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MINUTES OF PRO-RE-NATÁ MEETING OF SYNOD

TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2019 - CULLYBACKEY

1. A Pro-re-natá meeting of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland was held in Cullybackey Reformed Presbyterian Church on Tuesday 17th September 2019 commencing at 10.00am.
2. The Moderator, Rev. Mark Loughridge, conducted devotional exercises. Psalm 10 stanzas 7 – 10 was sung in praise to God and Mr Loughridge led in prayer.
3. The Clerk read the Roll of Synod as follows:

ROLL OF SYNOD

NORTHERN PRESBYTERY

Ballyclabber	Rev. James Blair
	Mr Morrell McCollum
Ballylaggan	Rev. David Sutherland
	Mr Robbie Quigg
Ballymoney	Rev. Edward McCollum
	Mr Hugh McCluggage
Cloughmills	Rev. Joel Loughridge
	Mr David Loughridge
Cullybackey	Rev. Philip Moffett
	Mr Ian McCluggage
Dervock	Rev. Philip Dunwoody
	Mr Stephen Hunter
Drimbolg	Rev. Prof. Norris Wilson
	Mr Stanley Lytle
Kellswater	Rev. John Coates
	Mr Robert McMullan

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Kilraughts	Rev. David Fallows
	Mr Harold Kerr
Portrush	Rev. Samuel McCollum
	Mr Ross Carson
Serving in Nantes, France	Rev. Andrew Lytle
Retired Ministers	Rev. Robert Hanna
	Rev. R. Wallace McCollum
	Rev. George McEwen

EASTERN PRESBYTERY

Bailiesmills	Rev. John Watterson
	Mr Joe Watson
Ballyclare	Rev. Nathan Hawthorne
	Mr George Wright
Carrickfergus	Rev. Harry Coulter
	Mr Ronnie Loughridge
Dromara	Rev. Geoffrey Allen
	Mr Harold Kerr
Dromore	Mr Mark Patterson
Knockbracken	Rev. Andrew Kerr
Lisburn	Mr John Somerville
Newtownards	Rev. Robert M. McCollum
	Mr Joe McEwen

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Shaftesbury Square	Rev. Prof. David McKay Dr. Hugh McCullough
Trinity	Rev. Prof. Warren Peel Mr Stanley Wilson
Cookstown Society Organising Pastor	Rev. Paul Wright
Woodstock Society Organising Pastor	Rev. David McCullough
Minister without charge	Rev. Vincent McDonnell
Retired ministers	Rev. Dr Harold Cunningham Rev. Prof. Edward Donnelly Rev. John Hawthorne Rev. Prof. Robert McCollum

WESTERN PRESBYTERY

Bready	Rev. Blair McFarland Mr William Roulston
Convoy	Rev. Stephen Wright
Covenant Christian Fellowship Galway	Rev. Peter Jemphrey Mr Billy Hamilton
Gateway Christian Fellowship	Rev. Stephen Neilly Mr Graham Fallows
Faughan	Rev. Steven Robinson Mr James Snodgrass

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Letterkenny	Rev. Mark Loughridge
	Mr Robert Tait
Limavady	Rev. Raymond Blair
	Mr Brian Dunwoody
Milford	Rev. Jonathan McCollum
	Mr Martin Crossin
Stranorlar	Mr John McCollum
Enniskillen	
Ministers without charge	Rev. Ian Morrison
	Rev. Bill Matthes
Retired ministers	Rev. Malcolm Ball
	Rev. Prof. Robin Patterson
	Rev. Stewart McMahon

SOUTHERN PRESBYTERY

Ballenon	Rev. Robert Robb
	Mr Andrew Heron
Ballylane	Rev. Robert Robb
	Mr Billy Wilson
Clare	Rev. Peter Dundee
	Mr David Cromie
Creevagh	
Fairview	Rev. Philip Murphy
	Mr Bertie Armstrong

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Loughbrickland	Mr William Kemps
Newry, Riverside	Rev. Nigel Agnew
	Mr Rodney Murphy
Rathfriland	Rev. Barry Galbraith
	Mr Ray Morrison
Tullyvallen	Rev. Philip Murphy
	Mr Douglas Hughes
Serving in Spain	Rev. Isaac Berracol
Retired Ministers	Rev. Andrew C. Gregg
	Rev. David Silversides

On acceptance of the Roll the Moderator declared the Synod constituted in the name and by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ and led in prayer.

4. Apologies for absence were received from the following members of Synod:

Rev. Prof. Edward Donnelly, Rev. Robert Hanna, Rev. George McEwen, Rev John Hawthorne, Rev. Prof Andrew Kerr, Rev. Philip Murphy, Rev. David Silversides, Rev. Stewart McMahon, Rev. Prof. Robin Patterson Mr Martin Crossin, Mr William Roulston and Mr John McCollum.

In addition Rev. Prof. Warren Peel and Rev. Nigel Agnew apologised for absence from the morning session.

5. The Moderator explained that he had called this Pro-re-natâ meeting of Synod after having received a request to do so from more than six members of Synod representing two Presbyteries as required by the Code 3.66(3). The Synod is called together to:
 - Give itself to prayer regarding the legislative changes in Northern Ireland concerning abortion and same sex marriage
 - To discuss any action we should take as a denomination, as congregations or as individuals in light of these grave matters.

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6. The Clerk proposed that the Moderator's action in calling the meeting be sustained. This was seconded by Rev. David Fallows and agreed.
7. The Moderator read from Psalm 82 and preached from the Psalm. In his address the Moderator drew attention to three things that we are called to in this Psalm.
 - i. We are called to have confidence in God who presides in the great assembly. (v1)
 - ii. We are called to contend as ambassadors of the King of kings and on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves. As we contend we are to call out sin, call people to God's ways and convey God's warning.
 - iii. We are called to cry out. (v8)
8. Psalm 82 was sung in praise to God and the Moderator led in prayer.
9. The Synod engaged in a period of prayer on the theme of worship and confession of national sin.
10. The Synod divided into three groups for three further periods of prayer as follows: Session 2 Prayer for politicians and about the issues.; Session 3 Prayer for National Revival. Session 4 The Church's response.
11. The Synod broke for lunch from 1.00-1.45pm.
12. Psalm 119 pt17A was sung in praise to God and the Moderator led in prayer.
13. The Moderator invited Mr Philip Lynn, development officer with the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child, to address the Synod. Mr Lynn addressed the Synod giving a brief update on steps that the Society had taken to try to avert proposed changes to Northern Ireland abortion law. The Moderator thanked Mr Lynn for his address.
14. The Moderator invited Mr David Smyth of Evangelical Alliance to address the Synod. Mr Smyth addressed the Synod, speaking about the proposed changes to the law in relation to marriage. The Moderator thanked Mr Smyth for his address.
15. Synod entered into a period of discussion.

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16. In the light of all the discussion Rev. Robert Robb proposed that a Commission of Synod be established with the following remit:

- i. to make arrangements to meet with all the political parties at Stormont;
- ii. to make a statement to the press with regards to the action we have taken;
- iii. to make a statement to MLAs and MPs summarizing the Moderator's address;
- iv. to make arrangements for the publication of two leaflets addressing the issues of abortion and same sex marriage.

The proposal was seconded by Rev. Prof Robert McCollum and agreed.

The following members were appointed to serve on the Commission:

The Moderator

The Clerk

Rev. David McCullough

Rev. Harry Coulter

Rev. Nigel Agnew

Rev. Philip Dunwoody

Rev. David Fallows

Rev. Prof Robert McCollum

Rev. Peter Dundee

Rev. Stephen Neilly

17. The minutes were read and agreed.

18. Psalm 67A was sung in praise to God, the Moderator led in prayer and dissolved the court.

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Minutes of the Commission of Synod appointed on 17th September 2019

Session 1.

The Commission met at the Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly at 3.30pm on Monday 23rd September 2019.

The Moderator read from Zephaniah 3:8 – 13, led in prayer and declared the court constituted.

All members of the commission were present.

Rev. Philip Dunwoody reported that a meeting with representatives of the DUP had been set up for Wednesday 25th September at 3.15pm at Stormont buildings.

It was agreed that the Commission should be represented at this meeting by the Moderator, Rev. Prof Robert McCollum, Rev. Harry Coulter and Rev. Philip Dunwoody

Consideration was given to how the meeting with the DUP should be handled and work was begun on drafting a statement to be read.

At 4.45pm the Moderator led in prayer and adjourned the Commission to meet again on Tuesday at 1.30pm.

Session 2.

The Commission met again on Tuesday 24th September at 1.30pm when the Moderator led in prayer. After much discussion a statement to be read to the DUP was agreed. A copy of this and other agreed statements are included at the close of these minutes.

Rev. Philip Dunwoody reported that a meeting with the UUP had been set up for Wednesday 2nd October.

At the pro-re-nata meeting of Synod the Commission had been asked to consider producing leaflets dealing with the issues of Abortion and Same Sex Marriage. Rev. Philip Dunwoody reported that the Public Morals Committee had already done some work on this and the Commission agreed to leave this in the hands of the Public Morals Committee.

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Rev Harry Coulter presented the wording for a petition against the redefinition of marriage. The wording was agreed and Mr Coulter was authorized to launch the petition both online and on paper.

At 4.45pm the Moderator led in prayer and adjourned the Commission to meet again in Dervock at 2.00pm on Tuesday 15th October.

Session 3.

The Commission met in Cullybackey (the venue having been changed to facilitate the attendance of some members) at 2.00pm on Tuesday 15th October 2019. The Moderator read from 1 Samuel 14 and opened the meeting with prayer.

It was noted that meetings with representatives from the political parties had taken place as follows:

- Wednesday 25th September with the DUP (Rev. Prof. Robert McCollum, Rev. Harry Coulter and Rev. Philip Dunwoody)
- Monday 30th September with the UUP and the SDLP (Rev. Mark Loughridge, Rev. Prof. Robert McCollum, Rev. Peter Dundee, Rev. David Fallows)
- Wednesday 2nd October with the TUV (Rev. Peter Dundee, Rev. Harry Coulter, Rev. David Fallows)
- Wednesday 9th October with the Alliance party. (Rev. Philip Dunwoody, Rev. David McCullough, Rev. Prof. Robert McCollum, Rev. Samuel McCollum)

Rev. Harry Coulter reported that 5 ‘Marriage Matters’ meetings had taken place with two more to go. The ‘Don’t Redefine Marriage’ Petition had been launched online with Change.org and the paper version had been widely circulated.

A press statement to be released to the press was drawn up and it was agreed that if necessary we would pay to have this printed in the Newsletter, The Belfast Telegraph and the Irish News. A copy of the agreed statement is included at the close of these minutes.

A statement to be circulated to RP congregations updating them on the work of the Commission was also agreed.

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The Moderator led in prayer and the Commission was adjourned to meet again during the Synodical day of prayer at Ballylane on Monday 18th November 2019.

Session 4.

The Commission met at Ballylane on Monday 18th November 2019 at 12.00 noon. The Moderator opened in prayer. An apology was noted from Rev. Prof. Robert McCollum. There was a brief review of what the Commission had accomplished so far and discussion of what still needed to be done.

Rev. Philip Dunwoody reported that the remit for the leaflet the public morals Committee was doing on gender and sexuality was broader than what the Commission had been considering. In light of this it was agreed that the Commission should work at producing specific leaflets on the biblical teaching on Marriage and Abortion. It was agreed that we needed to meet again to consider how to take this forward along with the future of ‘Marriage Matters’ and how to respond to the consultation on abortion. Also to be considered at a future meeting is the matter of Covenant Renewal which was raised at the pro-nata meeting of Synod.

The meeting was adjourned to meet again in Cullybackey at 3.00pm on Friday 29th November 2019.

Session 5.

The Commission met in Cullybackey at 3.00pm on Friday 29th November 2019. The Moderator opened the meeting by reading from 1 Samuel 12:19 - 25 and leading in prayer.

The Minutes of the previous sessions were considered, amended and passed.

Apologies were noted from Revs Harry Coulter, Stephen Neilly and David McCullough.

The Clerk drew attention to the fact that following the events of 21st October an agreed statement from the Commission had been submitted to the press and had appeared in The Newsletter as a letter from Rev. Philip Dunwoody. A copy of this statement is included with the material at the end of these minutes.

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The Clerk reported that he had circulated to all ministers in the denomination material produced by SPUC giving guidance on how to respond to the government's consultation on abortion. The ministers had been encouraged to make this available to church members and encourage them to respond to the consultation.

There was some discussion on the future of 'Marriage Matters' but no conclusion was reached and it was agreed to discuss this again when Rev. Harry Coulter was present.

Discussion took place on the whole matter of Covenant Renewal.

The Moderator brought this session to a close with prayer.

23rd June 2020

At the pro-re-nata meeting of Synod held on 23rd June 2020 Rev. Philip Dunwoody gave an update to Synod on the work of the Commission. After some discussion it was agreed that the Commission had completed its work. The Moderator declared the Commission to be dissolved.

Following is the press release printed in the Newsletter, The Belfast Telegraph and the Irish News.

PROTECTING LIFE AND MARRIAGE:

A STATEMENT FROM THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IRELAND

The Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland (RPCI) is thankful to God for the influence of Christianity in this land for over 1500 years. Amongst other things we are thankful that laws were frequently made with respect to an absolute standard – the Bible. These are not arbitrary commands but are also for the well-being of individuals and society.

This being the case, the RPCI is greatly saddened that laws are now being made that merely reflect popular opinion and not the objective standard of the Bible.

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As a denomination we deplore the passing of the amendments to the NI Executive Formation Bill redefining marriage and legalising abortion in Northern Ireland. These amendments directly contradict the Word of God, which makes clear that marriage is between one man and one woman for life, and that human life and personhood begin at the moment of conception.

As a church, whilst we proclaim that these laws are wrong, we also proclaim that Jesus Christ offers mercy, forgiveness and transforming grace to all who seek him.

A special meeting of the Synod of RPCI took place on Tuesday 17th September 2019. A ten-man Commission was tasked with contacting local political party leaders to discuss these issues, to bring them God's Word and to pray with them.

We are grateful that the leaders of the DUP, UUP, TUV and SDLP met us in person and that two MLAs from the Alliance Party met with us.

We emphasised to each party that as elected representatives, they have been placed in their positions by the will of God, and that they have a duty to honour God in the decisions they make. Each party was urged to make every effort to come back to Stormont on or before Monday 21st October 2019, so that changes to abortion and marriage laws in Northern Ireland would not take effect. As the largest parties, Sinn Féin and the DUP bear particular responsibility to act immediately to save innocent lives.

We are deeply disappointed that Sinn Féin failed to meet with us, despite numerous, repeated requests over a four-week period, and despite their stated principles of inclusion, equality and representation for all.

We have requested a meeting with the Secretary of State, Julian Smith, and we call on him to do all in his power to halt these wicked amendments being foisted on the people of Northern Ireland.

We are thankful to God for pro-life public representatives who have courageously spoken out at every level of government, from Council to the House of Lords. We recognise that they have done so at considerable personal cost. However, we are deeply concerned that public representatives have not spoken out against the redefinition of marriage.

We have reminded all political parties that to put unionism, nationalism or popular opinion before the Biblical definition of marriage or the protection of the unborn would make them guilty of idolatry. Jesus Christ must come first in

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everything.

We call on all our political representatives to lead us in the fear of God and in ways that honour Him. We remind them that like us all, they will stand before the judgment seat of Christ to give account. We also encourage all Christians to continue to pray, to contact their MLAs again before Monday 21st, and to do all that is morally right to oppose the imposition of these laws.

We plead with all our political leaders and fellow citizens to recognise the claims of King Jesus in every part of life.

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!” – Revelation 5:12

REPORT TO CONGREGATIONS FROM RPCI SYNOD COMMISSION

As members of the RPCI know, Northern Ireland’s abortion and marriage laws are set to change on Tuesday 22nd October 2019 as a result of a vote at Westminster in July. A special meeting of our Synod took place on Tuesday 17th September 2019, and a ten-man Commission was appointed with the following remit:

- i. to make arrangements to meet with all the political parties at Stormont;
- ii. to make a statement to the press with regards to the action we have taken;
- iii. to make a statement to MLAs and MPs summarizing the Moderator’s address;
- iv. to make arrangements for the publication of two leaflets addressing the issues of abortion and same sex marriage.

Representatives of the commission met with the leaders of the DUP, UUP, TUV and SDLP, and also two MLAs from the Alliance Party. Sinn Féin did not provide us with a time to meet with either the party leader or any of their MLAs.

The Commission delivered a prepared statement to each party, emphasising that our elected representatives have been placed in their positions by God, and that they have a duty to honour Him in the decisions they make. With that in mind, the Commission urged each party to make every effort to come back to Stormont on or before Monday 21st October 2019, so that changes to abortion

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and marriage laws would not take effect.

The Commission urged all party leaders and representatives unashamedly to hold to pro-life and biblical marriage positions now and in future. Evidence was presented that these are not arbitrary commands but are also for the well-being of individuals and society. Members of the commission prayed for the politicians and their families at the end of each meeting.

Synod is grateful for the time and respect given by those politicians who did meet with us. However, we are deeply disappointed that several parties showed indifference to the teaching of Scripture, particularly on marriage.

As the Commission made clear to our politicians, God is the ultimate Judge, and he will not remain silent. His Son, Jesus Christ, is King not only of the church but also of the nation. God will be the judge of every motive of the heart and every decision taken by the leaders of our country. Their first allegiance should be to Him, as the psalmist says, “Kiss the Son lest he be angry and you perish in the way, for His wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him” (Psalm 2:12).

The Commission also organised seven public meetings, entitled “Marriage Matters”, across Northern Ireland. We contacted local churches across denominations encouraging them to take copies of the petition against the redefinition of marriage, and have them signed in their congregations. The intention is to send this petition to the Northern Ireland Office by Monday 21st October 2019.

We commend all our members for their constant, heart-felt prayer and active opposition to these Christ-defying laws. As a church we rightly mourn the moral darkness that has led to the imposition of laws like these upon our nation. But we do not lose heart. Christ is still on the throne. The Commission thanks all our church members for every effort made to voice their opposition to these laws, and encourages them to continue steadfastly in this, and in prayer. We particularly need to uphold those who may face difficult challenges in their workplace, as a result of these laws, in the weeks ahead. Those who honour Christ, he will honour.

Now is a time for the Church to seek His face in prayer, to reiterate our commitment to the Kingship of Christ and to shine as lights in the midst of this dark world.

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...Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. (Ephesians 5:8b–11)

RPCI PRESS RELEASE ON THE LEGALISATION OF ABORTION AND “SAME-SEX MARRIAGE” IN NORTHERN IRELAND

The Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland (RPCI) deeply mourns the passing into law of the amendments to the NI Executive Formation Bill, legalising abortion and “same-sex marriage” in Northern Ireland.

We were encouraged by the strong, passionate pleas in the Assembly chamber on Monday to respect the lives of the unborn. Tragically, they have fallen on deaf ears. We urge the Northern Ireland Secretary of State, and all our local politicians, to think again, to respect the life of the unborn, and to immediately reverse this legislation.

We were shocked by the singular lack of reference to the redefinition of marriage in the Assembly. That the definition of marriage has now so drastically changed, without any legal safeguards for those who disagree with it, is deeply troubling – as is the near total silence on the subject from our elected officials. The implications of this for society in the long term and for Christians in education and other parts of public life have not been considered by the governing authorities. Those who conscientiously object to “same-sex marriage” have no protection from prosecution. We urge the Secretary of State to address this immediately, and to ensure that the right to freedom of expression for all citizens is safeguarded in law.

Our church has been fighting against the imposition of these laws, and will continue to do so. We have heard it said many times that to be pro-life and to believe in biblical marriage is to be on the “wrong side of history”. But the Bible tells us that history will one day come to an end. The King of this nation and all nations will return in judgment. On that day, there will be no more debates, no more opinions. His Word is and will always be the only one that matters.

We continue to preach His glorious gospel and pray for His imminent return. We urge those who are celebrating today to consider where they stand before Christ the King.

“Surely I am coming soon”. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! – Revelation 22:20b

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MINUTES OF PRO-RE-NATÁ MEETING OF SYNOD

TUESDAY 23RD JUNE 2020 AT 10.00AM.

1. A Pro-re-natá meeting of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland was held using Zoom on Tuesday 23rd June 2020 commencing at 10.00am.
2. The ex-Moderator, Rev. Andrew Kerr opened the meeting by reading from John 9:1 – 3 and leading in prayer.
3. The Clerk had circulated the Roll of Synod by email the previous day and it was taken as read as follows:

ROLL OF SYNOD

NORTHERN PRESBYTERY

Ballyclabber	Rev. James Blair
	Mr Morrell McCollum
Ballylaggan	Rev. David Sutherland
	Mr Robbie Quigg
Ballymoney	Rev. Edward McCollum
	Mr Raymond Wilson
Cloughmills	Rev. Joel Loughridge
	Mr David Loughridge
Cullybackey	Rev. Philip Moffett
	Dr William Roulston
Dervock	Rev. Philip Dunwoody
	Mr David McKeeman
Drimbolg	Rev. Prof. Norris Wilson
	Mr Mervyn Kelso
Kellswater	Rev. John Coates
	Mr John O'Neill

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Kilraughts	Rev. David Fallows
	Mr Michael Kennedy
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	Mr Carlisle McCollum
Serving in Nantes, France	Rev. Andrew Lytle
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	Rev. R. Wallace McCollum
	Rev. George McEwen

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Bailiesmills	Rev. John Watterson
Ballyclare	Rev. Nathan Hawthorne
	Mr George Wright
Carrickfergus	Rev. Harry Coulter
	Mr Ronnie Loughridge
Dromara	Rev. Geoffrey Allen
	Mr Gareth Kerr
Dromore	Mr John Somerville
Knockbracken	Rev. Andrew Kerr
	Mr Ian McCaughan
Lisburn	Mr Marcus McCollum
Newtownards	Rev. Robert M. McCollum
	Mr John McEwen

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Cookstown Society Organising Pastor	Rev. Paul Wright
Woodstock Society Organising Pastor	Rev. David McCullough
Minister without charge	Rev. Vincent McDonnell
Retired ministers	Rev. Dr Harold Cunningham Rev. Prof. Edward Donnelly Rev. John Hawthorne Rev. Prof. Robert McCollum Rev. Malcolm Ball

WESTERN PRESBYTERY

Bready Convoy	Mr Jonathan Roulston Rev. Stephen Wright Mr Andrew Smyth
Covenant Christian Fellowship Galway	Rev. Peter Jemphrey Mr Frank McMurray
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	Mr James Snodgrass
Letterkenny	Rev. Mark Loughridge
Limavady	Rev. Raymond Blair
	Mr Marcus McCollum
Milford	Rev. Jonathan McCollum
	Mr Martin Crossin
Stranorlar	Mr George Magee
Enniskillen	Mr Brian Dunwoody
Ministers without charge	Rev. Ian Morrison
Retired ministers	Rev. Blair McFarland
	Rev. Prof. Robin Patterson
	Rev. Bill Matthes

SOUTHERN PRESBYTERY

Ballenon	Rev. Robert Robb
	Mr Jim Minish
Ballylane	Rev. Robert Robb
	Ian Douglas
Clare	Rev. Peter Dundee
	Mr Richard Brown
Creevagh	Mr Eric Moffett

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Fairview	Rev. Philip Murphy
	Mr Rodney Murphy
Loughbrickland	Mr Jim Murdoch
Newry, Riverside	Rev. Nigel Agnew
Rathfriland	Rev. Barry Galbraith
	Mr Ray Morrison
Tullyvallen	Rev. Philip Murphy
	Mr Ivan Bingham
Serving in Spain	Rev. Isaac Berrocal
Retired Ministers	Rev. Andrew C. Gregg

On acceptance of the Roll the Moderator declared the Synod constituted in the name and by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ.

4. Apologies for absence were received from the following members of Synod:

Revs. Robert Hanna, Mark Loughridge, Joel Loughridge, Isaac Berracal and Mr Ronnie Loughridge.

5. The Clerk explained that the Moderator had called this Pro-re-natâ meeting of Synod after having received a request to do so from six members of Synod representing all four Presbyteries as required by the Code 3.66(3). The Synod is called together to:
- Transact business required in The Code, as part of the Annual Meeting of Synod
 - To consider any urgent item of business that may have arisen within the Committees of Synod during the past synodical year
 - To pray for our nations and the world during this time of pandemic.
6. Rev. Harry Coulter proposed that the Moderator's action in calling the meeting be sustained. This was seconded by Rev. Robert Robb and agreed.

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7. On behalf of the Southern Presbytery Rev. Philip Murphy proposed that Rev. Nigel Agnew, minister of the Newry congregation be appointed to serve as Moderator. This was seconded by Rev. Barry Galbraith and agreed. Mr Agnew took office as the Moderator of Synod.
8. The Moderator read several portions of Scriptures, addressed the Synod and led in prayer.
9. The Moderator drew attention to the report of the Finance Committee along with the budget which had been circulated and invited Mr. Ken Nelson to speak to the report. Mr Nelson spoke to the report and after some discussion proposed that the report along with the financial report and budget be adopted. This was seconded by Mr Marcus McCollum (Lisburn) and agreed.
10. The Moderator drew attention to the Presbytery reports, which had been previously circulated, and invited comment on each report in turn. After each report had been considered the Clerk proposed that the reports of the four Presbyteries be adopted. This was seconded by Rev. David McKay and agreed.
11. Mr Osy Graham, Chairman of the Mission gave an update on our Mission work in Spain. Several members expressed concerns about the way in which the work had developed. Synod encouraged the Mission Committee to communicate these concerns to Mr Berracol. The Synod was assured that the work in Spain is being carefully monitored. The Mission Committee was thanked for all its work in seeking to develop a work in Spain.
12. The Moderator invited Rev. Philip Dunwoody to give an update on the work of the Commission of Synod which had been appointed at the pro-renata meeting in September 2019. Mr Dunwoody drew attention to the Minutes of the Commission which had been circulated. After some discussion it was agreed that the Commission had completed its work. The Moderator declared the Commission to be dissolved.
13. Arising from the work of the Commission Rev. Prof. McCollum proposed that at Synod 2021 the matter of Covenant renewal be included in the order of business. This was seconded by Rev. Norris Wilson and agreed.
14. The Clerk proposed that the Annual Meeting of Synod 2021 take place in Limavady 7th – 9th June 2021. This was seconded by Rev Harry Coulter and

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agreed.

15. The Synod engaged in a period of prayer when two men from each Presbytery led in prayer. This was brought to a conclusion by the Moderator.
16. The Clerk read the minutes of the meeting and these were agreed.
17. The Moderator dissolved the court and led in prayer.

REPORTS TO SYNOD JUNE 2020
FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2019

Review of 2019

1. The Finance Committee is grateful to God for His continued provision which permitted the Committee to allocate the approved finances to the various Synodical committees in 2019. The Finance Committee recognise the challenging financial situation that many church members have been experiencing in recent years, linked to slow economic growth, and would wish to commend the faithful giving by congregations. This giving has allowed the Finance Committee not only to distribute the approved funding to Synodical committees but also to other work, particularly that undertaken by the Commission of Synod with respect to the ‘Marriage Matters’ planning and events.

Introduction to the Proposed Budget for 2021

2. The proposed budget for 2021 is presented below for Synod’s examination. The Finance Committee is very aware that along with the impact that the Covid-19 pandemic has had around the world in terms of health and, sadly, the loss of life, the wider economic impacts of the pandemic are still not fully known. Consequently, the Committee will monitor the local financial outworking of the pandemic and the ability of the denomination to meet any agreed targets for Mission and Ministry. Should the Finance Committee identify that financing the targets becomes problematic, the Finance Committee requests that Synod would agree to the Committee working with the Synodical committees in adjusting budgets to mitigate any shortfall.

Salaries and Pensions

3. The Finance Committee is remitted to recommend to Synod various salary and pension levels. We recommend modest increases in these for 2021 and propose that the minimum salary and pension levels be as follows.

NI Minister’s Salary	£26,700
R.O.I Minister’s Salary	£41,000
Minister’s Pension	£8,810
Minister’s Widow’s Pension	£4540

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Minister's Orphan Fund

£960

Budget for 2021

4. The Committee has received requests for funding from the committees listed below. The Finance Committee continues to encourage all committees to exercise prudence in administering their financial budgets. After careful consideration of each committee's current available balances, proposed expenditure and conscious of the financial challenges faced by congregations, the Finance Committee took the view that it could not recommend to Synod that these requests be met in full for all cases. Therefore, the Committee recommends for Synod's consideration and approval the following budget for 2021. Please note that for each committee, the table below presents the budget approved by Synod for 2020, the Finance Committee recommended budget for 2021 and, in brackets, the budget requested by each committee for 2021.

	Approved 2020	Recommended 2021
Book Centre & Publications	£29,000	£28,000 (28)
Business of Synod	£6,300 ¹	£3,000 (3)
- Global Alliance		£3,300 (3.3)
Congregational Aid	£75,000	£75,000 (75)
College Education	£25,000	£20,000 (25)
Finance Committee	£3,000	£1,000 (1)
Ministers' Pensions	£24,000	£24,000 (24)
Minster's Widows & Orphans	£5,000	£27,000 (27)
Theological College	£20,000	£20,000 ² (23)
R P Camps	£8,000	£2,000 (2)
Instruction of the Young	£0	£0 (0)
Synodical Conf./International	£7500	£0 (0)
CY Synodical Committee	£1000	£1000 (1)
Contingency Fund (5%)	£10,190	£10,360

1 This budget included £3300 to cover the Global Alliance fees.

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Totals	£213,990	£214,660
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The Financial Advisory Committee’s report recommended that the budget generally does not exceed 35% of Assessable Income. This percentage is calculated by taking the actual or budgeted denominational spend and dividing it by the amount of Assessable Income. Consequently, the Committee project that the ratio of denominational budget to Assessable Income will be 33%.

Missions

5. The Finance Committee has received a budget request of £215,000 from the Missions Committee. The Committee is recommending Synod approve this request which matches that approved for 2020.

Income Received from Congregations

6. The following tables show the extent to which targets in 2019 were met. This is presented to assist Presbyteries fulfil their responsibility to “maintain faithful supervision over all the congregations within its bounds... and to ensure that financial obligations of congregations are fulfilled” (Code 3.48(3)).

Ministry Targets 2019

Presbytery	Exceeded Target	Met Target	Target Shortfall	Total
Northern	1	7	2	10
Eastern	1	9	0	10
Western	1	7	0	8
Southern	0	5	4	9

Mission Targets 2019

Presbytery	Exceeded Target	Met Target	Target Shortfall	Total
Northern	2	6	2	10
Eastern	1	9	0	10

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Western	0	8	0	8
Southern	1	4	4	9

The table below details how congregations within each presbytery pay their targets.

Presbytery	No. of Congregations Paying Electronically	No. of Congregations Paying Quarterly	No. of Congregations Paying 50% or more in final quarter
Northern	5	4	2
Eastern	6	6	3
Western	2	5	0
Southern	2	0	1

Ministerial Allowances and Expenses Update

7. Financial Advisory Committee Report Actions

Following the Financial Advisory Committee's report (Recommendation 3) the Finance Committee have explored the use of a denominational cash platform. The Committee has determined that use of a cash platform would not be feasible, due to difficulties in allocating interest earned, reduced fund liquidity and management of the fund. However, the Committee do recommend that individual committees and the Trustees consider their use in cases where large balances exist.

Engagement with the Trustees regarding balances, risk and rates of return (Recommendation 5) is at an early stage.

8. At Synod in 2019, the Finance Committee was appointed to undertake the following:
- a) To review and recommend the allowances / expenses that should be paid to ministers in connection with the discharge of their work
 - b) To identify how the church enables ministers make prudent provision for their families in the event of a minister's early death or being unable to work because of ill health.
 - c) To identify the way in which ministers' expenses / allowances be paid so that they are in addition to the minimum salary

In addition, the Committee was asked to consult with ministers and congregations regarding the above. To date, the Committee has undertaken several activities since Synod 2019 including: reviewing salaries through consultation with two senior economists and other denominations; reviewing relevant insurance products; as well as initiating a consultation with ministers throughout the denomination. It is the intention of the Finance Committee to report back to Synod in 2021 our full review and recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Heggarty (Convener)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

Income	Sterling Account		£
	£	Expenditure	
Congregations	220,963.30	Bookshop & Pub	29,000.00
Bank Interest	411.26	Bus Of Synod	13,100.00
Euro Account Transfer	5115.23	Congregational Aid	75,000.00
Other Income	0.00	Covenanter Youth	0.00
		Education Fund	25,000.00
		Fin Committee	22.60
		Gen Benevolent	0.00
		Instruction of Young	2,500.00
		Mins Pension Fund	24,000.00
		Mins Widows & Orphans	5,000.00
		Psalmody Committee	0.00
		Holiday Conference	7,500.00
		R.P. Camps Committee	8,000.00
		Ref. Theological College	20,000.00
		Bank fees	49.81
Contingency Reserve	30,000.00	Contingency Reserve	30,000.00
Business Investment	130,965.69	Business Investment	148,782.22
Current Account	1,094.25	Current Account	595.10
			179,377.32
			162,059.94
		Cashflow in year	17,317
Total	388,549.73	Total	388,549.73

MS McCollum Treasurer

Reviewed by Trevor Magee (Faughan RPC)

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CONGREGATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS 2019

Congregation	Sterling	Euro
	£	€
BAILIESMILLS	1,920.00	
BALLENON	1,500.00	
BALLYCLABBER	8,840.00	
BALLYCLARE	6,820.00	
BALLYLAGGAN	10,680.00	
BALLYLANE	3,170.00	
BALLYMONEY	6,910.00	
BREADY	4,980.00	
CARRICKFERGUS	2,090.00	
CLARE	750.00	
CLOUGHMILLS	2,770.00	
CONVOY	0.00	1,340.00
CREEVAGH	0.00	2,124.00
CULLYBACKEY	20,370.00	
DERVOCK	9,900.00	
DRIMBOLG	4,148.80	
DROMARA	9,604.00	
DROMORE	6,590.00	
ENNISKILLEN	650.00	
FAIRVIEW	0.00	0.00
FAUGHAN	8,370.00	
GATEWAY	1,740.00	
KELLSWATER	2,710.00	
KILRAUGHTS	8,320.00	
KNOCKBRACKEN	6,400.00	
LETTERKENNY		0.00

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CONGREGATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS 2019

Congregation	Sterling	Euro
	£	€
LIMAVADY	10,380.00	
LISBURN	11,080.00	
LOUGHBRICKLAND	11,850.00	
MILFORD	0.00	0.00
NEWRY	3,580.00	
NEWTOWNARDS	11,870.00	
PORTRUSH	4,860.00	
RATHFRILAND	2,990.50	
SHAFTESBURY	8,840.00	
STRANORLAR	0.00	2,350.00
TRINITY	22,500.00	
TULLYVALLEN	3,770.00	
	220,953.30	5,814.00

**PRESBYTERY REPORTS TO PRO-RE-NATA MEETING OF SYNOD
ON 23RD JUNE 2020**

NORTHERN PRESBYTERY REPORT

The Northern Presbytery held 4 Statutory meetings, 1 Adjourned and 1 Special during the year. No Statutory meeting was held in May due to the Covid -19 pandemic.

