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FURY Representation at General Assembly and Mission Council

The Youth and Children's Work Committee bring the following resolution on behalf of FURY Executive.

At the March 2011 meeting of the Fellowship of United Reformed Youth (FURY) Executive, one specific issue that arose was associated with the biennial format that General Assembly has now taken, and the fact that FURY Moderators are Moderator Elect for one year and Moderator for one subsequent year. The consequence of this pattern is that alternate FURY Moderators do not automatically attend General Assembly as a representative of FURY. Whilst it is possible that they may attend as a synod representative, there is no guarantee of this, and they would be there in a completely different capacity.

We would prefer every FURY Moderator to attend General Assembly in their capacity as FURY Moderator/FURY Moderator Elect at some point during their two years. After long discussion, FURY Executive decided that the best way forward would be for the Moderator AND the Moderator Elect to attend General Assembly in these capacities (currently the FURY Moderator attends, and the only other FURY-specific representative at General Assembly is the FURY Representative to Mission Council and General Assembly). We also believe that it would be helpful for the FURY Moderator Elect to attend Mission Council, alongside the FURY Moderator.

We recognize that there is a cost implication but believe that this is a necessary cost to ensure adequate representation of those under 26 years.

We request that Mission Council permit the FURY Moderator Elect to attend both General Assembly and Mission Council as a full member, in addition to the FURY Moderator.

Resolution: Mission Council appoints the FURY Moderator Elect to serve as a Member of Mission Council and General Assembly in addition to those already appointed.