

# Paper A1

## General Assembly 2020

### Assembly arrangements committee

#### Basic information

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<b>Action required</b>	Take note.
<b>Draft resolution(s)</b>	<b>None.</b>

#### Summary of content

<b>Subject and aim(s)</b>	Arrangements for General Assembly 2020.
<b>Main points</b>	Plans are taking shape steadily and appropriately.
<b>Previous documents</b>	Paper A1 at Mission Council, November 2018.
<b>Consultation has taken place with...</b>	Those groups represented on the committee – including children and youth, communications, equalities, West Midlands Synod.

#### Summary of impact

<b>Financial</b>	See paragraph four below.
<b>External (e.g. ecumenical)</b>	Our Assembly does have a significant external impact; the choice of venue normally does not.

1. At Nottingham in July 2018, General Assembly approved a proposal that the next meeting of Assembly be at Aston University, Birmingham, from 10 to 13 July 2020.
2. In November 2018 Mission Council confirmed its commitment to that venue and those dates, even though it would only be possible for about half the members of Assembly to be accommodated on campus at Aston.
3. Over the last four months our discussions with Aston have proceeded steadily, and a detailed contract has now been signed. The meeting rooms, dining facilities and residential rooms on campus appear well suited to our needs. As indicated above, about half the Assembly will need to lodge off-site, but we now hope to book rooms for these people within half a mile or so of the campus, rather than three miles away as earlier suggested. As always, particular care has been given to considering those Assembly members who have special needs in regard to accommodation.
4. We are still getting a full grip on the budget, but do not expect a gross overspend.

5. Capable assistance is being given by Helen Munt in the General Secretary's office, and any questions about accommodation or facilities may be directed to Helen. Broader questions about our plans, or about the business and timetable of the Assembly meeting, should be directed to James Breslin or John Proctor.