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### 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>	CYDO Assembly Level Work. Report from the Children's and Youth Work committee regarding actions taken in response to Mission Council's May 2013 decision which transferred the employment of CYDOs to synods.
<b>Main points</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) In response to the Mission Council decision to transfer the employment of CYDOs to synods the C&amp;YWC invited synods to enter into an agreement regarding the Assembly Children's and Youth Work programme.</li> <li>2) The C&amp;YWC convenor wrote to every synod enclosing a Covenant Document.</li> <li>3) Responses have been received from most synods.</li> <li>4) Synods have declined to enter into a written agreement but have indicated their support for and willingness to contribute to the Assembly Children's and Youth Work programme</li> </ol>
<b>Previous relevant documents</b>	Mission Council Paper G1 and Minute 13/10 from May 2013
<b>Consultation has taken place with...</b>	The General Secretary The Deputy General Secretary (Discipleship)

### Summary of Impact

<b>Financial</b>	N/A.
<b>External (e.g. ecumenical)</b>	N/A.

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1. In response to the Mission Council resolution of 2013 regarding the employment of CYDOs, the Children's and Youth Work committee considered how to explore ways of working together across all the synods as requested by point (d) of the Mission Council Resolution. Significant committee time was given to this resulting in a decision to invite synods to enter into a written agreement regarding the Assembly Children's and Youth Work programme.
2. The C&YWC convenor wrote to every synod in this regard. A careful covering letter set out the reasoning behind the invitation. The C&YWC had drafted the proposed agreement in the form of a covenant, in response to point (c) of the Mission Council resolution.
3. Responses have been received from 11 synods at the time of drafting this report. While no synods felt that it was appropriate for them to enter into the written agreement, all clearly indicated support for the Assembly Children's and Youth Work programme, and they were willing for their CYDOs' time to be made available to support this work. The C&YWC is grateful for this and looks forward to a continuation of the valuable work that is made possible by this support.
4. The C&YWC therefore welcomes the support that synods have indicated for the Assembly's programme, and thanks synods for this, but does not intend to pursue further the idea of a written covenant for this involvement.

