



# 2011

## The Church of Scotland GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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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

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|----|---|---------------------------------------|
| 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

Name of Committee	Place of Meeting	Time of Meeting
Business Committee	Clerks' Desk	21 May at close of morning session

## ROLL AND STANDING ORDERS

<b>ASSEMBLY OFFICE-BEARERS</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>No</b>
<i>Moderator</i>	Rt Rev John C Christie *	854
<i>Moderator-Designate</i>	Rev A David K Arnott *	855
<i>Chaplains</i>	Rev Joanne C Hood *	856
	Rev Donald G B McCorkindale *	857
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<i>Procurator</i>	Ms Laura Dunlop QC †	860
<i>Law Agent</i>	Mrs Janette S Wilson †	861
<i>Precentor</i>	Rev Dr Douglas Galbraith	862
<i>Chief Steward</i>	Mr Simon Bollam	–
<i>Assembly Officer</i>	Mr David McColl †	–
<i>Assistant Assembly Officer</i>	Mr Craig Marshall †	–
<b>BUSINESS COMMITTEE</b>		
<i>Convener Nominate</i>	Rev Janet S Mathieson †	863
<i>Vice-Convener Nominate</i>	Rev E Lorna Hood †	864

\* Communications should be delivered to the Moderator's Room, not to boxes.

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## ROLL OF COMMISSIONERS

### 1. Presbytery of EDINBURGH

#### Ministers

1. Rev Andrew F Anderson, Edinburgh: Greenside
2. Rev William L Armitage, (Edinburgh: London Road)
3. Rev Peter I Barber, Edinburgh: Gorgie
4. Rev Rolf H Billes, Edinburgh: Colinton
5. Rev William D Brown, Edinburgh: Murrayfield
6. Rev David Cameron, Edinburgh: Dalmeny l/w Queensferry
7. Rev Oliver M H Clegg, Edinburgh: Holy Trinity
8. Rev Jonathan de Groot, Edinburgh: St Stephen's Comely Bank
9. Rev Alexander B Douglas, Edinburgh: Blackhall St Columba's
10. Rev Louise J Duncan, Edinburgh: Balerno
11. Rev Sara R Embleton, Edinburgh: Leith South
12. Rev Gordon A Farquharson, (Stonehaven Dunnottar)
13. Rev Duncan B Forrester, (University Of Edinburgh)
14. Rev Ian Y Gilmour, Edinburgh: St Andrew's & St George's West
15. Rev Keith E Graham, Edinburgh: Stenhouse St Aidan's
16. Rev Philip R Hair, Edinburgh: Holyrood Abbey
17. Very Rev James Harkness KCVO CB OBE DD, (Chaplain General)
18. Rev Elizabeth M Henderson, Edinburgh: Richmond Craigmillar
19. Rev Dr James A P Jack, Edinburgh: Duddingston
20. Rev Alistair H Keil, Edinburgh: St Andrew's Clermiston
21. Very Rev Finlay A J Macdonald DD, (Principal Clerk to The General Assembly)
22. Rev Stephen Manners, Edinburgh: Corstorphine Craigsbank
23. Rev Angus R Mathieson, Partnership Development Secretary, Ministries Council
24. Rev John M McPake, Edinburgh: Liberton Northfield
25. Rev Lezley J Stewart, Edinburgh: Currie
26. Rev Dr Robin S Sydserff, Edinburgh: St Catherine's Argyle
27. Rev Samuel A R Torrens, Edinburgh: Barclay Viewforth
28. Rev Dr Stewart G Weaver, Edinburgh: Portobello St Philip's Joppa
29. Rev James L Wilkie, (Board of World Mission)

