

The Church of Scotland
General Assembly
2015



ASSEMBLY PAPERS

FRIDAY 22 MAY

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SESSION VII – Friday 22 May – 9.15am

1. Constitution of Assembly
(Commissioners are asked to stand for items marked *)

* Hymn (CH4 642)

Abbot's Leigh Cyril V Taylor (1907-1991)

1. Ye that know the Lord is grac-i-ous, ye for whom a cor - ner stone
stands, of God e - lect and pre-cious, laid that ye may build there-on,
see that on that sure foun - da - tion ye a li - ving tem - ple raise,
towers that may tell forth sal - va - tion, walls that may re - e - cho praise.

1. Ye that know the Lord is gracious,
ye for whom a corner stone
stands, of God elect and precious,
laid that ye may build thereon,
see that on that sure foundation
ye a living temple raise,
towers that may tell forth salvation,
walls that may re-echo praise.

2. Living stones, by God appointed
each to an allotted place,
kings and priests, by God anointed,
shall ye not declare his grace?
Ye, a royal generation,
tell the tidings of your birth,
tidings of a new creation
to an old and weary earth.

3. Tell the praise of him who called you
out of darkness into light,
broke the fetters that enthralled you,
gave you freedom, peace and sight:
tell the tale of sins forgiven,
strength renewed and hope restored,
till the earth, in tune with heaven,
praise and magnify the Lord!

<i>Reading</i>	Revelation 21: 1-5, 22-27 Reader: Rev Fiona Gardner, Presbytery of Glasgow
<i>Assembly Choir</i>	For the Beauty of the Earth (John Rutter)
<i>Reflection</i>	God's Temple and New Creation
<i>*Prayer</i>	

2. Minutes
3. Report of the Housing and Loan Fund (Reports 24/1)
4. Report of the General Trustees (Reports 25/1)
5. Report of the Church Hymnary Trustees (Reports 26/1)
6. Report of the Church of Scotland Trust (Reports 27/1)
7. Report of the Church of Scotland Investors Trust (Reports 28/1)
8. Report of the Church of Scotland Pension Trustees (Reports 29/1)
9. Report of the Central Services Committee (Reports 30/1)
10. Report of the Nomination Committee (Reports 31/1)
11. Report of the Selection Committee
12. Protestations called for
13. Report on the Printing of Acts (Assembly Papers p 95)

SESSION VIII – Friday 22 May – 3.00pm

1. Constitution of Assembly
(Commissioners are asked to stand for items marked *)

* Hymn (CH4 739)

Aurelia ✓ Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

1. The Church's one foun-da - tion is Je-sus Christ her Lord: she is his new cre - a - tion by
wa - ter and the word; from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly
bride; with his own blood he bought her and for her life he died.

1. The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord:
she is his new creation
by water and the word;
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2. Called forth from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
and shares one holy food,
as to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

3. In toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore,
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

4. Yet she on earth has union
with God the Three in One,
and mystical communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Samuel John Stone (1839-1900) (alt.)

* Prayer

Reading

Revelation 7: 9-17

Reader: Rev Dr George Whyte, Acting Principal Clerk

* 2. Report anent Deceased Ministers, Missionaries and Deacons

* Paraphrase 66 (CH4 745)



1. How bright these glorious spirits shine!
Whence all their bright array?
How came they to the blissful seats
of everlasting day?
Lo! these are they, from sufferings great
who came to realms of light,
and in the blood of Christ have washed
those robes which shine so bright.

2. Now, with triumphal palms they stand
before the throne on high,
and serve the God they love, amidst
the glories of the sky.
His presence fills each heart with joy,
tunes every mouth to sing:
by day, by night, the sacred courts
with glad hosannas ring.

3. Hunger and thirst are felt no more,
nor suns with scorching ray;
God is their sun, whose cheering beams
diffuse eternal day.
The Lamb who dwells amidst the throne
shall o'er them still preside,
feed them with nourishment divine,
and all their footsteps guide.

