739. Mr David Ross, St Andrew's, Gibraltar
740. Mr Bill Smith, St Andrew's, Gibraltar

**49. Presbytery of Jerusalem**

**Minister**

741. Rev Colin D Johnston, St Andrew's Jerusalem I/w St Andrew's Galilee

**Elder**

742. Mrs Joanna Oakley-Levstein, St Andrew's Jerusalem Iw/ St Andrew's Galilee

**Overseas Charges**

**Minister**

743. Rev Garwell Bacchas, Greyfriars St Ann's, Trinidad

**Elder**

744. Mr Ray Sumairsingh, Greyfriars St Ann's, Trinidad
DELEGATES FROM OTHER CHURCHES
UNITED KINGDOM & IRELAND

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland
745. Rt Rev Dr T Norman Hamilton, Moderator
746. Rev Mark Shaw, Chaplain
747. Mr Sammy Douglas, Elder

The Presbyterian Church of Wales
748. Rev Iain Hodgins, Moderator

The United Reformed Church
749. Mrs Val Morrison, Moderator
750. Rev Dr Jim Coleman, Chaplain

United Reformed Church Synod of Scotland
751. Rev John Li Humphreys, Moderator

The Baptist Union of Scotland
752. Rev Andrew Rollinson, Ministry Advisor

The Church of England
753. The Ven Paul Ferguson, Archdeacon of Cleveland

The Methodist Church in Scotland
754. Dr William Reid, Connventional Liaison Officer (21-22 May)

755. Rev Lily P Twist, Chair of the Synod (23-27 May)

Religious Society of Friends – General Meeting for Scotland
756. Christine Davis

The Roman Catholic Church Bishops’ Conference of Scotland
757. Rt Rev John Cunningham, Bishop of Galloway

The Salvation Army
758. Major Alan Dixon, Assistant to the Scotland Secretary (21-22 May)
759. Major Bruce Smith (23-27 May)

The Scottish Episcopal Church
760. Rt Rev Brian Smith, Bishop of Edinburgh

The United Free Church of Scotland
761. Rev Robert O Owens, (Moderator 2010

The Congregational Federation in Scotland
762. Rev Thomas Wilson

DELEGATES FROM ECUMENICAL BODIES

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

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

World Communion of Reformed Churches
765. Rev Dr Setri Nyomi, General Secretary

DELEGATES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

AFRICA

Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana
766. Rt Rev Francis Amenu

Presbyterian Church of Ghana
767. Rt Rev Prof Emmanuel Martey

Presbyterian Church of East Africa
768. Rev Francis Ndung’u Njoroge

Central Church of Africa Presbyterian, Synod of Blantyre
769. Mrs Regina Phanga

Central Church of Africa Presbyterian, Synod of Nkhoma
770. Rev Davidson Chifungo

The United Church of Zambia
771. Rev Lackson Chibuye
ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

AMERICAS

Presbyterian Church of Brazil
772. Rev Ludgero Bonilha Morias

United Church of Canada
773. Rev Alison Nicholson

Presbyterian Church (USA)
774. Rev Lindsay Biddle

ASIA

Church of Bangladesh
775. Mr James Josheph Hazra

Church of South India
776. Bishop Jeedipalli Prabhakara Rao

United Mission to Nepal
777. Mr Shaha Bahadur Gurung

Presbyterian Church of Myanmar
778. Rev Dr Lal Engzau

Presbyterian Church of Singapore
779. Rt Rev Dr Steven Gan

Presbyterian Church in Taiwan
780. Rev Lyian-Syian Chiohh

CARIIBBEAN

United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands
781. Rev Norman Francis

EUROPE

Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland
782. Rev Christoph Ernst

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland
783. Rev Hannu Saloranta

Reformed Church in Hungary
784. Rev Aaron Stevens

Presbyterian Church of Portugal
785. Pastor Jose da Silveira Salvador

MIDDLE EAST

Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Egypt, Synod of the Nile
786. Rev Helmy Kades

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East
787. Archdeacon Samuel Barhoum

