



MINUTES
OF THE
SPECIAL
GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

OF THE
Presbyterian Church in Ireland

HELD ON
18 December 2025 and 18 February 2026

MINUTES
OF THE
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Special General Assembly
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Held at Belfast, December 2025

FIRST SESSION

Thursday, 18 December 2025

11am

Within Assembly Buildings

The Right Rev Dr R.M. Murray, Moderator of the General Assembly, welcomed all present.

The Moderator constituted the Assembly with prayer and led in public worship.

The following Ministers and Ruling Elders were present at the Annual Meeting:

	Minister/Representative Elder not applicable
~	Did not attend
+	Corresponding Elder

1 ARDS PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev Prof Dr WP Addley		Theological Professor
Rev WT Cordner		First Bangor
Rev Dr DR Purce		Groomsport
Rev Dr RA Russell		Ballywalter
Rev TWD Johnston		Hamilton Road, Bangor
Very Rev Dr RA Patton		Ballygilbert
Rev CW Megaw		Helen's Bay
Rev M Stanfield	Mrs A Kennedy	City Church, Bangor
Rev JH Flaherty	Mr A Dalzell	First Donaghadee
-do-	Ms A Crowther	Millisle & Ballycopeland
Rev PC Lyle	Mrs J Hunter	Ballyholme
Rev M Henderson		Chaplain to the Forces
Rev SJ Castles	Mr W McMaster	Lisnabreen
Rev C Ebbinghaus	Mr C Killick	Hamilton Road, Bangor
Rev JWD Rogers	Mr R Houston	Ballygrainey
Rev DM Shaw	Mr W Aicken	Ballycrochan
Rev A Gilicze	Mr D McCracken	Ballyblack
-do-	Mr J Brown	Carrowdore & Ballyfrenis
Rev G Fowles	Mr D Wilson	Shore Street, Donaghadee
Rev RH Houston	+Dr M Bennett	Bangor, West - Associate
Rev TJ McConaghie	Mr J Donaldson	Conlig
Rev JB Mullan	Mr A Adair	Greenwell Street, Newtownards
Rev GJ Simpson	Mr J Kennedy	Ballywalter
Rev GJ Ball	~	Scrabo
~	Mr S Carroll	St Andrew's, Bangor
Rev JP McWatters	Mr P Baron	Streat, Newtownards
Rev RS Hamilton	Mr R Wilson	Movilla
Rev SW Orr	Mr P Blair	Trinity, Bangor

Rev CN Lynn	~	First Newtownards
Rev CW Jackson	~	Ballygilbert
Rev PW Bradley	Mr J McClements	Glastry
	Mr M Gracey	Greyabbey
	Mr D McAuley	Helen's Bay
	Mr M McConnell	Regent Street, Newtownards

2 ARMAGH PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev DR Byers		Cladmore; Tassagh
Very Rev Dr JS Carson		Theological Principal
Rev Dr AD Davidson		First Armagh
Rev RL Brown		First Portadown
Rev TA McNeely	Mr O Milligan	Richhill
Rev EP Gamble	+ Mr J Boyd	Deputy Clerk of Assembly
Rev DJ Hutchinson		Benburb; Moy
Rev NJ McCullough	Mr K Belshaw	Hill Street, Lurgan
Rev RI Abraham	~	Armaghbrague
-do-	~	First Keady
Rev DS Henry		First Lurgan
Rev Princ M McClenahan	+ Mr N Cornett	Theological Principal
Rev LW Webster	Mr T Canning	Craigavon
~	+ Mr C Kennedy	College Lecturer
Rev PWA McClelland	Mr I Newell	Ahorey
-do	Mr J Adair	Clare
Rev GR Mullan	Mr A McMullan	Moy
-do-	Mr T Graham	Vinecash
Rev JT Graham	+ Mr J Wright	Hill Street, Lurgan - Associate
Rev JM Haugh	Mr J McNeil	Waringstown
Rev AWT Martin	Mr J MacQueen	Loughgall
-do-	Mr S McCombe	Tartaraghan
~	Mr D Harrison	First Armagh
	Mrs R Spence	First Lurgan
	Mrs M Stirling	Armagh Road, Portadown

	Mr C Berry	The Mall, Armagh
	Miss J Allen	Benburb
	Mr D Coulter	Second Keady
	Mr B McGuire	First Portadown

3 BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Very Rev Dr JM Finlay		Harryville, Ballymena
Rev WF Dickey		First Broughshane
Rev AAP Baxter		First Portglanone
Rev JA Beattie		Second Broughshane
Rev DJ Kane	Miss A Dines	West Church, Ballymena
Rev Dr DA Murphy		Cunningham Memorial
Rev WJ Sinclair		First Ballymena
Rev JD McGaughey	~	Carnlough & Cushendall
-do-	Mr J Gillen	Newtowncrommelin
Rev MJR Neilly	Mr J Turtle	First Ahoghill
~	Mr M Hood	Wellington, Ballymena
~	Mr A Greer	Connor
Rev WJA Moody	~	Brookside, Ahoghill
Rev DB McCorrison	Mr S Johnston	Ballyloughan
Rev JE McDowell	~	First Ballymena
Rev RS Agnew	Mr T Jackson	First Broughshane
Rev WE Chestnutt	Mr M Cubitt	Harryville, Ballymena
Rev NG Mulholland	Mr S Warwick	Cunningham Memorial
Rev LM Keys		West Church, Ballymena
Rev RJ Watt	Mr A Gregg	Killymurriss
Rev TD Kane	Mr M Saunderson	Glenwherry
Rev SD Kennedy	Mr D Woodburn	Buckna
Rev AJ McCracken	Mr I Brown	Cloughwater
Rev RA Morrison	Mr C Rowe	Churchtown
Rev MRT Rodgers	Mr J McWilliams	Clough
Rev JA Porter	Mr S Kirkpatrick	Rasharkin
-do-	T Ball	Dunloy

Rev SJ Kerr	Mr B Turtle	Kells
Rev AJ Frazer	Mr A Hamill	Trinity, Ahoghill
-do-	~	Grange with Craigmore
	Mr A Rankin	Ballee
	Mr S McKee	Eskylane
	Mr F McKendry	Ballykeel
	Mr S Wilson	High Kirk, Ballymena
	Mr M Rea	Cairnalbana
	Mr R Caldwell	First Portglenone

4 NORTH BELFAST PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Very Rev Dr J Dunlop		Rosemary
Rev Dr RJT McMullan		Overseas Board Secretary
Rev TV Patterson		Immanuel
Rev JN Seawright		Abbey, Monkstown
Rev JR Dickinson		Carmoney
Rev TC Morrison		Eglinton
Rev DW Brice		Glengormley
Very Rev Dr TN Hamilton		Ballysillan
Rev IK McDonald		New Mossley
Rev Dr SE Hughes		Whitehouse
Rev JSB Drennan		Crumlin Road
Rev PG McCrea	Mr J Dickson	Rosemary
Rev DT Moore	~	Minister in Special Work, West Belfast
Rev EJ Hyndman	~	Seaview
Rev AW Carson	Mrs T Coffey	Abbey, Monkstown
Rev GJ Jordan	Mr W McCrea	Ballygomartin
Rev CJ Gamble	Mr J Fittis	Immanuel
Rev AV Stewart	Mr R McChesney	Whiteabbey
Rev Dr WJM Parker	Mr W Johnston	Sinclair Seamen's
Rev S Newell		Alexandra
Rev NSR Lockhart	Mr R Ferguson	Ballyhenry

Rev D Clawson	Mr F Maginnis	West Kirk
Rev RE McCormick	Ms J Asquith	Glegormley
~	Mr G Henderson	Ballysillan
Rev SJ Lowry	Ms H Lindsay	Whitehouse
Rev I Cahoon	Mr T Wilson	Alexandra
~	Ms E Craig	Carnmoney
Rev MS Rutledge	Mr G Anderson	Abbot's Cross
Rev G Keaveney	Mr M Welsh	New Mossley
Rev P Burke	+ Mr D Kane	West Kirk - Associate
Rev M Horner	Mr D Phillips	Eglinton
	Mr T McWatters	Newington
	Mr D Keaveney	Rathcoole
	Ms C Dalzell	Woodvale