Theological Student

Mr Paul Wallace, from Cullybackey, has successfully completed his second year at the Theological College. During May and June 2019 he was in placement in Kilraughts congregation. Student placement was cancelled for 2020 due to the Covid -19 pandemic.

Elders

Mr Charles Knox, and Mr William James Loughridge celebrated on 22nd March 2020, 50 years since their ordination as elders in Kilraughts. Presbytery is thankful to these men for their faithful service in the congregation and their contributions in Presbytery.

Mr Ivan McConaghie, elder in Dervock moved house and has transferred his membership to the Ballymoney congregation and so ceased to be an elder in the Dervock congregation. We thank him for his valuable work as an elder in the congregation and contributions in Presbytery.

Anniversary

Prof. Norris Wilson celebrated forty years since his ordination to the gospel ministry on 25th September 1979. This was marked by special meals and speeches in Drimbolg congregation and by Presbytery.

Property

Ballyclabber congregation carried out a renovation of their church meeting house and car park. The official opening of the building took place on 31st August 2019, with a Thanksgiving Service conducted by Rev. Philip Dunwoody, Moderator of Presbytery and Rev. James Blair.

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Ballymoney congregation carried out renovations to the Holmes Memorial Hall. A Thanksgiving Service was held on 16th November 2019 when the Moderator of Synod, Rev. Mark Loughridge was the speaker.

Finances

Nine of our congregations have been able to meet the Targets for Mission and Ministry. The remaining congregation has this year increased its contribution to 73% of its Targets and would hope to increase givings in the future.

Outreach and Missionary Interest

The Overseas Mission Section held an Update Meeting in Ballylaggan on 22nd October 2019 when Rev. Malcolm Ball spoke about the work in Nantes, France.

The British Open Golf Championship was held in Portrush and the congregation prepared a tract entitled 'A Royal and Open Invitation'. This tract was put in hotels, guest-houses and caravan sites as well as being distributed during the event.

Ballyclabber congregation held an outreach week in August 2019. Bible studies took place each morning and in the afternoons and evenings 7,000 copies of 'The Word on the Street' were distributed. Two open-air periods of psalm singing took place.

Several congregations held Holiday Bible Clubs when children from the communities attended.

Some congregations held 'Friendship Groups', with various speakers and other activities. These groups indicate that visitors attended on a regular basis.

Some congregations were involved in village events by having a bookstall, giving free leaflets and CDs. Others provided refreshments and gave out literature.

Several congregations held 'Family Weekends' which gave the opportunity for extended fellowship, fun and consideration of God's Word.

The annual Shoe Box Appeal gave opportunity for congregations to provide gifts for Moldova. Over 8,000 shoe boxes were filled. Presbytery thanks the Ballylaggan congregation for their labour and love in organising this work.

Gospel calendars were distributed by some congregations around their district.

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Parents and Toddler Groups were held throughout the year, giving opportunity for children and adults to attend from their communities.

Cullybackey congregation set up a church library for Christian books and DVDs. This has proved a valuable resource for members.

Sabbath Schools, CYs and Youth Clubs took place during the year. Presbytery gives thanks to teachers, and leaders who regularly taught God's Word to the children and young people.

Presbytery gives thanks to officers and helpers in Ballymoney Girls' Brigade. Many of these girls come from the town of Ballymoney and the surrounding area.

Many individuals members served as officers and cooks at Summer Camps, attended GO Teams, GO Relief Team and Holiday Bible Clubs. Several young people attended the Theological Foundations for Youth Ireland for a week in Knockbracken in August 2019.

During the year three ladies from Ballyclabber congregation worked overseas. Dr Rosalind McCollum, worked with Med Air in Iraq, Alanna Carson had been doing optometry work in Nigeria with New Foundations. Grace Carson worked with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Thailand.

Youth

The Northern Presbytery CY Committee provided a programme of united CY events. We thank the Committee for their work throughout the year in bringing the CYs in the Presbytery together for fun and fellowship.

Ministry of the Word

Throughout the year the regular Sabbath services took place when God's Word was faithfully declared. Since the lockdown on 22nd March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic services have been broadcast electronically or by drive-in services in church car parks when restrictions permitted.

Glenmanus congregation held their annual Summer Bible readings from 2nd to 4th July 2019. Rev. Stephen McCollum, Stornoway RPC spoke on the theme 'Resting on Christ'.

Ballyclabber held special services on 9th-12th September 2019 when Rev. James Blair spoke on 'Conversations with Jesus'.

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Dervock congregation held outreach services in October 2019 when Rev. Mark Loughridge spoke on suffering, Rev. Robert Robb spoke on depression and Rev. David Sutherland spoke on bereavement.

Prayer

Presbytery held a period of prayer at each meeting. Since being unable to physically meet due to the Covid -19 pandemic Presbytery has been meeting remotely for prayer each week.

The Ministers' Fraternal met regularly for bible study and prayer.

Congregational weekly prayer meetings were held throughout the year. Cloughmills commenced a Wednesday lunch-time prayer meeting where others joined the congregation for times of fellowship.

Choir

Northern Presbytery Choir, despite meeting faithfully for practice twice monthly, was only able to lead the praise at one engagement in the past year. Others around the end of the season had to be cancelled due to the current restrictions brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Whilst we are very appreciative of those who give of their time to sing in the choir, we are, nonetheless, concerned that numerically, it is not as strong as it once was. It's our prayer that others will join when the governmental restrictions allow such an organisation to meet again.

In these difficult and uncertain days may we continue to prove the words of Psalm 67 verse 1 "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine on us.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Dunwoody Moderator

Wallace McCollum Clerk

EASTERN PRESBYTERY REPORT

The Eastern Presbytery held 4 statutory meetings during the year. The May meeting was cancelled due to the Corona Virus restrictions and the ministers of the presbytery instead joined together for a time of prayer via online video

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conferencing. The June meeting was also cancelled due to the Corona Virus restrictions with a special meeting of presbytery being held by internet video conferencing before the pro-re-nata meeting of Synod on the 23rd June.

Rev Nathan Hawthorne has served as moderator of presbytery for this year and Rev Harry Coulter continues as Clerk. However, presbytery appointed Rev Geoffrey Allen to serve as acting Clerk in Rev Coulter's absence for the period from March to August.

Presbytery implemented a different practice of session reporting to the February meeting. Two reports were prepared one to be presented to the congregation and a summary of the relevant points then submitted to presbytery. This has been an acceptable improvement.

Presbytery conducted a visitation of the Dromara congregation on Tuesday 29 October 2019, and is currently undertaking the 5 year review of the Cookstown Society at the request of the Home Section.

There was one addition to the roll of presbytery as the credentials of Rev Malcolm Ball were received from the Western Presbytery. Also at the November meeting the two ruling elders in the Dromore congregation requested to stand down from their active duties for an indeterminate time. Prof. Robert McCollum and Mr John Somerville were appointed to the interim session, Prof McCollum agreeing to undertake a period of preaching in the congregation.

Theological Student.

Mr John Coulter our Theological student has successfully completed his second year studies, however his planned placement with the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Australia was cancelled following global travel restrictions. Funding was accessed from the General Benevolent Fund to supplement the lack of income during these exceptional times.

Special Events.

Presbytery sought to inform congregations about moral issues affecting the witness of the Church in society and a conference 'Faith and Life in the Public Square', was held in November where Rev David Sutherland and Dr Andrew Cupples spoke on Gender Issues from a Biblical perspective.

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Congregations.

Presbytery consists of 10 congregations and 2 societies. The congregations of Dromore and Lisburn remain vacant, however the Gospel ordinances continue to be administered. The congregation of Lisburn met to consider making out a call, but no call was issued. All congregations met or exceeded their Ministry and Missionary targets for 2019.

Outreach.

The exploratory work in Somerton Road continued with prayer meetings on the first week of the month, an outreach event on the last Thursday of each month and on the Lord's Day following, an afternoon meeting at which the Word was preached. These meetings were to be reviewed by presbytery.

Ministers Fraternal.

This meeting met on the last Monday of each month at Knockbracken, for fellowship, prayer and the study of Rev Albert Martin's book, 'The Man of God'.

Conclusion.

The public meetings of the congregations of the Eastern Presbytery have been disrupted in recent months by the restrictions resulting from the outbreak of the Corona Virus. However fellowship is being sought and pastoral work is being undertaken in innovative ways through the internet and phone and we are thankful to God that there have been opportunities to circulate the preaching of the word of God in various methods which have been accessed by some outside the Church. We thank our God for his hand mercifully upon us and anticipate the joyous return to the public meetings of the Church of Christ.

Respectively submitted

Nathan Hawthorne (Moderator)

Geoffrey Allen (Acting Clerk)

WESTERN PRESBYTERY REPORT

Presbytery met on 6 occasions during the year including a Visitation of Limavady congregation, as well as meeting via Zoom for prayer on the Synodical day of Prayer and Fasting.

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We were saddened by the death of Rev. Stewart McMahon on 7th Jan 2020. He faithfully served the congregations of Bailiesmills and Newry and, upon his retirement, was a key member of New Life Fellowship, Letterkenny. We give thanks to God for his life and we extend our sympathy to his family.

Faughan had Dr James Steele ordained and installed, and Mr Calum Morrison installed, as elders on Sab 26th Jan 2020.

Mr Brian Blackburn's resignation from the eldership in Stranorlar was accepted in September 2019.

Two of our ten congregations are served by interim elders —Stranorlar and Enniskillen. A total of five elders from four congregations are serving as interim elders in these two locations, some for a number of years.

The following men retired from the active duties of the pastorate:

Rev. Blair McFarland on 31st December 2019

Rev. Bill Matthes on 6th May 2020.

We record with gratefulness the input of these men in the work of the Western Presbytery and are thankful to God for their service. Blair has served with faithfulness as pastor of Bready since 2006 and as Clerk of the Presbytery for the past 5 years. He brought his vision for mission from Nantes to the Presbytery and we have appreciated his input in many aspects of the Presbytery's work.

Bill served alongside Robert Robb in Enniskillen for 3 years and also as interim moderator of Stranorlar, and we thank him for his work within the Presbytery.

After 30 years service Mr Billy Hamilton retired from the work of Irish Mission on 31st December 2019. Presbytery is thankful to note that he is remaining in Galway and continues to serve as an elder there.

Rev. Malcolm Ball asked for his credentials to be moved to the Eastern Presbytery.

The work of the Presbytery continues unabated, with a sense of unity and purpose. Outreach activities included:

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- In July, four Sabbath evening open-air services in the Waterside, organised by Faughan
- Convoy ladies' group attracts a good number of visitors monthly
- Gateway were encouraged when a Christianity Explored course resulted in a man coming to faith in Christ
- Limavady holds a monthly Friendship Group
- Faughan organised a men's breakfast
- Bready held a Music & Rhyme (nursery rhymes in French & English) on Monday mornings
- Stranorlar were encouraged by good turnouts at a couple of special meetings
- Letterkenny & Milford held a series of four Worldview and Apologetics evenings in January which had over 100 in attendance each evening
- Some of the Enniskillen members conduct street witnessing monthly

Alongside our outreach programmes (which often give disappointing results) many of our congregations have been putting an increasing emphasis on the development of one-to-one witnessing.

Presbytery organised a meeting in Bready on Wed 16th October when Rev. Malcolm Ball spoke about the work in Nantes.

In these Covid-19 times, our members in general are bearing their restricted circumstances patiently and faithfully. Ministers are broadcasting their services on-line and the number of views of our live streaming services each Sabbath would seem to indicate that more people are listening to the reading and preaching of God's word than actually attend.

Many have also availed of the opportunity to meet virtually for midweek meetings, in order to encourage and build one another up in the faith and to pray together.

All the congregations met their Mission and Ministry Targets in 2019.

Bready

Our minister, Rev. Blair McFarland, retired at the end of 2019 after 13½ years of faithful service but we are pleased that he continues to serve as Interim Moderator. At the initiative of one of our members and with a team of support workers, a Monday morning Music & Rhyme (nursery rhymes in French &

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English) was organised. Designed for Pre-school children and their carers, it attracted many visitors.

Convoy

We are thankful for the evident love our members show for the Lord and for each other and for the real desire they have to reach out to others with the good news of Jesus Christ. Over the past months many of them have expressed how they are trusting in the Lord in the midst of the current crisis.

Enniskillen

Rev. Bill Matthes stepped down as Associate Pastor in August; initially Rev. Stephen Wright took over as interim moderator and was succeeded in February 2020 by Rev. Blair McFarland. Mr Trevor Wills hosts the midweek meetings, monthly outreach in the town centre continues to take place and members of the congregation have willingly taken on more responsibility for the practical running of the church. Whilst the loss of some members and adherents in the latter part of the year was a disappointment, a major source of encouragement has been the commitment of others, especially the young people. Elise and Georgie Allen spent eight weeks in Japan as part of a RPCNA mission team whilst Hamish Allen, Joel and William Armstrong served on a variety of Go teams. The Interim Session continues to provide oversight and it is our ongoing prayer that the time is not far off when the congregation will have its own pastor.

Faughan

In addition to the regular activities we seek to reach out by means of a Parent & Toddlers group, a Friday Night Club for primary school age children in the community and a monthly Pop-up café. Open air meetings were held in July & August at the Peace Bridge which were also well supported by Bready and Gateway congregations. Passers-by received tracts and a few stopped by to listen to the preaching of the gospel. We continue to pray for fruit from these gospel labours.

Covenant Christian Fellowship, Galway

We thank God for growth in the congregation this year by way of the 3 new members, 4 baptisms, and the deepening sense of church family through our congregational activities and developing friendships. Our unity with brothers and sisters from different nations continues to be very enriching and

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encouraging. However, we've two main concerns. One is that our hunger for God's Word keeps growing and that our fervency in prayer keeps deepening. The other is that, in all of our outreach, we have seen few of our fellow countrymen being brought to Christ and this remains our greatest burden.

At the end of the year Billy officially retired as our mission worker. Billy and Mary have served the Lord in Gospel ministry for almost 30 years in Galway and we praise God for how He has made them a great blessing and encouragement to so many people throughout their faithful work and witness. We are delighted that they are staying in Galway and that Billy will continue to serve as an elder and as the manager of our bookshop.

Gateway Christian Fellowship

We are pleased to report that, as the result of a recent Christianity Explored course we have seen a man come to faith in Christ. We are saddened by an on-going disciplinary matter within the fellowship. Since lock-down there has been some concern among some about coronavirus, but also evidence of faith, resilience and resourcefulness. There is an increased desire to attend live stream worship and to be involved in prayer and Bible study. We do pray that such trends continue with the easing of restrictions.

Letterkenny

We were greatly encouraged by the addition of two new members (including one adult baptism), and the start of a Junior CY. A series of four public meetings on Developing a Christian Worldview, aimed both at equipping Christians and reaching non-Christians, were held in January and we were really encouraged by the attendance. We have also been encouraged by the increased giving of members and being able to take a first step nearer being self-supporting. The Covid-19 time has seen members being resourceful and creative in outreach.

Limavady

As a congregation we were encouraged by many of the positive findings brought in by the Presbytery Visitation. Overall, we are very pleased by the commitment of the members to Public Worship both in the morning and in the evening. As with most congregations, however, there are some on the fringes whom we would like to see much more involved. A greater commitment to prayer is something we desire to see and we have tried to provide more

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opportunities for people to join with us in prayer by initiating a time of prayer once a month after the evening worship service. There has been a fairly good response to this initiative. Given the recent retirement from the active duties of the eldership of two of our men, we are aware of the need for new elders in the not too distant future.

We are also concerned by the lack of fruit from our outreach programmes and have therefore been putting an increasing emphasis on the development of one-to-one witnessing. We are thankful for the number of young families in the congregation.

Milford

The congregation keenly feels its smallness and fragility however it has experienced some encouragements over the last 18 months or so: there is a greater sense of togetherness and fellowship and the experience of worshipping with one another has been improved since moving to a more intimate venue. A final decision about how to proceed with the building issues will need to be made in due course and this will require members to keep putting the continuing unity of Christ's church before the first preferences of individuals.

There is a desire within the congregation to reach the lost, however previous discouragements make it difficult for many to be optimistic about the spread of the gospel in our area. Session is currently weighing up how best to further stimulate the prayer life of the congregation.

Stranorlar

The Congregation as a whole shows signs of spiritual growth and a desire to also grow numerically. There is a good spirit of prayer within the congregation. The on-line sermons and Bible studies are much appreciated. Local people from outside the congregation are also viewing this material. There is a keen interest in outreach in the vicinity of the church. Over the past year we have had a large number of outsiders, some for the first time, coming to outreach events. There is also a good interest in the mission work of the church. Two men are elders-elect and we await their response to this call upon them.

“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.”
1 Cor 15:58.

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Respectfully submitted:

Mark Loughridge, (Moderator)

Blair McFarland, (Clerk).

SOUTHERN PRESBYTERY REPORT

The Presbytery held five meetings during the year, these included three statutory meetings, one special meeting and one pro-re-nata meeting.

Owing to the corona virus lock down it was not possible to hold the May meeting.

The special meeting was held 17th October when a visitation of the Ballenon congregation was conducted. Presbytery was very encouraged by what they heard from those who spoke on that night. It was obvious that spiritual growth had taken place in the congregation and this was manifest in improved attendances at worship services and bible study and prayer meetings.

The pro-renata meeting was held by zoom on Tuesday 9th June to pass a report for Synod and to make arrangements with regard to nominating a Moderator.

In September Rev. Robert Robb was appointed interim moderator of Loughbrickland congregation and other ministers agreed to give assistance as necessary.

The synodical day of prayer was held in Ballylane meeting house on Monday 8th November from 10am to 3pm.

In February the Rev Barry Galbraith stood down as Moderator of Presbytery after having served in this capacity for two years. Rev Robert Robb was appointed as incoming moderator.

Presbytery was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Rev. David Silversides on 12th December 2019. David had served as minister of Clare and Loughbrickland for a time before relinquishing his duties in Clare and devoting himself solely to ministering to the Loughbrickland congregation, whom he served for thirty years. David's ministry also extended beyond his own denomination being invited to speak at services and conferences in places such as Scotland, England, Australia and Canada. He was a gifted preacher of

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the gospel and had the joy of seeing the Lord bless his ministry as people were added to Christ's church. He is sadly missed in the Presbytery and again we offer our condolences to his wife Ann, his two sons, Jonathan and Timothy, their wives Ruth and Alison and the grandchildren.

Presbytery was also saddened to learn of the death of Rev. Stewart McMahon on 7th January 2020 after a long period of ill health. Stewart served as minister of Riverside congregation Newry from 1988 to 2004. He also served as Clerk of Presbytery from 1988 to 2006 a period of eighteen years. After retirement Stewart returned to his native Donegal and moved his credentials to the Western Presbytery.

His long years of service within this Presbytery are still fondly remembered by many. We convey our sympathy to his children, Andrew, Helen and David and their respective families.

Other members of Presbytery suffered bereavement during the year and we convey our sympathy to each of them.

Mr Paul Flynn, presbytery's student for the ministry, continues to study at the theological college. Owing to covid-19 he has as yet been unable to sit his second year exams but we are hopeful that he will be able to do so in the next few weeks.

As a Presbytery we maintain an interest in the work of Rev. Isaac Berrocal in Spain and have been perturbed to hear of the breakdown in relationships between he and his colleague Manuel Lopez Franco. We are praying that the Mission Committee will be able to make arrangements which will allow Isaac to continue to serve there.

The work of Presbytery has been severely hampered over these past weeks with the so called lock down because of the covid-19 pandemic.

We know that this has impacted on each congregation but particularly so for Creevagh. The sporadic availability of broadband in the area has meant that even being able to access worship services on the internet has been difficult for them. It is hoped that from 20th July churches in Southern Ireland will be able to resume meeting together and this will hopefully encourage the people of Creevagh to begin looking ahead to calling a minister.

There follows brief reports from the congregations.

Ballenon & Ballylane

The congregations of Ballenon and Ballylane have, over the past year, continued to meet as one congregation for public worship, observance of Communion and for midweek Bible study. All are agreed that this arrangement has proved to be a blessing. Prior to the lockdown attendance at the midweek has been really encouraging with anything up to thirty people present.

Six of our members joined the Go Relief Team trip to Serbia last August and benefited greatly from the experience.

The Ballylane congregation held a series of special services in October at which the preacher was Rev Gareth Burke from Stranmillis Evangelical Presbyterian Church. These meetings were well attended; however we would have liked to see more people from the local community come along.

During the past year two of the senior members of the Ballenon congregation died. Mr Benny Porter died in October and Mrs Elsie Douglas died in June. We commend their families to God and trust they will know his comfort.

The Theological College's student preaching was hosted in Ballylane in January. The evening was well supported by other congregations in the Presbytery and the evening proved profitable to all who attended.

Prior to the lockdown we had been having psalm singing on the first Sabbath evening of each month. This provided an opportunity for further fellowship among the members and also an opportunity to improve our singing and learn new tunes.

At the AGM in Ballenon held in February a new committee was elected to serve for the next three years.

Since 'Lockdown' our pastor has been preaching as usual each week using YouTube as the social media platform to make the services available to the congregation. Anyone who does not have access to the internet is provided with a CD or DVD recording of the service prior to the Sabbath day. He has also been hosting the midweek meeting each week using Zoom. Also, during lockdown, our pastor started to post a daily devotional which was made available to everyone by means of either YouTube or our congregation's own facebook page. Although pastoral visiting as such is not allowed, except in cases of serious illness, our pastor has been phoning members of the congregation in order to keep in touch with them.

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It has been possible to begin public worship again by means of a car park service on the Lord's Day which commenced on 31st May 2020. These services are being held in Ballenon Church car park.

We look forward to being able to return to greater normality in church life as the Covid 19 virus recedes.

Clare

The year 2019 was significant in the history of the Clare congregation, as it marked the centenary of the congregation joining the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland. A special service of thanksgiving was held on the Sabbath which fell closest to the centenary date of the first RP service in Clare, 21st July, and, during a Centenary Week of special events from 8th-13th September, there was the opportunity to take a deeper look at the story of both the congregation and the Covenanters. Thanks must be given to Prof. Robert McCollum and to Rev. Drew Gregg for their contribution to the week, which was well attended and well received.

In the past year, the number of monthly services has increased, with evening services now being held regularly on the 1st and 3rd Sabbaths of the month, in addition to the usual morning worship. The attendance at worship has been encouraging. There is now a corporate prayer time which precedes morning worship and we gather for prayer and Bible study on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The Sabbath School; the Women's Fellowship and the TLC for seniors have continued meeting throughout the year.

At present, while unable to meet, the work of the church continues. There have been twice weekly messages, or podcasts, recorded for the congregation, which are then made available online, on the church's Facebook page; sent via email and also delivered to those who have no access to the internet on CD. The Sabbath School has continued to meet via the internet and Session has endeavoured to maintain contact with the congregation so that the pastoral needs are met.

The congregation is saddened by the passing of long-time member Florence (Florrie) Hamilton on 3rd June 2020, aged 91. She died peacefully at home and she will be greatly missed by both family and congregation. It was good to be able to have as normal a funeral as possible under the present restrictions. We pray that all who are mourning know God's continuing comfort in His Son.

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It has been encouraging to see the congregation coming together to support one another while we are apart. We pray that in God's providence we are strengthened by his all-sufficient grace and that His Kingdom grows amongst us.

Fairview and Tullyvallen

It is with gratitude to God that we review the work of our two congregations. Looking back over the past year we find many things to be thankful to God for. But the old saying that you never know the want of the water until the well runs dry is so true. It is only in these days when we are unable to fellowship together that we fully appreciate and value the fellowship we used to have. We are looking forward to the time when we will be able to meet together again.

In the meantime the work of the congregations continues with the use of internet and other means to keep people fed with God's word. Our Sabbath service is recorded and broadcast on YouTube each week and it's good to hear of how families gather together at the usual worship time to listen to the message and praise God. It is also good to hear from various people from outside our fellowship who tune into the services, some as far away as Canada and Australia.

This recording work has given opportunity for some of our youth to display their technical skills by recording the services and uploading to YouTube.

We also hold a weekly bible study/prayer meeting by means of the zoom platform and are pleased that some 30 plus participate in this.

For those unable to access the internet we distribute cds of the YouTube recording.

Loughbrickland

Loughbrickland continues its witness for the Lord in these very challenging days in which we live.

We are thankful to God for are new interim moderator Rev Robert Robb who has arranged pulpit supplies, takes prayer meetings and services for us.

At the beginning of the year Rev David silversides was called home to be with his saviour, we miss him greatly but we have the Joy of knowing we will meet him in Glory.

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In these days of lockdown we have been tuning in to different speakers and also have Zoom prayer and Bible study meetings taken by Rev Robb. The CY have had meetings through zoom.

On Sabbath day 31/5/20 we had are first drive in meeting in the Mission Hall car park (kindly granted) which allows us to physically meet together not ideal but a step in the right direction.

We are thankful to God that Mr Paul Flynn continues to do well in his studies for the ministry and for his help in taking prayer meetings and Sabbath day services.

We pray that our nation would turn to the saviour the only one who can truly heal both body and soul in these days of covid-19.

Rathfriland

Until the “lockdown” things proceeded in the normal way with services, prayer meetings and Bible Studies, Sabbath School and young adults Bible Class. During the crisis the Minister and Clerk of Session and other members kept in touch with older or unwell people by phone. The minister also did (and is still doing) a series of online Messages with the title, “Brilliant Bits of the Bible”. These aimed not only to help and encourage members, but also as a simple introduction to the Bible for unbelievers who were looking for a message of hope in trying times. The Minister also had to conduct the funeral of one godly member during the lockdown. He described it as the strangest and in some ways most difficult of his entire ministry, given the restrictions in place at that time.

Newry

Riverside is thankful for many blessings this year. Since Synod 2019 the congregation hosted a Go team and was involved in outreach to young and old outside the church. Consistent with other years the church participated in the Newry Fleadh and the singer was Eilidh Patterson, who sang and spoke about her faith during very difficult times in her life. The joint youth work with Newry Baptist has seen an increase in numbers. We are particularly thankful that the Council has granted us four years use of an LED sign on the front of the building. We continue to use the sign to try to communicate Bible verses and explanations of Christianity to the community.

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There was one baptism this year, namely Georgia Maebh Keenan, daughter of Alan and Jessica.

In the period leading up to the Covid 19 lockdown some of the older members were not able to attend as regularly as they would have liked. However numbers at the morning meeting include some regular visitors and for this we are thankful.

Our online services during lockdown seem to have a core group of support and this has been encouraging. Women's Bible study has continued during lockdown. Like other congregations we pray for wisdom in knowing how to minister to one another in this difficult period.

Respectively submitted

Rev. Robert Robb (Moderator)

Rev. Philip Murphy (Clerk)

9/6/2020

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SPAIN UPDATE FOR SYNOD 2020

JUNE 2019

- On the evening of 19th June 2019 the Berrocal family arrived in Almuñécar to start their missionary service. They carried with them the hopes, prayers and support of the home church.
- One week previously at Synod's commissioning service, after participation by Phil Dunn (EMF), Manuel Lopez: Almuñécar IRE church, Andrew Lytle and Isaac Berrocal, anticipation was high. Isaac was being sent into a situation where he would get opportunities for Teamwork, Learning, Contributing, Investigating locations, Exploratory forays, Developing gifts and Partnership in the Gospel. Collectively these were to enable him to work towards Synod's commission of 2019.
- A code of practice had been drawn up and agreed by all parties and the church looked forward to its gradual implementation. There was no pressure or expectation of dramatic early results, rather we looked forward to hearing of Isaac's learning, evangelistic opportunities and of possible church plant locations for future years. We neither anticipated nor prepared for what was to happen.

CODE of PRACTICE

- 1- The local church in Almuñécar will be committed to:
 - the care of Isaac and his family,
 - watching over their spiritual welfare, and
 - providing opportunities, and giving direction, to develop his gifts for the ministry and his character, (without neglecting his primary responsibilities as husband and father)
- 2- Status: Isaac Berrocal will be considered an associate missionary.
 - he will be working under the pastoral authority of the Almuñécar church,
 - he will be supervised locally by Rev Manuel Lopez
 - his overall accountability will be to the RPCI Mission Board and/or the Southern Presbytery of the RPCI as appropriate,
- 3- Pastoral responsibility in Almuñécar and (as appropriate) Nerja/Salobreña

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- Isaac will not
 - i. exercise pastoral tasks unless assigned by Manuel
 - ii. have authority over the congregation, until the congregation itself considers this appropriate after a prudent time.
- 4- Tasks: These will be in line with those agreed by the IRE synod earlier in 2019, including:
- preaching,
 - evangelizing,
 - assisting at the Lord's table
 - helping in different tasks for which he may be required.
5. Developing a new work
- Opportunity will be taken to consider starting work in surrounding towns. Locations such as Nerja and Salobreña will be investigated first and depending on the results of such exploration a location will be chosen for more detail and extensive efforts.
 - This work will initially start as an extension of the work of the Almuñécar congregation and as such be under the guidance of the Almuñécar congregation
6. Working together:
- Isaac will seek to understand the importance and ramifications of Manuel's vision for the work and through that identify his role in helping fulfil that vision, so that in God's time it becomes a reality
 - Isaac will work at developing his understanding, that helping to implement the vision includes both actions and attitudes
 - Both Isaac and Manuel will seek to work together as a team, complementing each other's gifts as appropriate
7. Evaluation:
- Initially after six months (January 2020) and subsequently annually by both parties (RPCI Mission Board and IRE Almuñécar)
 - The present agreement will cease to be valid when one of the parties considers this partnership finalized.

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JULY 2019

- Further contact with EMF in expectation of them taking on payroll matters on our behalf
- Planning for an “oversight group”

SEPTEMBER 2019

- The house and its location was a bad choice. However, in the February 2019 exploratory visit, it was the only property available that met the Berrocals’ domestic needs unless we were to spend much more on accommodation or unless we were to wait another year.
- The access was very steep and although Isaac had been part of the decision making, he had not anticipated that Rachel would not be prepared to drive the car. She felt unsafe driving and could not contribute to family transportation. This unexpected element had an impact on Isaac’s availability for work and his productive time was greatly reduced as he had to do school runs and travel for family necessities. It was significantly hindering his opportunities to seek to evangelise.
- MC members, from their experience, encouraged Isaac to consider alternative means of outreach and use of his time by giving examples and making suggestions such as working in the church whilst he waited to make return journeys.
- Overseas section became increasingly concerned that Isaac seemed to be branching out from the guidelines which were agreed with him, outlining his work in Spain with Rev. Manuel Lopez Franco and assisting the Almuñécar congregation in its outreach efforts.

OCTOBER 2019

- The concerns that were being thought through at the September meeting had intensified and were centred on: -

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1. The meeting in Isaac's house with several Reformed Spanish Christians who wanted to worship in an RP setting. The attendees had sought out Isaac, and Manuel reassured us that the meetings had not been engineered by Isaac and that they complemented the work in Almuñécar, in that the attendees with Isaac do not attend Almuñécar and so it is not divisive. Manuel was supportive (in principle) of the evening services that Isaac was providing in the manse.
 2. Isaac's daily work schedule and extensive domestic responsibilities, which was preventing him from doing what he was sent out to do.
 3. Rachel's "isolation" in the house. We were concerned pastorally for her.
 4. Isaac's apparent desire to move away from Manuel and Almuñécar, with no interest in seeking to develop the early investigative work in Nerja or Salobreña.
 5. The potential of using Isaac's football skill with a local club did not materialise and that was to be the pattern for other outreach opportunities.
- Manuel Lopez

Manuel encouraged Isaac to proceed with caution and not to move away from Almuñécar. The Section fully endorse this and reminded Isaac of the agreement between himself, Manuel and RPCI in June 2019.

- Serious deterioration

By this time, after four months, it became apparent that Synod's plan of 2018, amended in June 2019 was not likely to go the full course. Working and personal relationships had begun to deteriorate, to such an extent that the planned January 2020 evaluation was brought forward and Rev. S Neilly, Mrs Anne Neilly and Mrs Yury Fleming were sent to meet with the Berrocals.

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NOVEMBER 2019

- During a helpful and harmonious weekend, Isaac was talking of relocating to Malaga to minister to the group. This was not in agreement with Synod's plans but such was the increasingly fractured nature of personal relationships that a unilateral decision was made to permit Isaac to leave Almuñécar and his team ministry with Manuel sooner than originally agreed.
- Manuel at this time, though gracious in his comments, indicated that he thought they should separate sooner rather than later and that Summer 2020 would be a reasonable goal. Both parties agreed to work in harmony for the ensuing eight months.
- The Berrocals agreed to cope with their current accommodation as an end was in sight by June 2020.
- Torrential rain just after the evaluation visit was the "final straw" for the family as they discovered that their car would not go up or down the road when it is wet! The tyres slipped on the surface and they were frightened when the car started to slide putting them in serious danger. Our duty of care to them resulted in relocating the family and accepting the financial loss.
- The family were moved to another house which freed Isaac from his considerable domestic transportation duties.
- Nine adults (with a transient and in some cases troublesome church history) were worshipping with Isaac on Sabbath evenings. Isaac informed the committee of his intention to relocate these services **to Malaga** on a weekly basis. He had not consulted the Committee.

