

At GAG, we appreciate that our point has already been made. But because we want to speak, we're going to say it anyway...

#JoanOnTour

GAG has been following, with great interest, the travels of Northern Synod rep the Revd. Joan Grindrod-Helmn who seems to be in a different location every session. After Saturday's puffin attack, we're glad to see things moving again! Whilst concerned at the environmental impact of this travel, we love it nonetheless!



#JoanGoneFishing

Bye Joan!



GAG would like to give an honourable mention to other folk particularly in Northern synod who are aspiring to Joan's level.

101 things to do whilst “paying attention” on Zoom:

69. Make a tally every time someone says “can you hear me?”;
70. Ask if anyone wants a Lifesize call;
71. Memorise the synod numbers;
72. Declare John Bradbury as General Secretary Emeritus;
73. Post a consensus flippy thing to Westminster College;
74. Read this issue of General Assembly Gossip;
75. Like the URC Youth Twitter Page;
76. React to a sports game at the most inappropriate moment;
77. Stage a coup d’Assembly;
78. READ YOUR BIBLE;
79. Knit your own Paddington bear;
80. Crochet your own Paddington bear;
81. “Accidentally” post which Wetherspoons you’ll be at tonight in the chat;
82. Forget to mute whilst you’re on the toilet;
83. Become a General Assembly meme;
84. Apply to join the Woking URC band;
85. Find where Woking is on a map;
86. Discover that Woking is too far away, then form your own band;
87. Look up how Oxford commas work; ,,,,,,
88. Purchase a green screen so you can have 12 crosses as your virtual background;
89. Go on tour with Joan;
90. [insert point 90 here];
91. Read the Youth Assembly standing orders because you already understand General Assembly’s;
92. Take a drink every time someone forgets name and synod;
93. Rule that Jenny Mills has unlimited permission to speak;
94. Return your recently purchased plates - worship instructions unclear;
95. Remember to like the URC Youth socials;
96. Ask what time we have to check out by;
97. Pause reading this during URC Youth resolutions;
98. Remember to book holiday for your next committee meeting;
99. Ask for worship to be longer than an hour;
100. Remember to hand in your lanyard;
101. Discover the packet of seeds you’ve been sitting on all weekend;

The Stats... so far?

Not that we’ve been counting but...
4 reps spoke when muted;
2 were unmuted but still tried to unmute;
18 missed out their name and synod
4 near-misses
1 confirmed asleep (It was the General Secretary, obviously)
Full stats available to the minute taker for a small fee...



“Things that suggest it’s time for a brew”

- “Victoria Turner has her hand up, Moderator.”
- “There’s a point of order, Moderator”
- “Moderator you might want to rethink your judgement on that”
- “I will keep this brief, Moderator...”
- “I promised myself I wouldn’t speak again”

Is this a question?

URC/Evangelische Kirche der Pfalz partnership strengthens

After discovering that the Westminster College logo is in fact a replica of the VW logo. GAG is pleased to report a strengthening in the partnership with our friends in the Pfalz.



Assembly Clerk lacks technological understanding

Despite holding such a vital office in the life of the URC, GAG was greatly concerned to discover that the Assembly



Clerk thinks you can get COVID from Zoom. Either that, or he plans on raiding the coffers at Westminster College...

The wonders of modern technology, 3-sided paper??

NO COMMA LEFT IGNORED



GAG spots "typical Scot"



Some useful definitions...

As it can be difficult to keep up with the rapid evolution of language, the GAG team have some suggestions for the Uxbridge English Dictionary that we have spotted recently:

Apology - The study of mobile phone software

Resolution - To answer the same question repeatedly.

Amendment - The act of closing a prayer

Ministry - A sapling

Provision - A key requirement for studying optometry

Handwringing - Using the appropriate Zoom reaction for permission to speak

Minister - The briefest mixing of a hot beverage

Dialogue - A truly awful piece of wood

Dogmatic - A canine without a clutch

Is this a question?

Church House Staff revert to DIY communications



Westminster College is steeped in tradition and the United Reformed Church has invested lots of money into it, but GAG were surprised to observe Communications staff resorting to personal antennae in order to receive a decent signal. We feel the URC should install WiFi as a matter of urgency. Not least because the Head of Communications' data allowance is running out.

Official Top Table portrait unveiled



Statement of concern

The GAG team regrets to say that there will be no reflections on today's business due to all of us working normal working hours.

One more issue to come!

"Normally....." GAG's final issue would be today. But due to the significant level of remaindered business (good luck Adrian) there will be a BONUS issue released Monday evening / Tuesday morning, keep your eye out on the website!