

# Paper M3

## Roll of Mission Council

### Clerk of General Assembly

#### Basic information

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<b>Action required</b>	Decision.
<b>Draft resolution(s)</b>	<b>See below.</b>

#### Summary of content

<b>Subject and aim(s)</b>	Mission Council discussed at its last meeting the make-up of Mission Council. This resolution gathers the outcome of that discussion into one coherent list, for better future reference.
<b>Main points</b>	Synods have four reps, who may include the Moderator; all four to be members of Assembly. The Assistant Clerk is added.
<b>Previous relevant documents</b>	Paper N1, May 2019
<b>Consultation has taken place with...</b>	Mission Council, at its last meeting.

#### Summary of impact

<b>Financial</b>	None, as this merely makes clear decisions already taken.
<b>External (e.g. ecumenical)</b>	We continue to value the presence of two ecumenical observers on Mission Council.

#### Resolution:

Acting on behalf of General Assembly, Mission Council confirms that the membership of Mission Council shall be as set out in resolution 19E of General Assembly 2014 until the close of General Assembly 2020, and from that point shall then be:

1. Moderator(s) of Assembly
2. Moderator(s)-elect of Assembly
3. Immediate past Moderator(s)
4. General Secretary
5. Deputy General Secretaries
6. Clerk and Assistant Clerk
8. Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer
10. Conveners of all Assembly standing committees, except the Pastoral Reference and Welfare Committee
11. Four further representatives of each Synod from among that Synod's representatives to the immediately preceding General Assembly.

12. Three representatives of URC Youth
13. Chair of the United Reformed Church Trust

With the exception of those in category 5 (the Deputy General Secretaries) all the above shall be members of the United Reformed Church.

Acting on behalf of General Assembly, Mission Council further resolves that:

The Legal Adviser and the Convenor of the Law and Polity Advisory Group shall be in attendance with the right to speak at all times, but not to use consensus cards or to vote.

The three Deputy General Secretaries, who are members of Mission Council, are expected to attend, and they may direct other staff members to attend, with the right to speak (except during the decision stage of the consensus process) but not to use consensus cards or to vote, when the business so requires. These other staff members should therefore only expect to be at Mission Council where this has been negotiated and agreed in advance.

Up to two ecumenical representatives may attend with the right to speak (except during the decision stage of the consensus process) but not to use consensus cards or to vote.

Also present shall be the Moderators' Chaplains and the Minute Secretary. These may participate in group sessions, and may speak during plenary sessions with the consent of the Moderator.

From time to time there may be visitors and/or observers present by prior arrangement with the General Secretary. They shall not have the right to speak or participate in any way during plenary or group sessions, unless with the explicit consent of the Moderator.

All references to the Mission Council shall be taken as referring to the Assembly Executive or another successor body unless and until the General Assembly decides otherwise.

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N.B. The references to Moderator(s) in lines one, two and three refer to both Moderators, as long as we have two; if in the future there were only one Moderator, then each of these lines would refer to one person only.