(verse 4 is sung to the second half of the tune)

4. 'Mong pastures green he'll lead his flock,
where living streams appear;
and God the Lord from every eye
shall wipe off every tear.

*Words Scottish Paraphrases 1781
music from R.A. Smith's Sacred Music Edinburgh 1825*

3. Draft Minutes of Sederunts not yet submitted to be read if required

4. Appointment of Committee to revise Minutes

5. Act Appointing Commission of Assembly

6. Act Appointing diet of next General Assembly

7. Presentations to the Moderator

8. Moderator addresses the General Assembly

Prayer

* Hymn (CH4 512)

To God be the glory W H Doane (1832-1906)

1. To God be the glo-ry, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who
Refrain
yiel - ded his life an a - tone-ment for sin, and o-pened the life-gate that all may go in. Praise the
Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo-ple re-joice. Oh,
come to the Fa-ther, through Je-sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry! Great things he has done!

1. To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!*

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
for every offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see.

Frances Jane Crosby (1820-1915)

* 9. His Grace, the Lord High Commissioner, addresses the General Assembly

* NATIONAL ANTHEM

* 10. Dissolution of the General Assembly

* *Psalm 122 (CH4 82)*

St Paul (Aberdeen)

? Andrew Tait (fl.1749)

1. Pray that Je - ru - sa - lem may have peace and fe - li - ci - ty:
let them that love you and your peace still have pros - per - i - ty.

1. Pray that Jerusalem may have peace and felicity:
let them that love you and your peace still have prosperity.
2. Therefore I wish that peace may still within your walls remain,
and ever may your palaces prosperity retain.
3. Now, for my friends' and family's sakes,
peace be in you, I'll say.
And for the house of God our Lord,
I'll seek your good away.
4. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, and is,
and shall be evermore.

The Scottish Psalter 1929

* THE BENEDICTION

Following the Benediction all are invited to line the steps of the Quadrangle for the traditional ceremony of 'clapping out' the Moderator and Lord High Commissioner.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

CONVENED AT EDINBURGH, 20 MAY 2015

At Edinburgh, and within the Assembly Hall, the 20th day of May 2015 years, at 9.15 am, Session V.

The General Assembly did again convene and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of Session III being printed and in the hands of members, were submitted and approved.

MINISTRIES COUNCIL

The General Assembly called for the Report and Supplementary Report of the Ministries Council which were given in by the Rev Neil Dougall, Convener.

It was moved and seconded-

The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report and Supplementary Reports.
2. Commend and encourage action by ministers, congregations and Presbyteries in promoting the discernment of vocation to the ministries of the Church and instruct the Council to continue to resource Vocations Champions in their work.
3. Instruct the Council to continue its exploration and development of Pioneer Ministry, including the development of appropriate education and training, and report to the General Assembly 2016.
4. Note the decision of the Council to initiate, monitor and evaluate up to five pilot Pioneer Ministry posts and instruct the Council to report on progress to the General Assembly 2017.
5. Pass an Act amending Act X, 2004 on Selection and Training for Full-time Ministry (as amended) as set out in Appendix 3.
6. Welcome the 'Ministers in Training' pilot offering further flexibility to candidates in training for the full-time Ministry of Word and Sacrament and instruct the Council to continue its evaluation and development of this option for training.
7. Affirm the Council's action in offering additional financial support to Candidates in training and instruct the Council to investigate further ways in which this may be enhanced.
8. Instruct the Council to continue its work on resilience in ministry and encourage Ministers and Deacons to participate in the ongoing research.
9. Adopt the Regulations on Remuneration and Reimbursement set out in Appendix 1.

