

V. DECLARATORY ACT ANENT THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

Edinburgh, 21st May 1986, Session 6.

The General Assembly declare as follows:-

1. This Church no longer affirms the following contents of the *Westminster Confession of Faith*:

Chap. 22, Section 7

“Popish monastical vows of perpetual single life, professed poverty and regular obedience are so far from being degrees of higher perfection, that they are superstitious and sinful snares in which no Christian may entangle himself.”

Chap. 24, Section 3

“... such as profess the true reformed religion should not marry with Infidels, Papists or other idolators.”

Chap. 25, Section 6

“He (the Pope of Rome) is Antichrist, that Man of Sin and Son of Perdition, that exalteth himself in the Church against Christ, and all that is called God.”

Chap. 29, Section 2

“... so that the Popish Sacrifice of the Mass (as they call it) is most abominably injurious to Christ’s one only Sacrifice, the alone Propitiation for all the sins of the Elect.”

2. This Church therefore dissociates itself from the above statements and does not require its office-bearers to believe them.