#### Elders

30. Miss Morag Airnes, Edinburgh: Leith St Andrew's
31. Mr Alexander H Anderson, Edinburgh: Marchmont St Giles'
32. Mrs Jane Anderson, Edinburgh: Tron Kirk Gilmerton & Moredun
33. Miss Joyce Armstrong, Edinburgh: Leith South
34. Mr Telfer Blacklock, Edinburgh: Portobello Old
35. Mrs Dorothy Bremner, Edinburgh: St Margaret's
36. Mr Ewan Bruce, Edinburgh: Leith North
37. Mrs Margaret Cochran, Edinburgh: Reid Memorial
38. Mr Gordon Cranford, Edinburgh: Currie
39. Mr Bill Donaldson, Edinburgh: Colinton
40. Mrs Margaret Donaldson, Edinburgh: Leith Wardie
41. Dr Alison Elliot OBE LLD DD FRSE, Edinburgh: Greyfriars Tolbooth & Highland Kirk
42. Mr Alan Fisher, Edinburgh: Muirhouse St Andrew's
43. Ms Dee Hunter, Edinburgh: Ratho
44. Mr Alexander H Hutchison, Edinburgh: Liberton
45. Dr Neil A Macdonald, Edinburgh: St Catherine's Argyle
46. Mrs Norma McClure, Edinburgh: Kirk O'Field
47. Mr Allan McCulloch, Edinburgh: Davidson's Mains
48. Mr Peter McIntyre, Edinburgh: Richmond Craigmillar

49. Mr Alistair I Munro, Edinburgh: Stenhouse St Aidan's
50. Mr David Nicholson, Edinburgh: Stockbridge
51. Dr Marie M Ogilvie, Edinburgh: Morningside
52. Mrs Christina Orr, Edinburgh: Duddingston
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

101. Rev Victoria Linford, Stow: St Mary of Wedale and Heriot  
 102. Rev Malcolm M Macdougall, Eddleston I/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 I/w St Boswells)  
 109. Rev Thomas S Nicholson, Gordon: St Michael's I/w Greenlaw I/w Legerwood I/w Westruther  
 110. Rev Norman R Whyte, Ayton & Burnmouth I/w Foulden & Mordington I/w Grantshouse & Houndwood & Reston

### **Elders**

111. Mrs Caroline Fairnie, Gordon: St Michael's I/w Greenlaw I/w Legerwood I/w Westruther  
 112. Mrs Irene McEwan, Coldstream I/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 I/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, Sibbaldbie & Johnstone I/w Lochmaben

121. Rev Adam J Dillon, Kirkpatrick Juxta I/w Moffat: St Andrew's I/w Wamphray  
 122. Rev C Bryan Haston, Greta: Old, Greta: St Andrew's, Half Morton & Kirkpatrick Fleming  
 123. Rev Hugh D Steele, Annan: Old I/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 I/w Dumfries: St Mary's-Greyfriars  
 133. Rev Valerie J Ott, Borgue I/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 I/w Whithorn  
 143. Rev Gordon Kennedy, Portpatrick I/w Stranraer: St Ninian's  
 144. Rev Ian McIlroy, Stranraer: High Kirk  
 145. Rev Thomas M McWhirter, New Luce I/w Old Luce

**Elders**

- 146. Dr Nigel Miscampbell, Old Luce
- 147. Mr Samuel Scobie, Stranraer: High Kirk
- 148. Mrs Nicola B A Steel, Presbytery Clerk
- 149. Mr Lindsay Vance, Whithorn: St Ninian's

**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 Ardrrossan****Ministers**

- 190. Rev M Scott Cameron, Stevenston: High
- 191. Rev Dorothy A Granger, Ardrrossan: 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, Ardrrossan: Park
- 199. Mr Stuart McMahan, Ardrrossan: 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 l/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  
219. Rev D Ritchie M Gillon, Paisley: St Luke's  
220. Very Rev William C Hewitt, Greenock:  
Westburn  
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 Dalglish, Kilbarchan: West  
234. Mr Charles Davey, Greenock: Old West Kirk  
235. Mr William Dougan, Howwood  
236. Mrs Linda Dye, Barrhead: Bourrock  
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: Bourrock  
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 LV 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