10. In the light of the Council's decision to provide Church of Scotland domain-name e-mail addresses for all Ministers, Ordained Local Ministers, Auxiliary Ministers and Ministries Development Staff, instruct all Councils and Committees, as far as is possible, in future to use these addresses as the primary means of communication.
11. *Section 11 was considered under the debate on the Report of the Committee on Classifying Returns to Overtures.*
12. Congratulate Place for Hope on achieving independent status as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation and instruct the Council to maintain its support for and close working relationship with the new body.
13. Instruct Presbyteries to ensure that all Parish Ministers within their bounds respond to requests from the Safeguarding Office to complete PVG checks in accordance with Act VII 2011 (as amended).
14. Affirm the expansion of the work of Chance to Thrive as a joint venture of the Council and the General Trustees and instruct the Council to report to the General Assembly on the ongoing development of the process.
15. Welcome the developing partnership with the PCUSA in the work of Young Adult Volunteers and Volunteering Vocations and instruct the Council to report on its development to the General Assembly 2016.
16. Instruct the Council to complete its work on the development of a Ministerial Development Review process for Parish Ministers and the mapping out of a programme of Continuing Ministerial Development by the General Assembly 2016.
17. Affirm the work on Dementia Friendly Churches offered in conjunction with CrossReach and instruct the Council to continue its delivery and development.
18. Pass an Act on Presbytery Mission Initiatives as set out in Appendix 6.
19. Pass an Act amending Act VII, 2003 on Appraisal and Adjustment (as amended) as set out in Appendix 7 and also to pass an Act amending Act I, 2014 on Appeals (as amended) as set out in Appendix 8.
20. Affirm the work of the Go For It fund and instruct the Council to explore with Presbyteries how congregations within their bounds can further use the fund to support the aims of the Decade for Ministry.
21. Encourage each Kirk Session and congregation to consider how they can use the Go For It fund as a resource in their planning for mission.
22. Instruct Presbyteries whose Presbytery Plans contain Guardianships to ensure that each has an agreed Basis of Guardianship as set out in section 5.5.
23. Instruct the Ministries and Mission and Discipleship Councils to report to the General Assembly of 2016 on the number, diversity, and spread of new ecclesial communities in the Church of Scotland.
24. Instruct the Ministries and Mission and Discipleship Councils to work together with Presbyteries and congregations in exploring the possibility of hosting Fresh Expressions Vision Days, Mission Shaped Introduction, and Mission Shaped Ministry Courses.
25. Encourage Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions, in publicising such events, to consider making funding available to enable the widest participation.
26. Pass an Act amending Act IX, 2011 on Ordained Local Ministry as set out in Appendix 1.
27. Instruct the Council to prepare a policy for Shared Parental Leave for Parish Ministers and report to the General Assembly 2016.
28. Instruct the Council, in consultation with the Legal Questions Committee, to review the provision for Ministers

laid out in Act VI, 1984 and report to the General Assembly 2016.

29. Note the pilot work supporting congregations wishing to engage in a path of refocussing and renewal and instruct the Council to work together with the Panel on Review and Reform in implementing and evaluating this project.
30. Pass an Act amending Act IX 2002 on Admission and Re-Admission of Ministers (as amended) as set out in the Appendix.

It was moved and seconded as an amendment of the Deliverance:-

Add a new Section 3 and renumber:

Invite ministers to think about wearing their clerical collar more often to act as an advert of the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

On a vote being taken For or Against it carried For.

It was moved and seconded as an amendment of the Deliverance:-

Add a new Section 3 and renumber:

Instruct the Council to review the upper age limit to have completed training for all ordained national ministries and report back to the General Assembly of 2016.

On a vote being taken For or Against it carried Against.

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an amendment of the Deliverance:-

Add a new Section 5 and renumber:

Instruct the Council, in partnership with the Mission and Discipleship Council and other appropriate Councils, to find ways that are

creative to release the evangelists within our congregations as part of the Decade of Ministry.

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an amendment of Section 6:-

Add at the end ', taking into account any potential loss of the valuable and wide-ranging experience that can be gained by undertaking training with different supervisors in various settings'.