DECEMBER 2019

- Having moved to a new house the Overseas Section decided to:
 1. Encourage Isaac to see December as a new start to his work in Almuñécar.

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2. Restrict Isaac to taking fortnightly services in Malaga and to take fortnightly Bible studies, for the group, in Almuñécar.
3. Instruct Isaac to use the time saved to start developing his skills in reaching the unsaved in Almuñécar, in preparation for whatever location he eventually moves to. This could include such things as
 - a. Taking up the offer from the football club
 - b. Going with Rachel for coffee to make contacts
 - c. Seeking to start the “market work”
 - d. Visiting the congregation with Manuel
 - e. Doing street evangelism
 - f. Being involved in the summer team
4. Require Isaac to continue working at improving working relationships with Manuel and to see the remaining time (up to the end of the new house contract) as a positive opportunity to continue developing his skills in ministry.

JANUARY 2020

- The Mission Committee at this stage shared the same concerns as the Overseas Section in that they felt that Isaac was being drawn away from what he was asked to do in Almuñécar. They were concerned about moving with this ‘new group’ so early in his ministry. It was also felt that he needed more experience of church planting work prior to starting out on his own including financial management and what it means to run a church plant.
- Isaac cancels his EMF interview for Associate status

FEBRUARY 2020

Initial responses from Isaac to December guidelines were positive and accepting of the direction given.

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MARCH 2020

- The positivity in February was short-lived and the Section decided to call Isaac back to Ireland, to meet with him, in an attempt to resolve the growing issues of departure from his original brief and minimal uptake of subsequent modifications.
- We were aware that Isaac, having missed the January EMF interview, had been offered an April date as that was the next meeting of the EMF Council.
- Negotiate with EMF about linking Isaac's visit to us with his interview in England. EMF had offered to collect Isaac on his arrival in UK and to accompany him on his travel to his NI accommodation.
- Isaac circulated serious theological concerns about Manuel and the Almuñécar church, whilst not replying to requests for information on the December guidelines.
- Start planning for Isaac's visit. The next day Flybe went into administration. We sought to co-ordinate alternatives with EMF.
- EMF contacted us to advise us that "something had come up" and that there would be a delay in finalizing arrangements.
- EMF Director, Steven Bowers, informed us that the interview would not be going ahead until interpersonal difficulties between Isaac and Manuel were resolved.
- Spain went into lockdown so no return was possible.

APRIL 2020

- EMF Director Steven Bowers and Andrew Birch (pastor of Palma Reformed Baptist Church, EMF Director designate and who has known Isaac since childhood) met with Manuel and Isaac with the hope of effecting reconciliation.

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- EMF inform us that from their perspective, the theological differences were of a minor nature.
- EMF made us aware, as a result of their meetings with Manuel and Isaac, of potential contributory factors to the relationship breakdown. Isaac's preaching was well received, his salary was over 50% higher than Manuel's and his accommodation was of a much higher standard. Furthermore, they did not meet together for prayer.
- Of the first ten months in Spain,
 - The first five were greatly restricted by the location of the house.
 - The last eight saw the relationships deteriorate significantly and in addition...
 - The last two were also in 'lockdown'.
- As of **17 April, the working partnership ended**, just over ten months since it began.
- Even though we had no formal links with them, EMF offered to help us retrieve something from the Almuñécar experience. They, on our behalf and with our appreciation and gratitude, began to consider what might be done to enable Isaac to be helped to continue in the work of bringing the Gospel to southern Spain.
- **MAY 2020**
- With the Mission Committee approval, permission was given for the Overseas Section, on behalf of Synod, to actively pursue work in Malaga in association with another pastor. The details being worked out are to seek to avoid a repeat of the Almuñécar arrangements, which proved ineffective.
- EMF informed us that a Reformed Baptist church in Málaga, Grace Baptist Church, whose full-time pastor is Martin Rizley, a former

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E. M. F. missionary and an experienced pastor, has kindly agreed in principle to the proposal that Isaac and his family attend there, initially for one school-year, to offer support and guidance, etc., while Isaac and his family continue to pursue their relationship with the Reformed Presbyterian group in the Málaga area.

- This opportunity seems to be the best option for Isaac and his family at the present time.
- Outline working guidelines for this stage are: -

1. *The Berrocal's to relocate closer to Malaga, in time for the new school term (if Lockdown will permit that)*

a. *Relocation to consider*

i. *Schooling*

ii. *Minimizing financial loss on current property, so possibly moving late August*

iii. *Rent to be closer to €1200 per month*

iv. *Advice from EMF/Martin Rizley/ about appropriate location,*

b. *Current time in Almuñécar to provide opportunity to:*

i. *Develop social media skills: Zoom, Facebook, Instagram etc in a way that could contribute to outreach and evangelism*

ii. *Pray and plan for a strategy for the new area*

2. *The group in Malaga to be a basis for development and outreach. This work is to be more than preaching to them once a week.*

3. *Isaac to see his links with Martin Rizley as partnership in the gospel, whilst working independently of each other in different locations. Isaac to continue with evening worship with the fledgling group in Malaga, but to worship with Martin Rizley in the mornings. This gives the opportunity for fellowship and learning from an experienced and settled group in tandem with the prospect of development and growth of a future RP group.*

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4. *EMF Associate status to be actively pursued as a matter of urgency.*
 5. *RPCI to establish a support group/interim session who will be in regular ZOOM (or equivalent) contact with Isaac (say 1st Monday of every month at 6.45 pm). Group to include Nigel Agnew and Robert Robb representing the Southern Presbytery. Overseas Section to nominate other members and the role/links with Martin Rizley to be determined once there is more clarity.*
- The lack of trust and the growing tension between the two men had been instrumental in the March decision (see above) to postpone Isaac's EMF Associate Status application. Consequently, EMF are putting the process on hold for now, pending the hoped-for reconciliation between Manuel and Isaac. (This delay significantly increases the RPCI's concern about the financial administration of our Spanish work as we were planning to take up EMF's offer of managing it on our behalf. The absence of such a facility poses significant concerns about Isaac's N Insurance, tax liabilities and medical support for the family in Spain).
 - S Neilly and O Graham, (Overseas Section) met with Martin Rizley and one of his elders Juan Pablo to discuss, an appropriate "Code of Practice" for the next year based on point three above.
 - A draft agreement (Code of Practice) was prepared and circulated to Martin, Juan Pablo and EMF.

CODE of PRACTICE for the collaboration between Isaac Berrocal and Grace Reformed Baptist Church Malaga

29/5/2020

The next phase in Isaac's ministry in Spain can be seen to have three distinct elements

- 5- Grace Reformed Baptist Church in Malaga will be the Berrocal's "home congregation", initially until August 2021, as they seek to develop their ministry in Southern Spain.

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The commitment of the Berrocals, to Grace Baptist church, will be as that of any other member:-

- a. Worship on Lord's Day (morning only)
 - b. Attendance at midweek (currently Thursday evening)
 - c. Participation by Rachel in Ladies' Fellowship (as arranged)
 - d. Participation in children's ministry
 - e. Any other church activity as desired
- 6- The leadership of Grace Reformed Baptist Church will provide opportunities for Isaac to learn and develop skills that will help in any future ministry. Isaac will effectively be collaborating with them in their ministry in Malaga. To facilitate this, it is expected that Isaac will: -
- commit 6 days per month to working with Martin on tasks at Martin's discretion. These could include: -
 - i. Hospital visiting
 - ii. Market outreach
 - iii. Preparing evangelistic leaflets
 - iv. Making local contacts
 - v. Pastoral visiting
 - vi. Praying together
 - vii. ...any other duties (such as leading Bible studies or studies on a specific topic)

In all the above Isaac will be working under the authority of the elders of Grace Reformed Baptist Church.

- participate in monthly support group meeting with Martin and RPCI.
- be given opportunity to attend bi-monthly Grace Reformed Baptist Church session meetings (depending on the nature of the business). Consideration will also be given by the elders to asking Isaac to preach occasionally.
- contribute to six monthly formal evaluations of progress. The other participants to include Grace Reformed Baptist Church leadership, RPCI and EMF representatives.

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- 7- Isaac will seek to start a new work in the town in which he is living. This work is to be seen as a natural extension of the work of the Presbyterian group he is currently working with. The plans and activities of this group as they seek to evangelise will primarily be under Isaac’s guidance, though input from the support group may also be relevant.

Assuming a week to consist of seven days of three sessions of which at least ten are “**employment**”, a typical week **might** look like: -

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Lord’s Day	<i>Worship</i>	<i>Off</i>	Preaching
Monday	<i>Off</i>	<i>Off</i>	<i>Off</i>
Tuesday	With Martin for outreach etc.		<i>Off</i>
Wednesday	Ministry preparation	<i>Ladies Fellowship / Childrens</i>	Ministry preparation
Thursday	La Cala del Moral Outreach		<i>Midweek</i>
Friday	La Cala del Moral Outreach	9. Grace Baptist support	<i>Off</i>
Saturday	10. Ministry preparation	<i>Off</i>	<i>Off</i>

JUNE 2020

- Martin Rizley and Juan Pablo support and sign the draft agreement as a foundation on which to guide the relationship between themselves and Isaac.

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- Isaac is given a copy of the draft agreement.
- Negotiations at an advanced stage to rent property in La Cala del Moral. This location will enable the group he is working with to assist him in outreach and evangelism. (None of them however, live there).
- Isaac considers this to be a good place in which to seek to plant a congregation.
- EMF Associate status still “on hold” pending reconciliation between Isaac and Manuel. Consequently, Isaac’s Income Tax and National insurance status in Spain needs to be resolved as a matter of urgency.
- An overseeing body is being established (to include Martin Rizley) with the intention of directing and supporting Isaac in his work as Martin Rizley will not be working “on the ground” with Isaac to establish a church plant.

Finally

We are praying that Isaac’s learning from his experience in Almuñécar, will enable him to work at rebuilding his relationship with Manuel, and make the most of the new opportunity in the wider Málaga area. The future possibilities for RPCI Mission in Spain may well be significantly dependent on Isaac’s progress, over this next year, in how he deals with relationships; church life and practice; outreach and evangelism; and practical personal administration related to Tax and Health Care.

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SPANISH COSTS SYNOD 2020

Budget costs for remainder of call period July 2020 to August 2022

Spain payments to end of June 2020 (assuming € TO £ 0.9)

	£		£
Salary	32,219.42	Salary	56,250.00
Pension	3,221.94	Pension	5,417.00
Expenses	1,565.16	Expenses	2,500.00
Rent (Mar 19 - Jun 20)	22,620.66	Rent (July 202 to August 2022)	29,250.00
New House security deposit	3,953.96	New House security deposit	5,400.00
Moving to Spain	5,574.98		
Isaac Car loan	13,753.22	Isaac Car loan	
Committee travel to Spain	2,586.76	Committee travel to Spain	3,000.00
		Employers National Insurance	19,400.00
		Camps, Synod, Minister Conf, Dep	3,000.00
Total costs to date	85,496.10		124,217.00
Less car repayments	5,405.00	Car repayments	4,174.00
		Almunecar house deposit refund	3,953.96
		(not guaranteed)	
		Third house deposit refund	5,400.00
			13,527.96
Net Cost	80,091.10		110,689.04
Projected three year costs	190,780.14		
Loan capital outstanding	4,174.00		

MINUTES
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF 2021
BY ZOOM ON 7TH JUNE AND 8TH JUNE

Monday 7th June 2021

1. The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland met using the Zoom video-conferencing technology at 7.30pm on Monday 7th June 2021. The Moderator, Rev. Nigel Agnew conducted public worship. Psalm 100 was sung in praise to God and the Moderator led in prayer.
2. The Clerk reported the following changes to the Roll of Synod since the 2019 Annual Meeting

The following deaths have occurred:

Rev. David Silversides on 12th December 2019;

Rev. Stewart McMahan on 7th January 2020;

Mr Harry McGladdery, ruling elder in the Newry congregation, on 17th July 2020;

Rev. Prof. Robin Patterson on 6th November 2020;

Mr Joseph (Jeff) Kennedy, ruling elder in Ballyclare congregation, on 9th November 2020;

Mr Samuel Pollock, ruling elder in Ballylaggan, on 11th December 2020;

Mr Shannon Stewart, ruling elder in the Ballylane congregation, on 10th May 2021.

The following men resigned from the eldership:-

Mr Brian Blackburn, (Stranorlar) September 2019;

Mr Mark Patterson, (Dromore), on 22nd June 2020.

MINUTES

Mr Ivan McConaghie, having moved house and transferred his membership to the Ballymoney congregation, is no longer serving as an elder in the Dervock congregation.

Rev. Blair McFarland retired from the active duties of the ministry on 31st December 2019.

Rev. Bill Matthes, retired from the active duties of the ministry on 6th May 2020 and subsequently received his credentials upon moving to live in England.

Rev. Prof. Norris Wilson, minister of Drimbolg Congregation retired from the active duties of the ministry on 28th March 2021.

Mr Calum Morrison was installed to the eldership in Faughan on 26th January 2020.

Dr James Steele was ordained and installed to the eldership in Faughan on 26th January 2020.

Mr Ross Blackburn was ordained and installed to the eldership in Stranorlar on 30th August 2020.

Rev. Robert M. McCollum, minister of the Newtownards congregation, accepted a Call from the Lisburn congregation and was installed as minister of Lisburn on 13th January 2021.

Rev. Philip Dunwoody, minister of the Dervock congregation, accepted a Call from the Dromore congregation and was installed as the minister of Dromore on 3rd March 2021.

Rev. Prof. Andrew Kerr received a call from Ridgefield Park, a congregation of the RPCNA in New Jersey. Dr Kerr accepted the call on 16th December 2020 and the pastoral tie with the Knockbracken congregation was dissolved. As he has not yet been able to complete the move to the U.S.A. his credentials remain with the Eastern Presbytery.

The credentials of Rev. Malcolm Ball, retired minister, were transferred from the Western Presbytery to the Eastern Presbytery.

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Rev. Harry Coulter received a call from the Enniskillen congregation and accepted the call at a meeting of the Eastern Presbytery on Tuesday 1st June. The pastoral tie with the Carrickfergus congregation was dissolved on Sabbath 6th June.

3. The Clerk reported that he had received Commission of Ruling Elders to Synod from 38 Congregations. The Roll of Synod, having been circulated by email previous to the meeting was taken as read and is as follows:

ROLL OF SYNOD

NORTHERN PRESBYTERY

Ballyclabber

Rev. James Blair

Mr Morrel McCollum

Mr John McCollum, alt

Ballylaggan

Rev. David Sutherland

Mr Thomas Pollock

Mr Robbie Quigg, alt

Ballymoney

Rev. Edward McCollum

Mr Frank Stewart

Mr Raymond Wilson, alt

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Cloughmills	Rev. Joel Loughridge Mr David Loughridge Mr Andrew Aicken, alt
Cullybackey	Rev. Philip Moffett Mr Daniel Wright Dr David McKelvey, alt
Dervock	Mr Archie McKeeman Mr David Millar, alt
Drimbolg	Mr Mervyn Kelso Mr Wilmor Kelso, alt
Kellswater	Rev. John Coates Mr John O'Neill
Kilraughts	Rev. David Fallows Mr William Hanna Mr Robert Pinkerton, alt
Portrush	Rev. Samuel McCollum Mr Ross Carson Mr Carlisle McCollum, alt

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Serving in Nantes, France	Rev. Andrew Lytle
Retired Ministers	Rev. Robert Hanna
	Rev. R. Wallace McCollum
	Rev. George McEwen
	Rev. Prof. Norris Wilson

EASTERN PRESBYTERY

Bailiesmills	Rev. John Watterson
	Mr Joe Watson
Ballyclare	Rev. Nathan Hawthorne
	Mr George Wright
	Mr Steven Bell, alt
Carrickfergus	Mr Ronnie Loughridge
	Dr Jonathan Hegarty, alt
Dromara	Rev. Geoffrey Allen
	Mr Harold Kerr
Dromore	Rev. Philip Dunwoody
	Mr John Somerville
Knockbracken	Mr Stanley Foreman
	Mr Ian McCaughan, alt

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Lisburn	Rev. Robert M. McCollum Mr Mervyn Green Mr Marcus McCollum, alt
Newtownards	Mr Ronnie Balfour Dr Trevor McCavery
Shaftesbury Square	Rev. Prof. David McKay Dr Morrell Lyons Dr Hugh McCullough, alt
Trinity	Rev. Prof. Warren Peel Mr Ken Nelson Mr Graham Moffett, alt
Cookstown Society Organising Pastor	Rev. Paul Wright
Woodstock Society Organising Pastor	Rev. David McCullough
Minister without charge	Rev. Vincent McDonnell
Retired ministers	Rev. Dr Harold Cunningham Rev. Prof. Edward Donnelly Rev. John Hawthorne Rev. Prof. Robert McCollum
Minister without charge await- ing installation in U.S.A.	Rev. Prof. Andrew Kerr

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WESTERN PRESBYTERY

Bready	Mr William Roulston Mr Stephen Davis, alt
Convoy	Rev. Stephen Wright Mr Andrew Smith Mr Mark Frizzel, alt
Covenant Christian Fellowship Galway	Rev. Peter Jemphrey Mr Frank McMurray Mr Billy Hamilton, alt
Gateway Christian Fellowship	Rev. Stephen Neilly Mr Graham Fallows Mr David McConaghie, alt
Faughan	Rev. Steven Robinson Mr James Snodgrass Dr. Calum Morrison, alt
Letterkenny	Rev. Mark Loughridge Mr Colin Tait Mr Robert Tait, alt

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Limavady	Rev. Raymond Blair Mr John McCollum Mr Brian Dunwoody, alt
Milford	Rev. Jonathan McCollum Mr Martin Crossin
Stranorlar	Mr Ross Blackburn
Enniskillen	Mr Trevor Wills
Minister awaiting installation to Enniskillen	Rev. Harry Coulter
Minister without charge	Rev. Ian Morrison
Retired Minister	Rev. Blair McFarland

SOUTHERN PRESBYTERY

Ballenon	Rev. Robert Robb Mr Andrew Heron Mr Jim Minnish, alt
Ballylane	Rev. Robert Robb Mr Ian Douglas Mr Billy Wilson, alt

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Clare	Rev. Peter Dundee Mr David Cromie Mr Richard Brown
Creevagh	No elders commissioned
Fairview	Rev. Philip Murphy Mr Bertie Armstrong Mr William Hughes, alt
Loughbrickland	Mr James Murdoch Mr William Kemps, alt
Newry, Riverside	Rev. Nigel Agnew Mr Alex Lyons
Rathfriland	Rev. Barry Galbraith Mr Ray Morrison
Tullyvallen	Rev. Philip Murphy Mr Ivan Bingham Mr Douglas Hughes, alt
Serving in Spain	Rev. Isaac Berracol
Retired Ministers	Rev. Andrew C. Gregg

4. On acceptance of the Roll the Moderator declared the Synod constituted in

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the name and by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ and led in prayer.

5. Apologies for absence were received from the following members of Synod:

from all sederunts Rev. Prof. Edward Donnelly

from the Monday evening sederunt: Rev. Prof. David McKay, Rev. Stephen Wright and Mr Joe Watson.

from the Tuesday sederunts: Mr Ray Morrison.

6. Rev. Wallace McCollum presented the memorial record for Rev. Stewart McMahan.
7. Rev. Robert Robb presented the memorial record for Rev. David Silversides.
8. Rev. Steven Robinson presented the memorial record for Rev. Prof. Robin Patterson. A copy of these three memorial records is included after these minutes.
9. The Moderator led the Synod in prayer.
10. Rev. Edward McCollum, having given notice of motion at Synod 2019, proposed that the Code be amended in chapter 2 paragraph 47 from

2.47 “The Board of Deacons shall prepare and publish an annual financial statement, duly audited, and adopted by the congregation.”

to read

2.47 “The Board of Deacons shall prepare and publish an annual financial statement, independently examined by a competent person, and adopted by the congregation.”

The motion was seconded by the Clerk and agreed.

11. The Clerk proposed that the following changes be made to the order of Business as printed in the Blue Book: that items 15 (Order of Business), 16 (Business of Synod Committee Report), 17 (report of errata and signing of printed Minutes) and 24 (Consideration of the need for Covenant renewal)

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be taken at this point, and that this amended order of business be accepted as the Standing Order for Synod. This proposal was seconded by Rev. Philip Murphy and agreed.

12. The Clerk presented the report of the Business of Synod Committee and moved its adoption. This was seconded by Rev. Edward McCollum and agreed.
13. The printed Minutes of the Special Meeting of Synod at Cookstown on 19th November 2018 and of the 2019 Annual Meeting of Synod at Knockbracken were approved and signed in duplicate by the Clerk who will arrange to have them signed by the ex-Moderator and placed in the college library.
14. Rev. Prof Robert McCollum addressed the Synod about the matter of Covenant Renewal. He stated that this matter had been discussed by the Commission of Synod (appointed at the pro-re-nata meeting of Synod held on 17th September 2019) where there had been general agreement that we as a Synod ought to be planning for such an act of Covenant Renewal. Mr McCollum proposed that the Synod plan to have a formal act of Covenant Renewal at Synod 2022 and that to facilitate this a Committee be appointed to make the necessary preparations. This proposal was seconded by Rev. Philip Moffett and agreed. It was also agreed that the following men be appointed to serve on the Committee: Rev. David Sutherland, Rev. Prof. David McKay, Rev. Mark Loughridge, Rev. Peter Dundee and Rev. Prof. Robert McCollum who will act as Convener.
15. The outgoing Moderator, Rev. Nigel Agnew, reported on the work of his Moderatorial year, demitted his office and asked Synod to appoint his successor.
16. Rev. David Fallows thanked the outgoing Moderator for his work as Moderator throughout the year and, on behalf of the Northern Presbytery, proposed that Rev. Philip Moffett, Minister of Cullybackey congregation, be appointed Moderator of Synod.
17. The nomination was seconded by Rev. Edward McCollum and approved by Synod.
18. Rev. Philip Moffett took the office of Moderator and addressed the Synod. Mr Moffett thanked the outgoing Moderator for his service during the past year. He also thanked his Presbytery and the two men who had nominated

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him and asked the members of Synod to pray for him as he took up the responsibilities of his new office.

19. The Moderator read the Scriptures from Jeremiah 50:29 – 34 and addressed the Synod from verse 34. In his address he made the following points:
 - The Cause For Which We Stand – Jesus Christ and His glory.
 - The One Who Pleads Our Cause – our Redeemer.
 - The Outcome of Pleading Our Cause – He will give rest to His people and bring judgement upon the wicked.
20. The Moderator brought the Sederunt to a close with prayer and the Benediction.
21. The Clerk made several announcements.

SESSION II

Tuesday 8th June at 10.00am (by Zoom)

22. The Moderator read from 1 John 2:1 – 6 and led the Synod in prayer.
23. Dr Jonathan Hegarty presented the report of the Finance Committee and Rev. Joel Loughridge spoke to the Appendix of the Finance Committee report. After discussion Rev. Edward McCollum proposed that we accept option 4 of the appendix and this was seconded by Rev. Prof. Andrew Kerr. Rev Mark Loughridge made a counter proposal that we accept option 3. This was seconded by Rev. Nathan Hawthorne and when put to the vote the counter proposal was carried. Rev. Joel Loughridge proposed that the report of the Finance Committee along with its Appendix be adopted. This was seconded by Rev. James Blair and agreed.
24. Mr Osy Graham presented the Chairman's report of the Mission Committee. Several members of Synod spoke appreciatively of Mr Graham's service as Chairman of the Mission Committee and the Clerk was directed to put on record the thanks of the whole Synod to Mr Graham for his service as Chairman of the Mission Committee over the last eight years.

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25. Rev. Geoffrey Allen spoke to the report of the Home Section of the Mission Committee. In responding to a question from the floor of Synod Mr Allen indicated that there had been an oversight in the report and that the committee was recommending that the usual day of prayer be held on 15th November 2021.
26. Rev. Mark Loughridge spoke to the report of the Irish Section of the Mission Committee.
27. Rev. Stephen Neilly spoke to the report of the Overseas Section of the Mission Committee. Following discussion about the appropriateness of accounts from France being published here, Rev. Steven Robinson proposed that the accounts from Nantes that are in the Blue Book, not be included in the printed Minutes of Synod and that the Mission Committee, along with our Mission worker in France, consider whether the accounts from France should be published here in the future. This proposal was seconded by Rev. Stephen Neilly and passed.
28. The time being 1.00pm the Moderator led in prayer and the Synod broke for lunch.

Tuesday 8th June 2.00pm

29. The Moderator read from Hebrews 7:23- 27 and led in prayer.
30. The minutes of the morning sederunt were read and passed.
31. Consideration of the Mission Committee report resumed.
32. Rev. Mark Loughridge proposed that, in the event of the Ardilaun Road premises being let to the Hamiltons, the Congregational Aid Fund be directed to pay the salary contribution due to Covenant Fellowship Galway in two parts - paying the Irish Section of the Mission Committee an amount equivalent to the rental income, and paying the balance directly to Galway. This was seconded by the Clerk and agreed.
33. The Moderator welcomed Pastor Martin Rizley from Malaga Reformed Baptist Church who had joined the meeting and would be invited to address us later.
34. Rev. Stephen Neilly continued to speak to the Overseas Section of the report and then invited Mr Osy Graham to present some options for the

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way forward in Spain. Mr Graham outlined possible options for the way forward in Spain and then handed over to Rev. Nigel Agnew who spoke briefly before inviting Pastor Martin Rizley to address the court. Mr Rizley addressed the court outlining something of the situation in Spain and speaking enthusiastically about Rev. Isaac Berracol and his gifts.

35. Rev. Harry Coulter proposed that the preferred option set before Synod by Mr Graham be adopted and also that the Synod communicate with Malaga Reformed Baptist Church to express our appreciation of all the prayerful and practical support they have given to the Mission Committee in developing the work in Spain. This proposal was seconded by Rev. David McCullough and agreed. The preferred option just adopted proposes:-

- I. That the Berrocals remain in Rincon until 2022.
- II. Isaac commits to regular preaching in Seville and continues with Rincon (none of whom live in Rincon).
- III. Isaac and Martin continue to work closely together for at least another year, with a view to continuing to prepare Isaac for future ministry in Spain.
- IV. During the next 9 months, Isaac, in association with the RPCI “Spanish” Session and the Seville session, as a matter of urgency, clarify a number of issues that need to be dealt with before a decision on the call could be made.
- V. Overseas Section will seek to determine and act on the factors associated with the Seville congregation becoming an RP congregation.
- VI. Based on the clarification of the above and visits to the Seville congregation, a proposed response to the call to Isaac will be brought to Synod 2022 also
- VII. in light of experiences to date we recommend that the Synod 2018 three-year plan from 2019 to 2022 be extended to a five year plan (in common with any home based church plant) until 2024.

36. Rev. John Watterson, our representative on the Council of International Mission to Jewish people, spoke to the report he had prepared on the work of the International Mission To Jewish People.

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37. Rev. Raymond Blair proposed the adoption of the Mission Committee reports and financial statements. This was seconded by Rev. Jonathan McCollum and agreed.
38. Rev. Prof. Robert McCollum presented the report of the Reformed Theological College and Library and asked that the Synod approve the appointment of Rev. Stephen Neilly to the Chair of Old Testament Language and Literature and the appointment of Rev. John Watterson to teach Hebrew at the College. By a show of hands the Synod approved these appointments.
39. As The Code 11.10 requires that newly elected members of the Faculty of the Reformed Theological College be required to sign a declaration in Synod, Rev. Stephen Neilly, newly elected to the Chair of Old Testament Language and Literature, and Rev. John Watterson, newly elected to teach Hebrew, were asked to verbally affirm their assent to the declaration and return a signed copy of the declaration to the Clerk. These men, each in turn, affirmed their assent to the declaration and undertook to return a signed copy to the Clerk of Synod. The Moderator led Synod in prayer.
40. Rev. Prof. Robert McCollum proposed that the report of the Reformed Theological College and Library, along with its recommendations and financial reports, be adopted. This was seconded by Rev. Prof. Andrew Kerr and agreed.
41. Rev. Prof. Norris Wilson proposed that the Committee of Superintendence give consideration as to how speaking gifts within men in the denomination may be developed and encouraged. This was seconded by Rev. Malcolm Ball and agreed.
42. The Moderator drew attention to the reports included in the composite motion and gave an opportunity for men to comment or raise questions on these. After some discussion the Clerk proposed that the following reports be adopted:
 - Board of Trustees
 - Book Centre and Publications
 - Church History
 - Congregational Aid Fund

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- Covenanter Witness Business
- Covenanter Youth
- Instruction of the Young Committee
- Ministers' Widows & Orphans Fund
- Ministers' Pension and Sickness Fund
- Psalmody Committee Financial Statement
- Presbytery Reports
- Reformed Witness Committee
- Reformed Presbyterian Camps
- Reformed Presbyterian Global Alliance
- Relief Fund
- Synodical Conference Committee
- Covenanter Youth Synodical Committee
- General Benevolent Fund

The motion was seconded by Rev. David Fallows and agreed.

43. Rev. Philip Dunwoody presented the report of the Public Morals Committee and proposed its adoption. In relation to the query raised in the report about financial support of the Christian Institute Rev. Prof. Norris Wilson proposed that we continue to give support at the current level through the Public Morals Committee. This was seconded by Rev. Steven Robinson and agreed. Rev. John Watterson seconded the proposal that the report be adopted and this was agreed.
44. Rev. David McKay presented the report of the Covenanter Witness Editors and proposed its adoption. This was seconded by Rev Prof. Norris Wilson and agreed. The Moderator expressed the thanks of the whole church to Rev. Prof. David McKay for 30 years of faithful service as editor of the Covenanter Witness.
45. The Clerk proposed that the committees for the incoming year be as

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he had circulated by email the previous week, with the addition of the committee to make preparation for Covenant Renewal agreed on Monday evening (Minute 14) and the addition of Rev. Stephen Neilly and Rev. John Watterson to the faculty of the college. This was seconded by Rev. Edward McCollum and agreed.

46. Rev. Robert Robb invited Synod to hold its 2022 meeting within the bounds of the Southern Presbytery. The Clerk proposed that Synod 2022 be held, D.V. within the bounds of the Southern Presbytery from Monday 13th June 2022 beginning at 7.30pm and continuing to Wednesday 15th June 2022. Seconded by Rev. Philip Dunwoody and agreed.
47. The Clerk moved the following vote of thanks;

Synod expresses its gratitude to

- the ex-Moderator, Rev. Nigel Agnew for his service as Moderator throughout the past year and for all his help in setting up the Zoom meetings for this year's Synod.
- the Moderator for chairing the meetings of Synod.
- the Clerk for all his work (included at the suggestion of the Moderator)

This was seconded by Rev. Edward McCollum and warmly approved by Synod.

48. The Minutes for this Sederunt were read and passed.
49. The Moderator led in prayer, pronounced the Benediction and declared the Synod to be dissolved from its constituted capacity.

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STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS
ANNUAL MEETING OF SYNOD 2021

Monday 7th June at 7:30 p.m. by Zoom

1. Public Worship conducted by the Moderator, Rev. Nigel Agnew
2. Report re Changes in the Roll of Synod
3. Report of Elders' Commissions and reading of Roll
4. Constitution of the Court
5. Apologies
6. Memorial Records
 - Rev. Stewart McMahon
 - Rev. David Silversides
 - Rev. Robin Patterson
7. Motion of which notice was given by Rev. Edward McCollum at Synod 2019.
(See item 27, page 20 of 2019 Minutes of Synod)
8. Order of Business
9. Business of Synod Committee Report
10. Report of Errata & signing of printed Minutes
11. Consideration of the need for Covenant Renewal
12. Outgoing Moderator's Report
13. Appointment of Moderator
14. Moderator's Address
15. Closing Worship & Announcements

Tuesday 8th June from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (in person)

16. Devotional Exercises (Moderator)
17. Minutes
18. Finance Committee Report
19. Mission Committee Report

Tuesday 8th June from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

20. Devotional Exercises
21. Minutes
22. Mission Committee Report (continued)

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23. Reformed Theological College and Library
24. Consideration of the need for Covenant Renewal
25. Composite Motion: That the reports of the following be adopted
 - Board of Trustees
 - Book Centre and Publications
 - Church History
 - Congregational Aid Fund
 - Covenanter Witness Business
 - Covenanter Youth
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 - Relief Fund
 - Safeguarding Committee
 - Synodical Conference Committee
 - Covenanter Youth Synodical Committee
 - General Benevolent Fund
26. Public Morals
27. Covenanter Witness Editors Report
28. Appointments re Committees
29. Unfinished Business
30. Time and Place of next annual meeting
31. Vote of Thanks
32. Minutes
33. Dissolution of Court
34. Close

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Memorial Record for Rev. John Michael Stewart McMahon

Prepared by Rev. Wallace McCollum

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church records the passing of Rev. Stewart McMahon. Stewart was brought up in the Milford congregation, Co Donegal under the ministry in his boyhood days of Rev. Samuel Lynas. In his teenage years he sat under the ministry of Rev. Robert Hanna. He often spoke of how as a young man he greatly appreciated the ministry of Mr Hanna and indeed they maintained a friendship over all the years.

He was the eldest of a family of three born to John and Margaret McMahon on 5th July 1942. He had a sister Jean and a brother Harry. Stewart passed away on 7th January 2020.

On leaving school Stewart helped his father on the family farm prior to going to London for work.

In London he worked for several years with the Banner of Truth in the distribution of Christian literature. Stewart sat under the ministry of Dr Martin Lloyd Jones in Westminster Chapel and this helped to give him a great love for the doctrines of grace and the Reformed faith.