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 McClery, 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 Ian Taylor, Bishopbriggs: Springfield Cambridge  
 288. Rev Linda A Walker, Auxiliary, Steps  
 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 Carntyne  
 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 Annesland  
 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, Steps  
 328. Dr Heather Walton, Glasgow: Wellington  
 329. Miss Anne R Weir, Glasgow: Temple Annesland  
 330. Mr Andrew Wilkin, Kirkintilloch: St David's Memorial Park  
 331. Mr Neil Young, Glasgow: St Paul's

**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 l/w Calderbank  
 337. Rev Leslie N Brunger, Uddingston: Burnhead  
 338. Rev Patricia A Carruth, Coatbridge: Blairhill Dundyvian  
 339. Rev W John Carswell, Hamilton: Cadzow  
 340. Rev Sharon E F Colvin, (Airdrie: Jackson)  
 341. Rev Robert A Hamilton, Airdrie: The New Wellwynd  
 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 l/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

**Deacon**

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  
 384. Rev Barbara O'Donnell, Auxiliary, Alexandria  
 385. Rev George Vidits, Helensburgh: St Columba

**Elders**

386. Mr R Campbell Bennie, Kilmarnock 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

391. Dr Grace Rogerson, Milngavie: St Paul's  
 392. Mrs Mary Sweetland, Alexandria  
 393. Mr Eric Young, Dumbarton: St Andrew's

### 19. Presbytery of Argyll

#### Ministers

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

#### Elders

404. Mr Archibald Campbell, Connel  
 405. Mr Alistair Gow, Ardrishaig  
 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  
 412.  
 413.

### 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  
 I/w Redding & Westquarter

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

#### Elders

425. Mr Ian Baillie, Brightons  
 426. Mrs Doreen Baxter, Polmont: Old  
 427. Mr William Clark, Bothkennar & Carronshore  
 428. Mr D Christopher Dunn, Cumbernauld:  
 Kildrum  
 429. Mrs Catherine McKim, Cumbernauld:  
 Abronhill  
 430. Mr Andrew Prentice, Falkirk: Erskine  
 431. Mr Roger Salvesen, Grangemouth:  
 Abbotsgrange  
 432. Mr Samuel Shields, Larbert: Old  
 433. Mr Christopher M Wallace, Denny: Old  
 434. Mr James Winning, Denny: Dunipace  
 435. Mr George Young, Falkirk: Laurieston

#### Deacons

436. Miss Margaret A Corrie DCS, Falkirk: Camelon  
 437. Mr David Nicholson DCS, Cumbernauld:  
 Kildrum

### 23. Presbytery of Stirling

#### Ministers

438. Rev Elizabeth Clelland, Alloa: Ludgate  
 439. Rev James P N Cochrane, Tillicoultry  
 440. Rev Alan Dunnett, Cowie & Plean I/w Fallin  
 441. Rev R Stuart M Fulton, Logie  
 442. Rev James Landels, Bannockburn: Allan  
 443. Rev Alexander J Macpherson, Buchanan I/w  
 Drymen  
 444. Rev Gordon MacRae, Kippen I/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

450. Mrs Mary McIntyre, Tillicoultry  
 451. Mr Iain R McNicol, Norrieston  
 452. Miss Joanna M McPhail, Kippen  
 453. Mrs Jennifer O'Keefe, Drymen  
 454. Mr Ian Russell, Alloa: Ludgate  
 455. Mr Peter M Stuart, Logie

#### **Deacon**

456. Mrs Jean T Porter DCS, Stirling: St Mark's

### **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: Bennoch  
 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,  
Carnegie 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  
& Colingsburgh  
 502. Mrs Elizabeth Simmers, Howe of Fife

