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### Basic Information

<b>Contact name and email address</b>	The Revd James Breslin
<b>Action required</b>	None
<b>Draft resolution(s)</b>	

### Summary of Content

<b>Subject and aim(s)</b>	For information
<b>Main points</b>	Plans for GA2018 and initial discussions for GA2020
<b>Previous relevant documents</b>	
<b>Consultation has taken place with...</b>	The Revd John Proctor

### Summary of Impact

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

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- 1.1 Plans for the 2018 Assembly in Nottingham proceed apace. The General Secretary of CWM, the Revd Dr Collin Cowan, has agreed to be a guest speaker and a similar invitation for the new Director of Christian Aid has also been issued. Unlike 2014 and 2016, where much of the expense of attending the Assembly by those appointed from the synods was met by the synods, at this Assembly those costs, principally travel and meals, are being met from the Assembly budget. After the last Assembly, there were some complaints that the accommodation provided was too far from the Assembly Hall. The committee has taken note of this and most members of the 2018 Assembly will be accommodated in one of three hotels immediately adjacent to the Conference Centre.
- 1.2 Following on from a successful experiment at Southport in 2016 the committee has appointed two Interns to assist in the planning and administration of the Assembly. It is hoped that their attendance at both Assembly arrangements committee and General Assembly will enable younger members of the Church to engage more fully in the work of the Assembly.
2. Working under the current rule that every sixth Assembly should be held in Scotland, the committee has been in discussions with the University of Stirling for the 2020 Assembly, but – in order not to compromise the work of the Mission Council working group on the future of the Assembly – it has entered into no formal commitments and, depending on a decision to be made at this Mission Council, is ready to bring a proposal to the Assembly for one of two possible venues in the West Midlands.