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an amendment of the Deliverance:-

Add a new Section 7 and renumber:

Instruct the Council to explore with PCUSA and seminaries eg Princeton, Columbia, Duke etc, the possibility of graduate students filling vacancies in parish ministry with the Church of Scotland, and to report to the General Assembly of 2016.

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an amendment of Section 7:-

Add at the end ', including the prospect of assigning a fractional equivalent of the ministerial stipend to candidates during their training course'.

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an amendment of the Deliverance:-

Add a new Section 10 and renumber:

Instruct the Council to consider the implications of the Regulations on Remuneration and Reimbursement for those engaging in bi-vocational, post-sharing and/or part-stipendiary Parish Ministry posts and report to the 2016 General Assembly.

It was moved and seconded as an amendment of Section 10:-

Add at the end 'and instruct the Council to investigate the development of the e-mail system to circulate details of vacant charges to all ministers'.

On a vote being taken For or Against it carried For.

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an amendment of the Deliverance:-

Add a new Section 11 and renumber:

Note the ministry carried out by retired ministers in locum situations and explore how locum ministers might be included in all communications from the central Church, including the provision of the Year Book.

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an amendment of Section 17:-

Add at the end 'in consultation with the Church Art and Architecture Committee'.

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an amendment of Section 19:-

Amend to read:

Pass an Act Amending Act VII, 2003 on Appraisal and Adjustment (as amended) as set out in Appendix 7 with the amendment of section 1 to change "Planning Criteria" to "Planning Principles" and also to pass an Act amending Act I, 2014 on Appeals (as amended) as set out in Appendix 8.

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an amendment of the Deliverance:-

Add a new Section 20 and renumber:

Instruct the Council to review the reasons why Presbytery Planning decisions come to appeal and consider whether some form of provision for a final determination, by independent party or through some other means, is necessary to facilitate effective

Presbytery Planning, and report to the General Assembly in 2017.

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an amendment of the Deliverance:-

Add a new Section 23 and renumber:

Instruct the Council to explore increasing the Guardianship Allowance to bring it into line with the Vacancy Allowance.

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an amendment of the Deliverance:-

Add a new Section 23 and renumber:

Encourage the Council to revise Act XXIII 1969 on Ordination of Missionaries for Work among Deaf People and bring the revised Act to the General Assembly of 2016.

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an amendment of the Deliverance:-

Add a new Section 24 and renumber:

Welcome the appointment of the Rev Rosie Addis and other recent initiatives in the D/deaf community and encourage the Council, in light of consideration of the British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill, to maintain and extend its commitment to ministry through the medium of British Sign Language, as resources allow.

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an amendment of the Deliverance:-

Add a new Section 30 (Section 6 of the Supplementary Report's Deliverance):

Recognising that constructive change takes place when all who are involved have ownership of it, instruct the Council in co-operation with the Council of Assembly, the Panel on Review and Reform, the Mission and Discipleship Council and Presbyteries to engage with congregations

to prepare them for the journey of change which the Decade of Ministry will bring.

The Deliverance as amended was then agreed.

Mr Dougall on his retiral as Convener was thanked by the Moderator for his noteworthy service to the Council and the General Assembly.

The General Assembly suspended their sitting at 12.42 pm until 2 pm.

SOCIAL CARE COUNCIL

The General Assembly called for the Report and Supplementary Report of the Social Care Council which were given in by Dr Sally Bonnar, Convener.

It was moved and seconded-

The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report and Supplementary Report.
2. Support and promote the dual role of the Council to:-
 - a) resource the Church in the specialist area of social care;
 - b) oversee and govern the work of CrossReach as the Church of Scotland national provider of social care services.
3. Instruct the Council to appoint a Social Care Mission Officer to take forward the work of the Council in resourcing the Church and bring a development plan to the 2016 Assembly in order to re-imagine the social care efforts of the whole Church.
4. Instruct Presbyteries and local churches to engage with CrossReach in two main areas of support; Prayer and Getting Alongside and instruct those presbyteries that do not already do so to include a special focus on

their agendas on the work of the Council.