## 27. Presbytery of Dunkeld and Meikle

### 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, Redgorton & Stanley  
 529. Mrs Helen Moir, Scone: Old  
 530. Mr James C Williams, Methven & Logiealmond

## Deacon

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

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  
 565. Rev Dr Ronnie J W Proctor MBE, The Glens & Kirriemuir: Old  
 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****Ministers**

615. Rev Sheila M Kirk, Deer  
 616. Rev Donald N Martin, Gardenstown  
 617. Rev William J McMillan, (West Side, Shetland)  
 618. Rev Abi T Ngunga, Peterhead: St Andrews  
 619. Rev Peter B Park, Fraserburgh: Old  
 620. Rev Calum Stark, Macduff  
 621. Rev Paul van Sittert, Marnoch

**Elders**

622. Dr Eleanor Anderson, Auchaber United  
 623. Mr Thomas Drennan, Fraserburgh: Old  
 624. Miss Brenda C A Gilmour, Deer  
 625. Mr Stephen Hay, Marnoch  
 626. Mr Gary Scott, Gardenstown  
 627. Mr Roy Taylor, Peterhead: Old  
 628. Mr John West, MacDuff

**35. Presbytery of Moray****Ministers**

629. Rev James M Cowie, Associate, Elgin: St Giles' & St Columba's South  
 630. Rev Graham W Crawford, Lossiemouth: St James'  
 631. Rev Ranald S R Gauld, Keith: St Rufus, Botriphnie & Grange  
 632. Rev Bruce B Lawrie, Duffus, Spynie & Hopeman  
 633. Rev Andrew J Robertson, St Andrew's-Lhanbryd & Urquhart  
 634. Rev Hugh M C Smith, Mortlach & Cabrach

**Elders**

635. Mrs Ann M C Bowie, Bellie I/w Speymouth  
 636. Mrs Eleanor Cowie, Cullen & Deskford  
 637. Mr Albert Farquhar, Portknockie  
 638. Mr Ian MacLennan, Dyke I/w Edinkillie  
 639. Mr Alexander Milne, Mortlach & Cabrach  
 640. Mrs Alison R Milne, Mortlach & Cabrach

**Deacon**

641. Miss Margaret King DCS, Bellie I/w Speymouth

**36. Presbytery of Abernethy****Ministers**

642. Rev Catherine A Buchan, Laggan I/w Newtonmore  
 643. Rev Helen C Cook, Kingussie

**Elders**

644. Mr Ross Noble, Newtonmore  
 645. Mrs M Thomson, Kingussie

**37. Presbytery of Inverness****Ministers**

646. Rev Reginald F Campbell, Daviot & Dunlichity I/w Moy, Dalarossie & Tomatin  
 647. Rev Ian W F Hamilton, Nairn: Old  
 648. Rev Peter M Humphris, Inverness: Kinmylies  
 649. Rev Prof Andrew T B McGowan, Inverness: East  
 650. Rev Dr Hugh F Watt, Urquhart & Glenmoriston  
 651. Rev Alastair S Younger, Presbytery Clerk

**Elders**

652. Mr Malcolm Fraser, Inverness: Kinmylies  
 653. Mr Alistair F Grant, Inverness: East  
 654. Mr Andrew MacKay, Urquhart & Glenmoriston  
 655. Miss Christine M MacKenzie, Inverness: Old High St Stephen's  
 656. Mr Alasdair Maclean, Cawdor  
 657. Mr Frank McCubbin, Inverness: Old High St Stephen's

**38. Presbytery of Lochaber****Ministers**

658. Rev Alison H Burnside, Glencoe I/w Duror: St Munda's  
 659. Rev Richard T Corbett, Kilmallie  
 660. Rev A Ann Winning, (Morvern)