Middle East Council of Churches
788. Mr Elias Halabi

Tent of Nations, Palestine
789. Mr Daoud Nassar

PACIFIC

The Presbyterian Church of Australia
790. Very Rev Bob Thomas

Uniting Church in Australia
791. Rev Alistair Macrae

VISITORS

AMERICAS

United Church of Canada
792. Rev Dr Francis Chisholm

Presbyterian Church of Brazil
793. Rev Watterson Ferreira

794. Rev Ludgero Machado Mores Neto

795. Mr Jose Ari Dal Pozzo

GREETINGS FROM PARTNER CHURCHES NOT ATTENDING GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2011

AFRICA

Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Synod of Livingstonia, Malawi
It is our prayer that important issues will be tabled so that our church continues to grow globally.
Igreja Evangelica de Cristo em Mocambique
We send all good wishes for your Assembly.

The Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa
May the decisions you make foster peace and unity within your Church and in your Christian witness to the world.

AMERICAS

Presbyterian Church in Canada
We send our greetings and best wishes for a fruitful General Assembly.

ASIA

Hong Kong Christian Council
We send warm wishes for a successful General Assembly.

The Church of North India
We wish this Assembly success and pray for your communication towards ‘investing in peace’ and in particular when you focus on the area of the Council’s work in the Middle East.

Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea
Our prayers for you are that as an entire Assembly, you catch a very real vision of the Peace of God and its achievement in our world.

Presbyterian Church of Korea
May God’s abundant blessings be with the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

National Council of Churches of Nepal
We wish the Assembly a grand success and hope that important issues facing the Church and Mission today will be addressed.

Trinity Theological College
We thank the Church of Scotland for the partnership with TTC, and wish God’s blessings upon your 2011 General Assembly.

CARRIBEAN

Reformed Presbyterian Church in Cuba
Greetings to the Church of Scotland, desiring your success in the mission you carry out.

Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago
Best wishes for a successful meeting.

EUROPE

United Protestant Church in Belgium
We wish God’s blessing and pray that He may give you wisdom in making decisions at your Assembly.

Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren
We send many good wishes and blessings for your Church and your General Assembly.

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

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

Evangelical Reformed Church of Lithuania
We wish God’s blessing for the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Protestant Church in the Netherlands
We wish you a blessed and fruitful Assembly.

Church of Norway
We convey our best greetings to the General Assembly, wishing you well in your deliberations and God’s blessing upon the work and fellowship.

Evangelical Reformed Church in Poland
We wish you a fruitful meeting and may the Holy Spirit inspire you in all your decisions.

Transylvanian Reformed Church District, Romania
May our Lord richly bless both the organizers and the attendants of the General Assembly.

Transcarpathian Reformed Church, Ukraine
Greetings and blessings, we wish you wisdom and strength for the time of Assembly.
MIDDLE EAST

Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Egypt, Synod of the Nile
We pray that God may bless the Church of Scotland and its work.

National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon
We wish you a successful General Assembly and ask you to pray for our region.

PACIFIC

Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand
The Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand wishes to convey our prayers and encouragement to your General Assembly.

APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES

AFRICA
Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Synod of Livingstonia
Igreja Evangelica de Cristo em Mocambique
The Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa

AMERICAS
Presbyterian Church in Canada

ASIA
Church of North India
Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea
Presbyterian Church of Korea
National Council of Churches of Nepal
Trinity Theological College, Singapore
Hong Kong Christian Council
Hong Kong Christian Institute
Church of Christ in Thailand

CARRIBBEAN
Reformed Presbyterian Church in Cuba
Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago

EUROPE
Reformed Evangelical Church in Austria
United Protestant Church in Belgium
Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark
Reformed Church of France
Greek Evangelical Church
Tavola Valdese, Italy
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia
Evangelical Reformed Church of Lithuania
Alliance des Eglise Protestantes en Luxembourg
Protestant Church in the Netherlands
Church of Norway
Evangelical Reformed Church in Poland
Transylvanian Reformed Church District, Romania
Svenska Missionskyrkan (Mission Covenant Church of Sweden)
Federation of Swiss Protestant Churches
Transcarpathian Reformed Church, Ukraine