While employed with the Banner of Truth he acquired a love for reading good books as well as coming into contact with many of the godly writers of his day. During his working life he also by means of evening classes added to his academical qualifications.

This led to his embarking on a theological course at London Bible College where again he sat under the teaching of godly lecturers.

By this stage Stewart felt the call of God to the ministry of the Reformed Presbyterian Church and so enrolled in 1975 for a further three years of study at the Reformed Presbyterian Theological College on the Lisburn Road, Belfast.

In his third year of study he developed diabetes and this became a great hindrance for the rest of his life. But being undaunted he continued in his studies and on licensure received a Call to Bailiesmills congregation and was ordained and installed on 13th September 1978.

There he ministered faithfully until he received and accepted a Call to the Newry congregation and was installed on 16th December 1988. Once again he was a faithful and true pastor to his people.

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Owing to 'The Troubles' in the border area, the years of Stewart's time as pastor in Newry brought difficulties. The congregation at times was unable to meet in its church building because of damage after bomb attacks on the adjacent Court House.

Tensions in the community made evangelistic work under his ministry all the more difficult but he continued to maintain a witness in the town and surrounding area.

In his ministry Stewart was ably assisted and yet quietly supported by his faithful godly wife Jean. They were blessed with three children, Andrew, Helen and David.

During his ministry he was Convenor of the Instruction of the Young Committee and he also served on the Covenanter Bookshop Committee. Stewart served as Clerk in the Eastern and Southern Presbyteries as well as Moderator of Synod in 2004-2005.

Stewart and Jean retired to live in Kilmacrennan, in his beloved Co Donegal where they joined the Letterkenny congregation. In Letterkenny he made a contribution to the early stages of the formation of the congregation. He would often draw alongside new believers to encourage and offer them help.

Jean died in December 2009 after a short illness and this was a great loss to Stewart.

In the last few years of his life Stewart's health greatly deteriorated as Parkinson's Disease overtook him, his eyesight began to fail and he had many other health problems.

Stewart was a godly man with a concern for the souls of men and women. He was a good soldier of the Lord Jesus Christ, having a great devotion to and loyalty for the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

We offer prayerful sympathy to his son Andrew, wife Pamela, children John and Joel, his daughter Helen, husband Anand, children Sophia and Isabella and his son David, his sister Jean (Mrs. Derek Johnston) and family and his brother Harry who will all miss him greatly.

In the midst of all the ups and downs of Stewart's life the words of James 1 verse 12 seem appropriate "Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him."

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Memorial Record for Rev David Silversides

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic and the reduced agenda at our Synod meeting of 2020 the memorial for Rev David Silversides was not included in Synod's 2020 business. The business of Synod committee includes it in the record of this year's Synod.

Rev David Silversides was born in Gateshead on 26th June 1953. Educated at Gateshead Boys grammar school David was unable to pursue his 'A' Level studies due to the very sudden death of his father. His family had a nominal association with the local Anglican Church but in his teenage years as a result of his connection with a local Presbyterian Church, David heard the gospel and came to faith in Jesus Christ at that formative time of his life. When he was fourteen years of age he began to attend the newly begun outreach work by the Free Church of Scotland in Newcastle.

His first experience of public speaking was when he was seventeen years of age while on holiday with his brother in Ilfracombe. His brother had been attending Bible College and the two of them had gone along to an open-air evangelistic meeting. The leader of the meeting learning that David's brother was attending and assuming that David was also attending the same college he announced, to David's horror, that each of them would give a word of testimony.

After school David worked for a time in the Civil Service but from the early days of his Christian life he felt the call of God upon him to preach the gospel.

In 1978 he married Anne McCloud in Edinburgh. They had met each other a few years earlier at a Banner of Truth young people's conference in Derbyshire.

Being increasingly convinced that he should seek to pursue this sense of call to gospel ministry, David, through contact that he had with Mr Adam Mastris, made contact with representatives of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland. This led to him eventually applying for theological training with a view to the gospel ministry within the Reformed Presbyterian Church. He began his studies in the Autumn of 1985 and it soon became evident to staff and fellow students that David had a very keen theological mind. He graduated from the college in 1988 and having been licensed to preach the gospel he received a call to the joint pastoral charges of Clare and Loughbrickland congregations, which call he accepted. He was installed in the joint charge in September 1988.

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As well as having a keen theological mind David was also a gifted preacher and a loving pastor. Under his ministry the numbers attending Loughbrickland grew and soon it was evident that he would have to give himself full-time to this single congregation and so with Presbytery's permission he stepped down from his responsibilities as minister of Clare. The congregation in Loughbrickland continued to grow and by God's grace became one of the largest (numerically) in the denomination.

David's ministry extended well beyond the bounds of his own denomination. He ministered regularly in Scotland and in England, speaking regularly at the Free Church of Scotland School of Theology in Larbert and at several other Reformed Conferences and Churches.

David was passionate about upholding Biblical, Reformed truth both in the Church and in society. A strong advocate of Public gospel witness against evil in society he was a regular speaker at the annual protest against the Gay Pride rally in Belfast and was often at the forefront of seeking to promote the teaching of the Bible within the public domain, believing strongly that society in general and the government in particular had a duty and responsibility to preserve and promote biblical morality. He was often to be found engaged in open-air preaching and Christian literature distribution in the towns and villages surrounding his own local community and presenting the gospel to those who attended annual local cultural events.

David served on a number of Committees in his Presbytery and also as Moderator of our Church's Synod. He was also on the boards of other Christian organisations. He was the Local Committee chairman and subsequently the Vice-President of the Trinitarian Bible Society.

Although very few knew about it David, together with a fellow minister and close friend, Rev Barry Galbraith, studied for and was successful in being awarded an MA.

As a result of health problems he underwent medical investigations and in February 2017 was diagnosed as having Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) - an aggressive form of Parkinson's disease.

Before he eventually retired due to his illness in May 2018 after thirty years of ministry, David had preached on every book of the Bible, something that was a source of great comfort and encouragement to him in subsequent days.

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He died peacefully at home on 12th December 2019. His long-time friend and fellow minister Rev Barry Galbraith (Rathfriland RP Church) conducted the funeral service in the family home. Later, at the service of public thanksgiving for David's life, led by the Interim Moderator of the congregation Rev Robert Robb, Rev Maurice Roberts a long-time friend of the family and Minister in the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) preached on 2 Timothy Chapter 4 v 6-8.

As a denomination we are thankful to God for the thirty years in which David served among us.

“ Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.”

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Memorial Record Rev. Prof. J. R. (Robin) Patterson B.A.

Synod records with sadness the death of Rev. Prof. J.R. (Robin) Patterson B.A. which occurred on 6th November 2020 and gives thanks for his almost twenty years of service as pastor of Creevagh RPC and lecturer in the R. P. Theological Hall.

Born on 9th September 1933 he was the second of five children who were baptised and grew up in the Faughan congregation. He attended Foyle College and continued his education at Magee College and then Trinity College, Dublin. After graduating B.A. in Classics he was enrolled in the R.P. Theological Hall in October 1956, where he was the only student 1958-59.

In September 1959 he was licensed to preach the gospel by the Western Presbytery. He accepted a call to Creevagh RPC in December that year and was ordained and installed there on 18th February 1960 in succession to Rev J.A. Cresswell Blair. In June 1964 he was appointed as Lecturer in New Testament Language and Literature in the Theological Hall, in succession to Rev. James Campbell, and was raised to the status of Professor in 1967.

He ministered in Creevagh until his resignation from the pastorate on 25th June 1979 at which time he also stepped down from his teaching responsibilities and returned to live in the northwest.

In his younger years Mr Patterson was well known in the Londonderry area, regularly preaching in local mission halls as well as in the Guildhall on Sabbath evenings. He possessed an outstanding mastery of the Greek language which he applied in both his preaching and teaching. In addition to his faculty responsibilities he served twice as moderator of the Southern Presbytery as well as on a number of Synodical committees, most notably Evangelism and Church Extension, Witness Bearing and National Righteousness and Ministers' Sickness Benefits Fund.

In retirement he developed his farming skills, breeding sheep and training sheep dogs. He had a keen interest in local cricket and in the Northern Ireland football team. He returned as a member to the Faughan congregation and for over thirty-five years sat on the Western Presbytery as a minister without charge. His interest in Christian literature and love for his Saviour were always evident.

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At home in Londonderry, and in the last few years when he moved to a local nursing home, he was faithfully attended by his nephew, Timothy. To him, and to his other nephews and nieces and their families, Synod extends its sympathy, commending them to the grace of God.

REPORTS TO SYNOD 2021
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Report of the Trustees of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland – 2020

2020 was a particularly volatile year in relation to equity markets although by the year end, as the panic receded, a degree of calm was being restored. The main factors were the uncertainty concerning the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the continuing negotiations between the United Kingdom and the European Commission relating to the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union. All graphs monitoring the financial markets reflect a sudden fall in March and then a faltering recovery throughout the remainder of the year with several gyrations.

There was also a significant fall in dividend income. Three quarters of UK companies cancelled or reduced their dividends to help shore up finances because of the pandemic. This fall in dividend yield was particularly significant for the Trustees as we saw income fall by one third from £27,187 (2019) to £18,111 (2020). As expenditure levels to recipient funds were held at 3%, the 2019 level, (a decision made in early 2020 before the collapse in the markets was predicted) this resulted in a deficit of £9,054 (£644 in 2019). However, with an accumulated surplus of £113,000 by 2019, we were well able to ride out these difficult periods and developments. An adjustment has been made to expenditure for 2021 (provisionally reduced to 2%) to reflect the reduced levels of income.

Mr David McFarland and Professor John Turner have indicated that they wish to retire as trustees. Mr McFarland was appointed in 1992 and Professor Turner in 2013. The Board recorded its thanks to both of them for their contribution to the work of the Board and the denomination.

Mr Marcus McCollum has taken up the role of Company Secretary, and Mr John Cubitt has taken up the role of Honorary Treasurer.

In considering suitable replacements, board members have been in discussions with Mr Trevor Magee and Mr James McCullough and both have indicated a willingness to serve. Accordingly, we recommend that Synod appoint Mr Trevor Magee and Mr James McCullough to serve on the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully Submitted

David K. McFarland
Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer

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BOOK CENTRE AND PUBLICATIONS

Report to Synod 2020/2021

The Book Centre Committee is grateful to Almighty God for his grace in enabling us to serve Christ and his church over the past two years.

Business

The past year has been challenging for all retail outlets in Northern Ireland. The Book Centre experienced these challenges and adopted the following procedure:

- April-June 2020: Closed-web sales only
- July-November 2020: Open normal hours
- December 2020-April 2021: Closed-web sales only.

The government Furlough Scheme was utilised during the period of closure and partially during the period of opening.

Personnel

The committee reports a number of changes to the membership of the committee. Mr Noel Simpson leaves the committee after 24 years. He served as Treasurer for eight years (1997-2006). Mr Jeff Lyons leaves the committee after 17 years. Mr Victor Blair has stepped down from being Treasurer (2006-2021) and is replaced by Mr Roy Morrow. David Sutherland has stepped down from the role of Convener (2013-2021) and is replaced by Rev Geoffrey Allen. The committee is grateful for the contribution each of these members has made to its work.

Property

The committee continues to manage the upkeep of the book centre premises. Some new lighting has been fitted, arrangements for repainting the exterior of the building are being made and general maintenance has been carried out.

Books

The committee has sought to promote the sale of the latest Reformed publications. In particular, the committee mentions Professor David McKay's new book, *Humanity Created and Re-Created* (2021) published by Christian Focus. It also highlights *Covenant Theology: Biblical, Theological and Historical Perspectives* (2021), written by contemporary Reformed theologians.

Perhaps more than other years we are grateful for the work of our manager Mr Adrian McKibbin and his staff Mr William Gamble and Mrs Joan McDonald, through these strange times. Our appreciation is also expressed to the Honorary Treasurer, Mr Victor Blair and to our Honorary Auditor, Mr John McNeill.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Sutherland (Convener)

BUSINESS OF SYNOD

Synod 2020.

In April 2020 the Business of Synod Committee made the decision to cancel the 2020 annual Meeting of Synod in light of the Covid 19 Pandemic. This decision was communicated to the wider church by email on 8th April 2020. Subsequently on 14th May 2020 the Moderator received a request to call a pro-re-nata meeting of Synod. The Moderator granted that request and that meeting took place using the Zoom conferencing technology on Tuesday 23rd June at 10.00am. At that meeting a new Moderator was appointed, reports from Presbyteries and the Finance Committee were adopted along with a report from the Mission Committee. The minutes of this pro-re-nata meeting, along with the pro-re-nata meeting of 17th September 2019, will be printed along with the minutes of this year's Synod.

Synod 2021.

As the time for making definite plans for Synod 2021 drew nearer it was apparent that because of the pandemic social distancing measures were almost certainly still going to be in place in June 2021. This meant that we could not plan to hold Synod in the Limavady RP Church buildings as originally planned. Your Committee felt that the best option was to plan for the opening meeting of Synod to take place over Zoom and to compress the rest of Synod into two sederunts held in person (but also available on Zoom.) At the time of writing this report restrictions would not permit such a gathering but we are hopeful that by June we will be able to meet in person in a socially distanced manner at the Roe Park Resort in Limavady. We hope that this will facilitate proper discussion of those reports that most require it. If we are unable to complete all necessary business on the Tuesday there is the possibility of meeting again by Zoom on Wednesday morning.

Accordingly, the Committee has prepared the draft order of business as included in, and circulated with, the report book for this, the 210th Annual Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland. Elders' Commissions, as presented in the Roll of Synod, have been received and scrutinized by the Clerk on behalf of the Committee.

Inter-church matters.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic we have not been able to send a delegate to any of the bodies with whom we have fraternal relations and we have not felt it appropriate to invite delegates from these bodies to attend our Synod this year. The pandemic also resulted in the postponement of a meeting of the European Conference of Reformed Churches originally planned for 2nd – 5th June 2020.

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In January this year we received a letter from the Free Reformed Churches of North America informing us that they had decided to “discontinue” their “formal Limited Contact ecclesiastical relationship” with our denomination. They also stated . “This has not at all to do with concerns about our brothers and sisters in the RPCI, but rather a reflection of the reality of the situation that we have not been able to meet together for many years which is a result of the geographic divide.” In light of this the name of the Free Reformed Churches of North America will be removed from the list of bodies with whom we have fraternal relations in our directory.

R.P. Global Alliance

Financial reports from the R.P. Global Alliance have been submitted to the Committee and are included in the Blue Book for the scrutiny of all members of Synod. To date we have not paid the alliance the 2020 contribution (£3,300) or the 2021 (£3,350) and would ask the Synod to confirm that these amounts should be paid.

We would also draw Synod’s attention to the RPGA proposed budget for 2022 which seeks funding of £1,837.00 from the RPCI. Included in the proposed expenditure for 2022 is \$3,500 for travel and \$12,600 for wages.

Affinity

Affinity has recently been following the process to convert to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The daily running of the organisation will be in the hands of 5 Trustees, who have been selected from the existing Council. The remaining Council members will constitute the Advisory Committee, which will continue to meet twice a year. The Council has meet online during the pandemic. Affinity has continued to provide a forum for fellowship and discussion of issues of mutual interest, as well as a voice for biblical truth in the public arena, both national and local, through its Director, Graham Nicholls.

It is recommended:

that Synod leave it to the Business of Synod Committee to decide which, if any, of the Churches with whom we have Fraternal relations be invited to send delegates and to address Synod in 2022.

Respectfully submitted
Samuel McCollum (Convener)

CHURCH HISTORY COMMITTEE

Synod’s Committee on Church History met by Zoom on Monday, 22 March 2021. This was the first time that the Committee had met in two years. The 2020

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meeting had been cancelled days before it was due to have taken place due to Covid restrictions. The 2019 Conventicle was held on 21 July. The event was due to have been held outdoors in Ebrington Square, Derry, but at a late stage it was moved to Faughan Reformed Presbyterian Church hall because of inclement weather. The Convener gave a short historical address and Rev. Steven Robinson preached the Gospel. Around 80 people were in attendance. The 2020 Synodical Conventicle at the Peden memorial, Glenwhirry, was cancelled for obvious reasons.

Brian Dunwoody has written and published a history of Limavady Reformed Presbyterian Church: Broadlane: A History of Covenanters in Limavady and the Roe Valley, 1760–2020. Brian is to be congratulated for producing a high-quality study of this congregation. The Convener has written an article on Rev. John Black, an Antrim-born Covenanter minister in Pittsburgh, for the Bulletin of the Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland. The Convener has been in discussions with the Presbyterian Historical Society on a publication on the Eastern Reformed Presbyterian Church, the subject of his lecture to the Society in February 2020. Other publications noted included a biography of Rev. John Martin Littlejohn by Chris Campbell, to which Rev. Geoffrey Allen contributed the foreword. Thanks were expressed to Geoffrey for continuing to keep the Fasti up to date. Brian Dunwoody has been updating the Historical Testimony, last published in 1939. The Committee feels that this is a worthwhile venture that will be of benefit to the denomination as a whole and Brian has been encouraged to continue with his work.

The Committee discussed the 250th anniversary of the Covenanter exodus to South Carolina led by Rev. William Martin, minister of the Antrim Congregation, in 1772, and the ways in which this could be marked. It was agreed that Rev. Geoffrey Allen should deliver a lecture on this subject to the Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland. 2022 will also be the 250th anniversary of the ordination of Rev. William Stavely, the ‘Apostle of the Covenanters’, and the formation of the Newtownards congregation. In light of the significance of these anniversaries, the Convener was asked to prepare a draft programme of events and activities for 2022. The Committee continues to identify important historical materials relating to the history of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, especially manuscript records. The Convener maintains contact with the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland on various matters relating to the records of our denomination.

The Church History Committee had a credit balance of £683.16 on 31 March 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
William Roulston (Convener)

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CONGREGATIONAL AID FUND REPORT FOR 2020

As the Congregational Aid Fund Committee reviews its work in the year 2020, we are fully aware of the impact COVID 19 has had on the Committee and the wider church. We give thanks to God how we have been sustained and how He has strengthened the five congregations that the fund supports financially. The Committee are encouraged that through these difficult times, the fellowships have not required any additional support. We are thankful for the generosity of the church members in giving to the Mission and Ministry targets.

The Committee met only once in 2020, in October over Zoom, and fully reviewed the year's work as well as enjoyed each other's fellowship.

The total amount paid in grant was £76,947.78, a decrease of £3,332.69 compared with last year. This decrease was due to Covenant Christian Fellowship in Galway and New Life Fellowship in Letterkenny increasing their contribution. Income for invested funds amounted to £2,202.29 and the Finance Committee authorised £75,000 towards the funds of grant aid.

With regards to the Rea Memorial and Nevin Legacy Funds, £450.00 was transferred into the CAF account, as previously agreed by the ministers.

As we step forward into 2021 we do so trusting in our Lord and asking Him to guide us in all we do for His glory.

Job 12 v10

In whose hand is the life of every living thing. And the breath of all mankind.

Respectfully Submitted

Joel McCluggage (Convener)

COVENANTER WITNESS
Annual Business Committee Report 2021

We give thanks to God for the blessings received from the publication of the *Covenanter Witness* magazine over the last year through good articles, different series, book reviews and news from our congregations and sister denominations.

Sadly, numbers of copies ordered have continued to drop for 2021 and we are now at a stage where the current arrangement cannot continue after 2021 with an annual

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deficit of around £2,000 per year. The committee would request a discussion at Synod on some suggestions below on actions that could be taken to balance the income and expenditure:

1. Distribution to move online OR
2. 6. No. copies distributed bimonthly per year instead of 10 No OR
3. increase the subscription costs per year from approximately £15 to £20 per year OR
4. Fewer pages per magazine, therefore cheaper to print

We would note that the solution could be a combination of these suggestion and the committee are open to any other suggestions forth coming.

We would encourage all congregations to submit articles to the editors for entry into the magazine to make the denomination aware of what is happening locally both for encouragement and also to inform specific prayers of need and thanksgiving.

The current editors of Professor McKay and Mr Osy Graham are proposing to retire from this role in summer 2021 with Rev Philip Dunwoody agreeing to take over the role. It is noted that a further editor would be required. We would request Synod's approval for the appointment of the Rev Philip Dunwoody as the new editor.

We thank God for the work of our retiring editors who have been faithful in meeting deadlines, we note Professor McKay has carried out this role for over 30 years and Mr Osy Graham for 9 years. We also appreciate the diligent and accurate work of our proof-readers, Eileen Kerr and Sue Wright in editing the magazine every month. The professional service provide by our printers, Trimprint Ltd, is also greatly appreciated.

We would like to thank all agents who continue to deal with the distributing the magazine and collecting the subscriptions.

We look to God for blessing and for guidance in the way ahead for the magazine. We also request your prayers for providing direction for the magazine as well as help and wisdom for our new editors as they take up this new role.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Finch (Convener)

COVENANTER WITNESS: EDITORS

The editors are thankful to God for his grace and strength during the past two years of partially disrupted publication. Due to the restrictions introduced on account of Covid-19 and the resulting difficulties in distribution, no magazine was produced in May, June or July/August 2020. Normal schedules were resumed in September, though, with the printers having staff on furlough, production was slower than usual. In addition to that the Postal Service was also much slower than usual, with the effect that the magazines did not always reach congregations at the normal time.

Our regular series were as follows:

2019

Phil Pockras ‘The Sum of Saving Knowledge’

Robert Robb ‘Have I Got News for You. Reaching Out to our Communities’ (to September)

Knox Hyndman ‘The Adopted Children of God’ (from October)

2020

Knox Hyndman ‘The Adopted Children of God’ (continued)

William Macleod ‘The Ten Commandments’

2021 has begun with the completion of William Macleod’s series and the commencement of a series of studies on the Book of Ezra by Andy Hambleton (Crumlin Evangelical Presbyterian Church).

We greatly appreciate the years of service given by Mrs Andrea McKelvey in producing the much-appreciated Children’s Pages. Her final contribution is in the May 2021 issue.

We are especially appreciative of the work of our diligent proof-readers, Miss Eileen Kerr, Mrs Heather Lyons and Mrs Sue Wright. We also express our thanks to those who provide valuable assistance with distribution and to our printers, Trimprint, who continue to provide a very efficient service despite the current difficult circumstances for businesses.

We appreciate the work of those members of congregations who act as agents for the magazine. We also recognize the work done by the correspondents in congregations who provide material for the Church News and, where possible, the photographs to illustrate these items. The unusual situation during the pandemic meant that news

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and advertising of events were greatly curtailed.

We encourage congregations to consider ordering a few extra copies each month for their own internal use. These can be given to visitors, enquirers and those who start attending. (Our Business Manager, Douglas Hughes, can facilitate increased demand at one month's notice.). The editors appreciate very much the support and encouragement they have received from the other members of the Business Committee, Mr Stephen Finch and Mr Douglas Hughes.

Prof McKay has now served 30 years as an editor and Mr Osy Graham has served 9 years. We believe it is time for a new team to take over and we plan to nominate successors at this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W D J McKay }
O. Graham } Editors

COVENANTER YOUTH SYNODICAL COMMITTEE

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions imposed on gathering for local or national events, the CYSC did not organise any events in 2020. The last event that was organised was back in the Autumn of 2019, where a Dinner was organised and held in Edenmore Golf Club.

The Committee has not met formally to organise any events, but with restrictions lifting, we will be meeting to pray and consider the way forward for events to take place in the near future.

At the time of writing, the committee is seeking to gain access to a bank account which was previously believed to be closed. Discussions are also ongoing with the editorial team of the Messenger as to how best use the magazine in an age that is moving away from print media. One option being considered is moving the magazine online.

As a committee we give thanks to God for the young people of the denomination. We give thanks for how God has been with our young people during the past years as they have endured much change in how school, college, university and church has had to change. In 12 months of uncertainty we give thanks for Almighty God who is unchanging.

Respectfully submitted,
James Blair

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Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Review of 2020

1. The Finance Committee is grateful to God for His provision in 2020 which has permitted the Committee to allocate the approved finances to the various Synodical committees. The Committee recognise the particularly challenging personal and financial situations that many church members have experienced in 2020 and commend wholeheartedly the faithful giving by congregations. This faithful giving has allowed the Finance Committee to distribute the approved funding to Synodical committees.

Introduction to the Proposed Budget for 2022

2. The proposed budget for 2022 is presented below for Synod's examination. As with last year, the Finance Committee will continue to monitor the financial outworking of the Covid-19 pandemic and the ability of the denomination to meet any agreed targets for Mission and Ministry. Should the Finance Committee identify that financing the targets becomes problematic, the Committee again requests that Synod would agree to the Committee working with the synodical committees in adjusting budgets to mitigate any shortfall.

Salaries and Pensions

3. The Finance Committee is remitted to recommend to Synod various salary and pension levels. We recommend modest increases in these for 2022 and propose that the minimum salary and pension levels be as follows.

NI Minister's Salary	£27,000
R.O.I Minister's Salary	€41,400
Minister's Pension	£8,900
Minister's Widow's Pension	£4,600
Minister's Orphan Fund	£970

The Committee also recommends that payment for a Minister undertaking the role of Interim Moderator should remain up to £3,360, subject to the level of demand of the role.

Budget for 2022

4. The Committee has received requests for funding from the committees listed below. The Finance Committee continues to encourage all committees to exercise prudence in administering their financial budgets.

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After careful consideration of each committee's current available balances, proposed expenditure and conscious of the financial challenges faced by congregations, the Finance Committee recommends for Synod's consideration and approval the following budget for 2022. Please note that for each committee, the table below presents the budget approved by Synod for 2021, the Finance Committee recommended budget for 2022 and, in brackets, the budget requested by each committee for 2022.

	Approved 2021	Recommended 2022
Book Centre & Publications	£28,000	£27,000 (27)
Business of Synod	£6,300	£6,300 ¹ (6.3)
Congregational Aid	£75,000	£75,000 (75)
College Education	£20,000	£30,000 (30)
Finance Committee	£1,000	£1,000 (1)
Ministers' Pensions	£24,000	£23,000 (23)
Minster's Widows & Orphans	£27,000	£33,000 (33)
Theological College	£20,000	£20,000 (20)
R P Camps	£2,000	£0 (0)
Instruction of the Young	£0	£0 (0)
Synodical Conf./International	£0	£5000 (5)
CY Synodical Committee	£1000	£0 (0)
Contingency Fund (5%)	£10,360	£11,016
Totals	£214,660	£231,316

The Financial Advisory Committee's report recommended that the budget generally does not exceed 35% of Assessable Income. This percentage is calculated by taking the actual or budgeted denominational spend and dividing it by the amount of Assessable Income. Consequently, the Committee project that the ratio of denominational budget to Assessable Income will be 33%.

Missions

5. The Finance Committee has received a budget request of £215,000 from the Missions Committee. The Committee is recommending Synod approve this request which matches that approved for 2021.

¹ This proposed budget includes £3,300 to cover the Global Alliance fees.

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Income Received from Congregations

6. The following tables show the extent to which targets in 2020 were met. This is presented to assist Presbyteries fulfil their responsibility to “maintain faithful supervision over all the congregations within its bounds... and to ensure that financial obligations of congregations are fulfilled” (Code 3.48(3)).

Ministry Targets 2020

Presbytery	Exceeded Target	Met Target	Target Shortfall	Total
Northern	2	7	1	10
Eastern	2	9	0	11
Western	1	8	0	9
Southern	1	4	4	9

Mission Targets 2020

Presbytery	Exceeded Target	Met Target	Target Shortfall	Total
Northern	3	6	1	10
Eastern	2	8	1	11
Western	1	8	0	9
Southern	3	4	2	9

We would encourage congregations to pay at least quarterly to help denominational cashflow, as per Recommendation 16 of the Financial Advisory Committee report.

The table below details how congregations within each presbytery pay their targets.

Presbytery	No. of Congregations Paying Electronically	No. of Congregations Paying Quarterly	No. of Congregations Paying 50% or more in final quarter
Northern	8	5	3
Eastern	9	7	6

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Western	4	3	1
Southern	2	0	3

Travel Expenses

7. The Finance Committee have reviewed the travel expenses allocated to ministers and other speakers and recommend the following amounts:

0-50 miles - £13
50-100 miles - £25
100-150 miles - £38
150-200 miles - £50

Ministerial Allowances and Expenses Update

8. At Synod in 2019, the Finance Committee was appointed to undertake a review of ministerial allowances, ministerial expenses and also to identify how the church enables ministers make prudent provision for their families in the event of a minister's early death or being unable to work because of ill health. The Finance Committee has undertaken these tasks and our report and recommendations are presented in the Appendix below.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr Jonathan Heggarty (Convener)

APPENDIX TO FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ministerial Allowances and Expenses Review and Recommendations

1. Background

Synod in 2019 appointed the Finance Committee to

- a) *Review and recommend the allowances / expenses that should be paid to ministers in connection with the discharge of their work*
- b) *To identify how the church enables ministers make prudent provision for their families in the event of a minister's early death or being unable to work because of ill health.*
- c) *To identify the way in which ministers' expenses / allowances be paid so that they are in addition to the minimum salary.*

In fulfilling these tasks, the Finance Committee have consulted with other denominations, including the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, regarding ministers' salaries in both Northern Ireland and

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the Republic of Ireland. We have also consulted with a Senior Economist at Ulster University as well as a Senior Economist with a Bank on the costs of living and the difference in average salaries in both countries. We took advice from three financial advisors, one of whom was based in the Republic of Ireland.

One general conclusion from these consultations is that the current ROI and NI minister salaries are broadly comparable.

2. General Expenses & Allowances

The Committee undertook a survey to review the allowances and expenses paid to ministers in connection with their work. The results demonstrated a very wide variation in approaches taken between congregations to allowances, expenses, and salary. It is, therefore, very hard to categorise or compare. For example, one congregation may pay no expenses to the minister, but pay the minister a salary more than the minimum salary. Likewise, one congregation may give an allowance for conference expenses to be used at the minister's discretion, yet another may pay for attendance at certain conferences and these appear in congregation accounts as congregational expenses, not minister's expenses. Some ministers may receive occasional fills of heating oil, a car allowance, or contribution to other capital items, such as computers. One congregation may give a standard regular payment for generic work-related expenses like a phone bill, and another will reimburse specific costs for materials used or product subscriptions. Consequently, there is no uniform definition of an expense.

3. Recommendations for General Expenses & Allowances

- a) *Given the disparity in approaches, the lack of a consistency in what constitutes expenses, and the relatively arbitrary basis for paying any particular expense, the committee believe that the setting of allowances and expenses is best left to each congregation, and recommend that the current approach remains.*
- b) *We also recommend that congregations discuss the matter of expenses with their minister to identify if there is additional support required or obligated support not being given.*
- c) *We further recommend that Sessions, Deacons, Committees and Interim Moderators give careful thought to their approach to expenses, especially at the time of drafting bonds to accompany a call, since it, in effect, constitutes part of a contract of employment.*

4. Life & Illness Cover

When considering life and illness cover, there are four different areas of provision that may come packaged within different insurance products. Relating to death, policy pay-out can be in the form of a lump sum and/or an ongoing income. Similarly, for illness, policy pay-out can be in the form a lump sum and/or ongoing income. The amounts paid out, the costs, the limitations on cover, length of cover and deferment periods will vary widely depending on circumstances. Circumstances such as age at beginning of the policy, financial needs, number of dependents and medical history will all have an impact. In addition, financial needs and attitudes to risk among ministers will vary greatly, depending on the number of dependents, inherited wealth, spouse's employment, individual temperament, and housing circumstances. Not everyone needs every product to make adequate provision and the number of potential variables makes the task of comparison complicated.

5. Recommendations for Life & Illness Cover

The Finance Committee do not recommend pursuing a group scheme. Given the wide range in needs, life circumstances, attitudes to risk, and the difficulties and costs of administering a group scheme we recommend that cover is pursued on an individual basis, like our approach to pension provision. Several men have already made private provision and a group scheme would be unlikely to adequately cover everybody. If all newly ordained ministers begin to make personal provision now, we would see the potential need to make emergency provision at a denominational level reduce over time (while not precluding a denominational emergency response in a situation requiring it). This would be like our pension arrangements where the number of men receiving a pension from the Pension Committee is reducing over time, and congregations steadily contribute of 10% of salary to a private pension.

Having obtained various sample quotations for the two aspects of cover under consideration (being a lump sum on death-in-service and an income stream on critical illness diagnosis), it seems that an annual premium of £500-600 would be required to provide a suitable level of cover for a minister of up to approximately 40 years of age. If a minister is older when the policy is first taken out, the premium required to obtain cover would be higher, and for a minister aged 55 or over when the policy is taken out the annual premium is likely to be in excess of £1,000.

Recommendations

- a) *The Finance Committee recommend that provision should be made by men for death in service (lump sum payment) and critical illness (income stream).*

- b) *The Finance committee present the following options to Synod to determine the appropriate level of support.*

Option 1

The same value of allowance would be paid to all men, irrespective of age, based on a percentage of the minimum salary level set by Synod. An advantage of this is that all congregations would pay the same value of allowance to their minister. A disadvantage of this is that if the value chosen is to cover the maximum premium, this would add this cost to all congregations. The Finance Committee would therefore suggest a value of 2.5% of minimum salary if this option were chosen.

Percentage of Salary %	Allowance in 2022 (£)	Allowance in 2022 (€)
2	540	828
2.5	675	1035
3	810	1242
3.5	945	1449
4	1080	1656
4.5	1215	1863

Option 2

An age-based allowance, linked to the actual cost of provision for a minister, should be paid which is based on a percentage of minimum salary level. This percentage used should align with the age band when the cover is first taken out. A suggested approach could be as follows.

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Age	Percentage of Salary %	Allowance in 2022 (£)	Allowance in 2022 (€)
Under 30	2.5	675	1035
30-39	3	810	1242
40-49	3.5	945	1449
50-59	4	1080	1656
60+	4.5	1215	1863

Option 3

No allowance would be paid by a congregation to their minister to facilitate the purchase of individual cover. Rather, each congregation with a minister would pay an annual contribution (of 1% of the minimum salary level) into a central fund which would be used as a starting point in the event of an emergency. The money would be administered by the Ministers' Widows and Orphans Fund or the Ministers' Pensions and Sickness Fund and would be topped up by an appeal throughout the denomination if necessary.