**Elders**

661. Ms Margaret D Antonios, Kilmallie  
 662. Mrs Ella Gill, Presbytery Clerk  
 663. Mr Eric D Walker, Kilmonivaig

**39. Presbytery of Ross****Ministers**

664. Rev Ronald Morrison, Alness  
 665. Rev Scott Polworth, Urray & Kilchrist

666. Rev Iain Ramsden, Killearnan I/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 Cromb, 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 I/w Halkirk  
 Westerdale I/w Watten  
 681. Rev John Nugent, Wick: St Fergus  
 682. Rev Ivan C Warwick, Community Minister

#### **Elders**

683. Mr John Crow, Wick: St Fergus  
 684. Miss Esme Duncan, Canisbay I/w Dunnet  
 I/w Keiss  
 685. Mrs Judy Georgeson, Latheron

#### **Deacon**

686. Miss Janet Anderson DCS, Caithness  
 Presbytery

### **42. Presbytery of Lochcarron – Skye**

#### **Ministers**

687. Rev Ivor MacDonald, Kilmuir & 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 I/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 I/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  
 I/w Whalsay & Skerries  
 712. Rev Wilma A Johnston, Burra Isle I/w  
 Tingwall  
 713. Rev Magnus J C Williamson, (Fetlar I/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 l/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, Columbo
- 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 l/w St Andrew's Galilee

**Elder**

- 742. Mrs Joanna Oakley-Levstein, St Andrew's  
Jerusalem l/w/ 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, Connexional 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

## 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

## CARRIBEAN

### *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 United 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 have 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

## CARRIBEAN

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

**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 Randal 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 Phillip  
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

1. Constitution of 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.
8. Report of Standing Committee on Commissions.
9. Submission of Standing Orders.
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.
13. Intimation of arrangements for celebration of Holy Communion on Monday 23 May, at 9.30am.

*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).
16. Report of the Delegation of the General Assembly (Reports 12/1).
17. Minutes of Commissions of Assembly (Reports 24.1/1 and Cases, Reports and Supplementary Reports p10).
18. Minutes of Judicial Commission (Reports 24.3/1).
19. Minutes of Ministries Appeal Panel (Reports 24.2/1).
20. Report of the Committee on Overtures and Cases (Assembly Papers).
21. Report of the Legal Questions Committee (Reports 7.4/1).
22. Report of the Church of Scotland Trust (Reports 10/1).
23. Report of the Church of Scotland Investors Trust (Reports 16/1).
24. Report and Supplementary Report of the Council of Assembly (Reports 1/1 and Cases, Reports and Supplementary Reports p17).
25. Report of the Youth Assembly (Reports 22/1).
26. Report of the Mission and Discipleship Council (Reports 5/1).

#### SESSION II – Saturday 21 May – 7 pm

1. Constitution of Assembly.
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**

1. Constitution of Assembly.
2. Report of the Business Committee.
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**

1. Constitution of Assembly.
2. Minutes.
3. Report of the Social Care Council (Reports 6/1).
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**

1. Constitution of Assembly.
2. Minutes.
3. Report of the Panel on Review and Reform (Reports 2/1).
4. Report of the Housing and Loan Fund (Reports 15/1).

5. Report of the Iona Community Board (Reports 17/1).
6. Report of the World Mission Council including the HIV Programme (Reports 8/1).

*Order of Proceedings***FOR THE SIXTH DAY****SESSION VI – Thursday 26 May – 9.30 am****Order of the Day**

2.00 pm – Ministries Presentations

1. Constitution of Assembly.
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).
8. Joint Report of the Mission and Discipleship and Ministries Councils on the Emerging Church (Reports 20/1).

*Order of Proceedings***FOR THE SEVENTH DAY****SESSION VII – Friday 27 May – 9.30 am**

1. Constitution of Assembly.
2. Minutes.
3. Report of the General Trustees (Reports 13/1).
4. Report of the Central Services Committee (Reports 7.2/1).

