

General Assembly

Friday 9 to Monday 12 July 2021

Agenda

Friday 9 July

9.00 to 9.30 The General Secretary or Assembly Clerk will lead an introductory session for new members of Assembly. Those who have been to Assembly before are also welcome to attend.

Session one

11:00 to 12:30 Constitution of Assembly

Opening worship, including Bible Study and an Act of Commemoration for ministers, missionaries, Church Related Community Workers, former Moderators and Clerks who have died since the last Assembly

Greeting of ecumenical and international guests

Notices

Voting on en bloc business

Remaindered business from 2020 Assembly Resolutions 1 and 2

Church Life Review

12:30 to 13:30 *Break*

Session two

13:30 to 15:00 Finance Committee report G1 and G2

URC Future Pensions G3 and G4:
Resolutions 19-21

URC 50th Jubilee I3

15:00 to 15:30 *Break*

Session three

15:30 to 17:00	Election of Moderator of General Assembly 2022-2023	
	Mission Committee report	I1
	Israel Palestine Report	I2: Resolutions 26-35
	Closing Worship	

Saturday 10 July

Session four

09:30 to 11:00	Opening worship, including Bible Study	
	Celebration of Newly Ordained Ministers, Commissioned CRCWs and Jubilee Ministers	
	Disciplinary Policy for Office Holders	H2: Resolution 23
	Stipendiary Ministry Target Numbers	G-H1: Resolution 22
11:00 to 11:30	<i>Break</i>	

Session five

11:30 to 13:00	Safeguarding Governance	T2-T4: Resolutions 44-47
	Community Awards Presentations	
	Modern Day Slavery	X1: Resolutions 50-51
13:00 to 14:00	<i>Break</i>	

Session six

14:00 to 15:30	Closed Churches and New Causes	
	Equalities Committee report	E1

Affirmative action towards an anti-racist Church

E2 and E3:
Resolutions 15-18

15:30 to 16:00 *Break*

Session seven

16:00 to 17:30 Remaindered business

16:30 to 17:30 Parallel sessions

Members of Assembly will be given the opportunity to opt into one of five parallel sessions as below.

Parallel sessions offer an opportunity for members of Assembly to engage with the work of the Assembly's committees in a more intimate and less formal setting.

- A:** Mission Committee
 Nominations Committee
 (moderator: Revd Clare Downing)
- B:** Ministries Committee
 Faith and Order Committee
 (moderator: Mr Peter Pay)
- C:** Equalities Committee
 Communications Committee
 (moderator: Professor David Thompson)
- D:** Children's and Youth Work Committee
 Finance Committee
 (moderator: Mr Derek Estill)
- E:** Education and Learning Committee
 Business Committee
 (moderator: Revd Nigel Uden)

17:30 to 18:30 *Break*

Session eight

18:30 to 20:00 Stepwise update

Communications Committee report C1

Digital Charter and Social Media Guidelines C2:
Resolution 14

Closing worship

Sunday 11 July

Session nine

09:30 to 10:30	Opening prayer	
	Announcement of the Election of Moderator 2022-2023	
	Mission Council report	
	A Minister for Digital Worship	Appendix 2: Resolutions 3 and 4
	Changes to Schedule B	Appendix 3: Resolution 5
10:30 to 11:00	<i>Break</i>	

Session ten

11:00 to 12:30	Sunday Morning Worship, during which the Revd Clare Downing will preach. This service will also be live streamed on the URC website, YouTube channel, Facebook page and on Instagram.	
12:30 to 13:30	<i>Break</i>	

Session eleven

13:30 to 15:00	Ministerial Disciplinary Process and Incapacity Procedure	R1-R4: Resolutions 39-43
	Remaindered business	
15:00 to 15:30	<i>Break</i>	

Session twelve

15:30 to 17:00	Listening for the Voices of Children	
	URC Children and the future of Pilots	B1: Resolutions 7-9
	URC Committees and Online Meetings	B2: Resolutions 10-12
	Closing worship	

Monday 12 July

Session thirteen

09:30 to 11:00	Opening worship	
	Synod Moderators' Report	
	The Future of Walking the Way	I4: Resolution 36
11:00 to 11:30	<i>Break</i>	

Session fourteen

11:30 to 13:00	Business removed from en bloc	
	Remaindered business	
	Eastern Synod Moderator	J2: Resolution 38
	West Midlands Synod Moderator	J4: Resolution 52
13:00 to 14:00	<i>Break</i>	

Session fifteen

14:00 to 15:30	Remaindered business	
	General Secretary Report on Disciplinary Cases	
	Moderator-elect Acceptance Speech	
	Formal Acts, including Address to the Throne and thanks	
	Closing Worship, including Bible Study and Induction of Deputy General Secretary (Discipleship)	
	Assembly Adjourns	