(A contribution of 1% of the minimum salary would be £270 or €410, based on 2022 recommended salaries. Up until 2019 each Target-paying congregation paid £200+ per annum, through the Targets system, towards the group scheme. Since the group scheme finished, congregational Targets have been reduced by £200+ per annum.)

Option 4

No allowance would be paid by a congregation to their minister to facilitate the purchase of individual life cover. No emergency fund would be built up. In the event of an emergency, a denominational appeal would be made by the Ministers' Widows and Orphans Fund or the Ministers' Pensions and Sickness Fund to meet the recognised need.

GENERAL BENEVOLENT FUND REPORT 2020

The General Benevolent Fund did not have any request for financial assistance from any of our sessions this year on behalf of church members or adherents. The Convener is going to contact ministers to remind them of the availability of financial help to those who require it.

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We did however give assistance to our three theological students to help cover their financial loss in not having a two month placement in the summer of 2020.

Respectfully submitted
Robert Robb (Convener)

INSTRUCTION OF THE YOUNG COMMITTEE

We, as a committee, thank all the congregations who give so generously to the Missions and Ministries of the denomination; without these gifts our work could not be done. Over the last 2 years the usual work of producing the Sabbath School materials and Examination Papers has continued.

We are once again very thankful to Adrian McKibbin and Will Gamble of the Covenanter Book Centre for the helpful service they provide including the storage of Sabbath School materials, maintaining an inventory of them and handling orders.

While the work of revising the Sabbath School materials continues, the committee acknowledges that this has progressed at a much slower rate than desired. However, we are delighted to report that the 7 working groups who volunteered their services throughout the denomination in respect of producing new Sabbath School materials, have done so to an impressively high standard. The committee has been greatly encouraged by this and remains committed to ensuring that this work is completed as soon as possible for the benefit of our denomination's young people.

Please do pray that for His glory and for the advancement of His Kingdom the Lord would help us produce materials that will be helpful to the coming generations.

“He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God.” (Psalm 78:5-7).

Examinations for 2021

The following lessons (from Unit 3) should be revised for the 2021 examinations:

Junior	Lessons 3, 8, 9, 26, 27, 29
Intermediate	Lessons 2, 5, 6, 14, 15, 17, 29
Senior	Lessons 3-5, 8, 13-14, 20, 31-34

The alternative Senior paper will be printed with the Senior Scripture paper, but the convener can provide the essay titles by email to anyone who wishes to have

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them sooner. Members of Synod are asked to pass this information on to Sabbath School Superintendents.

Change of Membership

No changes.

Respectively submitted,
Paul Wright (Convener)

MINISTERS' PENSION AND SICKNESS FUND REPORT 2021

The committee met once during the year, the main work of the committee being the administration of pension payments at the end of each quarter on behalf of the denomination.

It is with sadness that we record that the Rev. S McMahon passed away on 7th January 2020 and Rev. R Patterson passed away on 6th November 2020.

There are currently 12 retired ministers and a retired missionary who receive a pension from the fund and we appreciate the service that many of these men continue to give to the Church. Due to Synod's recommendation, the minister's pension was increased by just under 1% for 2021.

The total amount paid in pensions and 2020 was £55,145.13. Our expenditure for 2021 is estimated to be approximately £55,000.

Respectfully submitted
T Forgrave (Convener)

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND

The Committee gives thanks to God for His many blessings and continued gracious provision throughout the past year.

It is with sadness that we record that Mrs M Donnelly passed away on 5th October 2020.

At present we have seven widows who benefit from the Fund. Grants were paid in accordance with the direction given by the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted
David Officer (Convener)

¹ This proposed budget includes £2800 to cover the Global Alliance fees committed to by Synod in June 2017.

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MISSION COMMITTEE**

Chairman’s Report

2020 was another year of change in the Mission Committee personnel as we said goodbye to Robert Robb and Robert Tait. Robert Robb has been replaced by Raymond Blair and Robert Tait by Gordon Hamilton. Both Roberts brought distinctive contributions to our work as they served faithfully and effectively. The long journeys they had to make, from Enniskillen (and latterly Ballylane) and from Convoy was never an excuse nor a reason not to attend committee meetings. On occasions, however, lambing priorities did prevent Robert Tait from attending! That they were both members of the Irish Section have had implications for succession planning. Andrew Kerr’s acceptance of a call from Ridgefield Park RP Church, New York State has created another vacancy on the Mission Committee, which has yet to be filled. We will miss Andrew and continue to pray for him as he settles into a new ministry in a new country. Perhaps we will see him on the RPCNA Global Mission Board!

We met solely by Zoom since last Synod and one significant impact was the benefit of the highest attendance record during my time as chairman.

Overseeing the Mission work of RPCI from Synod 2021 will, God willing, be the following Main Committee members: -

Main Committee	Brian Dunwoody (Convener)	
Home	Irish	Overseas
Geoffrey Allen	Mark Loughridge	Stephen Neilly
Blair McFarland	Raymond Blair	A.N. Other
Elizabeth Greer	Maggi Watterson	Anne McConaghie
In addition,		
Peter Loughridge	RPCS representative	
Gordon Hamilton	Relief Committee	
Jonny McCollum	Go Teams	
William McCollum	Treasurer	
Anne McKelvey	Recording Secretary	

The Mission Committee is supported by three subsections:

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Home	Irish	Overseas
Geoffrey Allen (Convener) Ivan Bingham (Treasurer) John Coates Elizabeth Greer Eileen Kerr (Recording Secretary) Blair McFarland Robert Quigg John Somerville	Mark Loughridge (Convener) Raymond Blair Osy Graham Maggi Watterson Stephen Hughes Robert Tait Billy Hamilton	Stephen Neilly (Convener) Liz Blair (Recording Secretary) David Fleming Osy Graham Morrell McCollum William McCollum (Treasurer) Anne McConaghie Andrew McKelvey Margaret McMullan A.N.Other

Synod 2020 discussion

The substantial and significant discussion at Synod 2020 around the developments of the fledgling work in Spain, culminated in the acceptance, by the Synod, of a change in direction after the first very formative year. We thank Synod for their patience, understanding and support of the new direction. It seems likely that the direction agreed on at Synod 2020 may have been another step on the road of our Mission to Spain, which may well be again reorientated before becoming a settled work.

Sections

Most aspects of our work were constrained, altered, or stopped by the impact of Covid-19. The Home and Irish Section saw little new activity, whilst Synod follow-up (Spanish relocation and reorganisation) was implemented by the Overseas Section.

Much has happened in Nantes, despite the restrictions, as you will see from the Overseas Section report.

Communication

The restrictions of the pandemic prompted the use of alternative means of communication. The use of Zoom, Facetime, WhatsApp video calls, Webinars, became familiar skills acquired by many in the church. Such use of technology enabled increased, though different, contact with our mission personnel. We thank God for it and how it has enriched congregational life at a difficult time. The success of the Women's Fellowship Prayer times was great to see. The "Week of Prayer" leaflet went digital and the long-awaited poster was finally agreed (once mission personnel had stabilized) only for another potential change in location / staffing to arise. Many appreciated the opportunity to join with RPSGlobal Missions Board of RPCNA as they informed us of God's work in a variety of location.

Deputation

Deputation as we had come to expect it, did not happen, though the on-line alternative has brought a new richness to congregational missionary interest. The Thanksgiving event for the work of Billy and Mary Hamilton is yet to take place. On-site visits to missionaries were something we looked forward to, but they too have been substituted with online events. We are concerned, however, that the ease with which online missionary meetings can take place, could increase workload for our missionaries. There may come a time where some limitations may need to be implemented to ensure that such a facility does not become a burden. The possibility of a few congregations joining together may well meet the congregation's needs and reduce such events pressure on our missionaries.

Short-term Service

Stephen Fallows Short-term Service in Galway was curtailed, and Matthew Magee started his service in Shaftesbury Square RPC.

Synod Mission Night

The planned Mission Night at Synod was also cancelled. We are thankful that our Guest Speaker, Lindsay Brown (IFES) has kept June 9th, 2021 free, to help us have a Zoom Video conference focusing on the "The encouraging advance of the Gospel".

Finance

It is with much gratitude, that we commend the church for noteworthy giving during the financial uncertainty of 2020. We have sought to be wise and cautious with our budgets and, in conjunction with the Finance committee, plan to keep our budget at its current level. We do this because the potential expenditure figures from last year's report remain current and accurate, and also recognising the current uncertainty and unpredictability in our major areas of responsibility.

Concerns

• Supporting our missionaries

Covid-19 has shown that supporting two workers, on their own, in two different countries (and languages) is demanding for all parties. There has been significantly increased activity in assisting both Andrew Lytle and Isaac Berrocal as they operate under both Covid-19 constraints and of serving on their own. We thank God for EMF initiating the very valuable arrangements with Martin Rizley of Malaga Reformed Baptist Church. It has been of great benefit to Isaac. As well as that we also thankful to God for the men he brought to Nantes to be of support to Andrew and in the work of the congregation. We ask Synod and the church to keep both our Spanish and French works much in prayer as they both go through a period of significant change.

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- **Long term finance**

Over the last few years our mission work has gone from two workers in two places (Galway and Nantes) to one worker in two places (Nantes and Rincon). Quite a number of church members (in pastoral concern) have asked about Synod's decision to have two workers in any new work. Reflecting on that and with the possibility of new work in the Republic of Ireland it is salutary to consider the implications of such a policy both financially and in terms of personnel.

Financially, looking ahead to 2027, on the assumption that the Mission work of the church has stabilized again, with two workers in three countries.

Recurrent costs (at current levels)

Salary	Irish and French salary costs	€200,000 per annum
	Spanish salaries	€90,000 per annum
	Expenses	
€10,000 per annum		

€300,000 per annum

Accommodation costs

Either rental (Housing)	1 France, 2 Spain , 2 Ireland:	Average
€100,000 per annum		

	(worship space)	1 Spain, 1 Ireland:
€10,000 per annum		

€110,000 per annum

OR modest ownership by 2027 1 France, 2 Spain , 2 Ireland
€1,750,000

- **Manpower**

At the time of writing, there are eight vacant congregations. To fulfil Synod's Two worker commitment may require an additional four men. Add to that the likelihood of another couple of retirements and we have fourteen looming vacancies. To fill these vacancies are four potential students (3 in 2022 and 1 in 2025).

Finally

On the Lord's Day, prior to Lockdown in in March 2020, the pastor of a local church sought to encourage his congregation. He referred to a former time of crisis time in Israel, old values were being challenged, the people were under threat, there was unknown danger ahead. The prosperity they had known was now in doubt and with their peace and well-being was beginning to crumble, the stability in their

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lives now seemed shaky. The foundations of the people's hopes had been taken away... King Uzziah had died. At which point he read from Isaiah: -

“In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.”

Where was God in these worrying days? What was he doing? He was on his throne, in control, sovereign, providing assurance and encouragement to Isaiah. Last March, where was God at the start of Lockdown? ...On his throne. Where was God during Lockdown?.. On his throne. Where will God be in the midst of the proposed Anti Islam laws in France 2022?... On his Throne. Where will God be post Lockdown?.. On his throne.

I take comfort from the fact that, during all the challenges, frustrations and disappointments that may come our way that God is still on his throne.

Respectfully submitted.

Osy Graham (Chairman)

HOME SECTION REPORT TO SYNOD JUNE 2021

The Home Section has continued to assist in various aspects of the mission work throughout the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

The Synodical Day of Prayer was held on 18th November 2019 in Ballylane RPC. We thank the members of Ballylane and Ballenon for hosting the event. It was decided that, in light of the health guidelines, to encourage each Presbytery to observe the Day of Prayer on Monday 16th November 2020 in the manner they saw fit, in person or online.

Cookstown

We continued to assist in funding the Society and we commend them for the work that has been undertaken especially their outreach programme 'Let Them Live'. The Eastern Presbytery undertook the 5-year review in 2020 to ascertain the need for further request for funding. The Presbytery returned a favourable finding and the Lisburn session applied for a further 5-year funding, which was granted.

Somerton Road

The Eastern Presbytery continued some exploratory work in North Belfast in 2019, and, in response to a request, we supplied some basic resources from our miscellaneous account. This has been kept under review by the Presbytery and the Committee. However, with the pandemic restrictions and inability to pursue the work, Presbytery decided in November 2020 to cease any further work.

The Committee continues to reduce our request for finance from the Mission Committee funds.

We thank our recording secretary and treasurer for their continued work.

Respectfully submitted
Geoffrey Allen (Convener)

IRISH SECTION REPORTS FOR 2019 & 2020

Report of 2019

a. **Billy Hamilton's Report 2019**

At a recent Conference we were reminded that God's kingdom is unstoppable, nothing ultimately gets in its way. That's encouraging in the face of many difficulties and struggles. It is also helpful to reflect on things that have encouraged one over the past year. There are a number of things.

With Steven Fallows in Galway for a year helping with the work it has freed up some time and allowed me to knock some doors again and try to engage people with the Gospel. It has been good to do this along with Steven and even to watch and listen to a younger person doing this. Perhaps it is age but I think that this has become much harder to do. Thankfully we get some opportunities to speak with people at length and to give them some appropriate literature. Often one good conversation blows away the indifference and apathy of the many. We have been doing this work in areas in and around our church building.

From March to September our Bookshop becomes busy with customers from all over the world. It is so encouraging to meet new people from far away places and to have meaningful conversations about our Saviour. It is encouraging to meet believers from far away places who are encouraged to see the Bookshop in the city of Galway. It has also been encouraging that to a large extent the Bookshop has been able to pay for itself. We are very grateful to Mr. David Robinson who continues to collect used books for us.

It was also encouraging to see the young people from our congregation and other RP churches bearing witness to the value of human life in our street witness against abortion (Let them Live) during our Go team. That is a form of witness we hope to do more often in 2020.

During the year, apart from church Bible studies I had only one Christianity Explained Course with a couple. I got to preach a number of times in churches outside our Denomination including a Brazilian church in Tullamore.

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As a family we are thankful to God for keeping and shepherding us over the past year. Mary has experienced a degree of stability. We are grateful to God for this. Caleb continues in reasonably good health and has improved in his use of language. Michael is in South Korea for a second year teaching English Literature at a Christian School. Patrick is now in his final year of University and keeps himself busy with his studies and music.

2019 marked my last year as an official worker with the RP Church. God willing Mary and I hope to continue living in Galway and hopefully carry on in different aspects of the work. We both would like to express our sincere gratitude to the former Irish Mission and the present Irish Section and to the wider RP Church for the privilege of working in Irish Mission in the city of Galway. May the LORD bless the work of our hands.

Billy Hamilton

b. Billy Hamilton's Retirement

On December 31st 2019 Mr Billy Hamilton officially retired after 30 years as a mission worker in Galway. The Irish Section wishes to place on record its appreciation for the dedication and perseverance Mr Hamilton has shown in this work, as well the range and variety of work that Billy has been engaged in over these 30 years—from street preaching, to door to door work, to running a bookshop, to serving the wider evangelical church in Ireland. His thoughtful and considered approach has played a key role in the mission work and in the life and leadership of Covenant Fellowship. He has been a role model and mentor to many, and his input at Presbytery is greatly valued.

We commend Billy, Mary and their family for their life and witness and are pleased to see that they intend to stay on in Galway and be part of the on-going work there.

c. Irish Gospel Partnership 2019

Over the last year (2019) the Convener with the permission of the Section and the Mission Committee has been involved in the setting up of a new body called Irish Gospel Partnership.

What is it?

“Irish Gospel Partnership is a **collaborative** of **like-minded** Irish churches that are **doctrinally aligned** on the core reformed doctrines, are mission-driven, working together in a spirit of generosity and are committed to fulfilling the Great Commission in Ireland.”

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IGP was set up by Samuel Chestnutt, a businessman from Northern Ireland. His business put him in touch with church planters from all over Ireland, and as he got to know them he found a common vision to see churches planted throughout Ireland—and a common problem: a lack of finances.

As a Christian businessman he knew other businessmen in America and Northern Ireland who had a heart for the gospel, and a desire to see churches planted. So along with the pastors he set up IGP to be a means of connecting those who wanted to invest in church planting (and to encourage others to invest) with those who were doing the work of church planting.

A Statement of Faith has been drawn up, and a Covenant which sets out the roles and responsibilities we hold towards one another as members of the IGP.

What are its aims?

The aims of IGP are Co-ordination and Supply

- Co-ordination across denominational lines to facilitate the planting of churches, and the best use of resources in terms of information, location, personnel, training, etc., and to avoid duplication of effort in various areas.
- Supply of funding through interested donors to facilitate church planting.

Who is involved?

Many of the church planters already knew each other and were connected through organisations like Aontas and the Irish Preachers' Conference. The following have been involved over the past two years in IGP.

- Samuel Chesnutt – Businessman
- Mervyn Scott - Baptist Missions
- Jonny Grant – Baptist church planter with Cork/Kerry Project
- Martin Parker – Baptist church planter with Cork/Kerry Project
- Mark Loughridge - The Reformed Presbyterian Church
- Robert Johnston - The Evangelical Presbyterian Church
- David Martin - Irish Church Missions
- Paudge Mulvihill - Calvary Missions
- Mark Smith - Acts 29 Network (Dublin)
- Lucas Parks – Acts 29 Network (Belfast)

How does it work?

In order to facilitate income and distribution of money another body called Patrons International has been set up. Patrons International is a one-issue charity that seeks to engage donors in order to invite them to help resource the long-term facilitation of church planting in different contexts. One of the aims in setting it up is to enable

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church planters to be free to plant churches and not have to pursue and manage funding. Representatives of IGP will be on the board of Patrons International along with other figures from N.I./Irish/American Christian and business community.

At a functional level each member of IGP will submit a shortfall for the coming year. The IGP will discuss together each members request and agree an overall submission to Patrons International.

Patrons International seeks to meet that shortfall and if it does, provides 100% funding. It will endeavour to seek the full amount requested with the understanding that it should not be the sole funding source of any given planting effort. Patrons International funds are supplemental to the finances each denomination, association or network internally raises.

It is not seen as a replacement for denominational funding but is a recognition that as denominations or organisations we do not have all the funds we need, and that in some circumstances a lack of funding is holding back planting efforts entirely.

What Next?

Until now the Convener of the Irish Section has been involved with IGP and has kept the Mission Committee apprised of the situation. We are aware that this is a significant matter and want to seek Synod's approval to engage further.

Report of 2020

The Irish Section had little work on its agenda for much of 2020, and as a result few meetings were held. Plans to mark Billy Hamilton's retirement from missionary service had to be put on hold due to Covid-19.

The Convener has continued his involvement with Irish Gospel Partnership, meeting regularly for prayer with the men involved. The vision of IGP still stands even though the pandemic has caused uncertainty with regard to finances. The make-up of the IGP committee has changed from what is listed above to be more evenly representative.

- Samuel Chesnutt – Businessman
- Mervyn Scott - Baptist Missions
- Mark Smith - Acts 29 Network (Dublin)
- David Martin - Irish Church Missions
- Robert Johnston - The Evangelical Presbyterian Church
- Mark Loughridge - The Reformed Presbyterian Church

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The question at the end of last year's report still requires synod's attention.

Following Synod 2020 Rev. Robert Robb stepped down from the Irish Section after 11 years of service.

Mr Osy Graham will be stepping down at the end of June 2021 after serving the Irish Section for 14 years. Both men have played significant roles on the main mission committee as well and we thank them for all their work, advice, wisdom and input.

Mr Stephen Hughes and Mr Billy Hamilton have been added to the Irish Section in their place and Rev. Raymond Blair now represents the Irish Section on the Mission Committee.

OVERSEAS SECTION

Since last Synod, the Overseas Section has continued to provide encouragement and support for our work in France and Spain.

France

Despite the impact of Covid-19, there were many developments in the last year. These ranged from the legal to the architectural: from leadership to developing ministries and contacts, as well as participating in concerns of national importance for French Evangelicals. It has been a busy year on many fronts.

Provision of a building for worship and other activities.

Having ensured that the members of the Nantes Fellowship were happy with the plans to move the church building to beside the manse, detailed work got underway. Discussions with a local architect helped to clarify what was possible under current planning guidelines in Orvault. Subsequent to this he produced a number of design options, and after discussion with local members and the Overseas Section, a plan was agreed and submitted for planning approval. (Further details were supplied in the *Covenanter Witness*). The planning process is expected to take about seven months, with a decision on the application anticipated by August / September 2021. Given recent planned changes to legislation regarding funding for churches from outside France, it is hoped that building work will be able to commence in the autumn 2021, using local contractors.

Decisions about financing the building project were deferred until definite information about planning permission and building costs become available. We anticipate that funding will probably come from a variety of sources: -

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1. The repayment in full of a Mission Committee loan from a local RP Congregation
2. Current assets (built up recently with reduced expenditure)
3. Gifts from an appeal
4. Interest free loans

Clarification on the specific details of ownership of the property alongside financial contribution from the congregation is yet to be made.

Enhancing the legal status of the Association in Orvault, to have 1905 Association status as well as the current 1901 status.

The legislation regarding non-profit organizations, known in France as “associations”, is a direct result of the separation of the church and state at the beginning of the 20th century. A 1901 Association applies to a non-profit organization: an Association culturelle. A 1905 Association enables at least two people to create a church: an Association cultuelle. The 1905 Association application documents were completed and submitted to the local authorities.

Developing local leadership

Andrew Lytle preached through Acts with a view to moving the congregation towards electing elders. There were four men who could possibly fill that role either currently or in the future.

Ministries

As with all congregations, Covid-19 had a significant impact on the ministries of the congregation. In addition, the pressure on Andrew’s time necessitated the curtailment of some other activities. Despite this, various members in Nantes were involved with needy groups: Refugees and those subject to trafficking especially. The potential for work outstrips the supply of workers.

Opportunities to share their faith in Christ as Lord came from involvement in the life of Matthieu’s school where Heather teaches English, and Andrew takes cricket classes and is involved in different committees. Other local contacts have given a range of opportunities to explain the gospel to those in darkness. When church was open, some newcomers came to the services and when online there was varied participation from people with whom there had been no previous contact. The premises in which the English café was held changed hands and that, along with Covid, restricted that opportunity for ministry.

French government's intention to control militant Islam.

After the decapitation of a history teacher by a Chechen Muslim refugee, President Emmanuel Macron's government launched a crackdown on Islamists in France and announced plans to ban radical organisations. The possible impacts of these plans could be detrimental to the work of all Evangelical Mission churches in France. Andrew had helpful support from the staff of CNEF (National Council of Evangelicals of France) with specific reference to the building plans. Support with regard to other concerns (some of which were circulated to the church in February 2021) was also sought. We are thankful for the work of the CNEF and their representatives who sought to present to French senators the concerns of evangelical Christians. Contact with other like-minded Reformed pastors, such as Alex Sarron: Église Lyon Gerland: Réformée Évangélique (who spoke in Cullybackey) and Sammy Foucachon from the Eglise Réformée Évangélique de Paris was a great blessing in the midst of the concerns about the proposed new laws.

Finally, the Overseas section were glad to be able to make use of modern communication technology to keep in contact with both families during the year. This, in addition to contact each had with RPCI congregations during the year, has been a very meaningful experience, especially for those who are new to our denomination.

Spain

As a consequence of the events of the first year in Almuñécar, the Overseas Section brought new proposals to Synod rather than close down a fledgling work. Synod 2020 agreed that the proposed changes were prudent and appropriate. Since then the section has been focussed on implementing the changes ratified by Synod.

These proposals were based on extensive work done on our behalf by EMF through Rev. Andrew Birch, then pastor of Palma Baptist Church and Rev. Steve Bowers, then EMF Director. They had discussed our situation and Rev. Berrocal's needs with Martin Rizley, a former E. M. F. missionary and an experienced pastor. Martin, the pastor of a Reformed Baptist church in Málaga, (Grace Baptist Church), agreed that Isaac and his family should attend there, initially for one school year, to receive support, guidance, and experience congregational life, in line with the training and development needs identified by Synod in 2018. Concurrently, Isaac and his family were to continue to pursue their relationship with the Reformed Presbyterian group in the Málaga area.

Since the elders in Malaga Reformed Baptist Church were initially offering support for one year, Synod approved the proposal that, for 2020/2021, year two of Rev.

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Berrocal's initial three-year contract in Spain should be based on this model of support. Synod were thus not in the position to ratify the final two years of Rev. Berrocal's three-year training and support "package". The proposals for the third year were to be ratified at Synod 2021.

Key elements for year two included: -

1. *The Berrocal's to relocate closer to Malaga, in time for the new school term, taking into account: -*
 - a. *schooling and the need for prudence with property rental agreements*
 - b. *minimizing financial loss on current property*
2. *The "group", who meet with Isaac, to be a basis for development and outreach. This work is to be more than preaching to them once a week, as collectively they will seek to plant a church in the new location.*
3. *Isaac to see his links with Martin Rizley as partnership in the gospel, whilst working independently of each other in different locations. Isaac to continue with evening worship with the fledgling group in Malaga, but to worship with Martin Rizley in the mornings. This was to give the opportunity for fellowship and learning from an experienced and settled group in tandem with the prospect of development and growth of a future RP group.*
4. *EMF Associate status to be actively pursued as a matter of urgency.*
5. *RPCI to establish a support group/interim session to be in regular contact with Isaac. This group to include Nigel Agnew and Robert Robb representing the Southern Presbytery. Overseas Section to nominate other members and the role/links with Martin Rizley to be determined once there is more clarity.*

With regard to above, the Berrocal's eventually relocated to Rincón de la Victoria, rather than La Cala del Moral which was the intention at Synod 2020. It was a compromise that facilitated Rev. Berrocal's anticipated work pattern for the next twelve months. To our dismay, rental costs were 50% higher than budget with significant agent fees. To bring this closer to budget, the agent fees were paid by one of the group, with almost 20% of the rental also being paid from within the group. We are pleased to see such practical reinforcement of Isaac's work. Educational provision for Rebeca, Lea, Claudia, Isaac and Kezia has worked well, with Abraham and Elias also catered for and receiving support from Rachel.

The "group" that was to be based in Malaga, has been meeting for worship, in spacious accommodation in Rincón de la Victoria (the manse basement) on Sabbath evenings, although, not being a designated 'place of worship' services more recently have had to be live-streamed. As a further sign of support, the group contributed

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towards the furnishing of the worship area.

Rev. Isaac Berrocal and Pastor Martin Rizley seem to be working well together, with Isaac preaching in Malaga Reformed Baptist, taking midweeks, and contributing to pastoral work in the congregation. Isaac's preaching has been found helpful by many in the Málaga congregation and a significant number is following his services online. Regrettably, the impact of Covid-19 has precluded Isaac and Martin from having the opportunity to develop outreach work, particularly in a local market in Málaga.

EMF Associate status is not considered so vital now, as Martin Rizley is chairman of AMRE (another group of reformed workers in Spain) which provides opportunities for fellowship and sharing.

The interim session of Nigel Agnew, Robert Robb, Stephen Neilly and Morrell McCollum, along with David Fleming (translator) have met with Isaac on nine occasions to date.

In September we were informed that Isaac had been invited to preach in Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada de Sevilla. This was the congregation, whose pastor, Emilio Monjo, contacted RPCI in March 2018, suggesting that Isaac should work in collaboration with them. At that time Emilio further commented that they had no means of supporting him financially. Their offer to provide a work-place for Isaac was declined, as RPCI at that stage was seeking collaboration with the Free Church Continuing for work in Northern Spain. Isaac was asked to preach in Seville in October 2020.

By end of January 2021, six months into the revised second year plan, we were informed of a call from the Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada de Sevilla. This raises many questions, has thrown up much for discussion among the interim Session and Overseas Section, and makes us think long and hard about appropriate gospel work in Spain. The section plans to bring proposals to Synod for discussion, as we seek to know how best to respond to this possible change in direction, which could be very significant for the trajectory of our work in Spain. At the time of writing, some of the elements being considered include significant comments from Martin Rizley: -

1. Many churches in Spain are currently led by men who are reaching an age at which they will not be able to lead in their present capacity for much longer. It is essential, therefore, that God raise up younger men to lead these works in the future, so that existing congregations are not forced to close their doors for lack of leadership.

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2. Seville is a major city in Spain. If Isaac were able to provide the vision and leadership needed for the church in Seville to begin a new phase in its congregational life, then, instead of closing its doors or slowly dying through lack of leadership, the church might be able to advance the work of the kingdom by multiplying itself, establishing one or two points of mission in villages around Seville, supported by the central church in Seville.
3. There will need to be a great deal of grace, wisdom, patience on the Seville congregation's part to be accepting of Isaac's leadership, and on Isaac's part to work with the congregation and with the elders to lead them in ways that do not represent too abrupt or dramatic a break with the past. Isaac intends, if the call is accepted, to move forward slowly and to bring the elders with him.
4. Will / Can the church become an RP Congregation? (This congregation was part of the Iglesia Evangelica Reformada group of which Manuel López Franco in Almuñécar and Jose de Segovia in Madrid belong. Some time ago, however, for good reason, the Seville church became an independent Presbyterian group.)
5. What funding model could/should be put in place?
6. What will be the implications for the "group" who meet in Rincón if Isaac were to relocate to Seville?
7. Where will Isaac's outreach efforts be focussed in the interim period (until June/July 2022) before his family moves to Seville, assuming the call is accepted? Does he do more with Martin Rizley, thus amending the plan that was agreed at last Synod?

The Section and the interim Session are seeking the direction of God in these matters, as well as providing guidance and support for the Berrocal family in the light of this new challenge and opportunity. If we are to welcome another congregation under the umbrella of the RPCI (a possible result of this exploratory foray) we will certainly need authority and wisdom from Synod to arrive at an appropriate and sustainable mission work in the land of Spain. We want to see Spanish believers being fed with pure spiritual milk and moving on to solid food and at the same time see them being equipped to reach out to friends and neighbours with the living water of salvation.

Our thanks go to 'Paul' and to 'Apollos' and to their wives and families in France and in Spain and we look to God to give the growth (1 Cor.3:6).

Respectfully submitted,

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Rev. Stephen Neilly and Osy Graham

INTERNATIONAL MISSION TO JEWISH PEOPLE

Report for Mission Committee, 2021

The most obvious change to the Mission since Synod 2020 is its change of name. On 1 January 2021, Christian Witness to Israel became International Mission to Jewish People. This is not the first time the Mission has changed its name—it became Christian Witness to Israel in 1976 when the International Society for the Evangelisation of the Jews and the Barbican Mission to the Jews amalgamated. The latest re-branding (including a new logo) addresses a common misunderstanding of the word “Israel” which too many potential supporters mistook for a geo-political rather than an religio-ethnic identifier—individuals, churches, and evangelical organisation closed their doors against the Mission simply because of its previous name. The Mission’s new name reflects much more accurately its vision and its mission, and has been widely welcomed. The Mission’s vision is “To see a whole church, thriving, enriched by the faith of Jewish people who have become disciples of Jesus”; and its mission is twofold, on the one hand “To make Jewish disciples of Jesus,” and on the other hand “To engage (and inspire) the church to share in our work through prayer, giving and in welcoming new Jewish Christians into their congregations.”

The work of the Mission has continued to be blessed by God. Since Synod 2020, the Mission has seen more than 40 Jewish people coming to faith in Jesus, being baptised, and entering Christian churches in which they are being discipled. Five new missionaries have also been appointed: Misha Vayshengolts in Jaffa, Israel; Igor and Galina Barbanel in Odessa, Ukraine; Sergio Danon in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and Ida Tam in London. Several other potential new missionaries are in the pipeline. Sadly, the COVID pandemic prevented Eugene Tsai from entering Australia to commence work with Mark and Rahel Landrum, and he has since left the Mission. Chanhon Lee continues to work through his missionary candidacy, which has been slowed down by COVID as well as other factors. A further evidence of God’s blessing in 2020-21 has been the steady financial support of the Mission. At time of writing, the income of the Mission, excluding legacies, is higher than it has ever been. Given that the COVID pandemic shut down all the deputation meetings, the steady financial support of the Mission is a testament to the grace of God in the hearts of God’s people. As a result of this income, and COVID-related cost savings, the deficit for the financial year 2020-21 is likely to be about 50% of the budgeted deficit.

The COVID pandemic has required the missionaries to change their modus operandi—and yet, as noted above, God is still effectually calling Jewish people to faith in Jesus. Zoom has replaced deputation meetings, for the time being. Asaf

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Pelled represented the Mission at the Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention by Zoom. The 2020 summer outreach planned for Sydney, Australia, was postponed, and will now be held, God willing, in November 2021.

The re-naming of the Mission was an opportunity to redefine the sort of engagement the Mission seeks with the churches of Jesus Christ. The Mission invites you “Through prayer and financial support, [to] be part of a mission that is passionate about seeing Jewish people become disciples of Jesus and part of a united and whole church body.” The Mission is deeply grateful to the Mission Committee of the RPCI for including it, again, in this year’s week of prayer for mission, and for all the support it receives from members and congregations of the denomination. Congregations are encouraged to consider hosting deputation meetings—at time of writing, these are all by Zoom, but it is hoped that, by the grace of God, face-to-face deputation will be possible once again in the future. Deputation meetings can be organised through the Speaker Specialist, Helen Thompson (phone: 01865 887830, or email info@imjp.org).

“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation” (Revelation 5:9).

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. John Watterson

(RPCI representative on the Council of International Mission to Jewish People)

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL REPORT (For year ending 31st December 2020)

The Women’s Fellowship Central Committee (WFCC) met five times during the year, one meeting in February in Cookstown and the other four were by zoom in May, June, September and November. A sub-committee met in January at Dunsilly with Mrs Vi Dawson to plan for the Ladies’ Day Conference to be held in September 2020. As Covid-19 intervened, this planned conference could not take place and was postponed. The Spring Conference was cancelled and instead WFCC encouraged ladies to have a time of prayer individually or on a congregational basis.

