The United Reformed Church

United Reformed Church Mission Council
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Order paper

Please retain this paper; its material may be needed throughout our meeting.

Adjustments to agenda

Session five will contain		I2	Walking the Way
	and	M1	Listening in the URC (Nigel Uden and Derek Estill)
Session eight will contain		M2	Acting with strategic intent (Alan Yates)

Item U3, The Jubilee in 2022, is being withdrawn from this agenda, as we may be able to consider it more effectively once we have taken some decisions about M1 and M2.

Notice from law and polity advisory group

Consultation on marriage law reform in England and Wales

The UK government has recently announced a consultation on possible changes to marriage law in England and Wales, particularly to the current system of registered buildings. It is likely that consideration will be given to allowing weddings in venues other than registered buildings, such as outdoors. Once the consultation begins, anyone in the URC will be able to contribute as an individual. The law and polity advisory group will also consider contributing, and may need to act with speed as consultation windows are not always very broad. Any member of Mission Council with views that they wish to be taken into account in framing any URC response should write to the Convenor of LPAG, the Revd Dr John Bradbury, jpb44@cam.ac.uk, as soon as possible.

Consensus decision making

The Moderators would like members to reflect together on how suitably and effectively we have used CDM in this meeting. An opportunity to do this will come in session ten, if it is not squeezed out by overrunning business.