MIDDLE EAST
Near East Council of Churches
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land
National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon

PACIFIC
Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Council of Assembly
796. Rev Christopher Wallace
797. Mrs Pauline Weibye

Church and Society Council
798. Rev Ewan R Aitken
799. Mr David Bradwell

Ministries Council
800. Mr Leslie Purdie
801. Rev Dr Martin C Scott

Mission and Discipleship Council
802. Dr Steve Mallon
803. Rev John S Purves
ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Social Care Council
804. Rev Sydney S Graham
805. Mr Peter Bailey

World Mission Council
806. Rev Iain W Alexander

Committee on Church Art and Architecture
807. Rev Eleanor Macalister

Central Services Committee
808. Mr Angus Macpherson

General Trustees
809. Mr Iain C Douglas

Church of Scotland Guild
810. Mrs Alison Twaddle

Housing and Loan Fund
811. Mr J G Grahame Lees (25 May)
812. Miss Lin J Macmillan (21 – 24 May, 26 & 27 May)

Nomination Committee
813. Rev Colin A M Sinclair

Safeguarding Committee
814. Mr Richard Crosse
815. Mr Ranald Mair
816. Rev Karen K Watson

Ecumenical Relations Committee
817. Rev Dr Alan Falconer

Life & Work
818. Mrs Lynne McNeil

General Treasurer
819. Mr Iain Grimmond

Head of Stewardship
820. Rev Gordon D Jamieson

Head of HR and IT
821. Mr Mike O’Donnell

Parliamentary Officer
822. Ms Chloe Clemmons

OVERSEAS STAFF
ON LEAVE
823. Dr Ruth Shakespeare – Mission Partner in training.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES
Youth Representatives appointed at the National Youth Assembly 2010
824. Mr Andrew Rooney
825. Miss Sarah MacDonald
826. Miss Amanda Philip
827. Mr Barry McLaughlin
828. Miss Lynsey Martin
829. Miss Lindsey MacKay
830. Mr Andrew Kimmitt
831. Miss Helen Brannigan
832. Miss Esther Nisbett
833. Miss Kim Wood

PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATION

Presbytery of Edinburgh
834. Miss Miriam Weibye

Presbytery of Lothian
835. Miss Elizabeth Ritchie

Presbytery of Dumfries & Kirkcudbright
836. Miss Ruth Marsh

Presbytery of Ayr
837. Mr John Urquhart

Presbytery of Irvine & Kilmarnock
838. Miss Fiona McBride

Presbytery of Greenock & Paisley
839. Mr Euan Patterson

Presbytery of Glasgow
840. Miss Katy Smillie

Presbytery of Dumbarton
841. Miss Emma Worsfold

Presbytery of Stirling
842. Mr Duncan Forsyth

Presbytery of Kirkcaldy
843. Miss Ruth Reidpath

Presbytery of Perth
844. Miss Amy Browne
Presbytery of Dundee
845. Miss Caroline Hope

Presbytery of Angus
846. Mr Alistair Vannet

Presbytery of Aberdeen
847. Mr Scott Thow

Presbytery of Kincardine & Deeside
848. Mr Tom Spencer

Presbytery of Gordon
849. Miss Lyndsay Kennedy

Presbytery of Moray
850. Mr Grant Petrie

Presbytery of Ross
851. Miss Mairi MacLeod

Presbytery of England
852. Miss Hannah Pickles

Presbytery of Europe
853. Miss Anabella Brochard
GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2011
ORDER OF BUSINESS

Order of Proceedings

FOR THE FIRST DAY

SESSION I – Saturday 21 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

14. Report of the Assembly Arrangements Committee including Scottish Bible Society and Presentation of Bible to Moderator (Reports 7.1/1)

15. Report of the Committee on Classifying Returns to Overtures (Reports 21/1).
17. Minutes of Commissions of Assembly (Reports 24.1/1 and Cases, Reports and Supplementary Reports p10).
19. Minutes of Ministries Appeal Panel (Reports 24.2/1).
22. Report of the Church of Scotland Trust (Reports 10/1).
23. Report of the Church of Scotland Investors Trust (Reports 16/1).
25. Report of the Youth Assembly (Reports 22/1).