In lieu of the AGM, which was also cancelled, the WFCC organised prayer meetings in each presbytery on Thursday 11th June. The members of Committee were very encouraged by the high levels of participation and enthusiastic feedback following this event.

Consequently, another similar event, this time on a denominational basis, took place on Thursday 15th October. This was also very well supported. After being addressed by Mrs Rachel Berrocal, Spain and Mrs Heather Lytle, France, the ladies

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were divided into breakout rooms for prayer.

Meanwhile new Presbyterian Representatives have taken up responsibilities with Mrs Sandra Agnew replacing Mrs Lynda Hughes in the South and Mrs Heather McCullough replacing Mrs Sue Wright in the East. To Lynda and to Sue we say a very sincere thank you for all of their contributions and service on the WFCC.

Despite the difficulties of the year, due to Covid, the WFCC has sought other means of connection with ladies of the denomination. Through these we have continued to strive to encourage our ladies in their walk with God, their personal witness and outreach and to support the missionaries serving in Nantes and Spain. It was a blessing and delight to link with Rachel and Heather using technology. We pray that God will enable us all to continue to be faithful in our service.

Respectfully submitted

Anne Dunwoody (Secretary)

PRESBYTERY REPORTS

Northern Presbytery Report

The Northern Presbytery held 4 Statutory meetings, 1 Adjourned and 2 Special meetings during the year. No Statutory meeting was held in May due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Two Commissions of Presbytery met and there were 3 meetings of the standing Commission on Calls.

Theological Student

Mr Paul Wallace, from Cullybackey, has successfully completed his Third year at the Theological College. Due to the cancellation of placements in 2020 due to Covid-19 Mr Wallace will be on placement in Ballyclare during May and June 2021. The Presbytery has planned to have his licensure on 17th September 2021 at the beginning of his six month placement and he will be available for a Call from the beginning of January 2022.

Calls

A Call from the Dromore Congregation in favour of Rev. Philip Dunwoody was presented at a Special meeting of the Presbytery held by Zoom on Wednesday 9th December 2020. Mr Dunwoody subsequently accepted the Call at a Special meeting held on 4th January by Zoom. The Pastoral tie with Dervock was dissolved on 31st January by a Commission appointed by Presbytery.

On 14th February 2021 the Enniskillen Congregation made out a Call in favour of Rev. David Sutherland. Mr Sutherland declined the Call.

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On 14th March 2021 the Bready Congregation made out a Call in favour of Rev. Philip Moffett. Mr Moffett declined the Call

Retirement

Rev. Prof Norris Wilson, minister of Drimbolg Congregation, requested, and was granted permission by the Presbytery, to retire from the active duties of the Ministry on account of ill health. The Pastoral tie was dissolved by a Commission of the Presbytery on 28th March 2021.

Clerk of Presbytery

The Northern Presbytery wishes to record its deep appreciation for the work of its Clerk Rev. Wallace McCollum, who having served the Presbytery as Clerk for 33 years has decided to stand down from this role. Mr McCollum fulfilled this responsibility with great care and diligence, always greatly concerned that business would be done in the most God honouring and Christ glorifying manner. Presbytery gives thanks to God that Mr McCollum was able to carry out this task for so long and will, no doubt, be looking to his experience and wisdom in the days to come. Rev. Edward McCollum has taken on this responsibility.

Finances

The pandemic of the past year has caused much disruption and uncertainty in the business world with employment being uncertain in some sections of the community. We are therefore pleased that nine of our Congregations have been able to meet the Targets for Ministry and Mission. One Congregation has overpaid their targets.

Outreach and Missionary Interest

Much of the outreach of the Congregations of the Presbytery has been curtailed in the past year due to the restrictions because of Covid-19. Some Congregations did attempt to maintain contact with children by using online medium to have Bible Clubs.

Despite being unable to meet in person, missionary interest has been maintained through the use of Zoom and telephone calls from missionaries. The pandemic has therefore a positive outcome in that Congregations can have missionaries speak to them from their place of service rather than having to travel to be present at a meeting in person.

Ministry of the Word

Throughout the year the regular Sabbath services took place when God's Word was faithfully declared. Since the lockdown on 22nd March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic services have been broadcast over the Internet, by telephone or at drive-in services in church car parks. We give thanks to God for the faithful work of

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pastors and sessions ensuring safe return to buildings when that became possible.

Prayer

Presbytery held a period of prayer at each meeting. Since being unable to physically meet due to the Covid-19 pandemic Presbytery arranged monthly meetings remotely for prayer since January 2021 to which all members of Congregations were welcome.

The Ministers' Fraternal met regularly for Bible study and prayer.

Congregational weekly prayer meetings were held throughout the year making good use of the opportunity to include members who are shut in when these meetings had to be held by telephone or by the use of zoom.

Choir

Sadly due to the restrictions it has not been possible for the Presbytery Choir to have practices or engagements throughout the year.

As a Presbytery we give thanks to God that despite the difficulties and challenges of the pandemic over the past year good work has been done in each of our Congregations. God's people have received pastoral care and the Truth of His Word has continued to be proclaimed, even reaching a wider audience than previously due to the need to adopt more use of telephone and internet services.

We pray that the Word will continue to bear much fruit and that the witness for Christ's Crown and Covenant will remain sure and steadfast as we see society continue to leave the solid moorings of the way of God behind.

"The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake." 2 Corinthians Chapter 4 verses 4 - 5

Respectfully submitted,
Joel Loughridge Moderator
Edward McCollum Clerk

Eastern Presbytery

The Eastern Presbytery held 8 meetings during the year, 4 Statutory and 4 Special. All but one of the meetings of Presbytery were held over ZOOM due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

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The changes to the roll of Presbytery during the year are as follows -

The Dromore interim session accepted the resignation of Mr M Patterson from the office of elder in the congregation.

Mr Joseph (Jeff) Kennedy, ruling elder in Ballyclare congregation, died on 9th November 2020.

Rev P Dunwoody was added to the roll and Rev H Coulter was removed from the roll (see below)

Other items to report within Presbytery -

Mr J Kerr of Newtownards congregation was relieved at his request from the active duties of the eldership.

Rev H Coulter undertook a period of sabbatical from 1st March to 1st September, being relieved of preaching duties in Carrickfergus and the responsibility of Clerk of Presbytery for that period (with Rev G Allen taking on the duties of clerk).

Trinity Session granted Prof WJ Peel a two-month sabbatical, running from 19 April to 20 June, to give him opportunity for study leave and the preparation of new courses for the Theological College.

Vacancies / Calls

At the start of 2020 Dromore and Lisburn congregations were vacant.

In the course of the year calls were issued by Lisburn and Dromore and Enniskillen respectively to Rev Robert M McCollum and Rev Philip Dunwoody and Rev Harry Coulter. Rev Robert M McCollum accepted the call from Lisburn at a meeting of Presbytery on 3rd December 2020, the pastoral tie with Newtownards congregation being dissolved on 13th December. The call from Dromore to Rev Philip Dunwoody was presented on 9th December and accepted on 4th January 2021. The call from Enniskillen to Rev Harry Coulter was presented on 18th May and accepted on 1st June, the pastoral tie with Carrickfergus congregation being dissolved on 6th June. Rev RM McCollum was installed as minister of Lisburn congregation on 13th January. Rev P Dunwoody was installed as minister of Dromore congregation on 3rd March.

Dr Andrew Kerr received a call from Ridgefield Park, a congregation of the RPCNA in New Jersey. Dr Kerr accepted the call at a meeting of Presbytery on 16th December 2020 at which his pastoral tie with the Knockbracken congregation was dissolved.

Currently the congregations of Newtownards and Knockbracken are vacant.

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Outreach within the Presbytery

Outreach in 2020 started as normal for our congregations with public meetings and conferences and mums and tots and other children's' groups, but this all largely stopped in March with lockdown due to Covid-19.

We praise the Lord however for how he enabled many of our congregations to reach out with the gospel in other ways, at a time when our fellow men and women and boys and girls were faced with death on a scale more than is normal.

Some congregations were supplied by their session with Christian books to give out to their friends and family members. Several congregations put up signs and banners on their buildings offering the hope of Christ with portions of his Word. Others delivered Gospels around the doors or used the Royal Mail to send out Christian leaflets to their neighbourhood. Some went street preaching in the town centres and a number of congregations posted evangelistic talks online and others posted regular online videos that were shared and used by many.

Students under care of Presbytery

Mr John Coulter completed 3rd year and is currently completing his second year placement in Ballylaggan.

At a special meeting of Presbytery on 1st June Mr Sam McDonald and Mr Jonathon Fitzsimmons were taken under care of Presbytery for Pastoral ministry.

Review of Cookstown

Presbytery undertook a review of Cookstown Society. The committee reported back favourably in February 2021 and recommended continued support by the home Section

Somerton Road

Due to a lack of response the work of Somerton Road has been discontinued. The building of Somerton Road has been returned to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and Presbytery records its thanks for the use of its facility.

Visitation of Presbytery

No visitation was carried out by Presbytery in 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Moderator

Nathan Hawthorne continued as moderator for a second year.

Petition for Pro-re-nata meeting of synod

The Eastern Presbytery passed a motion to petition the Moderator of Synod, Rev

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Nigel Agnew, to call for a pro-re-nata meeting to consider how the church bears witness to government in the face of Covid-19. This petition of Presbytery was not granted by the Moderator of Synod.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nathan Hawthorne (Moderator)
Paul Wright (Clerk)

Western Presbytery

Presbytery met on 5 occasions during the year by Zoom, plus once for the Synodical prayer day. The planned visitation of the Milford congregation was postponed.

We were saddened by the death of Rev. Prof. Robin Patterson on 6th Nov. 2020. He served as pastor of the Creevagh congregation and was professor in the Theological College. Rev. Bill Matthes, retired minister, received his credentials upon moving to live in England. Mr Ross Blackburn was ordained to the eldership in Stranorlar on 30th Aug 2020. Mr Robert Steele retired from the active duties of the eldership in the Faughan congregation on 31st March 2021.

All the congregations met their Mission and Ministry Targets in 2020.

Bready

We appreciate all who come to preach during the vacancy. However, the schedule has been severely disrupted by the restrictions linked to Covid. Activities such as Bible study, Women's Fellowship and Children's Club have continued by internet. Literature has been distributed in the local housing development.

Convoy

We are thankful to God for how he has helped us through an extremely unusual year, and for the fact that he has, thus far, kept us all from getting Covid-19. We met by Skype/Zoom for worship services and midweek meetings for much of the year, with sermons and topical talks also being posted on YouTube. Parents taught their own children Sabbath School at home. Our monthly ladies' outreach meetings recently resumed, this time meeting by Zoom, which seems to have worked well.

Enniskillen

The highlights of last year were seeing 2 young men come into membership. It has been a blessing to see these 2 covenant children grow into godly young men. Also, seeing a man return to the fellowship after a gap of 7-8 years and profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ has been a great encouragement as has another man who has come to the fellowship who has recently professed faith in the Saviour. Other

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blessings were seeing a number of bibles and tracts given out during the town outreach. We give thanks that our call to Rev. Harry Coulter to be our Minister was accepted on the 1st June 2021.

Faughan

In light of the coronavirus pandemic, worship services took on various formats in accordance with the severity of the disease's spread. For a few months in the year worship was live streamed from our church hall with our members watching and listening from their own homes. With the easing of restrictions morning and evening worship services are now taking place in our premises. We are gradually seeing more of our members and a few visitors coming out. We are most grateful to God for preserving us during this time.

Covenant Christian Fellowship, Galway

We were thankful for the Lord's provision for and protection of our members throughout the year with the pandemic and for His ministry to those with challenging pastoral needs. When we couldn't meet in person, we were thankful for the technology that enabled us to do our services online from our building and to join on zoom for our evening Bible studies and mid-weeks. The Lord encouraged us by bringing to us an Indian family who have become very involved in our Fellowship and a man whose initial contact with us was through the Bookshop and who is now regular at our meetings showing hunger for God's Word. In December and January we distributed Irish Gospel calendars in the housing areas near the church building.

Gateway Christian Fellowship

Not having a building of our own has made lockdown difficult for Gateway. For a good part of last year we live streamed morning services from the manse and had Bible studies by Zoom in the evening. More recently we have had services on Jonah in the mornings and Romans at night. Most of those who joined us have remained faithful and we've heard of others tuning in too. Thanks to Bready for being able to attend their evening services from October on. We continue to preach and seek to live out the unsearchable riches of Jesus, reaching out in the city through leaflet distribution by a third party and QR codes in the Derry Journal. We're delighted that two or three extra children have been joining in our Zoom 'Sabbath School'. In 2020 one of our members had to be excommunicated for breaking his marriage in favour of an immoral lifestyle. His innocent wife has been greatly helped in this situation by God.

Letterkenny

We had a number of encouragements over the course of the year. There is a clear spiritual growth in many of the members, evidenced in a hunger for God's word

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and an increased prayerfulness. We are deeply thankful for the unity God has given us over the year. A couple who are new Christians have been coming along and are in process of joining. Both pastors have been heavily involved with a wider group of evangelical pastors in engaging with the government regarding Covid restrictions on the church. Despite the government restrictions the elders, having weighed up all the factors, determined that we should begin meeting for drive in services at the beginning of March.

Limavady

We are thankful that, despite the pandemic, we were able to maintain in-person worship services for much of the year. Attendance at our midweek meetings via zoom was also encouraging. We were glad to give support to Miss Mary McCollum who has gone to South Africa to serve in a Christian Sports Academy for an initial period of two years. Another landmark during the year was the publication of our congregational history and we are grateful to Mr Brian Dunwoody for all his hard work in preparing it.

Milford

The members are thankful for God's faithful provision over the last year in which they have been able to sit under the preaching of God's word—whether online or at drive-in services—each week. They are also thankful for times of fellowship on Zoom but long to return to worshipping under one roof again soon. The session and committee have agreed to lease two newly built retail units and convert them into a meeting place. The final stages of construction have been delayed by restrictions, but the congregation is looking forward to having a new home of its own after having been without a building for over two and a half years.

Stranorlar

For much of 2020 worship services and mid-weeks were on-line rather than in person. The messages went far afield and a number were helped and showed appreciation through the Church's Facebook page. Only two well attended outreach events were held with some people in the building for the first time. Parents and Toddlers met on 8 occasions with a total attendance of 126 and 15 different families represented. There is a desire within the congregation for both spiritual and numerical growth. Mr Ross Blackburn was ordained and installed as an elder on 30th August 2020'

Respectfully submitted:
Peter Jemphrey, (Moderator)
Blair McFarland, (Clerk).

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Southern Presbytery

In last year's report to Synod all the talk was about Corona Virus and how it had affected the day to day operation of the church. Little did we think that a year on Corona Virus would still be the big subject but as we look back over the past twelve months we see that it certainly has played havoc, not only with church life but every aspect of daily living. We are very conscious of families within our own bounds and beyond who have lost loved ones where the virus has been noted as the cause of death. To all who have suffered like this we give you our sympathy and pray you may know God's grace to be sufficient in your time of need.

As a Presbytery we were able to meet face to face on three occasions, September, November and May. Our June meeting was conducted by zoom. Our planned visitation of the Clare congregation was postponed for a year and as there was no pressing business the February meeting was cancelled. Most of the usual activities of Presbytery such as the youth events, our prayer meetings, psalm singing and so on could not be held due to the government regulations that prohibited people from gathering together in close contact.

The commission on calls met once to sustain a call from Loughbrickland congregation to the Rev. Kenneth Stewart of the Glasgow R. P. congregation. This call was declined by Rev. Stewart so Loughbrickland remains vacant as does Creevagh.

Presbytery's committee for oversight of students for the ministry met with Mr. Paul Flynn in order to encourage and help him as he progressed through the theological college. We are pleased to report that Mr Flynn has recently passed his final exams with commendable results. He now has a series of placements to fulfil in various congregations, these are designed to help him gain practical experience before he is licensed and thus be available for a call.

The committee also met to interview Mr Kenneth Stephenson to assess his suitability to train for the gospel ministry. At our November meeting of Presbytery the committee recommended that Mr Stephenson be taken under care of Presbytery as a student for the ministry. This was unanimously agreed. He hopes to begin his studies in September.

Presbytery continues to be involved in the interim session which oversees Rev. Isaac Berocal and the work in Spain. They are represented on that session by Rev. Robb and Rev. Agnew.

The presbytery records with sadness the death of Mr Harry McGladdery on 17th July 2020. Mr McGladdery was a ruling elder in the Newry congregation.

In response to Synod's recommendations regarding ministry targets we report that three congregations have not been able to meet their targets. At least one of these

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congregations has shown improvement in their support though. In all situations giving has been the subject of preaching and said congregations have been encouraged by presbytery to work towards fulfilling their targets. We believe that to expect other congregations in the presbytery to make up the short fall is an unfair ask and does not encourage the weaker givers to do better.

There follow short reports from the congregations.

Ballenon & Ballylane

Like all of our congregations Ballenon and Ballylane had to cope with the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic on the life and witness of our church. Normal church activities were suspended apart from weekly Sabbath worship. Thankfully apart from a few weeks at the beginning of the pandemic and a two-week mandatory closure of our buildings in December, we have been able to meet for public worship in our buildings throughout the past year. To facilitate those who were not able or unwilling, for various reasons, to come into the building the worship services were broadcast live to the church car parks by means of a car radio transmitter. During the summer months we enjoyed the company of and fellowship with Christians from other congregations and denominations whose Church services had been cancelled. We held drive-in outdoor services in our church car and these were appreciated by all who came along.

We are extremely thankful to God that we did not experience any deaths in the congregation due to Covid and any of our members who did contract the illness were only mildly and temporarily affected.

We are also thankful to God that the major refurbishment of the Ballenon church building has been completed. This has resulted in a much more attractive and comfortable meeting house in which to worship God. We express our thanks to all (within and beyond our own congregations) who helped to make this possible.

We look forward in faith to returning to a more normal program of church activities and outreach in the year ahead.

Loughbrickland

The congregation of Loughbrickland continues to seek to witness to the village and surrounding area in which God has placed it. This was somewhat curtailed in the past year due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Although several of our public worship services had to be cancelled we are encouraged that, for the most part of the past year we have been able to meet in our own building for worship and also to both stream the service live each week onto the internet and provide a live broadcast into the car park for those who were unable to come into the building.

Despite the difficulties due to the pandemic we have been able to continue our midweek Bible study by joining with Ballenon and Ballylane using Zoom technology

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and in more recent days by once again meeting on our own as a congregation in our own premises on Wednesday evenings. The ministry to our young people by means of our CYPS has continued using Zoom technology.

Once again, under the leadership of our interim moderator and session we have sought to call our own pastor. The congregation did call Rev Kenneth Stewart in December but after prayerful consideration Mr Stewart declined the call. We give thanks to God for his gracious leading in this respect and seek to continue to make progress towards eventually having our own pastor once again.

Sadly many of our members were personally affected by Covid19 with a large proportion of the congregation contracting the illness. For most it resulted in relatively mild and temporary symptoms but for others it has resulted in ongoing, long-term weakness. Sadly in the case of others, beloved family members died as a result of contracting the illness. We continue to remember in prayer those who are still suffering the after-effects of the illness and those who have been bereaved through it.

During the year the Church manse had to be repaired due to a water leak. Thankfully this work is nearing completion.

We look forward to the year ahead, trusting that God in his grace will supply our needs for another pastor and help us as we seek to serve him in this community.

Clare

The congregation in Clare gives thanks to God for His continuing grace throughout the past year. It has been a challenging time for us as it has been for every congregation.

The ministry of the Word has taken several forms during the year. Following the first lockdown in which the messages were put on-line, it was good to join with the Ballenon and Ballylane congregations for their drive-in evening services in the summer months. These services were conducted by Rev Dundee. When it was possible to meet again in Clare in the autumn the morning service recommenced in modified form in the church building. This remains the current situation and we hope that we can return to a greater degree of normality as soon as possible. It has been a true blessing to be able to meet again in person and to have witnessed the extension of His kingdom in these difficult times. The Lord will build His church. The work of Sabbath School has continued faithfully online throughout the year with a regular attendance of seven.

It was with great sadness that the congregation learned of the death of Mr Archie McCullough on 19th March 2020, a faithful member.

The work on the manse is continuing and it is hoped that the house will be ready for occupation before the autumn.

Fairview and Tullyvallen

We are thankful to God that despite the difficulties of the past year we have been able to maintain our witness for Christ in our community. The first phase of lockdown was universally applied both sides of the border so being unable to meet we uploaded the services to YouTube so people could watch in their own homes. We were pleased in June to be able to return to our respective meeting houses as normal. But then in October rising covid numbers caused a further closure of churches in the South. During this initial period Fairview congregation met in Tullyvallen Hall for worship. When a full lockdown was announced in December we had to go back to YouTube for two weeks. At present Tullyvallen meet as usual at 10.30am in their meeting house and Fairview congregation offers a service in Tullyvallen hall at 12.30pm for those who are able and willing to attend. The service is also recorded and released on YouTube later in the day.

Both congregations were deeply saddened by the death of Mr Ivan Armstrong on 28th February 2020. Ivan will be greatly missed as he was a ready and willing volunteer when any kind of work was announced. He had served faithfully as presbyteries representative on the go-relief committee for many years. We express again our sympathy to his wife Elizabeth and the entire family circle.

Rathfriland.

During the first “lockdown” our minister started an online series with the title “Brilliant Bits of the Bible.” That series has continued in our Sabbath morning services in the Meeting House and these are recorded and later uploaded to the Internet on a weekly basis mainly for people outside the congregation who had subscribed to the channel. The Sabbath evening meetings consist of studies in the Gospels on the life of the Apostle Peter. Normal pastoral work has been disrupted (especially hospital visits) because of the situation, however the ‘phone enabled the Minister and elder and various members to keep in touch, particularly with the elderly and those with specific needs such as illness etc. The Minister was able to speak to and pray with some members in hospital who had access to mobile phones.

Newry

Riverside congregation continued as normal up until March 2020. The previous Summer (2019) saw the usual outreach to young and old with Holiday Bible Club, Leaflet distribution, Youth meetings and a tea Party for older folks. The congregation tried to involve more of its own young people. The congregation is again using the LED sign on the church hall to display Bible verses, and other material.

The joint youth work with the local Baptist church continues and is encouraging. During the Spring 2020 lockdown services were broadcast on Facebook. This was the same for the two weeks in December 2020. All other services have involved some members meeting in the building and the service being broadcast as well.

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There has been a definite link to people outside the congregation through the online services.

We are also saddened at the loss of a number of elderly folk in the congregation. Some of these were lifelong members and their presence is sorely missed.

Creevagh

Creevagh congregation is still vacant. Each week various speakers lead the services. Creevagh appreciates ministers within the denomination being prepared to take services knowing that some have to travel considerable distances. The congregation is also thankful for others outside the denomination who take services regularly.

The Winter 2020/2021 lockdown due to Covid, in the Republic of Ireland, has been very difficult for the congregation. Churches have not been open for around 6 months but we are thankful that from 10th May 2021 congregations can once again meet in public.

In spite of various difficulties congregational attendance at public worship has been largely maintained through the Summer of 2020.

The congregation has carried out substantial renovations to the manse, with new windows, and a new roof on the garage, along with a new upstairs bathroom and are now renting it out to a local family.

Respectfully submitted
Robert Robb (Moderator)
Philip Murphy (Clerk)

PUBLIC MORALS & NATIONAL RIGHTEOUSNESS COMMITTEE 2019-20 REPORT

Meetings

The Committee met four times, in April, September and November 2019 and in February 2020.

Correspondence and Consultations

In July 2019, the Committee wrote to Mr Joe McHugh, of the Irish Department of Education and Skills, seeking clarification regarding new “Relationships Education” for primary school children in the Republic of Ireland (the convener is grateful to RP ministers serving in Ireland who keep the Committee up to date with such matters). We asked several questions of the radical new approach being adopted to “Relationships Education”, an approach championed by the LGBTQ+ lobby. We stated that it is irresponsible and wicked for the Irish government to force a perverted worldview upon children, and pointed to the opposition that the plans had received from parents in the Irish government’s own consultation. We

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received a reply from the Education Department informing us that adoption of the new material was under review, but in any case, parents would be free to remove their children from any classes with which they did not feel comfortable.

As Synod is well aware, in July 2019 drastic action was taken by pro-abortion MPs at Westminster to legalise what amounts to “abortion-on-demand” in Northern Ireland. An amendment was also proposed to legalise so-called same-sex marriage in the province. Both changes would come into force on 21st October 2019 unless the Northern Ireland political parties re-formed an Executive before that date. The Committee wrote to Karen Bradley, Northern Ireland Secretary at the time, questioning the appropriateness of the methods being used to legalise abortion and same-sex marriage (via amendments to the NI Executive Bill) and also pointing out the wickedness of these practices in general. We received no reply.

The convener also wrote to Nigel Dodds MP, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) at Westminster at the time, urging him and his party to oppose the government’s plans to allow a vote on the amendments to take place. We received a short reply from Mr Dodds reiterating his party’s opposition to both amendments. A public statement drafted by the Committee was published on social media.

These issues came to dominate the concern and prayers of the wider church in the months following. To our sorrow, both of the amendments became law in late 2019/early 2020.

The Committee responded to the subsequent consultation on the legalisation of abortion in Northern Ireland, largely following the guidance provided by the Christian Institute in our response. The Committee also responded to the consultation on the regulation and solemnisation of so-called same-sex marriages in Northern Ireland. Along with our answers to the consultation we submitted a letter again outlining the biblical teaching on marriage and stating our opposition to any contrary practices.

The convener stayed in touch with Ian Paisley MP and Mervyn Storey MLA, both in a personal capacity and representing the Public Morals Committee, as a result of the changes being made to Northern Ireland law regarding abortion in particular. We continue to urge the DUP and other parties at Stormont to work towards overturning the newly-passed law. Rev. Harry Coulter has been doing the same in regard to the changes to marriage law, via his Marriage Matters campaign. The Committee recognises the hard work done by Harry in 2019-20 on this issue, and also the ongoing work of Let Them Live in campaigning against abortion (the convener is no longer on the organising committee of Let Them Live).

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In early 2020 it was felt that there could be enough “pro-life” votes in Stormont to undermine the new abortion legislation, but the Covid-19 pandemic has diverted MLAs’ attention from the issue.

The Committee, as in previous years, wrote to both Belfast City Council and the organisers of the Belfast Marathon urging them to reverse their decision to hold the marathon on the Lord’s Day.

The Committee once again wrote to the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) in August 2019 questioning their involvement in the annual Belfast Pride Parade. We received what is becoming a familiar response, the PSNI defending their involvement on the grounds of improving community relations and highlighting the danger of hate crimes against minority groups. The Committee took the opportunity to raise this issue with the PSNI again in January 2020, as part of our response to their Policing Plan Consultation.

In September 2019 Rev. Paul Wright made the convener aware of a display at the Ulster Museum, Belfast, dedicated to LGBTQ+ propaganda. Rev. Wright wrote to the museum expressing concern at the content of this display, which was in a prominent location inside the main entrance. The museum staff indicated that they seek to engage broadly with groups from across the community when considering displays dedicated to one particular minority group. The Committee sought further information as to how to be part of such engagement in future.

The Committee submitted a response to a consultation on home education in Northern Ireland.

The Committee submitted a response to a consultation on hate crime legislation.

Caleb Foundation

In autumn 2019 the Committee was approached by Wallace Thompson of the Caleb Foundation, who invited us to provide a representative at upcoming Caleb Foundation meetings. Mr Robert Drennan represented the Committee at an October 2019 meeting of the Caleb Foundation. Mr Nelson McCausland, former DUP MLA, made a helpful presentation at this meeting, highlighting in particular the lobbying of Stonewall and other LGBTQ+ groups in the realm of education in Northern Ireland.

This continues to be a matter of serious concern. Christians in all walks of life should continue to make biblical teaching publicly known via letters and emails to their political representatives and by effective use of social media. We pray that

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Christians in influential roles within education and elsewhere will be given grace and wisdom from God in opposing these lobby groups.

Following the Caleb Foundation meeting the Committee wrote to the Education Authority on the subject of transgenderism.

Synod Commission Work

Both the convener and Rev. Peter Dundee were appointed to the Commission of Synod in September 2019. The Commission's report on their nine months' work was provided at the special meeting of Synod in June 2020.

Other Matters

Work continued on a proposed leaflet for congregations on the subjects of gender, sexuality and identity. The Committee has been discussing this and considering how to best serve the wider denomination on these issues.

Committee Membership

There have been no changes to the Committee's membership this year.

The Committee is once again thankful to Rev. Peter Dundee for his work as Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip Dunwoody (Convener)

PUBLIC MORALS & NATIONAL RIGHTEOUSNESS COMMITTEE 2020-21 REPORT

Meetings

The Committee met three times, via Zoom video conference, in October and November 2020 and in February 2021. Our planned April 2020 meeting was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Committee took time to pray before the conclusion of each meeting.

Correspondence and Consultations

In June 2020 the Committee wrote to the Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Business Secretary urging them not to extend Sunday trading as part of the government's provisional economic recovery plans following the pandemic. We received no reply.

In June 2020, the convener was invited to join a church and "faith leaders working

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group”, set up by Mr Gordon Lyons MLA and Mr Declan Kearney MLA, Junior Ministers of the Northern Ireland Executive. The purpose of this working group was to keep churches and other faith groups up to date with the latest information regarding the ongoing pandemic, and to get input from church and faith leaders as to how churches were planning to reopen their buildings for public worship.

As it turned out, this working group would meet ten times between June 2020 and April 2021. The convener, and/or Rev. Robert Robb, represented the denomination at these meetings. Whilst we were in unchartered territory participating in such a forum, we trust that it provided some guidance for local sessions in what has been an incredibly challenging year. Mr Lyons has been a particularly helpful contact for the Committee, and the convener wrote him a letter of thanks when he moved temporarily from his post as Junior Minister to the Department of Agriculture in early 2021.

On 26th November 2020, a two-week “circuit-breaker” lockdown was announced by the Executive, as concerns arose over pressures on the health service. This lockdown included the closure of places of worship in Northern Ireland (drive-in services were still permitted) and was announced without any prior communication from the Executive to the working group. On 4th December, the convener wrote to the Junior Ministers, recognising the ongoing difficulties facing our local government, but urging that for the remainder of the pandemic, churches not be hindered from gathering together for public worship on the Lord’s Day, should they choose to do so, with precautions against virus transmission in place.

In July 2020, the Committee issued a statement on behalf of the denomination regarding the appalling number of abortions carried out in the Republic of Ireland in 2019 – 6,666. Of these, 100 abortions, or 1.5%, were carried out due to a “fatal foetal abnormality” – an intentionally vague and misleading label that was always intended as a trojan horse for abortion-on-demand in Ireland.

At the time of writing, the evil of abortion remains at the forefront of our minds in Northern Ireland, with efforts being made to officially approve a wider rollout of abortion services here, in line with the changes to legislation in 2020. The Committee sent several communications on this issue both to local politicians and to the Northern Trust, upon learning of abortion services being provided in Coleraine Hospital and other locations in the province. The Committee would urge the wider church to continue to petition local authorities on this issue. The Committee also issued a statement in March 2021 expressing the denomination’s opposition to the planned rollout of services. The statement was forwarded to the First Minister, Health Minister and Junior Minister Lyons.

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In September 2020, the Committee wrote to the leaders of the four largest political parties in Ireland – Fine Gael, Fianna Fáil, Sinn Féin and the Green Party – urging them to oppose plans for a “Dying with Dignity” Bill for the country. We received no replies. In February 2021, following correspondence from the Christian Institute, the Committee submitted a response to the Irish government’s consultation on this Bill.

In October 2020 the convener contacted Sir Jeffrey Donaldson MP, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) at Westminster, highlighting the issue of so-called gay conversion therapy and the campaign of LGBT lobbyists to have it banned by law. Following an appeal from the Christian Institute, the convener was in touch with Mr Donaldson again on this subject in March 2021. Definitions of gay conversion therapy remain purposefully vague; both campaigners and MPs have openly stated their desire to ban the practice of praying for individuals who struggle with same-sex attraction. The Committee also contacted Mr Nelson McCausland, who sits on the Board of Education, commending him for his stance on this issue. Mr McCausland was a target for LGBT activists who attacked his online support for pastoral care for people struggling with their sexuality. In the course of this, Mr McCausland gave a faithful witness to the transforming power of the gospel. Mr McCausland is also a member of the Caleb Foundation and has been a helpful contact.

After receiving correspondence from the Christian Institute, the convener also wrote to local MLAs on the issue of so-called gay conversion therapy at the end of March 2021, ahead of a debate in Stormont planned for mid-April.

Other Matters

Over the course of several meetings in 2019 and 2020, the Committee discussed the possibility of providing a resource for the wider church dealing with the issues of sexuality and gender. However, it was decided that such sensitive topics could not be adequately addressed in a short booklet produced by a committee; we trust that ministers and church members are aware of various resources already available on these subjects.

Committee Finances Query

For approximately 20 years the Committee has been making donations to the Christian Institute, and since 2011 these have been in the form of regular standing orders - £30 per month (£360 annually). The Committee believes this to be a worthwhile contribution, given that we are somewhat dependent on the work of the Institute for our own witness in public life. The Committee’s other expenses

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are minor, since members tend not to claim travel expenses, and the Committee has therefore not requested or received any financial support from Synodical Funds for at least 25 years. Our funds are now depleted to the extent that we will soon be unable to contribute to the work of the Christian Institute. We are therefore asking Synod to decide whether we should continue to give our monthly donations to the Christian Institute (in which case we would need an allocation from Synodical Funds) or if Synod is of a mind to regularly donate to the Christian Institute in some other way.

Committee Membership; Proposal of New Convener

Mrs Suzanne Allen has stepped down from the Public Morals Committee; we thank Suzanne for her input over the last two years.

The Committee is once again thankful to Rev. Peter Dundee for his work as Secretary.