5 SOUTH BELFAST PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev Dr DC Irwin		McCracken Memorial
Rev Dr DJ McKelvey		Fisherwick
Rev MS Gault		Cooke Centenary
Rev AR Bill		Saintfield Road
Rev JT Lamb		Townsend Street
Rev Prof WG Campbell		Theological Professor
Rev RS Stockman	Mr D McNeill	Fitzroy Avenue
~	+ Dr M Bill	Chaplain RVH
Rev RJ Gilkinson	~	Chaplain BCH
Rev BJ McCroskery	Mr A Rankin	McCracken Memorial
Rev ND Craig	+ Mr G Gault	Chaplain QUB, SUC + UTC
Rev Dr BJ Walker	Mr W McClune	Saintfield Road
Rev I Steen	Mr R Montgomery	South Kirk
Rev KH Viner	Mr J Kenny	Malone
Rev AJ Galbraith	Mr P Lindsay	Fisherwick
Rev DJ Gray	~	Cooke Centenary
Rev JC Newell		Chaplain to the Forces
Rev Dr JN McCracken	Dr P Elliott	Lowe Memorial (Finaghy)

Rev P Lutton	Sir Bruce Robinson	Newtownbreda
	Mr B Milligan	Dunmurry
	Mr D Curry	Kilmakee (Seymour Hill)

6 EAST BELFAST PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev Dr SJ Campbell		Cooke Centenary
Rev Dr JR Savage		Stormont
Very Rev Dr HA Dunlop		Knock
Rev TJ Stothers		Deputy Clerk of Assembly
Rev HR Quinn		Global Mission Worker
Rev Prof A Gibson		Theological Professor
Very Rev Dr JNI McNeely		First Holywood
Rev WS Marrs	~	CGM Secretary
Rev AC Rankin	Ms L Cardy	Stormont
Rev MR Burnside	Mr J Hanna	Castlereagh
Rev SP Moore		Gilnahirk
Rev DH Thompson	~	CCLW Secretary
~	Mrs L Bethel	Granshaw
Rev JR Lambe		Mountpottinger
Rev D Rankin		Strand
Rev WA McCully	Mr C Teer	Dundonald
Rev GJ Kennedy	Ms S Stronge	Kirkpatrick Memorial
Rev Dr C Burcombe	Mr T Craig	Mersey Street
Rev JL Cochrane	Mr D Marriott	Ravenhill
Rev RSJ McIlhatton	Ms A Osborne	Christ Church, Dundonald
Rev W Harkness	Ms A Rintoul-Campbell	Belmont
Rev E Tagle-Aguiar	Mrs M Grayson	Mountpottinger
Rev GJ MacLean	Mr J Dowd	Orangefield
Rev EJB McKenzie	Mr D Gillespie	Cregagh
Rev AM Boreland	Mr A Shott	Bloomfield
Rev JS McCrea	Ms L Francis	First Holywood
Rev JM Warburton	Mrs L McDowell	High Street, Holywood
Rev Dr BN van der Linde		Chaplain to the Forces

Rev ML Gray	Mr K Glasgow	Knock
Rev A Marsh	Mr J Johnston	Strand
Rev RS Aicken	Mr K Brown	St Andrew's
Rev PA Boyd	Mrs L Wray	McQuiston Memorial
~	Mrs H Taylor	Gilnahirk

7 CARRICKFERGUS PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev RJA Bell		Ballyclare
Rev WA Watson	Mr R Stewart	Cairncastle
Rev Dr CD McClure	Mr R Tweed	First Larne
Rev TR Graham		Joymount
Rev GAJ Farquhar		Ballycarry
~	Mr D Gawn	Ballyclare
~	Mr R Leeman	First Carrickfergus
Rev MF Russell	Ms L Russell	Ballycarry
Rev Dr AD Mullan	Mr N Smyth	Ballylinney
Rev JP Stanbridge	Miss S Adamson	Joymount
Rev PA Bovill	Miss M Kane	Islandmagee
Rev BS Preston	Mr D Gillespie	Craig Hill
Rev DJ Kelly	Mr B Ingram	Woodlands
Rev B Johnston	Mr P Logan	Gardenmore, Larne
Rev MJK Kelso	Mr A Black	Ballynure
	Mr D Heggan	Whitehead
	Mr L Brehaut	Loughmorne
	Mr R Kennedy	Woodburn

8 COLERAINE AND LIMAVADY PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Very Rev Dr D Clarke		Terrace Row, Coleraine
Rev JA McCaughan		First Dunboe
Rev Dr TJ McCormick	~	Kilrea

Very Rev Dr JA Kirkpatrick		Portrush
Rev Dr TP Fleming	Miss H McSparran	Castlerock
Rev RS McMullan		New Row, Coleraine
Rev Dr C Glass	~	Dungiven
-do-	~	Largy
Rev Dr M Goudy	~	Macosquin
Rev Dr TD Allen	~	Acting Clerk of Assembly
~	Mr I McMaster	Terrace Row, Coleraine
Rev JA Noble		Balteagh; Bovevagh
Rev Dr SDH Williamson		Ballywillan
Rev RJ Hyndman	Mr J Cassells	First Coleraine
Rev Dr J Coulter	~	Ballysally & Univ of Ulster Chaplain
Rev S Stewart		Castlerock
Rev JG Jones	Mr I Martin	Second Limavady
-do-	Mr R Blair	Myroe
Rev RD Gregg	Mrs L McGowan	Burnside
Rev G Aitcheson	~	Balteagh
-do-	~	Bovevagh
Rev KA Jones	~	Aghadowey
-do-	~	Crossgar
Rev DH Brown	Mr D Kane	Hazelbank
~	Mr D Torrens	First Garvagh
Rev DS Brownlow	~	Derramore
-do-	Miss R McMullan	Drumachose
Rev A McConnell	Mr O Murphy	First Limavady
-do-	~	Magilligan
Rev DW Leach	Mr L Duncan	Portrush
Rev BA Smyth	~	Main Street, Garvagh
-do-	Mr I McKane	Killaig
Rev KH Hibbert	Miss H Ferguson	First Dunboe
Rev SA Morrow	Mr B Hall	Portstewart
Rev RJ Collins	Mr J Campbell	Ballywatt
Rev GA McCracken	Mrs C Dunlop	Ballywillan

~	Mr D Lyons	Ballyrashane
Rev JD McKane	Mr A Cochrane	New Row, Coleraine
	Mr J Baird	Banagher

9 DERRY AND DONEGAL PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev SJ Hanna		Glendermott
Very Rev Dr RL Craig		Kilfennan
Rev Dr CM Wilson	~	Ballylennon
-do-	Mr J Buchanan	Burt
-do-	~	Inch
-do-	~	St Johnston
Rev PE Linkens	Mr T McQuillan	Ebrington
Rev A Best		Kilmacrennan; Ramelton
~	Mr D Lee	First Derry & Claremont
Rev DF Leal	~	Carrigart
-do-	~	Dunfanaghy
Rev RN Orr	Mr R Clarke	Donagheady
-do-	Mrs G Heywood	Leckpatrick
Rev C McKibbin	~	Alt
-do-	Mr R Wallace	Carnone
-do-	~	Convoy
-do-	~	Donoughmore
Rev TJ Bruce	~	Trinity, Letterkenny
-do-	Mr S Wasson	Trenta
Rev SW Hibbert	~	Glendermott
Rev G Orr	Mr C Kennedy	Magheramason
Rev RJ Edgar	Mrs J Smith	Kilfennan
Rev SJ Moore	Mr E Boreland	Fannet
-do-	Mr L Diver	Milford
-do-	Mrs C Edwards	Rathmullan
Rev RR Tregaskis	~	Kilmacrennan
-do-	~	Ramelton
Rev PL Poots	~	Carndonagh

-do-	Mr C Armstrong	Greenbank
-do-	~	Malin
-do-	~	Moville
Rev PB Houston	Mr R Craig	Ballykelly
Rev Dr SA Wright	Mr D Gamble	Donemana
	Mr W Watson	Strabane
	Mr U Galbraith	Cumber
	Mr R Crockett	Newtowncunningham
	Mrs D Lecky	Ray
	Mr J Lamberton	Fahan
	Mr T Galbraith	Carlisle Road

10 DOWN PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev Dr G Connor		Second Saintfield
Rev R McM Mackay		Second Comber
Rev AS Smyth	Mr I Montgomery	Carryduff
Rev BA Small	Mr T Robinson	Raffrey
Rev DM Spratt	Mr M Scott	Kilmore
~	Mr A Neagle	Killinchy
Rev MM Stewart		Clough; Seaforde
Rev SA Woodburn	Mr Q Crean	Edengrove
Rev GR Connor	~	First Comber
Rev J Boyd	Mrs L Dunlop	Killyleagh
Rev TA Conway	Mrs M McIlveen	Second Comber
Rev O Patterson	Mr D Hunter	Ardglass
-do-	Mr B Redhead	Downpatrick
Rev AD Burke	Mrs E Patterson	Lissara
Rev JU Torrens	~	Second Saintfield
Rev DS Bingham	~	Clough
-do-	Mr B Mitchell	Seaforde
Rev Dr SL Bostock	Mr I Taylor	First Saintfield
	Mrs E Brown	Spa