5. Note the challenges to long term financial planning in complying with the terms of local authority framework agreements and invite the Moderator to write to the Scottish Government and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities on this matter.
6. Note the urgent need to implement an Income Generation Strategy and encourage Church of Scotland members, in addition to their normal church giving, to support CrossReach as their chosen charity.
7. Note the importance of CrossReach Week in promoting the social care mission of the church and encourage the whole church to celebrate CrossReach and Social Care Sunday on Sunday 15 November 2015.
8. Welcome the partnership working with other Councils and Committees and urge the Council to continue to identify areas of mutual interest and collaborative working.
9. Note with disappointment that the funding received from funding agencies does not enable the Social Care Council to meet the Scottish Living Wage for all its employees.
10. Welcome the additional funding made available from the Scottish Government, Local Authorities and Council of Assembly to address the issue of low pay for CrossReach employees.
11. Support the Council and other agencies of the Church as they encourage funding agencies to continue to recognise the requirement to meet the costs of the Scottish LivingWage in the funding of services commissioned.

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an amendment of Section 4:-

Delete 'instruct' and substitute 'urge' in both instances.

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an amendment of the Deliverance:-

Add a new Section 9:

Commend to all in the Church the role of Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenants and encourage all who become aware of forthcoming celebrations such as Diamond Wedding anniversaries or 100th birthdays to contact their local Lieutenancy Office for assistance with these celebrations.

The Deliverance as amended was then agreed.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GUILD

The General Assembly called for the Report and Supplementary Report of the Church of Scotland Guild which were given in by Mrs Kay Keith, Convener.

It was moved and seconded-

The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report and Supplementary Report.
2. Wish the Guild well as it enters a new three year strategy entitled "Be Bold, Be Strong!"
3. Congratulate the Guild on the success of the Project Partnership Scheme over the 2012-15 period.
4. Offer prayerful support to the Guild and its new Partnership Projects in the three years 2015-18.

5. Welcome the on-going work of the Guild in many areas of the Church's work.
6. Welcome the Guild's Action Plan and commend it to the whole Church.
7. Instruct the Guild to report on the progress of the Action Plan to the General Assembly of 2016.
8. Affirm the place of the Guild of today within the structures of the Church of Scotland and commit to support the work of the Guild at local, regional and national levels.
9. Instruct all Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions to discuss the Action Plan and to consider their response to it.

It was moved, seconded and agreed as an amendment of Section 4:-

Add at the end 'and encourage all Presbyteries, Kirk Sessions and congregations to adopt a pro-active approach to their support of this work.'

The Deliverance as amended was then agreed.

Mrs Keith on her retiral as Convener was thanked by the Moderator for her noteworthy service to the Guild and the General Assembly.

The General Assembly adjourned at 3.39 pm to meet again in this Hall tomorrow at 9.15 am for business, whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

ASSEMBLY HALL
EDINBURGH, 20 May 2015, 3.39 pm

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE THE MODERATOR

The General Assembly, in Session VI, approved the following names for membership of the Committee to Nominate the Moderator:

Appoint the following Committee to Nominate the Moderator:

Name	Votes Cast	
<i>Ministers and Deacons:</i>		
Rev Dr Karen Campbell	(2)	199
Rev James Dewar	(5)	183
Rev Norman Smith	(21)	182
Mr Bill Wishart DCS	(58)	203
Rev Julie Woods	(101)	161
Rev Eleanor McMahon	(156)	250
Rev James Stewart	(505)	188
Rev John Ferguson	(549)	215
<i>Elders:</i>		
Dr Hazel Hastie	(38)	
Mrs Isobel Hunter	(106)	
Mr Ross Hyslop	(208)	
Mr David Alexander	(342)	
Mr John Haston	(417)	
Mrs Ella Gill	(645)	
Mr Ian Russell	(709)	