SESSION II – Saturday 21 May – 7 pm
2. Address by Retiring Moderator.
3. Presentation of Delegates and Visitors.

Order of Proceedings

FOR THE SECOND DAY

Sunday 22 May
10.00am – Assembly Service (St Giles’)
12.30pm – Gaelic Service (Greyfriars Highland and Tolbooth)
1.00pm – 6.00pm – ‘Roll Away the Stone’, Princes Street Gardens
Order of Proceedings

FOR THE THIRD DAY

SESSION III – Monday 23 May – 9.30 am

HOLY COMMUNION
3. Report of the Special Commission on Same-Sex Relationships and Ministry (Reports 23/1).

Order of Proceedings

FOR THE FOURTH DAY

SESSION IV – Tuesday 24 May – 9.30 am
2. Minutes.
4. Report of the Church of Scotland Guild (Reports 14/1).
5. Report of the Ecumenical Relations Committee (Reports 7.3/1).
6. Petition from the Presbytery of Falkirk anent Constitution of Grahamston United Church of Scotland, United Reformed Church and Methodist Church (Cases, Reports and Supplementary Reports p4).
7. Report of the Church and Society Council (Reports 3/1).

Order of Proceedings

FOR THE FIFTH DAY

SESSION V – Wednesday 25 May – 9.30 am
2. Minutes.
4. Report of the Housing and Loan Fund (Reports 15/1).
5. Report of the Iona Community Board (Reports 17/1).

Order of Proceedings

FOR THE SIXTH DAY

SESSION VI – Thursday 26 May – 9.30 am

Order of the Day
2.00 pm – Ministries Presentations
2. Minutes.
3. Report of the Committee on Chaplains to Her Majesty’s Forces (Reports 9/1).
4. Report of the Safeguarding Committee (Reports 7.5/1).
5. Report and Supplementary Report of the Ministries Council including the Parish Development Fund (Reports 4/1 and Cases, Reports and Supplementary Reports p33).
6. Overture from the Presbytery of Greenock & Paisley anent Special Commission on Ministries and 20:20 Vision (Cases, Reports and Supplementary Reports p5).
7. Overture from the Presbytery of Ayr anent Geographical Weightings of Presbyteries (Cases, Reports and Supplementary Reports p7).

Order of Proceedings

FOR THE SEVENTH DAY

SESSION VII – Friday 27 May – 9.30 am
2. Minutes.
4. Report of the Central Services Committee (Reports 7.2/1).
5. Report of the Church Hymnary Trustees (Reports 11/1).
6. Report of the Church of Scotland Pension Trustees (Reports 19/1).
7. Report of the Nomination Committee (Reports 18/1).
9. Protestations called for.

SESSION VIII – Friday 27 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. Moderator addresses the General Assembly.
8. 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 21 May in the Moderator’s Room at 11.30 am)

Rev Rolf H Billes 4 Rev Gordon M A Savage 134
Miss Elaine Dowie 497 Very Rev John C Christie, Convener

Business Committee/Panel of Tellers

Rev Eric J Alexander 250 Mrs Flora I Little 136
Rev Dorothy U Anderson 532 Rev T Graeme Longmuir 605
Dr Hilary Boyle 724 Rev Ivor MacDonald 687
Mrs Linda Cameron 496 Mrs Annie MacGillivray 695
Rev Alastair J Cherry 215 Mr Ian Maclagan 407
Rev Helen C Cook 643 Rev Jennifer Macrae 85
Rev Elisabeth F Cranfield 475 Rev Catriona Ogilvie 423
Mrs Margaret Donaldson 197 Rev Shaw J Paterson 349
Mr Thomas Drennan 623 Mrs Margaret Robertson 322
Mr Thomas W Fairbairn 104 Rev Matthew Robertson 505
Mr David Fidler 707 Dr Grace Rogerson 391
Mr David Findlay 358 Rev James C Stewart 520
Mrs Ruth D Greig 608 Mr Peter M Stuart 455
Rev Philip R Hair 16 Rev Ian G Thom 463
Mrs Margaret A Hamilton 183 Rev Dr Hugh F Watt 650
Rev Catherine Hepburn 593 Mr Stewart D Wilson 702
Rev Wilma A Johnston 712 Rev A Ann Winning 660
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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.