	Mr C Foreman	Trinity, Boardmills
	Mr A Davidson	First Ballynahinch

11 DROMORE PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Very Rev Dr DJ Bruce		CMI Secretary
Rev AS Thompson		First Dromara
Rev DH Gilpin		Moira
Rev JG Trueman		Banbridge Rd, Dromore
Rev Dr WJA Sleith	Mrs A Davey	Hillsborough
Rev RA McLernon	Mrs H Trimble	Drumbo
Rev GR Stockdale	~	Prison Chaplain
Very Rev Dr WJ Henry	Mr A Peoples	Maze
Rev RA Liddle		Legacurry
~	Mrs E Killen	St Columba's, Lisburn
Rev AJ Thompson	Mr C Campbell	Elmwood
Rev MN Davidson	Mr G Wallace	Railway St, Lisburn
Rev P Jamieson	~	Hillhall
Rev LA Patterson	Mr E Bell	Cargycreevy
-do-	Mr T Kinnear	Loughaghery
~	Mr P Kennedy	Anahilt
Rev M Gilicze	Mr M Lees	First Lisburn
Rev A Faulkner	Mr C Morrison	Sloan St, Lisburn
Rev FMA Forbes	Mr J Dunseath	Harmony Hill, Lambeg
Rev Dr MC Cowan	+ Mr S Johnston	Theological Lecturer
Rev JS Maguire	Mr A Gamble	Moira
Rev Dr KD McIlroy	Mr J Cochrane	First Dromore
Rev MF Hawthorne	Mr J Ferguson	Legacurry
	Mr A Addison	Ballinderry
	Mr W Clinghan	First Dromara
	Mr G McNally	Banbridge Rd, Dromore

12 DUBLIN & MUNSTER PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev R Cobain		Ballinasloe; Galway
Rev GD Campbell		St Andrew's, Blackrock; Bray
Very Rev Dr TWJ Morrow		Lucan
Rev JG Faris		Aghada; Trinity, Cork
Rev Dr KD McCrory	Mr P Mitchell	Maynooth
Rev JJ Currie	Mr T Dowling	Kilkenny
Very Rev Dr S Mawhinney	~	Adelaide Road, Dublin
Rev L Kennedy-Ritchie	~	Clontarf & Scots
Rev CA Meban	Mr G Tenant	Christ Church, Rathgar
Rev WJ Hayes	~	Tullamore
Rev AJ Dunlop	Mr M Sparksman	Howth & Malahide
Rev MRJ Anderson	~	Arklow
~	Mr T Gaston	Donabate
Rev G McDowell	~	Greystones
Rev DP Burke	~	Drogheda
Rev A Gill	~	St Andrew's, Blackrock
-do-	~	Bray
Rev R Cronin	Mr J Jeffery	Aghada
-do-	~	Trinity, Cork
Rev JJ O'Donnell	Mr F O'Dwyer	Lucan
Rev DP Curran	~	Wexford Church Development
Rev W Moore	~	Corboy
-do-	~	Mullingar

13 IVEAGH PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev CG Harris	Mr E Rowan	Scarva St, Banbridge
Rev MG McClelland		Tandragee
Rev RA Moffett	~	Donacloney
Rev GE Best	~	Dean of Ministerial Studies + Development

Rev PA McBride		Loughbrickland; Scarva
Rev Dr MCA Gray	Mr F Connor	Bannside
Rev K Nelson		Castlewellan; Leitrim
Rev JL Rutherford	Mr A Adams	Ballydown
Rev S Burke	Mr K Spires	Brookvale
-do-	Mr E Moorehead	Second & Third Rathfriland
Rev SD Conkey	~	Gilford
-do-	Mrs H Mateer	Tullylish
Rev NJ Kane	Mr R Boyd	Magherally
Rev MTW McMaw	Mr N Ingram	Tandragee
Rev AJ Downey	~	Castlewellan
-do-	Mr J Hilland	Leitrim
	Mr V Morrison	Ballyronee
	Mr G Truesdale	Drumlee
	Mr A Chestnutt	Drumgooland
	Mr F Cairns	Loughbrickland
	Mr E Patterson	Scarva
	Mr R Logan	Anaghlonge
	Mr T Campbell	Newmills
	Mrs B Barrett	Newcastle

14 MONAGHAN PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev Dr RB Savage		Ervey; Kells
~	Mr D Lockhart	First Castleblayney
~	Mr A McAdam	Corvally
~	Mr T McBirney	Frankford
Rev DTR Edwards	~	Cootehill
-do-	~	Drum
-do-	~	Kilmount
Rev Dr GW Clinton	~	First Ballybay
-do-	Mr C Wilson	Second Ballybay
-do-	~	Drumkeen

-do-	~	Rockcorry
Rev AS McQuade	Ms M Stewart	First Monaghan
-do-	Ms C Graham	Smithborough
Rev JTH Porter	~	Dundalk
Rev JM Gawn	Mr P Prior	Ballyalbany
-do-	Mr M Wallace	Glennan

15 NEWRY PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Very Rev Dr MA Barry		First Newry
Rev WT Bingham	~	Mourne
Rev SS Johnston	Mr O Wallace	Kilkeel
Rev RK Graham	Mr D Smyth	Clarkesbridge & First Newtownhamilton
-do-	~	Garmany's Grove
-do-	~	McKelvey's Grove
~	Ms H Smith	Downshire Road, Newry
Rev KWJ Hanna	~	Rural Chaplain
Rev NJE Reid	Mr S Walker	Mountnorris
-do-	Mr G Hamilton	Tullyallen
Rev Dr MB Wilson	Mr W McKee	Cremore
-do-	Mr W Henning	Fourtowns
-do-	Mr B Reaney	Poyntzpass
Rev NL Smyth	Mr K Moffett	Cladymore
-do-	Dr P Marshall	Markethill
Rev WDS McCullagh	Mr W McConnell	Annalong
Rev RJA McClure	~	Creggan
-do-	Mr J Copeland	Second Newtownhamilton

16 OMAGH PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev JF Murdoch		First Omagh
Rev R Herron		Gillygooley; Trinity, Omagh
Rev Dr WD Cupples		Enniskillen

Rev I McClean		Ballygawley; Ballyreagh
~	Mr E Stevenson	Ardstraw
Rev GM Andrich	Mr H McKee	Irvinestown
-do-	~	Pettigo
-do-	~	Tempo
Rev PJ Nelson	Mr G Crawford	First Omagh
Rev J Cowan	Mr J Magee	Drumlegagh
-do-	Mr D Garrett	Mountjoy
Rev NDH Stewart	Mr W Liggett	Dromore
-do-	~	Fintona
Rev ET Frazer	~	Clogher
-do-	~	Glenhoy
Rev JJ Boyd	~	Ballygawley
-do-	Mr T McDaniel	Ballyreagh
Rev RA Orr	Mrs J Thompson	Edenderry
-do-	~	Seskinore
Rev SP Kennedy	Ms K Doherty	Enniskillen
~	Ms R Kerr	Clogherney
~	Mr R Kidd	Sixmilecross
Rev SW Gaston	Mr R McKelvey	First Castlederg
-do-	Mr G Sproule	Killeter
	Ms S Thompson	Second Castlederg
	Mr K Duncan	Trinity, Omagh

17 ROUTE PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev Dr JA Thompson		Dervock
Very Rev Dr DIJ McNie		Trinity, Ballymoney
Rev KDW Crowe		Bushvale
Rev HSW Cubitt	~	St James', Ballymoney
Very Rev Dr RM Murray	Mr D Lennox	Drumreagh
Rev GWM Glasgow	Mr G Huey	Armoy
-do-	Mr J Murray	First Kilraughts

Rev SA McCracken	Mr J Peden	First Ballymoney
Rev RW Gaston	Mrs M Campbell	Finvoy
Rev DJ Irvine	Mr W Quinn	Trinity, Ballymoney
Rev Dr PB Wilson		Chaplain to the Forces
Rev PL McKelvey	Mr U Kane	Ramoan
-do-	Mr C McKeeman	Toberkeigh
Rev NRA Cooper	Mrs E Houston	Bushmills
Rev Dr A Alves-Areias	~	Mosside
-do-	Mr S Morrison	Toberdoney
Rev CB Mulvenny	~	Dervock
	Mr A McGugan	Croaghmore
	Mr B McConaghy	Garryduff
	Mr J Edwards	Dunluce
	Mr D Kerr	Ballyweaney