PRESENTATIONS TO BE MADE AT CLOSING SEDERUNT

ASSEMBLY ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

Retiring:

Rev Dr Douglas Galbraith, Precentor

COUNCIL OF ASSEMBLY

New Staff Members:

Mrs Anne Macintosh, Acting General Treasurer

Staff Member Departing:

Mr Iain Grimmond, General Treasurer, 10 years

MISSION AND DISCIPLESHIP COUNCIL

New Staff Members:

Miss Catherine Falconer, Children's Development Worker

Mrs Lorraine Orr, Senior Administrator, CARTA

Mr Phillip Mellstrom, Resourcing Worship Development Worker

CHURCH AND SOCIETY COUNCIL

New Staff Members:

Rev Dr Martin Johnstone, Council Secretary

Janine McKenna, Research and Resource Development Officer, Scottish Churches Parliamentary Office

Staff Member Departing:

Rev Dr Graham Blount, Interim Council Secretary

SOCIAL CARE COUNCIL

New Staff Members:

Pat Lawrence, Manager, Eastwoodhill Residential Home

Retiring Staff:

David Reid, Head of Estates and Health and Safety, 17 years

Margaret Reeves, Support Worker, Rainbow House, 10 years

Margaret Merchant, Secretary to Finance and Resources Director, 15 years

John Picken, Housekeeping Assistant, Adams House Residential Home, 10 years

Margaret Hay, Housekeeping Assistant, Queens Bay Lodge Residential Home, 10 years

WORLD MISSION COUNCIL

New Staff Members:

Mrs Karen Gillon, Local Development Officer

Miss Elena Sara, HIV Programme Co-ordinator

Rev Páirc Reamonn, Minister of St Andrew's Scots Memorial Church Jerusalem

CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

New Staff Members:

Mrs Kirsteen Scott, Interim HR Manager

MINISTRIES COUNCIL

Ministers recently inducted and introduced to their first charge or appointment:

Rev David L Barr, Glenmuick (Ballater)

Rev Fiona C Bullock, Dun and Hillside
 Rev M Rae A Clark, Channelkirk and Lauder
 Rev Deborah J Dobby, Burra Isle linked with
 Tingwall
 Rev Pamela Gordon, Barrhead Bourock
 Rev Joananda C Groenewald, Polbeth
 Harwood linked with West Kirk of Calder
 Rev Margaret Hunt, Forfar: St Margaret's
 Rev Dr Leon Keller, Galashiels: Old St Paul's
 I/w Galashiels: St John's
 Rev Dr Thomas Kisitu, Edinburgh: St
 Nicholas Sighthill
 Rev Dr Nikki M Macdonald, The Upper Clyde
 Rev Amanda MacQuarrie, Falkirk: Camelon,
 Associate Minister
 Rev Rhona Mcdonald, Glasgow: Tron St
 Mary's
 Rev Elspeth M McKay, Echt I/w Midmar
 Rev David G McNeish, Birsay, Harray and
 Sandwich
 Rev Neil W Meyer, Kintore
 Rev Eileen Miller, Glenrothes: St Margaret's
 Rev John William Murray, Kilmuir and
 Stenscholl
 Rev Alison Notman, Ardler Kettins and
 Meigle
 Rev Gary J Peacock, Irongray Lochrutton and
 Terregles
 Rev David Prentice-Hyers, Troon: Old
 Rev Mike Robertson, Culloden: The Barn
 Rev Elijah W Smith, Glasgow: Queens Park
 Govanhill
 Rev Gordon I Strang, Cromdale and Advie
 I/w Dulnain Bridge I/w Grantown-on-Spey
 (Inverallan)
 Rev Dave A Sutherland, Dumfries:
 Maxelltown West
 Rev Markus Thane, Cumbrae I/w Largs: St
 John's
 Rev Lindsay Turnbull, Hamilton: Trinity
 Rev Deborah Louise Van Welie, Polmont: Old
 Rev Erica M Wishart, Tranent