4. **Furnishing of Commission.** The Clerks of Assembly shall furnish Presbytery Clerks with a copy of the approved form of Certificate of Commission.

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 thereon 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 delegates 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, Committee on Parish Development Fund 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 Retentis.** 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 retentis; 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 thereanent.

(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 heard whom it shall consider 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 intimsted 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.

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.

(d) DEALING WITH MOTIONS
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 ten members appointed by the General Assembly, one of whom shall have appropriate knowledge and experience of Christian stewardship, the Principal Clerk, who shall serve as Secretary
to the Council, the General Treasurer and the Solicitor of the Church as members ex officis (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 five 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-Conveners, 36 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 General Trustees, the Housing and Loan Fund, the Committee on Chaplains to Her Majesty’s Forces and the Diocesan 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. Trustees of the Housing and Loan Fund .... 11
   Three ministers and one member appointed by the Ministries Council; Four appointed by the General Assembly on the nomination of the Trustees, who having served a term of three years shall be eligible for re-appointment; Three appointed by the Baird Trust.

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

6. 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, one 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 three individuals with specific expertise in each of the areas of Education and Nurture, Mission and Evangelism and Worship and Doctrine.

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

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

9. Support and Services Council ..................... 19
   The Council shall meet annually within two weeks of the close of the General Assembly to elect a Convener who shall be one of the constituent Committee Conveners and a Vice-Convener who may be drawn from the convener or Vice-Convener members.
Secretarial support will be provided by an appropriate member of administrative staff from within the area. The Convener may serve for up to a maximum of four years and the Vice-Convener for up to three years, both positions to be confirmed annually. Other meetings of the Council may be held as required.

10. Assembly Arrangements Committee ........16
Convener, Vice-Convener and ten 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 (Personnel), Vice-Convener (Property) and six members appointed by the General Assembly, together with, ex offi ciis and non voting, the Principal Clerk, the Solicitor of the Church, the General Treasurer and the Personnel Manager.

b) Appeal Group...........................................8
Eight 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) Five members appointed by the General Assembly, each to serve as a member of one of the five 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 one representative from each of three churches drawn from among the member churches of ACTS and the Baptist Union of Scotland, each to serve for a period of four years.

e) The Committee may co-opt, as a full voting member one of the four Church of Scotland representatives on the Scottish Churches’ Forum.

f) 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 Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC) and the Community of Protestant Churches in Europe (CPCE, formerly the Leuenberg Fellowship of Churches).

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

h) 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 ten 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 four members appointed by the General Assembly, the Council Secretaries of Mission and Discipleship and Social Care,
one 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 six members co-opted 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, two Vice-Conveners, 24 members appointed by the General Assembly, one of which will also be appointed to the Ecumenical Relations Committee, and one 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 three surviving immediate past Moderators, three elders appointed by the General Assembly, and one 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 forty-six 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 forty-two members appointed by the General Assembly.
   Notwithstanding SO 115, no member of the Committee, having served a term of four years, shall be eligible for re-election until after a period of four years, except for special cause shown. The Convenership of the Committee shall be for three 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 five 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 five members appointed by the General Assembly;
   Six members appointed by and from the Iona Community, two changing each year;
   The Leader of the Iona Community;
   One member appointed by and from the Presbytery of Argyll.
   In addition the Board will invite six 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 four 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 six 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 retiral 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.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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, ie. 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 by the nearest available exit. New College areas include the Cloakroom, Assembly Office, Stewards’ Office, 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 Martin Hall.

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