The Committee proposes that Synod appoint Rev. Peter Dundee as Convener of the Committee, Rev. Philip Dunwoody having served in the role for five years. Rev. Philip Dunwoody plans to remain a member of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip Dunwoody (Convener)

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CAMPS SYNODICAL COMMITTEE Report 2019 – 2020

Camps 2019

The Camps Synodical Committee met on three occasions during 2019 to oversee the work of summer camps and the associated weekend reunions.

The five summer camps took place in 2019 with a total of 219 campers, 59 leaders and 27 cooks reflecting the significant time and effort invested by many in the work of the camps of the RPCI.

Camp	Age	Date	Campers	Officers	Cooks	Main Talks
Girls' Discovery	10-12	27 th July – 3 rd August 2019	45	12	4	Elijah the Prophet
Boys Discovery	10-12	3 rd August – 10 th August 2019	36	11	4	People Jesus Met
Girls' Adventure	13-15	27 th July – 3 rd August 2019	34	10	5	Remarkable Women

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Boys' Adventure	13-15	27 th July – 3 rd August 2019	32	9	4	James – Living the Christian Life
Senior	16+	1 st to 8 th July 2019	72	17	10	How does the Bible define us?
			219	59	27	

Camps were held in 4 locations namely Royal & Prior School, Raphoe; Strabane Academy; Regent House Grammar School (Boys' Discovery & Boys' Adventure) and Royal School Armagh. The two boys' camps both used Regent House Grammar School on consecutive weeks due to a lack of appropriate and willing venues. It remains the committee's firm belief that all four junior Camps should be held on the same week each year for several reasons not least continuity, protecting time available for families and not interrupting wider denominational conferences.

The Camps training morning was held on Saturday 1st June 2019 in Dervock RPC. The aim of the morning is to further equip all those who serve Camps with practical topics as well as spiritual growth of all those in attendance. We give thanks for Peter Loughridge who brought a message from God's word from 1 Timothy 4:6-16 'Setting the Believers an Example' and Emma Loughridge whose seminar topic was 'Getting alongside campers'. Emma made good use of the opportunity for some role plays and scenario-based discussion around the broad variety of campers that come to camp. It also provides a suitable time to update Child Protection training for the team members. Their input and drawing from personal experience was useful for all in attendance. The training morning is shaped by the needs of the camp teams along with the leaders of the respective camps. The training morning gives everyone the opportunity to reflect on the work to be carried out and our reliance upon God to meet all our needs.

We give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His blessing upon the work of camps, the continued blessing of safety and the provision to meet and exceed all our needs both in preparing for and during camps. All our leaders brought encouraging reports from the camps and among the matters for thanksgiving were:

- Dedication of leaders in the preparation and delivery of God's word throughout the week.
- Attentiveness during talks and willingness to discuss spiritual things.
- Encouraging signs of God working in the lives of the young people that attended

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- Faithful servant attitudes of Officer & Cook teams and the example set to those in attendance.
- Young people enjoying fellowship and leaving camp with deeper Christian friendships.

We continue to be indebted to the willingness of over 80 volunteers who give generously of their time and resources to support this vital work with young people for the furtherance of Christ's kingdom. We commend them in their roles as cooks, officers, committee members and leaders as they seek to provide a fun filled holiday in a supportive and enriching Christian environment. It is a delight to hear of the reports of the ongoing means in which Camps are used in the shaping and nurture of young believers and reinforcing the faithful ministry in both congregational and family life.

We record our thanks for the service of three individuals who have stepped down from leadership following many years in camps: Lois Kelso (GAC), Philip Dunwoody (BDC) and John & Kerry Cubitt (Senior Camp). We give thanks to God for their diligence and enthusiasm with which they have served in this work. They are ably succeeded by Sarah McDonnell (GAC), John Coulter (BDC) and Douglas and Lorraine McMorris (Senior Camp).

Camp Reunions for the 2019 summer camps were held in January – February 2020. A total of 160 young people attended these weekends which in several cases was a clear answer to prayer. The venues used (Mill Rest Youth Hostel (Bushmills), Ballyclabber RPC, Knockbracken RPC, Lisburn RPC and Dervock RPC) all proved to be very suitable. We continue to give thanks for the willingness of congregations to host Camp Reunions and also to those who provide lunch for campers who worship with them. It is another way in which the camps can continue to be viable by reducing costs in ways such as these.

Camps 2020

The committee met in person once in 2020 and 5 times online via zoom. As has been noted earlier in this report, the respective reunions for the preceding Summer Camps were held in January and February 2020. Unexpectedly, this was to be the only residential camp held in the year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The committee met in April, May and June to explore, develop and implement how the Camps could collectively be a blessing to the young people who would normally have attended. This was uncharted territory for all involved with many challenges across all walks of life yet the teams reacted to meet the needs of their respective campers in a thoughtful and appropriate way. The three stages of Camp (Discovery, Adventure and Senior) worked to deliver similar camps across those respective age ranges. The teams prayerfully considered what they could deliver and the benefit each method would be to the campers involved. This

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involved pre-planned resources delivered to campers, traditional camp books, devotional books, online seminars, personal letters, online talks and devotions via video, international speakers, pre-planned crafts posted to members, Question and Answer sessions with published authors, online camp concerts, virtual psalm-sing and much more. Whilst a change from the normal pattern is rarely welcomed in any walk of life the leaders, committee, officers and campers made the best of the situation with many positive reports and messages of thanks for the input into young people's lives. It is a testament to the power of God's Word and the work of the Holy Spirit that young people can be taught, supported, challenged and encouraged even though separated by distance from their fellow campers and leaders. It is fitting that 'Setting Believers an Example' can be done remotely and whilst it is a pale reflection of being together the example of older believers remains a blessing of the corporate church. We would like to thank all those involved for their thought and preparation during what was a difficult and uncertain time with rules, restrictions and guidelines changing often on a weekly basis.

Let me also thank the work of the Committee members who faithfully serve on the Camps Synodical Committee with many roles but most especially as a reference for Camp Leaders in a support and advisory role. Their input and experience is invaluable and only seek to strengthen the Camps as a whole.

We, as a committee, would like to express our thanks to John Cromie who acted as Honorary Treasurer for many, many years. His understated wisdom was a mainstay within the committee and whose opinion was always highly valued by all. He managed the finances in a very capable manner and always encouraged the quality of Campers' experience balanced against the costs. We wish him God's blessing in his future service in the Kingdom. John has been ably replaced by Stephen Finch.

We also welcome two more new members to the committee, Catherine Donnelly and Ian McCaughan. Catherine brings extensive experience and wisdom of working with young people. Ian joins as the incoming Convener later in 2021 following his involvement with Camps in a variety of roles throughout the years. We look forward to their contribution as both have a significant interest in the work of the Camps.

Please continue to pray for the works of camps as we know it is God who blesses the work, and it is only by his pleasure he chooses to use our collective efforts in the advancement of his church. We look to Him for wisdom and discernment. Glory to God alone.

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The Camps Synodical Committee comprises the following Members (15th April 2021)

Vicki Blackburn (Girls' Discovery Camp)

John Coulter (Boys' Discovery Camp)

Catherine Donnelly

Stephen Finch (Hon. Treasurer)

Ruth Kelso

Audrey Kennedy

Ian McCaughan (incoming Convener)

Alastair McCollum (Boys' Adventure Camp)

Sarah McDonnell (Girls' Adventure Camp)

Douglas McMorris (Senior Camp)

Lorraine McMorris (Senior Camp)

Ruth Murphy

Paul Wallace

Andrew Graham (outgoing Convener)

Respectfully Submitted

Andrew Graham (Convener)

REFORMED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

The Reformed Theological College, by the grace of God, met the many challenges which had to be faced in the past academic year.

The 2020/21 session opened on 7th October 2020 in Trinity RPC. Because of the coronavirus pandemic numbers attending were smaller than usual, but many were able to access the meeting via the Internet link. Dr David McKay, Professor of Systematic Theology, Apologetics and Ethics gave the opening address on the subject '*Firm Foundations*' from 1 Cor. 15:1-11. The three students: John Coulter, Paul Flynn and Paul Wallace were enrolled for their final year.

One member of the teaching staff, along with the three students, was affected in November 2020 with the coronavirus. Thankfully all recovered quickly. Only one week of classes had to be cancelled. From mid-November the students received their lectures by Zoom. Although not as beneficial as face-to-face contact, this arrangement worked well in the circumstances.

Student assessment preaching was held at Trinity RPC on the morning of Wednesday 24th February 2021. The students preached before the Committee with a few members and friends being present. While the absence of a congregation was a disadvantage the arrangements this year meant that members of the church could access the preaching through Trinity's YouTube Channel. The

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three students preached well on their assigned texts and each showed a marked improvement.

The students sat their final examinations in April, all three students obtaining very good marks on each subject. The closing of the College was postponed from the usual date in April to facilitate the completion of the summer placements that had been postponed from last year due to the pandemic. The summer placements, arranged for May and June 2021 will take place, DV, in Ballylaggan (John Coulter), Ballenon and Ballylane (Paul Flynn), and Ballyclare (Paul Wallace). On the successful completion of this part of their training the students will graduate DV at the closing meeting of the College arranged for Thursday 1st July at 8.00pm, to be held in Trinity RPC. On that evening the students will be presented with their College diplomas.

Volume 36 of the Reformed Theological Journal was published online in November 2020. Members of the church can access and read the Journal by downloading it free in one of the following formats: PDF, ePub and MOBI (for Kindle) <http://www.rpc.org/theological-college/>. The College thanks Dr David McKay for the effort he expends year after year in the work involved as editor of the Journal which has now gained a worldwide reputation.

The Committee appreciates the excellent work of Mrs Carolyn Stewart in helping the students make the best use of their voice and enabling them to develop skills in the area of impromptu speaking. This is an important aspect of the students training.

Dr David McKelvey serves the College in an exemplary manner as treasurer and ensures that all aspects of our finances are meticulously kept.

A key member of our Committee is our librarian Dr Trevor McCavery. Trevor ensures that all our new books are accurately catalogued and placed on the appropriate shelf. This year the library received two substantial gifts. Mrs Edith Hyndman gave the College a large section of her late husband's library, which added some valuable books to our collection. Mr and Mrs James Anderson kindly presented the College with the 'Works of Thomas Manton' recently published by Banner of Truth. The College sincerely expresses thanks to these generous donors.

The Committee appreciates the work of Mrs Irene McCaughan in her role as College janitor, which ensures that the premises are kept clean and tidy. Irene, having carried out this role since the College opened at Knockbracken in 2005,

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has now relinquished this position. The Committee is looking for a new janitor for the beginning of the new academic year in September.

Rev John Hawthorne having served the Committee as secretary for 20 years has decided to retire. The Committee expresses sincere appreciation to John for his years of service as convener of the Committee and for all the duties he carried out meticulously for the benefit of his fellow Committee members, the good of the students and to the glory of God.

In view of the anticipated departure of Prof Andrew Kerr, having accepted a Call to Ridgefield Park RPC (New Jersey, USA), the Committee nominates Rev ----- to occupy the chair of Old Testament Language and Literature and also nominates Rev ----- to teach Hebrew.

The Committee takes this opportunity to thank all the members of the Church for their prayerful and practical support, without which the College could not function. Join with us in praying that there will be a good number of students for the new intake in September 2021.

We recommend that:

1. Rev David Fallows be appointed Convener of the Committee of Superintendence
2. Professor Norris Wilson deliver the opening address Tuesday 5th October 2021 at Knockbracken RPC
3. The Moderator of Synod give the closing address on Thursday 21st April 2022.

Finally, our thanks go to our Heavenly Father for his sustaining grace and pray that both teaching staff and Committee will remain faithful to Christ in the essential work of training men for the Gospel ministry in his Church and to Him be the glory.

Respectfully submitted
Robert McCollum (Convener pro tem)

REFORMED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE LIBRARY

The theological and historical libraries have been used extensively during the last

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two academic years. In 2019-20 – sixty items were borrowed while thirty-two were borrowed in 2020-21, mostly by the current students at the College and by several ministers.

In 2019- 20 seventeen new volumes were added to the Library shelves, acquired by either purchase or donation. In 2020-21 sixteen were added. In addition to these acquisitions, the Library benefitted from a generous gift of the newly published twenty-two volume set of the *Works of Thomas Manton* and the generous bequeathing of several hundred books from the library of the late Rev. Knox Hyndman.

The complete Reformed Theological College Library catalogue is available to consult or download from the members page at <https://www.rpc.org/theological-college/>

The Library continues to subscribe to a large number of evangelical Christian magazines, journals and periodicals.

Respectfully submitted
Trevor McCavery (Honorary Librarian)

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN GLOBAL ALLIANCE Report 2021

April 2021

The Advisory Committee

Chairman - Rev. Dr. S. Andrew Quigley (RPCNA)

Secretary - Rev. Stephen Steele (RPCS)

Rev. Matt Kingswood (RPCNA)

Rev. Andrew Stewart (RPCA),

Rev. Prof. Robert McCollum (RPCI)

Rev. Kyle Borg (RPCNA)

Rev. Philip Dunwoody (RPCI)

Whilst not a member of the Committee, Rev. Joel Loughridge (RPCI) has served the Committee as honorary treasurer.

The Advisory Committee met once in person in January 2020 in Northern Ireland and five times online in 2020.

Financial Accountability

Our 2019 report indicated that we had not provided the member churches with

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the financial information we wanted to. To address that, the final sentence of this section in the 2019 report read, “Towards this end, we have appointed as a financial advisor to the Committee Rev. Joel Loughridge, an RPCI minister.” We wish to thank and commend Rev. Loughridge for the excellent work he has done to address the shortcomings we were all too aware of.

In 2019 we submitted accounts for the years 2016-2018 to the member church courts. We are resubmitting these accounts. Please see the relevant attachment. The accounts are the same in the substance, i.e., any changes to transactions or balances are not material, but they are more clearly presented. The accounts for 2019 and 2020 are also appended to this report.

Explanatory notes on those accounts:

- **2019** represented an unusual year since no contributions were received from member churches, except for a small amount from the RPCNA. This was in part the result of a lapse in the treasurer function before the appointment of Rev. Joel Loughridge in late 2019.
- **2020** - These accounts include the costs of the 2019 meeting, as well as other expenses and contributions relating to 2019. Thus, the accounts for 2019 and 2020 do not represent a typical view of the Advisory Committee’s work and financial needs.
- **2021** - *Member Church contributions.* Providing all outstanding contributions from member churches are received, we are requesting that the annual contributions for 2022, as calculated by the agreed formula, be reduced by 40%. This reduction is possible because there will be no in-person meeting in 2021, and we will have sufficient funds for 2021. The specifics are cited in the recommendation.
- **2022** - The budget for 2022 has been shared with the relevant committee or treasurer of each member church.

Communications

Throughout the history of the RP Church in the world, communication has been an integral part of the relationships between the different parts of the Body. Out of a prayerful interest in and concern for sister denominations, opportunities for sharing news and events have been taken through both personal correspondence and formal letters between Synods. We are living in an age when the possibilities for developing such interactions are increasing, and we want to make the most of them, for the encouragement of both this and future generations.

We are indebted to the part-time workers of the RPGA administrative team; Miss Beth Bogue, Mrs. Carla Steele, Miss Katrina van der Meer and Mrs. Maria Pockras. These ladies share the responsibility of collating and presenting the information gathered from the RP Church around the world. We are blessed

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to have such godly, servant-hearted, ecclesiastically wise women working for the RPGA. Each week they have a 45-minute zoom meeting chaired by the Advisory Committee Chair at which progress is assessed, ideas for improvements are shared, and forthcoming work is reviewed.

The fruit of their labours is clear to be seen, and a few comparisons will suffice to demonstrate it. (The following information relates to data obtained in March 2021.)

Website - www.rpglobalalliance.org

The website is averaging 2,500 visits per month, and the average time people are spending on the site is increasing month by month, with almost 50% of visits to the site via mobile phone.

The top ten countries 'visits' for March 2021 were: USA 1,115, United Kingdom 591, Canada 171, Australia 71, Ireland 66, China 60, India 24, Unknown Country 14, Philippines 11 and Japan 10.

The website has undergone some understated, but we trust helpful modifications including a redesign of the 'Congregations' tab to facilitate more search options.

God willing, the 'static' content will be translated into French and Spanish before the end of 2021, and we are investigating the possibility of it being translated into Chinese also.

We would encourage you to visit the website and make use of the information it provides, such as the weekly prayer updates from the member churches under the 'Message - Prayer Points' tab.

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/rpglobalalliance/>

The RPGA Facebook page is currently reaching 2,000 people per month in 47 countries. The city with the highest viewing figure, interestingly, is Singapore.

Without identifying them, here is a one-month comparison of page 'likes' to 'actual engagements' for the top five Facebook pages in the RP church. This shows the comparatively high level of actual usage of the RPGA Facebook page. (Some of the ministries have full-time employees i.e., we are seeking to compare equitably.)

- RP ministry Facebook page - 4,000 total page likes - Engagements per week - 297 - 7.4%
- RP ministry Facebook page - 2,700 total page likes - Engagements per week - 40 - 1.4%
- RP ministry Facebook page - 1,500 total page likes - Engagements per week - 214 - 14.2%
- **RPGA Facebook page - 1,100 total page likes -**

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Engagements per week - 755 - 75.5%

RP ministry Facebook page - 800 total page likes -

Engagements per week - 12 - 1.75%

So, the work being done by the RPGA administrative team is not simply sitting out there in cyberspace, it is being accessed, read and we trust used for the growth of the Kingdom through prayerful interest. It is noteworthy that the increase in ‘engagements’ has ‘correlated’ to the increase ‘likes.’

If you are a Facebook user, we encourage you, if you haven't already done so, to begin following the communications being posted on it and encourage others to do so.

We are aware of issues surrounding Facebook and are keeping abreast of the development of other platforms. Until those platforms become better known and are evaluated for potential use, we will continue to use the Facebook page.

Mail Chimp Newsletter - <https://rpglobalalliance.org/newsletter/>

The monthly RPGA MailChimp Newsletter was launched in March 2021 and, as of the date of this report, 180 people who have requested to receive it, 50% of whom are ministers and elders.

If you do get the newsletter, will you please encourage those in the congregation you serve under Christ to also sign up. If you haven't signed up for it yet, will you please consider doing so? It is easy to do; just type the address above into your web browser. It will take you to the appropriate page on the website, where you will see a simple form asking you for your: first name, last name, and email address. Click the sign-up button, you will then be asked to click to subscribe, and that's it.

Working Groups

Theological Education – Rev. Andrew Stewart leads this working group consisting of the Seminary Presidents/Principals, which has developed, in conjunction with the RP Seminaries and Colleges, a “Model for Theological Education” within RP Churches. (This is appended for your review and approval by the RPCI, RPCNA and RPCS. It has been agreed with suggestions by the RPCA.)

Former Mission Fields – Rev. Prof. Robert McCollum, with input from others in the global RP church, is continuing his work of compiling information about past RP Mission works. This material, which shows the extent of the vision and mission work of the RP Church in previous generations, will then be posted on the RPGA website.

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Missions – Due to changes in personnel, no working group activity took place in 2019 and 2020. However, steps are being taken to engage with those around the world who desire to participate, and we will look forward next year to report on the progress made.

RP International Day of Prayer

We are thankful for the encouragement received about the International Day for Prayer on October 4th 2020, which focused on new RP Church works around the world.

The date for the next RP International Day of Prayer will, God willing, be the **Lord's Day of October 3rd 2021**, with the focus on RP Church in 'East Asia.' Rev. Prof. Robert McCollum is working with the RPCNA East Asia Commission to draft up-to-date and sensitively produced information for circulation to congregations to facilitate and encourage their participation.

Mutual Eligibility

The Committee did write to the Inter-Church Committees (or the equivalent) of our member Churches, to gather information on the practice of mutual eligibility to facilitate a better understanding of the rationale and operation of mutual eligibility in existing and emerging RP Churches. However, we report that with the issues surrounding COVID-19, this matter has yet to be addressed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That member Churches appoint the Lord's Day of **October 3rd 2021**, as an RP International Day of Prayer for the RP Church in East Asia.
2. That member churches review and approve the "Model for Theological Education."
3. As per the information in the report, the Committee is requesting that member Churches contribute **60%** of the 2016 agreed formula, which stated that:
 - Member Churches with 1-9 congregations will contribute \$1,000.00US
 - Member Churches with more than 9 congregations will contribute \$1,000US, plus \$100US for each additional congregation.

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60% for 2022 equates to:

- RPCNA: 60% of \$10,500US = \$6,300US
- RPCA: 60% of \$1,000US = \$600US
- RPCS: 60% of \$1,000US = \$600US
- RPCI: 60% of \$4,200US = \$2,520US

Respectfully submitted
Rev. Dr. Andrew Quigley,
RPGA Advisory Committee Chairman

A Reformed Presbyterian Model for Theological Education

By: Vince Ward

For: Reformed Presbyterian Theological Colleges Working Group,
an initiative of the Reformed Presbyterian Global Alliance (RPGA)

October 9, 2018

Our world is changing at a pace none can keep up with. What is new and innovative today will soon be obsolete. What do we have in this world which will never change or expire and will speak to every culture and person in history? It is God's inerrant and infallible Word. In whatever form it is communicated, orally, on a page or a screen, the Word of the Lord will stand forever.

Ministers of the gospel are entrusted with the great responsibility of preaching the whole counsel of God and contending for the faith once delivered to the saints (Jude 1:3). Anyone who aspires to the office of a teaching elder must be a faithful steward. How can men who are called to be ministers of the gospel be thoroughly equipped for faithful and fruitful service?

This paper seeks to set forth "a vision and model for theological education in established centres and possible new fields."¹ This model must hold fast to the biblical principles and practices of theological education which are presently found in the Reformed Presbyterian institutions of learning. But how can we refine the paradigm to be more effective and efficient in training men for gospel ministry in order to meet present and future needs?

We must look to the past, to our Master himself, who in his sovereign authority, commissions us to disciple nations teaching them to obey his every command (Matthew 28:18-20). We must earnestly guard the good deposit entrusted to us (2 Timothy 1:14), preaching Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 1:23), and his crown rights as mediatorial King over Church and State (Psalm 2).

We will stand on the shoulders of our Covenanter brethren who spilled their blood proclaiming Christ, Zion's only King and Head. As a confessional and covenanting Church, we seek to extend the blessing of Christ's Kingdom to all nations by working as one Reformed Presbyterian Global Alliance with a vision and framework to train and send out a host of laborers into the Lord's harvest.

Reformed Presbyterian Models for Theological Education

The **Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary (RPTS)** has not strayed from teaching God's truth for over two centuries. The purpose of the Master of Divinity program is to prepare men for the gospel ministry. While living in a community with accountability, students are trained and mentored by shepherds and teachers. Upon successful completion, a student will be able to: interpret the Scriptures in the original languages and understand the Reformed faith while stressing Christ's Kingship over every area of life; understand the principles of the mission of the Church; understand and implement the

¹ From the minutes of the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Colleges Working Group which met on September 21, 2017.

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spiritual disciplines necessary for the gospel ministry and perform the duties of an ordained minister according to the Scriptures and our subordinate standards.² As with other RP theological institutions, a Board elected by the Synod provides close oversight to guard and guide the seminary to remain doctrinally sound.³

Similarly, the **Scottish Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary (SRPTS)** seeks to not only train men *for* the ministry but also *in* ministry. They seek to achieve this by providing students daily scheduled time in reading of God’s Word and prayer. They also receive personal mentoring so that they might learn how they are to pastor the flock of Christ toward personal growth in grace and active participation in the body life of the Church. For the faculty, the training of men is “much more than the communication of doctrine. It must have at its heart the Biblical practices of discipling and mentoring.”⁴

The **Reformed Theological College (RTC) in Belfast, Northern Ireland** likewise “focuses not only on encouraging a high level of scholarship but on personal godliness and the development of spiritual gifts and ministry skills”⁵ As the College is also under the oversight of the Irish Synod, a special Synodical committee was formed in 2012 which considered ‘how the selection of candidates for the ministry could and might be improved’. The committee stressed that the primary responsibility of selection resides with the Session of the local congregation to evaluate the personal graces, gifts, and godliness of the candidate. A list of questions was drawn up for the Session to use in the selection process of prospective candidates for the College.⁶

Ottawa Theological Hall (OTH) in Canada is a small church-based seminary which seeks to prepare men for the ministry in the context of the Canadian church. The courses are taught by local and visiting professors during non-office hours so that students can continue with their daytime employment. OTH also seeks to integrate theological education into the practical life of the church so that gifts can be evaluated and refined for ministry.⁷

The **Kobe Theological Hall (KTH)** in Japan endeavors to equip church officers of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Japan by training men with sound biblical and Reformed Presbyterian theology. Considering the Japanese historical and cultural context, KTH particularly wishes to emphasize the “freedom of faith under the Mediatorial Kingship of Christ in view of the Kingdom of God in Japan.”⁸

Each of these institutions, and others in Asia and Africa, has tailored their paradigm to the context in which they are training men for the ministry. While adaptability is vital to each setting, can a unified model emerge from a study of Scripture and the lessons learned from the present institutions?

² Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary: Academic Catalog 2016-2017. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

³ To God Alone be Glory. RPTS Press, Pittsburgh, 2008

⁴ Scottish Reformed Presbyterian Seminary Prospectus. Retrieved from <http://www.scottishreformedpresbyterianseminary.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/SRPTS-prospectus-2013.pdf>

⁵ Prospectus for intake beginning 2015. Retrieved from <http://www.rpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/RTC-prospectus.pdf>

⁶ Report of Special Synod Committee re: Student Oversight. Request from Robert McCollum: robertmccollum@btopenworld.com

⁷ For more information on Ottawa Theological Hall: rpcottawa.org/connect/oth

⁸ Kobe Theological Hall: Objectives. Retrieved from <http://www.rpjapan.org/English/KTH/>

Toward a Reformed Presbyterian Model

The need for theological education is reaching crisis levels as Christianity's center has moved from the North to the South with the Church growing exponentially in Latin America, Africa, and Asia.⁹ As new opportunities open for Reformed Presbyterian church planting around the globe, our model for theological education should continue to be refined and be made available and adaptable to any context.

The letters to the first churches (especially Ephesians) and the officers of the churches (Timothy and Titus) all provide biblical principles in theological training. At its core, the strategy was rooted in the life and ministry of local churches in which "gifted men" (Ephesians 4:11; 2 Timothy 2:2) entrusted the gospel ministry to other faithful men to establish yet more churches. This reproductive process is exemplified as Paul trained his disciples in the Hall of Tyrannus so that within two years all of Asia Minor heard the Word of the Lord (Acts 19:7-10). The seven churches established in Asia Minor (Revelation 2:1-3:22) are evidence of the church planting strategy launched from Ephesus.

The context in which ministers of the gospel were prepared was the planting and establishing local churches. The multiplication of churches was built on the multiplication of disciples and leaders.¹⁰ Those who are proven faithful and gifted in the ministry of the church will best be equipped for leadership while continuing to serve the church. The more the training is grounded in real life ministry the greater the potential for growth in convictions, character, and competence. The ultimate goal in the equipping process is to thoroughly furnish men for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17) and set them on a path of lifelong learning of wisdom.

Timothy is an example of a man who was thoroughly trained in the gospel throughout his life. From childhood, Timothy was acquainted with the Holy Scriptures through the instruction of his mother and grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14-15). The brothers in the church of Lystra and Iconium spoke highly of him encouraging Paul to take him along in the church planting ministry (Acts 16:1-3). Later, Paul wrote a personal letter to Timothy, his "true child in the faith", to not neglect the gift he received when the elders had laid their hands on him (1 Timothy 4:14). In Paul's farewell letter, Timothy was charged to entrust the gospel ministry to a third generation of ministers (2 Tim. 2:1-2).

We could make a case, in observing the example of Timothy, that there were three levels of discipleship. The first level was foundational discipleship in his youth, the second level was through practical ministry of church planting and the third level was participation in the preparation of men for the ordained ministry, leading into faithful and fruitful gospel ministries.





⁹ Status of Global Christianity, 2017, in the context of 1900 - 2050. Retrieved from <http://www.gordonconwell.edu/ockenga/research/documents/StatusofGlobalChristianity2017.pdf>

¹⁰ Ott, C. & Wilson, G. (2011). *Global Church Planting: Biblical Principles and Best Practices for Multiplication*. (pp.352-3). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic.

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The following Table provides a framework and objectives for each Level (Tracks) in a church-based discipleship and theological education model¹¹

Table 1

Phases	Evangelize (E1)	Establish (E2)	Equip (E3)	Extend (E4)
Picture	 Seed	 Roots	 Fruit	 More Seeds
LEVEL 1 Discipleship Track	Sowing the seed of the gospel (evangelizing) and prepare people for baptism/membership (Acts 16:31; Mark 1:15)	Establishing every new believer in the gospel through a life of loving obedience to Jesus Christ (1 John 5:3; Colossians 2:7)	Equipping every disciple for works of service so that the Church of Jesus Christ may grow in unity and love (Ephesians 4:11-16)	Multiplying the seed of the gospel through a healthy exercising of gifts given to each part in the Body of Christ (Ephesians 4:16; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7)
Spiritual Maturity	Infant	Youth	Adult	Parent
LEVEL 2 Church Planting or Renewal Track	Evangelizing within the church, locally and through social networks	Establishing new believers through the Discipleship Track	Equipping the leaders in ministry teams (fruitful laborers) and officers in the church. (Elders & Deacons)	Extending the gospel ministry to new fields near and far repeating the process (Level 1 & 2)
Church Planting Phases	Fellowship Church	Mission Church	Organized Church	Reproducing Church
LEVEL 3 Minister Training Track	Thorough training to apply the gospel to self and others (life & doctrine)	Grounding through theological studies, character formation and practical application	Comprehensive equipping for the ordained ministry of the Word and Prayer	Multiplying faithful and fruitful laborers for Kingdom service
Presbytery Licensure	Session commending men Presbytery approving	License to Preach	License to Receive a Call & Ordination	Examining Students Reproducing Ministers

Principles toward a unified Reformed Presbyterian Model

As a summary, the following are principles to guide us toward a unified model for theological education in Reformed Presbyterian churches around the globe.

¹¹ The Discipleship track is the foundational level of discipleship from the spiritual maturity of an infant in Christ to a reproducing disciple-maker (<http://theonetwork.org/the-core.html> provides a basic curriculum for this level of discipleship). The second track is for those who would be part of a church planting effort. The objectives would be the same for those seeking to bring renewal in an existing church. The third track is for men called to the gospel ministry beginning with the screening from the session, coming under care of Presbytery, completing the theological studies and licensure examinations toward ordination. The goal for those called to the office of elders is to reproduce more disciples and officers for the building up of the church to the glory of God.

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Context:

- The best context for preparing men for gospel ministry is training in a setting similar to future ministry (Examples: rural vs. urban, type of mission field, etc..).
- Making full use of available technologies and flexibility with the hours and venues for instruction can allow for more time to practically apply learning objectives.

Curriculum:

- There must be a balance in the core curriculum and electives toward the development of *biblical convictions* (head), *godly character* (heart), and *ministry competencies* (hands).
- Assessments are valuable to measure growth regularly in each of these areas through various forms of examination and mentor evaluation in personal godliness and competencies. Self-evaluation and personal reflection (journaling) is also vital for growth in grace.
- Training should be customized as much as possible to the individual in preparing them for their unique calling. This can be achieved through specialized learning-by-doing and learning-by-teaching practicums followed up by reflection and evaluation.

Structure:

- The theological institutions assume a supportive role to the denomination by providing expertise and resources in teaching, mentoring and coaching.
- Denominational seminaries (eg. RPTS) can serve as the central hub for a network of smaller centers in order that cohorts of students may gather for instruction, accountability and mentoring. The goal is to have every student to be surrounded by an abundance of counselors (Proverbs 11:14).




Oversight:

- The local church Session assesses and commends the students for theological education, and continues to maintain oversight of the spiritual welfare of the student and his family.
- The Presbytery shepherds and oversees students-under-care during their theological studies toward ordination.
- The denominational Board provides accountability for the theological institution to remain faithful to the Word of God.
- As well as serving in a local congregation a minister must be able to work constructively within the courts of the Church for the good of the wider Church. This is another reason why training received by a central institution plays an important role in Theological Education.

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The following table outlines the content to a core curriculum for the training of ministers in *biblical convictions* (head), *godly character* (heart), and *ministry competencies* (hands). (Note: This is an expansion of Table 1: Level 3: E2-E3)

Table 2

Convictions			
	Theological Education (Academic Training in wisdom and lifelong learning)		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Biblical Theology 2. Systematic Theology I 3. Covenant Theology 4. Shorter and Larger Catechism 5. History I 6. Greek I & Hebrew I 7. Hermeneutics 8. Homiletics I 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Old & New Testament Biblical Studies 2. Systematic Theology II 3. WCF and Constitution 4. History II 5. Greek II & Hebrew II 6. Homiletics II 7. Counseling I 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greek & Hebrew III 2. Homiletics III 3. Counseling II 4. RP History 5. WCF & Constitution Review 6. Electives related to ministry: Missions, Church Planting, Chaplains, etc..)
Presbytery Exams	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Personal Godliness 2. English Bible 3. Expository Sermon 4. Systematic Theology 5. Church History Paper 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evidence of pastoral & evangelistic gifts 2. Systematic Theology Expository Sermon 3. Church History 4. Exegesis Paper 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Personal Godliness 2. Expository Sermon 3. Soundness in the faith
Licensure	Toward Eligibility to preach	Toward Eligibility for a call	Toward Ordination and Installation
Character			
	Personal Godliness (Training by self-examination & disciplines with mentoring/coaching)		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mentors assess student/semester: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Godliness Assessment • Gift Assessment. • Ministry Assessment 2. The Gospel and Sanctification 3. Spiritual Disciplines 		
Competencies			
	Pastoral Ministry (Training by doing with mentoring/coaching):		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preaching: Sermon preparation and preaching with evaluations 2. Counseling: Observing counseling, assisting in counseling and leading in counseling with evaluation 3. Evangelism/Apologetics: Training in various venues and people (with study and evaluation) 4. Discipleship: Small group and one-on-one discipleship (training and leading with evaluation) 5. Marriage & Parenting: Study and mentoring with evaluations 6. Diaconal ministry: Study and service with deacons, 7. Missions: Study with Cross-cultural mission trip with reflection/evaluation 8. Administration: Church administration (writing, speaking, budgets, etc..) 9. Church polity: Attending session meetings, Presbytery/Synod (with reference to Constitution) 		

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There will always be some tension in striving to maintain the balance between local and central training. We need both. Central training provides an opportunity to develop collegiality and a sense of common denominational identity, as well as allowing instruction from and interaction with specialists. Local training does not uproot students and their families from the field, keeps them focused on disciple-making in the church and provides the context for the development of convictions, character, and competencies. Both local church-based training centres and central theological institutions must learn to share their strengths while working together toward the common goal to make disciple-makers, plant reproducing churches and multiply ministers.