*Ordained Local Ministers recently introduced
to their first appointment:*

Rev Kay Brown, Falkirk Trinity
 Rev William Crossan, Lorne and Lowland
 Rev Oonagh Dee, Dumfries and
 Kirkcudbright
 Rev David Maxwell, Netherlee

Rev Jim Murphy, Hamilton Presbytery
 Rev Margaret Nutter, Craigownie,
 Garelochhead and Rosneath St Modans
 Rev Grace M F Steele, Presbytery of Dunkeld
 and Meigle
 Rev Pamela Strachan, Eddleston I/w Peebles:
 Old
 Rev Mary Ellen Thomson, Presbytery
 Chaplain to Care Homes and Hospitals -
 Abernethy

*Recently Appointed Ministries Development
Staff*

Rev Rosie Addis, Deaf Development Worker,
 Ministries Council
 Mr John Amalanand, Garthdee I/w
 Ruthrieston West Church, Aberdeen
 Mrs Teresa Broere, Aberdeen: Mastrick
 Parish Church
 Mrs Angela Brydson, Annandale and Eskdale
 Presbytery Deacon
 Mrs Donna Hislop, Annandale and Eskdale
 Presbytery, Youth Worker
 Miss Katy Robinson, Edinburgh: Richmond
 Craigmillar
 Miss Rebecca Smith, Edinburgh: Richmond
 Craigmillar
 Mr Alastair Stark, Kirkcaldy: Glenrothes &
 Leslie
 Mrs Eileen Usher, Garthamlock
 Ruchazie, Cranhill and Craigend East Parish
 Grouping

Recently Retired Ministers:

Rev David W Clark, Helensburgh: St
 Andrew's I/w Rhu and Shandon
 Rev Gavin Elliott, Ministries Support Officer,
 Ministries Council
 Rev Ann Inglis, Langton and Lammermuir
 Kirk
 Rev John Lincoln, Balquhidder I/w Killin and
 Ardeonaig
 Rev T Douglas McRoberts, Malta
 Rev Agnes Moore, Belshill West
 Rev Robert Simpson, Callander
 Rev Caroline Taylor, Leuchars St Athernase
 Rev John Thomson, Hamilton: Old
 Rev Elizabeth A Waddell, Hamilton: West
 Rev Alan Ward, Interim Minister

NOTICES OF MOTION

Mr Ian Robb (546) has given notice that on the **Report of the General Trustees** he will move the following AMENDMENT of the Deliverance:

Add a new Section 6 and renumber:

Instruct the General Trustees to amend the Manse Condition Schedule to require that Kirk Sessions ensure that their manses comply with the revised statutory guidance on the requirements for smoke and other alarms, so improving the safety of ministers and their families, to be implemented by the end of December 2019.

The Chairman has given notice that on the **Report of the Church of Scotland Trust** he will ask the Principal Clerk to move the following AMENDMENT of the Deliverance:

Delete the existing Section 2 and add new Sections 2 and 3 and renumber:

2. Join with the Trust in congratulating Alwin Samuel on his election as the new Bishop of Sialkot and pray for him as he commences his duties as Bishop within the Diocese of Sialkot.
3. Note the Trust's intention to delay commencing discussions with the Pakistani Government with a view to transferring its Pakistani properties to the Government, either national or provincial, in terms of the 1958 Act, to be used for the benefit of the Christian community in Sialkot until 1 January 2016 to allow the new Bishop of Sialkot time to put a body in place which will be a suitable body to receive the Trust's properties.