18 TEMPLEPATRICK PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev Dr JH MacConnell		First Ballyeaston
Very Rev Dr SJ Dixon		First Antrim
Rev G Moore		Kilbride
Rev WJ Murdock		Killead; Loanends
~	Mr J McCullough	First Donegore
~	Mr D Murphy	Second Ballyeaston
Rev ES McDowell	Mr T McKnight	First Ballyeaston
Rev SJ Lockington	Mr B Simpson	First Antrim
Rev CK McDowell	~	High Street, Antrim
Rev RC Kerr	Mr J Arthur	Templepatrick
Rev G McFadden	Mr P McMaster	Kilbride
Rev S McNie	Mr B Hill	Muckamore
Rev AW Moore	Mr F Hand	Second Randalstown
Rev C Wilson	Mr J Warwick	Greystone Road, Antrim
Rev D Morrison	Mr M Rea	Killead
-do-	Mr P Leitch	Loanends

	Mr D Jones	Lylehill
	Ms A McClure	Dundrod
	Mr F Barkley	Randalstown OC
	Mr S Gawn	Second Donegore

19 TYRONE PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev IF Smith		Claggan; Orritor
Rev AS Thompson		Dungannon
Rev TJ Conway		Culnady; Swatragh
Rev JW Fleck		Clonaneese Lower & Upper
Rev TWA Greer	Mr F Ferguson	Molesworth, Cookstown
Rev Dr KO Patterson		Castledawson; Curran
~	Mr H Stewart	First Magherafelt
~	Mr A Moore	Pomeroy
~	Mr K Henry	Sandholes
Rev JE Sloan	Ms D Brown	First Moneymore
-do-	~	Second Moneymore
Rev JM Gracey		Ballygoney; Coagh; Saltersland
Rev TT Boyd	~	Draperstown
-do-	Mr J Hamilton	Tobermore
Rev SWK Glendinning	~	Ballygoney
-do-	~	Coagh
-do-	Mrs E Gilmore	Saltersland
Rev MJO Currie	Mr A Henry	First Cookstown
Rev TAS Graham	Mr A Rowan	Union Road, Magherafelt
-do-	Mr D Badger	Lecumpher
Rev MW Dodds	Mr J McMinn	Castlecaulfield
-do-	~	Eglis
Rev WA Dickey	~	Albany
-do-	Mr J Bell	Brigh
-do-	Mr M Glendinning	Stewartstown
~	Mr I Porter	Culnady
Rev NJ O'Neill	Mr R McLean	Carland

-do-	Mr R Wilkins	Newmills
	Mr N Bruce	Bellaghy
	Mr P Murray	Dungannon
	Mr M Davidson	Castledawson
	Mr R Boyce	Curran
	Mr J Sloss	Maghera
	Mr S Crooks	Claggan
	Mr S Black	Orritor

OTHER VOTING MEMBERS

(Code Par 97, 107)

Name	Role
Mr TJ Livingstone	Clerk of Presbytery (Elder)
Mr TAS Long	Clerk of Presbytery (Elder)
Dr H Clements	Conveners + Secretaries (Elder)
Mr M Hampton	Conveners + Secretaries (Elder)
Mr RW Hill	Conveners + Secretaries (Elder)
Miss J McKee	Conveners + Secretaries (Elder)
Mr K Swarbrick	Conveners + Secretaries (Elder)
Mr SA Agnew	Ex Officio Member of Assembly
Dr B Craig	Ex Officio Member of Assembly
Mr J Campbell	Nominations Committee Nominee
Mr E Davidson	Nominations Committee Nominee
Mr B Henderson	Nominations Committee Nominee
Mr E Jardine	Nominations Committee Nominee
Miss H Johnston	Nominations Committee Nominee
Mr M Neale	Nominations Committee Nominee
Mr T Reaney	Nominations Committee Nominee

SIT AND DELIBERATE

(Code Par 97, 98, 219, 302)

Name	Role
Mrs A Heenan	Additional
Mr S Gowdy	Additional - PCI Solicitor

Mrs P Burrows	Deaconess
Mrs L Davidson	Deaconess
Mr J Boyd	Licentiate serving Assistantship
Mr S Cairns	Licentiate serving Assistantship
Mr EGD Hanna	Licentiate serving Assistantship
Mr RWR Higgins	Licentiate serving Assistantship
Dr MWH Houston	Licentiate serving Assistantship
Mr JR Jones	Licentiate serving Assistantship
Mr SP McKimm	Licentiate serving Assistantship
Mr WA Richardson	Licentiate serving Assistantship
Mr MAL Tyrell	Licentiate serving Assistantship
Mr SR Woods	Licentiate serving Assistantship
Mr L da Costa	Licentiate Transferring
Mr A Gibson	Licentiate Transferring
Mr M Kirk	Licentiate Transferring
Rev JA Braithwaite	Minister Emeritus (Released)
Rev BR Hughes	Minister Emeritus (Released)
Re TS Lindsay	Minister Emeritus (Released)
Rev JL Blair	Minister Without Charge
Rev Dr CI Dickson	Minister Without Charge
Rev WG Hamilton	Minister Without Charge
Rev Dr RA Kane	Minister Without Charge
Rev Dr DJ Montgomery	Minister Without Charge
Rev KG Patterson	Minister Without Charge
Dr R Stevenson	PCI Public Affairs Officer
Miss J Clegg	Retired Deaconess + Women Worker
Miss D Draffin	Retired Deaconess + Women Worker

SECOND SESSION

Thursday, 18 December 2025

1.30pm

The Assembly convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

The Report of the **GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUSINESS COMMITTEE** (Reports pp8–9) along with Resolution 1 (Reports p19) was submitted by the Rev R.McM. Mackay, together with the following Supplementary Report and Supplementary Resolution 1(a):

PRE-ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

1. The General Assembly Business Committee met on Wednesday afternoon, 17 December 2025. It received a number of reports regarding preparations for the General Assembly.
2. The Committee considered the draft of late and additional items of business submitted by the notified date and agreed the following:
 - a. That the amendment submitted by the Very Rev Dr T.W.J. Morrow, with regard to Business Item 2, Resolution 3 (Reports page 22) be licensed.
 - b. That the amendment submitted by Rev Dr T.P. Fleming, with regard to Business Item 2, Resolution 3 (Reports page 22) be licensed.
 - c. That the amendment submitted by Rev Richard Cronin, with regard to Business Item 2, Resolution 3 (Reports page 22) be licensed.
 - d. That the amendment submitted by Rev P.W.A. McClelland, with regard to Business Item 3, Resolution 5 (Reports page 22) be licensed.
 - e. That the amendment submitted by Rev A.J. Downey, with regard to Business Item 3, Resolution 5 (Reports page 22) be licensed.
 - f. That the amendment submitted by Rev Dr Colin Burcombe, with regard to Business item 3, Resolution 5 (Reports page 22) be licensed.
 - g. That additional resolutions in the name of Rev Ivan Steen, with regard to Item 2 be licensed as Resolutions 3a and 3b.
 - h. That an additional resolution in the name of Mrs Lesley McDowell, with regard to Item 2 be licensed as Resolution 3c.
 - i. That all of the remaining material in this Supplementary Reports Booklet be licensed, and instructed that it be made available, in printed form and online, from Thursday morning onwards and the Acting Clerk be permitted to make any minor corrections.

ROY MACKAY

Additional Resolution

1(a) That Mrs Jayne Bellingham, PCI Safeguarding Lead, be permitted to address the House.

Moved by the Rev R.McM. Mackay, seconded by the Rev M.R. Burnside, and agreed:

1. That the report of the General Assembly Business Committee be received.

1(a). That Mrs Jayne Bellingham, PCI Safeguarding Lead, be permitted to address the House.

Section 1 of the Report of the **GENERAL COUNCIL** (Reports pp9–16) along with Resolutions 2–3 (Reports pp19) was submitted by the Very Rev Dr D.J. Bruce, together with the licensed amendments to Resolution 3 in Supplementary Reports ppS1–S2, and additional Resolutions 3a, 3b and 3c in Supplementary Reports pS3.

