

Paper M2

The Officers of General Assembly
General Secretary



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Basic Information

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Action required	Decision on recommendation to General Assembly 2014
Draft resolution(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mission Council recommends that General Assembly agrees that the following office-holders should be recognised as the Officers of the United Reformed Church and its Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the serving Moderators of General Assembly • General Secretary • Clerk • Treasurer • Convener of the Assembly Arrangements Committee. 2. Mission Council agrees that the three Deputy General Secretaries and the Deputy Treasurer should be members of Mission Council, but not of the Mission Council Advisory Group. 3. Mission Council recommends that General Assembly agrees to the addition of the three Deputy General Secretaries and the Deputy Treasurer as members of Assembly and Mission Council.
Alternative options to consider, if any	

Summary of Content

Subject and aim(s)	To clarify the list of Assembly officers in light of the new deputy general secretary posts
Main points	The paper recommends that the three DGSs should be members of Mission Council and Assembly but not officers of Assembly.
Previous relevant documents	
Consultation has taken place with...	The Officers of the Assembly

Summary of Impact

Financial	Cost of attendance at Mission Council and Assembly
External (e.g. ecumenical)	

The Officers of General Assembly

Since 1993, the following office holders have been recognised as the officers of the United Reformed Church and its General Assembly:

- the serving Moderator(s) of General Assembly
- General Secretary
- Deputy General Secretary
- Clerk
- Treasurer
- Convener of the Assembly Arrangements Committee.

In May 2013 Mission Council authorised three new posts; Deputy General Secretary Administration and Resources, Deputy General Secretary Ministries of the Church, and Deputy General Secretary Mission. With three new Deputy General Secretaries replacing the previous single post, the question arises as to whether the new DGSs should be officers of the Assembly.

In October 2012 Mission Council agreed to seek a Deputy Treasurer. It is also important to be clear whether this postholder would be an officer of Assembly.

These resolutions are proposed by the current officers.

Resolutions

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