The Convener has given notice that on the **Report of the Nomination Committee** he will ask the Principal Clerk to move the following AMENDMENT of Section 5 of the Deliverance:

Add:

Arbitration Panel

Member Retiring Arthur McDonald

Ministries Council

Vice-Convener Appointed John Dent (Dundee: Logie St John's (Cross))

Minister Appointed Alistair Cook (Paisley: Lylesland)

Mission and Discipleship Council

Minister Resigned Sandi McGill

Members Appointed Joanna Love DCS (3 yrs) (Glasgow: Colston Milton), Alastair Stark (1 yr) (Glenrothes: St Columba's)

Presbyterial Commission

Convener Appointed David Burns (Edinburgh: Colinton)

Theological Forum

Elder Appointed Gavin Brydone (Edinburgh: Canongate)

Delete:

Mission and Discipleship Council

Member Appointed Cara Chalmers (1 yr) (Orwell and Portmoak)

Mr Grant Petrie (840) has given notice that on the **Report of the Nomination Committee** he will move the following AMENDMENT of the Deliverance:

Add a new Section 6:

Instruct the Committee, in partnership with the Council of Assembly and other relevant Councils or Committees, to explore the barriers involved for people in employment and students in becoming members of a Council or Committee and how these can be minimised to allow greater participation and diversity and report back to a future General Assembly.

**Report of the Standing Committee on Printing
The Acts of the General Assembly**

The Committee recommends that it be empowered to revise the List of the following Acts, and to print them:-

- I MINISTERS AND DEACONS IN CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS ACT
Edinburgh, 16 May 2015, Sess. I
[Here take in Act as printed in the Volume of Reports page 5/2--7]

- II ACT AMENDING THE VACANCY PROCEDURE ACT (ACT VIII 2003) (AS AMENDED)
Edinburgh, 16 May 2015, Sess. I
[Here take in Act as printed in the Volume of Reports page 16/46-47]

- III ACT AMENDING THE DISCIPLINE OF MINISTRY ACT (ACT III 2001) (AS AMENDED)
Edinburgh, 16 May 2015, Sess. I
[Here take in Act as printed in the Volume of Reports page 6/9]

- IV ACT AMENDING THE SELECTION AND TRAINING FOR FULL-TIME MINISTRY ACT (ACT X 2004) (AS AMENDED)
Edinburgh, 20 May 2015, Sess. V
[Here take in Act as printed in the Volume of Reports page 16/47]

- V PRESBYTERY MISSION INITIATIVES ACT
Edinburgh, 20 May 2015, Sess. V
[Here take in Act as printed in the Volume of Reports page 16/50-52]

- VI ACT AMENDING THE APPRAISAL AND ADJUSTMENT ACT (ACT VII 2003) (AS AMENDED)
Edinburgh, 20 May 2015, Sess. V
[Here take in Act as printed in the Volume of Reports page 16/52-54 and as amended Minutes page 87]

- VII ACT AMENDING THE APPEALS ACT (ACT I 2014)
Edinburgh, 20 May 2015, Sess. V
[Here take in Act as printed in the Volume of Reports page 16/54]

- VIII ACT AMENDING THE ORDAINED LOCAL MINISTRY ACT (ACT IX 2011) (AS AMENDED)
Edinburgh, 20 May 2015, Sess. V
[Here take in Act as printed in the Order of Proceedings page 49-50]

- IX ACT AMENDING THE ADMISSION AND RE-ADMISSION OF MINISTERS ACT (ACT IX 2002) (AS AMENDED)
Edinburgh, 20 May 2015, Sess. V
[Here take in Act as printed in the Assembly Papers page 16]

- X ACT AMENDING THE MINISTERS AND DEACONS IN CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS ACT (ACT I 2015)
Edinburgh, 21 May 2015, Sess. VI
[Here take in Act as printed in the Volume of Reports page 23/5]

- XI ACT APPOINTING COMMISSION OF ASSEMBLY
Edinburgh, 22 May 2015, Sess. VIII

- XII ACT APPOINTING DIET OF NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Edinburgh, 22 May 2015, Sess. VIII

This list is provisional, as some Acts mentioned here are considered after this Assembly Paper goes to print.

PUBLIC NOTICES

**Expense Claim Forms will be received in the New College Foyer
on Friday 22 May between 10am and 3pm**

**Voting handsets may be returned with swipe cards
at the doors on departure**

