

DELEGATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY 2023

Proposed Deliverance

The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report of the Delegation of the General Assembly and thank it for its work.
2. Continue the appointment of the Delegation with the same powers as hitherto – the Principal Clerk of the General Assembly to be Chair, the Depute Clerk of the General Assembly to be Vice-Chair and the Solicitor of the Church to act as Secretary..

Report

The General Assembly of 2016 instructed that from 1 January 2017 the only form of constitution which congregations may adopt and which may be granted by the Delegation should be the Unitary Constitution, and urged those congregations constituted in terms of the Model Deed and other forms of constitution to adopt the Unitary Constitution. 53 congregations adopted the Unitary Constitution in 2022 compared to 24 in 2021. Since 2004, the Unitary Constitution has been issued to 857 congregations.

The Delegation once again expresses the hope that those congregations who have not yet reviewed their constitution will do so in the course of this year.

In the name and on behalf of the Delegation

FIONA SMITH, *Chair*
MARY E MACLEOD, *Secretary*