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Report of the Church Hymnary Trustees (Reports 11/1).</li> <li>6. Report of the Church of Scotland Pension Trustees (Reports 19/1).</li> <li>7. Report of the Nomination Committee (Reports 18/1).</li> <li>8. Report of the Selection Committee.</li> <li>9. Protestations called for.</li> <li>10. Report on the Printing of Acts.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Appointment of Committee to revise Minutes.</li> <li>5. Act Appointing Commission of Assembly.</li> <li>6. Act Appointing diet of next General Assembly.</li> <li>7. Moderator addresses the General Assembly.</li> <li>8. His Grace, the Lord High Commissioner, addresses the General Assembly.</li> </ol> |
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**SESSION VIII – Friday 27 May –  
3.00 pm**

1. Constitution of Assembly.
2. Report anent Deceased Ministers, Missionaries and Deacons.
3. Draft Minutes of Sederunts not yet submitted to be read if required.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

9. Dissolution of the General Assembly.

**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, <i>Convener</i>	

### 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
Mr Robert J Kidd	561	Mr William Wishart	249
Miss Margaret King	641	Mr David Wood	590

Rev Janet S Mathieson, *Convener*

Rev E Lorna Hood, *Vice-Convener*

### Committee to Prepare Minute on Deceased Ministers, Missionaries and Deacons

Very Rev John C Christie

*Principal Clerk*

*Depute Clerk*



# 2011

## The Church of Scotland GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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# THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2011

## STANDING ORDERS

### 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.

**13. Standing Orders.** The Standing Orders shall be laid on the table.

**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 officio*.

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

**18. Selection Committee.** The Business Committee shall nominate a Selection Committee of twenty Commissioners, including a Convener and Vice-Convener, whose function it shall be

to select and submit to the Assembly for their approval names of persons to serve on all Special Commissions and Committees appointed during the sittings of the Assembly. Such persons need not be Commissioners.

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

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

#### (c) DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES

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

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

#### (d) MISCELLANEOUS

**23. Minutes.** The minutes of each day's proceedings, if available, together with the Agenda for the following day or days, intimations of meetings of Committees, and Notices of Motion, shall be printed as the "Assembly Papers", and shall be made available for all members. The Minutes, being taken as read and full opportunity having been given for correction, shall be approved as available. It shall always be in order at the close of any particular item of business to move that the Minute thereanent be adjusted and approved. Before the dissolution of

the Assembly a small Committee, appointed for the purpose, shall be authorised to approve the Minutes not already approved by the Assembly.

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

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

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

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

**28. Returns to Overtures.**

(a) A Committee on Overtures and Cases, consisting of the Clerks, Procurator and Law Agent of the Church (with the Principal Clerk as Convener) shall advise any Committee or individual on the procedure to be followed in respect of measures requiring process under the Barrier Act.

(b) For the avoidance of doubt, measures other than Acts of Assembly may be referred for the consideration of Presbyteries, in which case they shall be presented to the General Assembly in the form of an Overture set out as an Act.

(c) For the avoidance of doubt, it is open to the General Assembly to decline to consider any motion of which it believes inadequate notice has been given, considering the nature of its content.

(d) Measures remitted to Presbyteries by an Overture under the Barrier Act shall be accompanied by a note of the voting figures in the General Assembly, the text of the relevant Report and a note by the Clerks explaining any technical or legal matters contained in the Overture.

(e) All Presbyteries shall make a return in respect of every Overture sent down under the Barrier Act. The return shall be made upon the schedule sent electronically to the Presbytery Clerk for the purpose, transmitted to the Clerks of Assembly, and then submitted to the Committee on Overtures and Cases. The Committee shall classify the returns and make a report to the next Assembly. It shall be the duty of the Committee to report not only the number of Presbyteries for and against an Overture, but also the numbers voting in the Presbyteries as reported in the schedule.

(f) The Report of the Committee shall include the text of such Overtures as have been approved by a majority of Presbyteries.