Moved by the Very Rev Dr D.J. Bruce, seconded by the Rev Dr T.D. Allen, and agreed:

2. Section 1 of the report is received.

Moved by the Very Rev Dr D.J. Bruce, seconded by the Rev Dr T.D. Allen:

3. That the interim recommendations in Section 1 of the report are adopted as a framework, and that specific proposals, with details, be brought to a subsequent meeting of the General Council.

An amendment was submitted in the name of the Very Rev Dr T.W.J. Morrow:

3. That the interim recommendations in Section 1 of the report are adopted as a framework, and that specific proposals, *according to the principles of justice that are expressed in the Bible*, with details, be brought to a subsequent meeting of the General Council.

The amendment, being accepted by the proposer and seconder, became the substantive motion.

An amendment was submitted in the name of the Rev Dr T.P. Fleming:

3. That the interim recommendations in Section 1 of the report are adopted as a framework, and that specific proposals, according to the principles of justice that are expressed in the Bible, with details, be brought to a subsequent meeting of the General Council for review, *and that the General Council bring a report on these*

matters with resolutions to a special meeting of the General Assembly on Tuesday 17 February or other date as called by the Moderator of the General Assembly.

The amendment, being accepted by the proposer and seconder, became the substantive motion.

An amendment was submitted in the name of the Rev Richard Cronin:

3. That the interim recommendations in Section 1 of the report are adopted as framework, and that specific proposals, with details, according to the principles of justice that are expressed in the Bible, be brought to a subsequent meeting of the General Council for review and that the General Council bring a report on these matters with resolutions to the *General Assembly and that the protocol for standing down ministers, elders, and senior leaders be circulated to all ministers and Kirk Sessions and be reviewed in light of any feedback and that the revised protocol be brought to the meeting of the General Assembly in June 2026 or other date as called by the Moderator of the General Assembly, for its approval.*

The amendment, being accepted by the proposer and seconder, became the substantive motion. On being put to the House, was declared passed.

Intermission

With the leave of the House, it was agreed that Section 1 of the Report of the General Council be continued:

Additional Resolutions 3a–3c (Supplementary Reports page S3)

Moved by the Rev Ivan Steen, seconded by Mr Robbie Montgomery, and agreed:

- 3a. That the Safeguarding Development Committee assess the necessity of establishing a Survivor Redress scheme. This scheme would offer a formal apology to survivors of abuse occurring within the church, together with any necessary compensation and access to forms of support needed.

Moved by Mr Robbie Montgomery, seconded by the Rev Ivan Steen, and agreed:

- 3b. That existing safeguarding guidance and Church wide awareness of safeguarding processes be substantially increased in the immediate short term, with any necessary compensation and access to forms of support needed.

Moved by Mrs Lesley McDowell; seconded by the Rev Dr G.W. Clinton, and agreed:

- 3c. That PCI separate its obligations under the Protection of Adults at Risk of Harm from those of Child Protection which are very different; that structures be identified to take forward the commitments of the past, and which should be in a state of preparedness to meet the requirements of the new legislation; and that all appropriate measures to support and foster a safer environment for Adults at Risk of Harm be adopted.

Section 2 of the Report of the GENERAL COUNCIL (Reports p17) along with Resolutions 4–6 (Reports p19) was submitted by the Very Rev Dr D.J. Bruce, together with the licensed amendments to Resolution 3 in Supplementary Reports pS2.

Moved by the Very Rev Dr D.J. Bruce, seconded by the Rev Dr T.D. Allen, and agreed:

4. That Section 2 of the report is received.

Moved by the Very Rev Dr D.J. Bruce, seconded by the Rev Dr T.D. Allen:

5. That a General Council Task Group be established to inquire into issues of governance, culture and integrity within the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, with the aim of improving the proper functioning of our Presbyterian form of Church government. The membership of the Task Group will be appointed by the Office Bearers of the General Council, in consultation with the Council.

An amendment was submitted in the name of the Rev P.W.A. McClelland:

- 5 That a General Council Task Group be established to inquire into issues of governance, culture and integrity within the Presbyterian Church in Ireland with the aim of improving the proper functioning of our Presbyterian form of Church government *according to principles regarding the same to be provided by the Doctrine Committee*. The membership of the Task Group will be appointed by the Office Bearers of the General Council, in consultation with the Council.

The amendment, being accepted by the proposer and seconder, became the substantive motion.

An amendment was submitted in the name of the Rev A.J. Downey:

5. That a General Assembly Task Group be established to inquire into issues of governance, culture and integrity within the Presbyterian Church in Ireland with the aim of improving the proper functioning of our Presbyterian form of Church government according to principles regarding the same to be provided by the Doctrine Committee. The membership of the Task Group will be:
 - *Moderator and Acting Clerk or Deputy Clerk;*
 - *Three people appointed by the Moderator and Acting Clerk or Deputy Clerk (one Clerk of Presbytery; one Convener of a General Assembly Council or Commission; one member of the General Council);*
 - *Three members of Doctrine Committee, appointed by the Doctrine Committee Convener;*
 - *The Moderator, or if necessary, another member, of each Presbytery not already represented, appointed by that Presbytery before 17 January 2026.*

The amendment, being accepted by the proposer and seconder, became the substantive motion.

An amendment was submitted in the name of the Rev Dr Colin Burcombe:

5. That a General Assembly Task Group be established to inquire into issues of governance, culture and integrity within the Presbyterian Church in Ireland with the aim of improving the proper functioning of our Presbyterian form of Church government according to principles regarding the same to be provided by the Doctrine Committee; *and that the issues of culture and integrity, insofar as they concern behaviour, power, and accountability, shall be examined by an external, independent body which will report directly to the task group.* The membership of the Task Group will be:
 - Moderator and Acting Clerk or Deputy Clerk
 - Three people appointed by the Moderator and Acting Clerk or Deputy Clerk (one Clerk of Presbytery; one Convener of a General Assembly Council or Commission; one member of the General Council)
 - Three members of Doctrine Committee, appointed by the Doctrine Committee Convener
 - The Moderator, or if necessary, another member, of each Presbytery not already represented, appointed by that Presbytery before 17 January 2026.

The amendment, not being accepted by the proposer and seconder, on being put to the House, was declared lost.

The substantive motion, being put to the House, was declared passed.

Moved by the Very Rev Dr D.J. Bruce, seconded by the Rev Dr T.D. Allen, and agreed:

6. That a General Council Task Group be established to revise the Appointment Process, Job Description and Personnel Specification for the post or posts of Clerk Designate of the General Assembly and General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and that the General Council bring a report on these matters to a Special meeting of the General Assembly on Tuesday 17 February or other date as called by the Moderator of the General Assembly, and that the Task Group comprise:

The Moderator of the General Assembly

The Acting Clerk of the General Assembly

The Deputy Clerk of the General Assembly

Very Rev Dr David Bruce (Convener of the General Council)

Rev Albin Rankin (Member of General Council)

Mr Hugo Wilson (Convener of the Support Services Committee)

Mrs Avril Heenan (General Assembly Structures and Resources Review Panel)

Rev David McCullagh (Clerk of Newry Presbytery)

Rev Andrew Faulkner (Convener of the Council for Training in Ministry)

Mrs Sarah Leung (Head of Human Resources)

Mr Ken Swarbrick (Financial Secretary)

With the power to co-opt up to two others.

[The Very Rev Dr R.M. Murray vacated the Chair; the Very Rev Dr R.L. Craig took the Chair]

Section 3 of the Report of the **GENERAL COUNCIL** (Reports pp17–18) along with Resolutions 7–8 (Reports p19) was submitted by the Rev Dr T.D. Allen.

Moved by the Rev Dr T.D. Allen, seconded by the Very Rev Dr D.J. Bruce, and agreed:

7. That Section 3 of the Report is received and that the General Assembly Advisory Committee bring a report on whether to extend the format relating to Paragraphs 14 and 15, including the Moderator in a full-time capacity, to a future meeting of the General Council.

8. That the General Assembly Business Committee bring a report to the General Council on the matters contained in Paragraph 16 above, with the General Council reporting to the Special General Assembly on Tuesday 17 February, or other date, as called by the Moderator of the General Assembly, and that overseas delegates be invited as normal for the General Assembly in June 2026.

[The Very Rev Dr R.L. Craig vacated the Chair; the Very Rev Dr R.M. Murray took the Chair]

Section 4 of the Report of the **GENERAL COUNCIL** (Reports p18) along with Resolutions 9–10 (Reports p20) was submitted by the Very Rev Dr DJ Bruce.

Moved by the Very Rev Dr DJ Bruce, seconded by the Rev Dr TD Allen, and agreed:

9. That Section 4 of the Report is received.

10. That the General Council establish a Task Group to consider all aspects of the use of compromise agreements, and that the Council report to the General Assembly of June 2026.

