



## **MIND Advisory Group Matters for inclusion in Mission Council's Report to General Assembly**

“On the advice of the MIND Advisory Group, Mission Council wishes to place two resolutions before Assembly this year the effect of which will be to make changes to the Structure contained in Section B of the Manual.

The first of these was first passed by Assembly in 2010 as Resolution 9 of 2010 and this is now presented to you for ratification as Resolution [...]. The purpose of the resolution is to remove the requirement that changes to Parts I of the Disciplinary Process and the Incapacity Procedure must first be approved by General Assembly and then, after reference back to the Synods, return for ratification at the next meeting of Assembly. This lengthy procedure is no longer considered to be necessary, especially now that meetings of Assembly only take place every other year.

On the assumption that Resolution [.....] will be passed, the Advisory Group has prepared a series of changes to both the Disciplinary Process and the Incapacity Procedure in order to conflate Parts I and II into a single Process, taking the opportunity to make some minor amendments at the same time. Similar changes are being made to conflate Parts I and II of the Incapacity Procedure. It is not necessary to burden Assembly with the detailed minutiae of all these changes, although the proposed revisions of the Disciplinary Process and the Incapacity Procedure will be available for inspection on request at Assembly, together with short papers explaining how the particular paragraphs of Parts I are being incorporated within Parts II. The proposed changes will be brought to the autumn 2012 meeting of Mission Council for approval.

In addition to the resolutions already mentioned, Mission Council is proposing a further Resolution [called XX for the time being] which sets out a series of amendments to Section B of the Manual in order to ensure that the Disciplinary Process and the Incapacity Procedure as amended will operate fully in accordance with the Church's Structure and also to enable Mission Council to make all necessary changes to both the Disciplinary Process and the Incapacity Procedure, but only on the advice of the MIND Advisory Group.

That resolution, if passed, will of course require ratification and the procedure for achieving this will depend on whether Resolution 26 of 2010 is ratified by the 2012 meeting of Assembly, to which it comes as Resolution [...]. If Resolution 26 is ratified, then under the new procedure Resolution [XX] will, if passed, be referred to Synods and, so long the referral conditions are satisfied, it can then be presented to the May 2013 meeting of Mission Council for ratification. If Resolution 26 of 2010 is not ratified by Assembly in July 2012, then the earliest time when Resolution [XX] can be ratified will be the 2014 meeting of General Assembly.

Resolutions 5/8 of 2010 also come to Assembly for ratification. These all relate to proposed changes to Part I of the Disciplinary Process and the Incapacity Procedure. The changes referred to in these resolutions will in any case all be incorporated in the amendments to be considered by Mission Council in the autumn, as previously explained.”