(g) The Assembly Arrangements Committee shall ensure that the Committee's Report classifying returns is taken by the General Assembly no later than session 2 thereof, and in any case before any debate that in the opinion of the Committee on Overtures and Cases would more usefully follow consideration of the Committee's Report.

(h) The Report of the Committee shall be given in to the Assembly by the Principal Clerk, with the reply to the debate on the merits of the measure given by the relevant Convener. Both should be available to answer questions, as appropriate.

**29. Closing of Assembly.**

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

### III. MEMBERS NOT COMMISSIONERS

#### (a) MEMBERS *ex officio*

**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 intimated to the General Assembly. It shall be in order to move a motion regarding any matter in the care of a Committee to which no reference is made in the Report of that Committee, provided that reasonable notice has been given in writing to the Convener before presentation of the Report. The mover of any counter-motion or amendment may reply to the discussion of his or her motion, immediately before the Convener closes the debate.

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

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

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

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

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

### (c) THE DEBATE

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

**88. In Support.** When a motion or motions have been made and seconded, any Member

(including a formal seconder in terms of SO 92) may take part in subsequent debate.

**89. Speeches.** (1) Except as provided in SO 81 and 84, no Member may speak twice on the same question except in explanation, and then only by special permission of the Assembly. (2) Members shall make relevant declarations of interest where the topic of debate makes it appropriate to do so.

**90. Point of Order.** Any Member may rise to speak to a Point of Order. A speaker is not to be interrupted unless upon a call to order. When so interrupted he or she shall cease speaking, and shall resume his or her seat until the Point of Order is decided. The Member calling to order shall state the grounds for so doing; and the speaker who has been interrupted may briefly reply in explanation, to show that he or she is not out of order, but no other Member may speak to the Point of Order unless with the permission or at the request of the Moderator, with whom the decision of the point rests, though the Moderator may put the point to a vote of the Assembly.

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

**92. Limits.** All speeches shall be limited to 5 minutes, with the following exceptions:

- (i) COMMITTEES
  - Convener giving in the Report of his or her Committee and moving thereon (seconding to be formal) 20 minutes
  - Movers of Amendments or Counter-Motions (seconding to be formal) 10 minutes
- (ii) OVERTURES
  - Introducing an Overture and when the Introducer is a Commissioner, moving thereon 10 minutes
  - Mover of other Motions in relation to Overture (seconding to be formal) 10 minutes
- (iii) PETITIONS
  - Speeches of Petitioners 10 minutes

**93. No Time Limit.** The time limits shall apply, except in the following cases:

- (a) when the Assembly are debating specific proposals for change under Barrier Act procedure;

(b) when the Assembly are exercising judicial functions;

(c) in Petitions when, for special reasons, the Committee on Overtures and Cases reports that the circumstances demand an extension, and when the General Assembly adopt that opinion;

(d) in any other matter when the Assembly Arrangements Committee (in respect of the Order of Business for the first two days) or the Business Committee (in respect of the Order of Business for the subsequent days) declares that, in its opinion, such matter is of exceptional importance, and when the Assembly adopt that opinion.

#### **(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 officio (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 Diaconate Council. For the avoidance of doubt where a representative of these other bodies is a member of staff, they will have no right to vote.
  4. 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 Conveners and Vice-Conveners of the following Committees: Assembly Arrangements, Central Services, Ecumenical Relations, Legal Questions, Stewardship and Finance and Safeguarding, together with (as non-voting members): The Principal Clerk, The Depute Clerk, The Solicitor of the Church, The General Treasurer, The Head of Stewardship, The Ecumenical Office, The Head of the Safeguarding Office.  
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 officio, 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 coopted by the Committee for their expertise. For the avoidance of doubt it is declared that only Assembly appointed members (including those representing the Ministries and World Mission Councils) will be entitled to vote.
15. World Mission Council.....28  
Convener, 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 Convener 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 officii.
  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 retirement 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

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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**