The Moderator, the Very Rev Dr R.M. Murray, declared the Special Assembly to be dissolved and pronounced the Benediction.

The sederunt came to a close at 6pm.

Attested by
T DAVID ALLEN
Acting Clerk of Assembly

MINUTES
OF THE
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Special General Assembly
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Held at Belfast, February 2026

FIRST SESSION

Wednesday, 18 February 2026

11am

Within Assembly Buildings

The Right Rev Dr R.M. Murray, Moderator of the General Assembly, welcomed all present.

The Moderator constituted the Assembly with prayer and led in public worship.

The following Ministers and Ruling Elders were present at the Annual Meeting:

	Minister/Representative Elder not applicable
~	Did not attend
+	Corresponding Elder

1 ARDS PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev Dr DJ Watts		Clerk of Assembly
Rev Dr RA Russell		Ballywalter
Rev M Stanfield	Mrs A Kennedy	City Church, Bangor
Rev JH Flaherty	Mr B McCausland	First Donaghadee
-do-	Ms A Crowther	Millisle & Ballycopeland
~	Mr M Steele	Groomsport
Rev PC Lyle	Mrs J Hunter	Ballyholme
~	Mr C Killick	Hamilton Road, Bangor
~	Mr R Houston	Ballygrainey
Rev DM Shaw	~	Ballycrochan
Rev A Gilicze	Mr D McCracken	Ballyblack
-do-	Mr J Brown	Carrowdore & Ballyfrenis
Rev RH Houston	+ Dr M Bennett	Bangor, West - Associate
Rev TJ McConaghie	Mr J Donaldson	Conlig
Rev GJ Simpson	~	Ballywalter
Rev GJ Ball	~	Scrabo
~	Mr S Carroll	St Andrew's, Bangor
Rev JP McWatters	Mr P Baron	Streatan, Newtownards
Rev RS Hamilton	Mr R Wilson	Movilla
Rev SW Orr	Mr P Blair	Trinity, Bangor
Rev CN Lynn	~	First Newtownards
	Mr M Gracey	Greyabbey
	Mr D McAuley	Helen's Bay
	Mrs K Glass	Regent Street, Newtownards

2 ARMAGH PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev Dr AD Davidson		First Armagh
Rev RL Brown		First Portadown
~	Mr O Milligan	Richhill
Rev EP Gamble	~	Deputy Clerk of Assembly
Rev NJ McCullough	Mr K Belshaw	Hill Street, Lurgan
Rev SD Finlay	~	Druminnis
-do-	~	Redrock
Rev Princ M McClenahan	+ Mr N Cornett	Theological Principal
Rev Dr SA Moore	+ Mr C Kennedy	College Lecturer
Rev LW Webster	Mr T Canning	Craigavon
Rev PWA McClelland	Mr D Newell	Ahorey
-do-	Mr J Adair	Clare
Rev GR Mullan	~	Moy
-do-	Mr T Graham	Vinecash
Rev JT Graham	+ Mr J Wright	Hill Street, Lurgan - Associate
Rev JM Haugh	Mr B Taylor	Waringstown
~	Mr J MacQueen	Loughgall
-do-	Mr L Brush	Tartaraghan
~	Mr L Crowe	First Armagh
	Mrs M Stirling	Armagh Road, Portadown
	Mr B McGuire	First Portadown

3 BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Very Rev Dr JM Finlay		Harryville, Ballymena
Rev JJ Andrews		Ballee
Rev JA Beattie		Second Broughshane
Rev NAL Cameron		High Kirk, Ballymena
Rev JD McGaughey	~	Carnlough & Cushendall
-do-	Mr J Gillan	Newtowncrommelin
Rev MJR Neilly	Mr J Turtle	First Ahoghill

~	Mr A Greer	Connor
Rev JE McDowell	~	First Ballymena
Rev RS Agnew	~	First Broughshane
Rev WE Chestnutt	Mr H Cubitt	Harryville, Ballymena
Rev NG Mulholland	Mr S Warwick	Cunningham Memorial
Rev RJ Watt	Mr A Gregg	Killymurriss
Rev JT Blue	Mr J Turtle	Second Broughshane
~	Mr M Saunderson	Glenwherry
Rev SD Kennedy	Mr D Woodburn	Buckna
Rev AJ McCracken	Mr D Brown	Cloughwater
~	Mr J McWilliams	Clough
Rev JA Porter	Mr S Kirkpatrick	Rasharkin
-do-	Mr T Paul	Dunloy
Rev SJ Kerr	Mr B Turtle	Kells
Rev AJ Frazer	Mr N Mearns	Trinity, Ahoghill
-do-	~	Grange with Craigmore
	Mr F McKendry	Ballykeel
	Mr M Rea	Cairnalbana
	Mr S McKee	Esylane
	Mr R Reid	Glenarm
	Mr S Wilson	High Kirk, Ballymena
	Miss A Dines	West Church, Ballymena
	Mr R Caldwell	First Portglenone

4 NORTH BELFAST PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Very Rev Dr J Dunlop		Rosemary
Rev Dr RJT McMullan		Overseas Board Secretary
Rev TV Patterson		Immanuel
Rev JN Seawright		Abbey, Monkstown
Rev DW Brice		Glengormley
Very Rev Dr TN Hamilton		Ballysillan
Rev Dr SE Hughes		Whitehouse
Rev JSB Drennan		Crumlin Road

Rev PG McCrea	Mr J Dickson	Rosemary
Rev DT Moore	~	Minister in Special Work, West Belfast
Rev EJ Hyndman	~	Seaview
Rev AW Carson	~	Abbey, Monkstown
Rev CJ Gamble	Mr J Fittis	Immanuel
Rev AV Stewart	Mrs C Swarbrick	Whiteabbey
Rev S Newell		Alexandra
Rev NSR Lockhart	Mr R Ferguson	Ballyhenry
Rev D Clawson	Mr D Kane	West Kirk
~	Ms J Asquith	Glengormley
Rev SD Currie	Mr H Orr	Ballysillan
Rev SJ Lowry	Ms H Lindsay	Whitehouse
~	Mr T Wilson	Alexandra
Rev SN Hawthorne	Mr G Craig	Carnmoney
Rev MS Rutledge	Mr G Anderson	Abbot's Cross
Rev G Keaveney	Mr M Walsh	New Mossley
~	+ Mr J Cummings	West Kirk - Associate
Rev M Horner	Mr D Phillips	Eglinton
	Mr D Keaveney	Rathcoole
	Ms C Dalzell	Woodvale

5 SOUTH BELFAST PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev MS Gault		Cooke Centenary
Rev AR Bill		Saintfield Road
Rev JT Lamb		Townsend Street
~	Mr D McNeill	Fitzroy Avenue
~	+ Dr M Bill	Chaplain RVH
Rev RJ Gilkinson	~	Chaplain BCH
Rev BJ McCroskery	Mr A Rankin	McCracken Memorial
Rev ND Craig	~	Chaplain QUB, SUC + UTC
Rev Dr BJ Walker	Mr A McCracken	Saintfield Road
Rev I Steen	~	South Kirk
Rev KH Viner	Mr J Kenny	Malone

~	Mr P Lindsay	Fisherwick
Rev DJ Gray	~	Cooke Centenary
~	Dr P Elliott	Lowe Memorial (Finaghy)
Rev P Lutton	~	Newtownbreda
~	Mr J Milligan	Dunmurry
	Mr B Dunwoody	Belvoir

6 EAST BELFAST PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev HR Quinn		Global Mission Worker
Rev WS Marrs	+ Mr R Dekker	CGM Secretary
Rev AC Rankin	Ms R Hamilton	Stormont
Rev MR Burnside	Mr A McCann	Castlereagh
Rev SP Moore		Gilnahirk
Rev DH Thompson	~	CCLW Secretary
~	Mrs L Bethel	Granshaw
Rev JR Lambe		Mountpottinger
Rev D Rankin		Strand
Rev GJ Kennedy	Ms S Strong	Kirkpatrick Memorial
Rev Dr C Burcombe	~	Mersey Street
Rev JL Cochrane	Mr D Marriott	Ravenhill
Rev RSJ McIlhatton	Ms A Osborne	Christ Church, Dundonald
Rev W Harkness	Mr R Elliott	Belmont
~	Mrs M Grayson	Mountpottinger
~	Mr J Dowd	Orangefield
Rev AM Boreland	~	Bloomfield
Rev JS McCrea	~	First Holywood
Rev JM Warburton	Mrs L McDowell	High Street, Holywood
Rev ML Gray	~	Knock
Rev A Marsh	Mr J Johnston	Strand
Rev RS Aicken	Mr K Brown	St Andrew's
Rev PA Boyd	Mrs L Wray	McQuiston Memorial
	Mr D Mark	Gilnahirk

7 CARRICKFERGUS PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev RJA Bell		Ballyclare
Rev WA Watson	~	Cairncastle
Rev Dr CD McClure	Mr K McKinley	First Larne
Rev TR Graham		Joymount
~	Mr D Gawn	Ballyclare
~	Mr N Smyth	Ballylinney
Rev JP Stanbridge	Miss S Adamson	Joymount
~	Miss M Kane	Islandmagee
Rev DR Cromie	~	Greenisland
Rev BS Preston	~	Craig Hill
Rev B Johnston	Mr P Logan	Gardenmore, Larne
Rev MJK Kelso	Mr G Clarke	Ballynure
	Mr J Rice	Raloo
	Mr W Heggan	Whitehead
	Mr R Kennedy	Woodburn

8 COLERAINE AND LIMAVADY PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Very Rev Dr D Clarke		Terrace Row, Coleraine
Rev JA McCaughan		First Dunboe
Rev Dr TJ McCormick	~	Kilrea
Very Rev Dr JA Kirkpatrick		Portrush
Rev Dr TP Fleming	Mr D Stewart	Castlerock
Rev Dr C Glass	~	Dungiven
-do-	~	Largy
~	Mr I McMaster	Terrace Row, Coleraine
Rev Dr SDH Williamson		Ballywillan
~	Mr J Cassells	First Coleraine
Rev JG Jones	~	Second Limavady
-do-	Mr R Blair	Myroe
Rev RD Gregg	Mrs L McGowan	Burnside
~	Mr J Loughery	Balteagh

~	Mr S McCrea	Bovevagh
~	Mr D Johnston	Second Dunboe
~	Mr A Crowe	Ringsend
Rev KA Jones	Mr W Knox	Aghadowey
-do-	Mr I Scott	Crossgar
Rev DH Brown	Mr D Kane	Hazelbank
Rev ME Donald	Mr D Torrens	First Garvagh
-do-	Mr S Torrens	Moneydig
Rev DW Leach	Mr J Gillespie	Portrush
~	Mr I McKane	Killaig
Rev KH Hibbert	Miss H Ferguson	First Dunboe
Rev SA Morrow	Mr B Hall	Portstewart
Rev GA McCracken	Mrs C Dunlop	Ballywillan
~	Mr A Cochrane	New Row, Coleraine
	Mr J Baird	Banagher

9 DERRY AND DONEGAL PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev SJ Hanna		Glendermott
Rev Dr CM Wilson	~	Ballylennon
-do-	Mrs M McArthur	Burt
-do-	~	Inch
-do-	~	St Johnston
~	Mr T McQuillan	Ebrington
Rev AC Wilson		Ballykelly
Rev DF Leal	~	Carrigart
-do-	~	Dunfanaghy
Rev RN Orr	Mr E Colhoun	Donagheady
-do-	Mrs P Jones	Leckpatrick
~	Mr J Nesbitt	Convoy
Rev SW Hibbert	~	Glendermott
Rev RJ Edgar	~	Kilfennan
~	Mrs C Edwards	Rathmullan

Rev RR Tregaskis	~	Kilmacrennan
-do-	~	Ramelton
Rev PL Poots	~	Carndonagh
-do-	Mr C Armstrong	Greenbank
-do-	~	Malin
-do-	~	Moville
Rev PB Houston	~	Ballykelly
Rev Dr SA Wright	Mr A Fullerton	Donemana
	Mr T Galbraith	Carlisle Road
	Mr J Lamberton	Fahan
	Mr D Roulston	Newtowncunningham
	Mr W Watson	Strabane
	Mr E Christie	Cumber

10 DOWN PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev Dr G Connor		Second Saintfield
Rev R McM Mackay		Second Comber
Rev BA Small	Mr T Robinson	Raffrey
Rev DM Spratt	~	Kilmore
~	Mr A Neagle	Killinchy
Rev MM Stewart		Clough; Seaforde
~	Mr Q Crean	Edengrove
Rev GR Connor	~	First Comber
Rev J Boyd	Mrs L Dunlop	Killyleagh
Rev TA Conway	Mrs M McIlveen	Second Comber
Rev AD Burke	Mrs E Patterson	Lissara
Rev JU Torrens	~	Second Saintfield
~	Mr I Taylor	First Saintfield
	Mr M Lyons	Ballygowan
	Mr I Montgomery	Carryduff
	Mr C Foreman	Trinity, Boardmills

11 DROMORE PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Very Rev Dr DJ Bruce		CMI Secretary
Rev Dr WJA Sleith	Mrs A Davey	Hillsborough
Very Rev Dr WJ Henry	Mr G Page	Maze
Rev RD Cameron	~	St Columba's, Lisburn
Rev AJ Thompson	Mr C Campbell	Elmwood
Rev MN Davidson	Mr G Wallace	Railway St, Lisburn
Rev P Jamieson	~	Hillhall
~	Mr M Douglas	Cargycreevy
~	Mr B McCord	Loughaghery
~	Mr M Lees	First Lisburn
Rev A Faulkner	Mr C Morrison	Sloan St, Lisburn
Rev Dr MC Cowan	+ Mr S Johnston	Theological Lecturer
Rev JS Maguire	Mr A Gamble	Moirea
~	Mr J Cochrane	First Dromore
Rev MF Hawthorne	~	Legacurry
	Mr W Clinghan	First Dromara
	Mr M Masters	Banbridge Rd, Dromore

12 DUBLIN AND MUNSTER PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev R Cobain		Ballinasloe; Galway
Rev JG Faris		Aghada; Trinity, Cork
Rev JJ Currie	~	Kilkenny
Rev AJ Boal	Ms O Smith	Abbey, Dublin
Rev CA Meban	~	Christ Church, Rathgar
~	Mr M Sparksman	Howth & Malahide
~	Mr T Gaston	Donabate
Rev HM Freeburn	~	Galway
Rev G McDowell		Greystones
Rev DP Burke	Mr C Mienie	Drogheda

Rev DP Curran	~	Wexford Church Development
Rev W Moore	~	Corboy
-do-	~	Mullingar
	Mrs D Shamahan	Dun Laoghaire

13 IVEAGH PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev CG Harris	Mr E Rowan	Scarva St, Banbridge
Rev MG McClelland		Tandragee
Rev RA Moffett	~	Donacloney
Rev GE Best	~	Dean of Ministerial Studies + Development
~	Mr FRL Arnold	Bannside
Rev JL Rutherford	Mr A Adams	Ballydown
Rev RM Moody	~	First Rathfriland
~	Mrs H Mateer	Tullylish
Rev NJ Kane	Mr R Boyd	Magherally
Rev MTW McMaw	Mr N Ingram	Tandragee
Rev AJ Downey	Mr I Williams	Castlewellan
-do-	~	Leitrim
	Mr V Weir	Drumlee
	Mr A Skillen	Donaghmore
	Mr R Logan	Anaghlonge

14 MONAGHAN PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev Dr RB Savage		Ervey, Kells
Rev D Reyes Martin	~	Clontibret
-do-	~	Middletown
~	Mr D Lockhart	First Castleblayney
~	Mr A McAdam	Corvally
~	Mr T McBirney	Frankford

15 NEWRY PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Very Rev Dr MA Barry		First Newry
Rev SS Johnston	Mr O Wallace	Kilkeel
Rev RK Graham	~	Clarkesbridge & First Newtownhamilton
-do-	~	Garmany's Grove
-do-	~	McKelvey's Grove
~	Mr S Walker	Mountnorris
~	Mr G Hamilton	Tullyallen
Rev NL Smyth	~	Cladymore
-do-	Mr D Bingham	Markethill
Rev WDS McCullagh	~	Annalong
Rev RJA McClure	Mr C Feely	Creggan
-do-	Mr J Copeland	Second Newtownhamilton

16 OMAGH PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev R Herron		Gillygooley; Trinity, Omagh
Rev Dr WD Cupples		Enniskillen
Rev DW Reid	Mr T Atcheson	Ardstraw
-do-	~	Douglas
~	Mr E Johnston	First Omagh
Rev ET Frazer	~	Clogher
-do-	~	Glenhoy
Rev JJ Boyd	~	Ballygawley
-do-	Mr T McDaniel	Ballyreagh
Rev RA Orr	~	Edenderry
-do-	~	Seskinore
~	Miss K Doherty	Enniskillen
~	Mr R Rutledge	First Castlederg
~	Mr R McKelvey	Killeter

	Mrs D Watt	Second Castlederg
	Mr R Smyth	Gillygooley
	Mrs C McElhinney	Trinity, Omagh

17 ROUTE PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Very Rev Dr DIJ McNie		Trinity, Ballymoney
Right Rev Dr RM Murray	Mr D Lennox	Drumreagh
Rev GWM Glasgow	Mr G Huey	Armoy
-do-	Mr J Murray	First Kilraughts
~	Mr J Peden	First Ballymoney
Rev RW Gaston	~	Finvoy
Rev DJ Irvine	Mr B Quinn	Trinity, Ballymoney
Rev PL McKelvey	Mr U Kane	Ramoan
-do-	Mr C McKeeman	Toberkeigh
Rev NRA Cooper	Mrs E Houston	Bushmills
Rev Dr A Alves-Areias	Mr M McCracken	Mosside
-do-	Mr S Morrison	Toberdoney
Rev CB Mulvenny	Mr D McQuilkin	Dervock
	Mr A McGugan	Croaghmore
	Mr M Ferris	Garryduff
	Mr J Edwards	Dunluce

18 TEMPLEPATRICK PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev Dr JH MacConnell		First Ballyeaston
Very Rev Dr SJ Dixon		First Antrim
Rev G Moore		Kilbride
Rev WJ Murdock		Killead; Loanends
~	Mr J McCullagh	First Donegore
~	Mr D Murphy	Second Ballyeaston
Rev ES McDowell	Mr T McKnight	First Ballyeaston
Rev SJ Lockington	Mr B Simpson	First Antrim

Rev CK McDowell	~	High Street, Antrim
Rev RC Kerr	Mr J Arthur	Templepatrick
Rev G McFadden	Mr P McMaster	Kilbride
Rev S McNie	Mr R Armour	Muckamore
Rev AW Moore	Mr F Hand	Second Randalstown
Rev C Wilson	Mr J Warrick	Greystone Road, Antrim
Rev D Morrison	Mr D McClenaghan	Killead
-do-	Mr P Leitch	Loanends
	Mrs L Alexander	Hyde Park
	Mr D Jones	Lylehill
	Mr F Barkley	Randalstown OC
	Mr S Gawn	Second Donegore

19 TYRONE PRESBYTERY

Ministers	Ruling Elders	Congregation
Rev JW Fleck		Clonaneese Upper & Lower
Rev AS Thompson		Dungannon
Rev TWA Greer	Mr F Ferguson	Molesworth, Cookstown
Rev Dr KO Patterson		Castledawson; Curran
Rev Dr JA Curry	Dr M Stevenson	First Magherafelt
Rev JE Sloan	Mrs D Brown	First Moneymore
-do-	Mr J Atkinson	Second Moneymore
Rev JM Gracey		Ballygoney; Coagh; Saltersland
Rev TT Boyd	~	Draperstown
-do-	Mr R Hamilton	Tobermore
Rev SWK Glendinning	~	Ballygoney
-do-	~	Coagh
-do-	~	Saltersland
Rev MJO Currie	~	First Cookstown
Rev TAS Graham	Mr A Rowan	Union Road, Magherafelt
-do-	Mr D Badger	Lecumpher
Rev MW Dodds	Mr C Wilson	Castlecaulfield
-do-	~	Eglish

Rev WA Dickey	~	Albany
-do-	~	Brigh
-do-	Mr M Glendinning	Stewartstown
~	Mr G Morrow	Carland
	Mr N Bruce	Bellaghy
	Mr M Davidson	Castledawson
	Mr R Boyce	Curran
	Mr S Crooks	Claggan
	Mr M Freeman	Orritor
	Mr J Sloss	Maghera
	Mr W Ferry	Lower Clonaneese
	Mr N Condy	Upper Clonaneese

OTHER VOTING MEMBERS

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Name	Role
Mr TJ Livingstone	Clerk of Presbytery (Elder)
Mr TAS Long	Clerk of Presbytery (Elder)
Mr M Hampton	Conveners + Secretaries (Elder)
Mr RW Hill	Conveners + Secretaries (Elder)
Mr K Swarbrick	Conveners + Secretaries (Elder)
Miss J McKee	Conveners + Secretaries (Elder)
Mr H Wilson	Conveners + Secretaries (Elder)
Dr B Craig	Ex Officio Member of Assembly
Mrs M McKenna	Ex Officio Member of Assembly
Mr J Campbell	Nominations Committee Nominee
Mr E Davidson	Nominations Committee Nominee
Mr B Henderson	Nominations Committee Nominee
Mr E Jardine	Nominations Committee Nominee
Miss H Johnston	Nominations Committee Nominee
Mr M Neale	Nominations Committee Nominee
Mrs E Warden	Nominations Committee Nominee
Mr T Reaney	Nominations Committee Nominee

SIT AND DELIBERATE

(Code Par 312)

Name	Role
Mrs A Heenan	Additional
Mr S Gowdy	Additional - PCI Solicitor
Mrs P Burrows	Deaconess
Mr S Cairns	Licentiate serving Assistantship
Mr AT Ferguson	Licentiate serving Assistantship
Mr EGD Hanna	Licentiate serving Assistantship
Mr RWR Higgins	Licentiate serving Assistantship
Dr MWH Houston	Licentiate serving Assistantship
Mr JR Jones	Licentiate serving Assistantship
Mr JD McKee	Licentiate serving Assistantship
Mr GT Read	Licentiate serving Assistantship
Mr WA Richardson	Licentiate serving Assistantship
Mr L da Costa	Licentiate Transferring
Mr A Gibson	Licentiate Transferring
Rev TS Lindsay	Minister Emeritus (Released)
Rev DS McIlwrath	Minister Emeritus (Released)
Very Rev Dr WD Patton	Minister Emeritus (Released)
Rev JL Blair	Minister Without Charge
Rev WI Ferris	Minister Without Charge
Rev Dr RA Kane	Minister Without Charge
Rev Dr MJ Welsh	Minister Without Charge
Dr R Stevenson	PCI Public Affairs Officer
Miss D Draffin	Retired Deaconess and Women Worker

Intermission

GENERAL COUNCIL SECTION 1

Convener: THE VERY REV DR DJ BRUCE

Secretary: THE ACTING CLERK

The Report of the **GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUSINESS COMMITTEE** (Reports pp11-12), along with Resolution 1 (Reports p34), was submitted by the Rev R.McM. Mackay.

In addition to the printed report, the following was reported:

That Mrs Sarah Leung, Head of Human Resources, is permitted to address the House.

Omitted from Special General Assembly Reports p33:

5c) The duration of the June 2025 Assembly should be considered in order to give adequate time for consideration of reports, worship, prayer and informal fellowship and interaction.

Moved by the Rev R.McM. Mackay, seconded by the Rev M.R. Burnside, and agreed:

1. That the report of the General Assembly Business Committee be received.

GENERAL COUNCIL SECTION 2

Section 2 of the Report of the **GENERAL COUNCIL** (Reports pp13–33), along with Resolutions 1–3 (Reports p34), was submitted by the Very Rev Dr D.J. Bruce.

The sederunt came to a close at 1.02pm, the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction.

SECOND SESSION

Wednesday, 18 February 2026

2.00pm

The Assembly convened, the Moderator leading in prayer.

Moved by the Very Rev Dr D.J. Bruce, seconded by the Rev E.P. Gamble, and agreed:

2. That Section 2 of the Report of the General Council be received.

Moved by the Very Rev Dr D.J. Bruce, seconded by the Rev E.P. Gamble:

3. That the recommendations of Par 4 be adopted

An amendment was submitted in the name of the Rev R.J.A. McClure:

3. That the recommendations of par 4 be adopted *but that the term 'Senior Leadership Team' be changed to 'Senior Administrative Team'.*

The amendment, on being put to the House, was declared lost.

The substantive motion, being put to the House, was declared passed.

Moved by the Very Rev Dr D.J. Bruce, seconded by the Rev E.P. Gamble, and agreed:

4. That the recommendations at Par 7 be adopted.

The Very Rev Dr D.J. Bruce rose to address the House, expressing a vote of thanks to the Moderator.

The Moderator, the Very Rev Dr RM Murray, declared the Special Assembly to be dissolved and pronounced the Benediction.

The sederunt came to a close at 2.30pm.

Attested by
T. DAVID ALLEN
Acting Clerk of Assembly