These principles will help guide theological institutions as they seek to offer accessible training to gospel laborers near and far. There isn't a mould that fits in all places, but we can strive for a model which can be adapted to all contexts. Let us seek to refine our paradigm in order to prepare ministers of the gospel and to establish Reformed Presbyterian churches in strategic centers so that all may hear the Word of the Lord.

“The grass withers and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.” 1 Peter 1:25

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REFORMED WITNESS REPORT TO SYNOD 2021

The Reformed Witness committee continues to manage the denominations website and has been encouraged by the use that has been made of it as a centre for distribution of information and resources. We thank Mr Tom Cromie for his work as treasurer of the Reformed Witness Committee.

Respectively submitted
Geoffrey Allen (Convener)

RELIEF FUND
ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

The year began with a number of volunteers travelling to London to carry out renovation work at premises owned by the London City Mission. This work took place over four weekends in January and as a result of the work undertaken the Relief Committee were given a financial donation towards our future projects.

Two new members joined our committee this year, Mr John McCollum and Mr Ian McCaughan. We also seconded Mrs Sandra Stewart onto our committee to advise and to act as our prayer secretary.

Some of our members travelled to Moldova at the beginning of the year to assess a potential project for the summer of 2020 which involved renovating a children's camp facility in the country. The committee agreed to take on this project, however as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic this project had to be postponed.

The committee was also approached about the possibility of undertaking some repair work at what used to be The BB owned Rathmore House. The committee inspected the premises and agreed that we would be able to do some minor repairs. However due to the present owner deciding to sell the premises this project was cancelled.

Some members of the committee helped the Ballenon congregation to undertake an internal refurbishment of their Church building.

Mr Gordon Hamilton agreed to replace Mr Robert Tait as our committee's representative on the Mission Committee.

During the year our committee put out an appeal for financial assistance to be sent to help those who had been affected by the massive explosion in Beirut. Over £20,000 was raised and this was sent to the Middle East Reformed Fellowship who were asked to use it specifically for the Beirut situation.

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Other organisations that were supported financially by our committee this year were Open Doors and a Christian Sports Academy in South Africa where a member of Limavady R.P. Church is going to be working as a volunteer for several months. No plans have been drawn up for a Go Relief team for the summer of 2021 due to the continuing Covid 19 restrictions.

Respectfully submitted
Robert Robb (Convener)

SYNODICAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2021

The Synodical Conference Committee reports to Synod on behalf of the Holiday Conference, International Holiday Conference, Family Day Conference and the Weekend Conference. Each conference has its own committee and we thank all involved for willingly giving of their time and abilities.

The past 16 months have been unusual with restrictions surrounding the Covid 19 outbreak. Where many of our conferences would have met, we regret that it has not been possible to do so.

The last conference to meet was the Weekend Conference in 2020.

In 2020 The Annual Weekend Conference moved to the new venue of the Armagh City Hotel and was held from 15th – 17th March just as the country about to move into the first lockdown due to Covid-19 pandemic. This resulted in some who had previously booked feeling they should withdraw from the conference however 60 people did attend and all the feedback showed that everyone had thoroughly enjoyed the weekend.

Rev. Peter Jemphrey gave 4 addresses on the theme “Equipped to Serve”. These challenging talks were most helpful and we thank Mr Jemphrey for his work in preparation and for participating during the weekend.

On Saturday, just before lunch, Mrs Jenny Jemphrey was interviewed and gave us further insight into the ministry in Galway. On Saturday evening the Qua Family joined with us and brought musical entertainment which was very much appreciated by all present.

It is with much regret that we will be no Conference in 2021 due to the continuing situation with Covid-19. We do however plan D. V. to hold the next Weekend Conference in 2022 with Rev. Gareth Burke as our speaker. The venue and dates

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will be confirmed nearer the time. The Committee would encourage the continued promotion of this event as a time of fellowship and learning together and as an opportunity for members from across the denomination to share experiences and so strengthen the bonds of love within the family of the Church.

The Holiday Conference which was planned to meet in Share in August 2020 was unable to go ahead. The decision was made to postpone this conference to August 2021, but that decision was later changed as it became obvious the Conference could not go ahead in its usual format with current restrictions. It is planned DV to hold the Holiday Conference in Share Holiday Village, Enniskillen, with the speaker being Rev Andrew Lytle, Nantes.

The International Conference Committee are planning for the conference at Gold Coast in 2022 but are understanding that the Conference may not be able to go ahead. Pray for the committee as they seek to reach a final decision in Autumn of this year.

Respectfully submitted

Philip Moffett (Convenor)

ACCOUNTS

BUSINESS OF SYNOD COMMITTEE 2020

Opening Balance b/f 2,487

	Receipts		Expenditure	
	£			£
Trustees of Synod	3		Moderator's expenses	495
Bank Interest	7		Printing & Postage	-
			Rev. Samuel McCollum	
Donation	300		(Honorarium)	400
			Prof. David McKay	
Finance Committee	13,400		(Honorarium)	250
			Presbyterian Historical	
			Society	500
			Affinity	1,320
			Bank Charges	22
			EURC Conference	583
			RP Global Alliance	2,800
			Marriage Matters	
			expenses	5,380
Total 2020 income	13,710		Total 2020 Expenditure	11,750
			closing balance c/f	4,447
	16,197			16,197
2020 Surplus/(Deficit)	1,960			

Prepared by:
David Martin (Honorary Treasurer)

*EURC Conference cancelled. Seeking refund of payment however not yet confirmed eligible therefore included as expense for 2020.

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CONGREGATIONAL AID FUND

INCOME

Interest:

Danske Bank Interest	£79.29	
Synodical Funds (Trustees)	£1,602.86	
Harbinson Bequest	£84.92	
Miss McClure Bequest	£331.19	
Annie Evelyn Cromie Bequest	£19.11	
J.A. Lyons Wright Bequest	£84.92	£2,202.29
Rea Memorial Transfer	£450.00	
Finance Committee	£75,000.00	£75,450.00
Total Income		£77,652.29
Balance as at 31/12/19		
Danske Bank C/A	£31,386.57	
		£31,386.57
		£109,038.86

Joel McCluggage (Convener/Treasurer)

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CONGREGATIONAL AID FUND EXPENDITURE

Grants to Congregations to bring salaries
to basic minimum, plus allowances:

Eastern Presbytery:		
Carrickfergus	£10,000.00	
Southern Presbytery:		
Clare	£14,520.00	
Western Presbytery		
Convoy	£18,162.12	
Galway	£18,148.61	
Letterkenny/Milford	£16,117.05	£76,947.78
Bank Fees		£52.44
Total Expenditure		£77,000.22
Balance as at 31/12/20		
Danske Bank C/A	£32,038.64	
		£32,038.64
		£109,038.86

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Finance Committee

Financial Statements for Year Ended 31 December 2020

Sterling Account

Income		Expenditure		
	£			£
Congregations	208,902.50	Bookshop & Pub	29,000.00	
Bank Interest	61.89	Bus Of Synod	6,300.00	
Euro Account Transfer	5999.93	Congregational Aid	75,000.00	
Other Income	0.00	Covenanter Youth	0.00	
		Education Fund	25,000.00	
		Fin Committee	0.00	
		Gen Benevolent	0.00	
		Instruction of Young	0.00	
		Mins Pension Fund	24,000.00	
		Mins Widows & Orphans	5,000.00	
		Psalmody Committee	0.00	
		Holiday Conference	0.00	
		R.P. Camps Committee	1,000.00	
		Ref. Theological College	20,000.00	
		Bank fees	37.20	
Contingency Reserve	30,000.00	Contingency Reserve	30,000.00	
Business Investment	148,782.22	Business Investment	178,404.44	
Current Account	595.10	Current Account	600.00	209,004.44
				179,377.32
			Cashflow in	29,627
			year	
Total	394,341.64	Total	394,341.64	

MS McCollum Treasurer

Reviewed by Trevor Magee (Faughan RPC)

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Congregational Contributions 2020

Congregation	Sterling £	Euro €
BAILIESMILLS	1,950.00	
BALLENON	2,000.00	
BALLYCLABBER	8,780.00	
BALLYCLARE	5,540.00	
BALLYLAGGAN	10,390.00	
BALLYLANE	3,410.00	
BALLYMONEY	7,462.00	
BREADY	5,660.00	
CARRICKFERGUS	1,580.00	
CLARE	800.00	
CLOUGHMILLS	2,820.00	
CONVOY	0.00	3,115.00
CREEVAGH	0.00	385.00
CULLYBACKEY	20,650.00	
DERVOCK	8,090.00	
DRIMBOLG	2,900.50	
DROMARA	8,860.00	
DROMORE	5,520.00	
ENNIKILLEN	1,600.00	
FAIRVIEW	1,500.00	595.00
FAUGHAN	6,590.00	
GATEWAY	1,940.00	
KELLSWATER	3,540.00	
KILRAUGHTS	7,850.00	
KNOCKBRACKEN	5,500.00	
LETTERKENNY		0.00
LIMAVADY	9,510.00	
LISBURN	10,280.00	
LOUGHBRICKLAND	10,740.00	
MILFORD	0.00	0.00
NEWRY	2,600.00	
NEWTOWNARDS	11,700.00	
PORTRUSH	4,710.00	
RATHFRILAND	0.00	
SHAFTESBURY	8,330.00	
STRANORLAR	0.00	1,280.00
TRINITY	19,030.00	
TULLYVALLEN	4,070.00	
WOODSTOCK	3,000.00	
	208,902.50	5,375.00

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MISSION COMMITTEE

Financial Statements for Year Ended 31 December 2020

Sterling Account

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Sterling - Congregations	220,485.50	Overseas Section	150,000.00
Interest - Bank	108.13	Home Section	24,000.00
Interest - Trustees	3,234.00	Irish Section	34,263.87
Interest - Rea Fund	50.00	Pension J. Anderson	6,500.04
S Drennan Pulpit supply	110.00	Pension M. McMullan	2,817.00
Bequest - M Buchanon	20.00	Pension N. Ewans	2,600.04
Woodstock RPC gift to Galway	1,000.00	Pension B Hamilton	1,091.25
Weekend conference	431.00	Pension D. Gregg	2,619.00
		Pension S. McMahon	12.57
		Pension M Ball	2,182.50
		Pension B McFarland	2,182.50
		Printing - Prayer letter	591.00
		Postage	61.13
		Travel	123.96
		Mileage	154.20
		Christian Witness to Israel	150.87
		Bank fees	60.00
		Short term - Stephen Fallows	1,500.00
		Short term - Matthew Magee	6,000.00
RPC Carrickfergus Loan 31.12.19	149,000.00	RPC Carrickfergus Loan 31.12.20	149,000.00
RPC Cloughmills Loan 31.12.19	10,000.00	RPC Cloughmills Loan 31.12.20	0.00
RPC Stornoway Loan 31.12.19	50,000.00	RPC Stornoway Loan 31.12.20	40,000.00
Reserve Account 31.12.19	129,543.08	Reserve Account 31.12.20	140,781.21
Current Account 31.12.19	6,928.82	Current Account 31.12.20	4,219.39
Total	570,910.53	Total	570,910.53

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MISSION COMMITTEE

Financial Statements for Year Ended 31 December 2020

Euro Account

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Euro - Congregations	6,263.00	Irish Section	6,263.00
Total	6,263.00	Total	6,263.00

Mr William McCollum (Treasurer)

Examined and found correct

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CONGREGATIONAL GIVINGS

Sterling - Congregations

Ballyclabber	£8,820.00	Dromore	£5,540.00
Ballylaggan	£10,440.00	Knockbracken	£6,500.00
Ballymoney	£6,992.00	Lisburn	£10,330.00
Cloughmills	£2,830.00	Newtownards	£11,750.00
Cullybackey	£17,530.00	Shaftesbury	£8,370.00
Dervock	£10,242.00	Trinity	£19,120.00
Drimbolg	£3,386.00	Woodstock	£7,312.50
Kellswater	£3,560.00	Bready	£5,770.00
Kilraughts	£7,890.00	Gateway	£1,950.00
Portrush	£4,730.00	Enniskillen	£1,610.00
Ballenon	£2,000.00	Faughan	£6,620.00
Ballylane	£3,420.00	Limavady	£9,570.00
Clare	£800.00		
Creevagh	£400.00	Sterling total	£220,485.50
Fairview	£1,300.00		
Loughbrickland	£16,790.00	Euro -	
		Congregations	
Newry	£2,610.00		
Rathfriland	£650.00	Creevagh	€ 1,655.00
Tullyvallen	£3,880.00	Fairview	€ 1,948.00
Bailiesmills	£1,950.00	Convoy	€ 1,380.00
Ballyclare	£5,560.00	Stranorlar	€ 1,280.00
Carrickfergus	£1,662.00		
Dromara	£8,601.00	Euro total	€ 6,263.00

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HOME SECTION MISSION COMMITTEE BUDGET

2021 – 2023 @ 25/02/2021

	A	B	C
	2021	2022	2023
	AGREED	ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED
	BUDGET	BUDGET @	BUDGET @
		start of 2021	start of 2021
COOKSTOWN RPC	15000	15000	15000
MISCELLANEOUS	4000	4000	4000
TOTAL	19000	19000	19000

Notes:

1) **Est. available funds for 2021 = £47517.78** i.e. **£6000** from Main Mission Committee + **£480** donation from Phyllis Gilmore + 2020 Current Account closing balance of **£41037.78** - thus anticipated 2021 year-end surplus of **£28,517.78**

2) **Cookstown** - £15000 per year, approved by review for 5 years 2021-2025 (inc) – Rev. Paul Wright.

3) **NOTE:** Figures are based on the following allocation from the Main Mission Committee:

Jan – Mar 2021 x £2000 per month = £6000

4) No financial allocation from Main Mission Committee requested from April 2021 inc until further notified by the Home Section.

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HOME SECTION MISSION COMMITTEE RPCI ACCOUNT 2019

INCOME

Transfer from Main Mission Committee	£24000	Enniskillen R.P. Society	£7500.00
Phyllis Gilmore	£480.00	Cookstown RPC	£15000.00
Bank Interest (Current Account)	£71.12	Somerton Road Outreach (insurance/signage/printing/water rates/rent)/hire of carpet cleaning machine)	£1512.80
Bank Interest (Investment Account)	£0.11	Bank Fees	£22.26

Total Income

£24551.23

Total Expenditure

£24035.06

Opening Balance (Investment Account)

£52.59

Closing Balance (Investment Account)

£52.70

Opening Balance (Current Account)

£27725.73

Closing Balance (Current Account)

£29741.79

(less £1500 unpaid account)

(£28241.79)

Total Funds

£52329.55

Total Funds

£52329.55

Treasurer : Ivan Bingham

Audited: Mrs Marion Brown

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HOME SECTION MISSION COMMITTEE RPCI ACCOUNT 2020

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

Transfer from Main Mission Committee	£24000	Cookstown RPC	£15000.00
Phyllis Gilmore	£480.00	Somerton Road Outreach (Insurance – Kerr Group Insurance)	£249.00
Anonymous Donation ref Somerton Road	£2000.00		
Rates Rebate in respect of Enniskillen RPC	£278.43	Rates Rebate to Enniskillen RPC	£278.43
Bank Interest (Current Account)	£86.22		
Bank Interest (Investment Account)	£0.01	Bank Fees	£21.23
Total Income	£26844.66	Total Expenditure	£15548.66
Opening Balance (Investment Account)	£52.70	Closing Balance (Investment Account)	£52.71
Opening Balance (Current Account)	£29741.79	Closing Balance (Current Account)	£41037.78
Total Funds	£56639.15	Total Funds	£56639.15

Treasurer : Ivan Bingham

Audited: Mrs Marion Brown

ACCOUNTS

MISSION COMMITTEE - IRISH SECTION - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2019

OPENING BALANCE	€39,858.06	EXPENDITURE		
INCOME				
Mission Committee	€59,434.39	Mr William Hamilton		
Contribution from Aisling		Salary 2019	€40,403.00	
Family Books	€18,000.00	Expenses	€2,424.00	
		Pension	€4,040.00	€46,867.00
		 AISLING FAMILY BOOKS 2019		
		Bookshop Rent	€16,250.00	
		Bookshop Rates	€3,080.55	
		Bookshop Service Charge	€845.10	
				€20,175.65
		 OTHER EXPENDITURE		
		Property Expenses	€6,010.00	
		Government Stamp Duty	€11.50	
		Property Taxes	€630.00	
		Property Insurance	€2,235.59	
		Miscellaneous	€295.00	
		Bank Charges	€28.90	€9,210.99
TOTAL INCOME	€88,001.93	Total Expenditure		€76,253.64
		CLOSING BALANCE		€41,038.81
TOTAL FUNDS	€117,292.45	TOTAL FUNDS		€117,292.45

ACCOUNTS

MISSION COMMITTEE - IRISH SECTION - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

OPENING BALANCE	€41,038.81		
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Mission Committee	€38,463.12	 AISLING FAMILY BOOKS	
Contribution from Aisling Family Books	€8,500.00	 2020	
		Bookshop Rent	€15,000.00
		Bookshop Rates	€0.00
		Bookshop Service Charge	€1,690.20
		Bookshop Insurance	€345.00
			€17,035.20
		 OTHER EXPENSES	
		Property Expenses	€545.00
		Government Stamp Duty	€5.00
		Property Taxes	€630.00
		Property Insurance	€2,245.12
		Miscellaneous	€696.61
		Bank Charges	€75.63
			€4,197.36
TOTAL INCOME	€46,963.12	Total Expenditure	€21,232.56
		CLOSING BALANCE	€66,769.37
TOTAL FUNDS	€88,001.93	TOTAL FUNDS	€88,001.93

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE - OVERSEAS SECTION - FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2020

INCOME

Income

Mission Committee
 Gifts for France
 Gifts for Spain
 Ballyclabber for Rachel
 Berrocal
 Ballyclabber for Heather Lyttle
 Gateway for Rachel Berrocal

Nantes payments

Salary £150,000.00
 Expenses £1,040.00
 National Insurance £86.00
 House repairs £200.00
 House rates £200.00
 House insurance 410.00
 Pension Contributions

£38,995.57
 £2,530.75
 £4,951.47
 £17,784.86

£1,833.70
 £389.34
 £2,349.96

£68,835.65

Spain Payments

Salary £26,565.63
 Pension £2,656.00
 Expenses £1,636.00
 Rent (Feb 20 - Dec 20)

£26,565.63
 £2,656.00
 £1,636.00
 £13,646.07

£44,503.70

Miscellaneous

Milford loan to Nantes Fees
 Bank charges
 Travel to Nantes
 Travel to Spain
 Ballyclabber for Rachel
 Berrocal
 Berrocal Children to RP
 Camps
 Donation to EMF
 Printing

£825.70
 £183.26
 £0.00
 £0.00
 £200.00

FX Loss

-£795.33

£667.68

Interest

UK £35.25
 France £139.97

£750.00
 £240.00

£2,866.64

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Total Income		Total Expenditure	£116,205.99
Opening Balances		Closing Balances	
Car loan to Isaac	£8,348.79	Car loan to Isaac	£4,711.06
Balance in UK - current acc.	£18,048.87	Balance in UK - current acc.	£9,849.90
Balance in UK - investment acc.	£106.23	Balance in UK - investment acc.	£106.26
Balance in France	-£4,688.92	Balance in France	£42,257.65
William McCollum (Treasurer)			£56,924.86
Examined and found correct:-			£173,130.86
			£173,130.86

ACCOUNTS

ASSOCIATION RÉFORMÉE ÉVANGÉLIQUE – BILAN FINANCIER 2020

Savings Account

Savings account	2020	2019	2018
Balance	50382,44	49700,97	41434,68
Interest 2018 omitted		308,93	266,29
Interest 2019		372,54	
Interest 2020	262,51		
Transfer from Current Account			8000,00
Total	50644,95	50382,44	49700,97

Current Account

Income	2020	2019	2018
Balance 1 Jan	15797,47	9287,6	6097,52
Membership fees	40	60	60,00
Offerings	21977,7	24975,38	25614,55
Reimbursement insurance		84,9	
Total	37815,17	34407,88	31772,07

ACCOUNTS

Expenses	2020	2019	2018
Salle			
Rent	6865,82	6638,63	6427,74
Electricity	348,52	400,79	424,05
Phone	-35,89	339,2	319,14
Insurance	898,15	851,29	1154,03
Maintenance and meals			63,66
Architect	4200	6860	
Evangélisation			
Réflexions			2253,48
Publicité			74,38
Sundry expenses			
Youth activities			35,81
Calendars	300	294,6	299,2
Bank charges	145		
Post office		115	10,8
CNEF breakfast			45
Website	190,06	219,25	310,44
CNEF fee	50	50	50
Conférence			270
Zoom	127		
Window display			297,6
Present for Juana			49,14
Communion cups		107,73	
Tables for church		313,92	
Gifts to other ministries			
Faculté Aix	500	600	600
SEL	500	500	500
AIM	100	100	300
Librairie, Nantes	450	350	300
OM Espoir	100	300	300
GBU	50	50	
Portes Ouvertes	550	450	350
Guest speaker	180		50
CNEF		70	
Total expenses	15518,66	18610,41	14484,47
Transfer to savings account			8000
Balance 31 déc	22296,51	15797,47	9287,6
Total	37815,17	34407,88	31772,07

ACCOUNTS

Reformed Witness Committee

Accounts for 2019

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Balance from 2018-	£12940.61	Mr Jeff Lyons (R.P Website)	£185.00
(Wilson/McConnell Fund) Interest Trustees of Synod (Rea Fund) Interest Trustees of Synod (Ann. Income) Interest Trustees of Synod	£99.00	The Immedia Group (Webhosting, Maintenance, Website) Bank Fees	£500.00 £ 18.40
	£8.00	Balance	£518.12
	£9.00	Charity Account	
Progressive Building Bank Interest	£132.99 £5.30	Business Account Progressive Building Society (One year Fixed Rate Loyalty Bond Dec 2019/2020	£1973.38 £10000.00
			£12491.50
Total	£13194.90		£13194.90

T. Cromie (Treasurer)

Examined and agreed with Bank and Building Society Statements:

Barbara J Lawson

ACCOUNTS

Reformed Witness Committee

Accounts for 2020

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Balance from 2019-	£12,941.50	Mr Jeff Lyons (R.P Website)	£194.00
(Wilson/McConnell Fund) Interest	£99.00	The Immedia Group (Webhosting, Maintenance, Website)	£500.00
Trustees of Synod (Rea Fund) Interest	£8.00	Bank Fees	£ 18.90
Trustees of Synod (Ann. Income)	£3.00	Balance	£409.90
Interest Trustees of Synod		Charity Account	
Progressive Building Society Interest	£92.86	Business Account	£1474.01
Bank Interest	£0.60	Progressive Building Society (One year Fixed Rate Loyalty Bond Dec 2019/2020	£10,092.86
			£11976.56
Total	£12,689.46		£12689.46

T. Cromie (Treasurer)

Examined and agreed with Bank and Building Society Statements:

Barbara J Lawson

ACCOUNTS

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CENTRAL COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS FOR 2020

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Opening Balance as at 1/1/20	£1,147.83	Gift to Sandra Agnew (moderator's wife)	£30.00
Affiliation Fees	£680.00	Gift to Rachel Berrocal	£100.00
		Gift to Heather Lytle	£100.00
		Gift to Stranraer RPC	£300.00
Bank Interest	£1.54	Cookstown RPC - use of premises	£50.00
		Bank Fees	£24.98
	£1,829.37		£604.98
		Balance as at 31/12/20	£1,224.39

ACCOUNTS

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND ACCOUNT

INCOME	EXPENDITURE
Finance Committee	£5,000.00
Interest	£31,225.60
Synod Trustees	£20.36
Bank	£4,006.58
Opening Balance	Closing Balance
Current Account	£18,009.10
	£53,261.64
D. Officer (Convener)	£35,252.54
Examined and found correct- Elizabeth McDowell	£17,243.44

ACCOUNTS

Rea Memorial & Nevin Legacy Ministerial Aid Fund Financial Statement for 2020

Income	£	Payments	£
Trustees General Fund	277.00	Payments to ministers	0
Trustees Rea Fund	123.00	Transfer to CAF	<u>450.00</u>
Danske Bank Interest Sept+Dec 19	0.04		
Danske Bank interest 2020	<u>0.36</u>		
Total Income	400.40	Total Payments	450.00
Balance from 2019	<u>82.92</u>	Bank charges	0
		Balance @ 31-12-20	<u>33.32</u>
Total	£483.32	Total	£483.32

Joel McCluggage (Convener/Treasurer)

Inspected and found correct:

Nigel Simpson

David McKelvey

ACCOUNTS

PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS 2019

INCOME	EXPENDITURE
Opening Balance	
Cash	Christian Institute 360.00
Bank	Bank Charges 18.60
Bank Interest	Closing Balance
1.09	Cash 100.00
	Bank 920.88
Total	1,399.48
	1,399.48

Dr. R. D. McKelvey (Treasurer)
Examined and found correct I.G McCluggage

ACCOUNTS

PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS 2020

INCOME	EXPENDITURE
Opening Balance	
Cash	Christian Institute 360.00
Bank	Bank Charges 18.60
	Closing Balance
Bank Interest	Cash 100.00
	Bank 543.00
Total	1,021.60

Dr. R. D. McKelvey (Treasurer)
Examined and found correct I.G McCluggage

ACCOUNTS

Ministers' Conference Account 2020

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Balance	2591.63	Drummond Hotel	3215.00
Conference Fees	5275.00	Speakers	410.00
	<u>7866.63</u>	Closing Balance	4241.63
			<u>7866.63</u>

Submitted by Rev. David Fallows

ACCOUNTS

REFORMED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE Financial Statement 2019

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

Funding from Finance Committee	20,000.00		Honoraria - staff:	
Students' fees	7,200.00		Professor E Donnelly	2,275.00
Auditor's Attendance fees	320.00		Professor RLW McCollum	5,687.50
Rea Fund	32.00		Professor WDJ McKay	4,550.00
S McAfee Bequest	9.00		Professor WNS Wilson	2,275.00
			Professor W Peel	2,275.00
			Professor A Kerr	2,275.00
Endowment Fund	84.50	}	Rev. R. Blair	1,137.50
Mulvin Investment	126.50	}	Prof. A. Kerr - Intensive Hebrew Course	1,560.00
MK McKnight Bequest	3.00	232.00	Rev. M. Johnston - Guest Lectures	63.00
			Travelling expenses - staff / guest lecturers	1,533.10
S Cromie Bequest	12.00	}	RTJ Editor's Expenses 2019	75.00
RJ Wilson Bequest	6.00	}	Trimprint - RTJ Digital Formatting 2018 & 2019	720.00
Bursaries & Prizes	398.69		Bursaries & Prizes	450.00
TFY - Refund of Cost of Books (Covenanter Bookshop)	96.65		TFY Expenses	616.37
			C.Stewart - Voice Production	760.00
Anonymous Donation	1,000.00		Stationery, photocopying, printing	25.20
Receipts for Rosspark Hotel Dinner for Prof WNS Wilson	425.00		Rosspark Hotel - Dinner Expenses	436.05
Offering at Ordination of Isaac Berrocal	337.00		Transfer to Education Fund (Ordination Offering)	337.00
			Heating	1,186.14
			Electricity	695.00
Refund from BT	17.05		Telephone and telecommunications	710.44
			Insurance	2,640.28
			Surefire - Fire Alarm Service	60.00
Progressive BS Interest - Contingency Reserve	281.07		Cleaning	229.35
Bank interest - Danske	58.40		Bank charges - Danske	9.05
Total receipts			Total payments	
Balance from 2018 - Danske	24,852.83		Balance to 2020- Danske	22,397.64
Balance from 2018 - Progressive	28,107.42		Balance to 2020 - Progressive	28,388.49
TOTAL FUNDS	83,367.11		TOTAL FUNDS	83,367.11

Prepared by David McKelvey, Treasurer

Reviewed by William McCollum ACA

ACCOUNTS

REFORMED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE – BURSARIES AND PRIZES

	RECEIPTS	2019	PAYMENTS
BURSARIES & PRIZES	£	£	£
John Kerr Bursary	3.00		
Archibald Bursary	3.00		
W Wasson Memorial Bursary	30.00		
J Donnelly Memorial Bursary	30.00		
Stewart Allen Bursary	15.00		
Mawhinney Bursary	3.00		
JG Thompson Bursary	3.00	99.00	
Lyons Memorial Prize	3.00		
Dodds Memorial Prize	3.00	Prizes	450.00
E Graham Prize	3.00		
M Graham Prize	3.00		
R Buchanan Bursary	28.88		
D Magee Bursaries	85.81		
FS Leahy Bursary	18.00		
Dromore Bursary	35.00		
Doggart Bursary	132.00		
Total Receipts	398.69		450.00
Balance from 2018	1,772.58		1,721.27
TOTAL FUNDS	2,171.27		2,171.27

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Reviewed by William McCollum ACA

ACCOUNTS

REFORMED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE Financial Statement 2020

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
		Honoraria - staff:	
Funding from Finance Committee	20,000.00	Professor E Donnelly	462.00
Students' fees	7,200.00	Professor RLW McCollum	5,775.00
Auditor's Attendance fees	274.00	Professor WDJ McKay	4,620.00
Rea Fund	10.00	Professor WNS Wilson	2,310.00
S McAfee Bequest	16.00	Professor W Peel	4,158.00
Endowment Fund	84.50 }	Professor A Kerr	2,310.00
Mulvin Investment	126.50 }	Rev. R. Blair	1,155.00
MK McKnight Bequest	3.00 232.00	Rev. M. Johnston - Guest Lectures 12/2/20	120.00
S Cromie Bequest	12.00 }	Travelling expenses - staff / guest lecturers	1,023.37
RJ Wilson Bequest	6.00 }	RTJ Editor's Expenses 2020	75.00
		Trimprint - RTJ Digital Formatting 2018 & 2019	330.00
Bursaries & Prizes (See Details below)	405.38	Bursaries & Prizes	450.00
J. McEwen Bequest	15,000.00	J. McEwen Bequest - Transfer to Library Fund	15,000.00
		C.Stewart - Voice Production	800.00
		Stationery, photocopying, printing	24.99
		New Projector for Lecture Room	370.80
		Heating	881.76
		Electricity	456.00
		Telephone and telecommunications	679.67
		Insurance	2,717.83
		Fire Alarm & Emergency Lighting Maintenance	492.00
Progressive BS Interest - Contingency Reserve	354.86	Cleaning	100.00
Bank interest - Danske	76.20	Bank charges - Danske	5.36
Total receipts	43,568.44	Total payments	44,316.78
Balance from 2019 - Danske	22,397.64	Balance to 2021- Danske	21,294.44
Balance from 2019 - Progressive	28,388.49	Balance to 2021 - Progressive	28,743.35
TOTAL FUNDS	94,354.57	TOTAL FUNDS	94,354.57

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Reviewed by William McCollum ACA

ACCOUNTS

REFORMED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE – BURSARIES AND PRIZES		PAYMENTS
RECEIPTS	2020	£
BURSARIES & PRIZES		
John Kerr Bursary	3.00	}
Archibald Bursary	3.00	}
W Wasson Memorial Bursary	30.00	}
J Donnelly Memorial Bursary	30.00	}
Stewart Allen Bursary	15.00	}
Mawhinney Bursary	3.00	}
JG Thompson Bursary	3.00	99.00
Lyons Memorial Prize	3.00	}
Dodds Memorial Prize	3.00	} Prizes
E Graham Prize	3.00	} 450.00
M Graham Prize	3.00	}
R Buchanan Bursary	28.88	
D Magee Bursaries	85.50	
FS Leahy Bursary	32.00	
Dromore Bursary	28.00	
Doggart Bursary	132.00	
Total Receipts	405.38	450.00
Balance from 2019	1,721.27	1,676.65
TOTAL FUNDS	2,126.65	2,126.65

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Reviewed by William McCollum ACA

ACCOUNTS

REFORMED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE EDUCATION FUND 2019

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Funding from Finance Committee	25,000.00	Grants to Students	20,550.00
Interest - T. Mann Bequest	9.00	Students' Fees	7,200.00
Interest - H.W. Stewart Bequest	53.11	HW Stewart Grants to Students	53.10
Interest - R. Kerr Bequest	45.00	L. Duggart Grants to Students	1,500.00
Interest - R.C. Flood Bequest	308.58		
Interest - Trustees of Synod	14.00		
Interest - Trustees of Synod - Rea Fund	45.60		
Interest & Capital - L. Duggart Bequest	1,500.00		
Offering - Opening Lecture	520.00		
Gift Aid - Opening Lecture	130.00		
Bank Interest	78.16	Bank Charges	0.50
Gift Aid on Offering Ordln. R. Robb	144.62		
Gift Aid on Offering Ordln. P. Dundee	180.71		
Ordination Service Offering - I. Berrocal	337.00		
Gift Aid on Offering Ordln. I Berrocal	84.25		
Gift aid Overpayment	10.00		
Total Receipts	28,460.03	Total Payments	29,303.60
Balance from 2018	32,185.81	Balance to 2020	31,342.24
TOTAL FUNDS	60,645.84	TOTAL FUNDS	60,645.84

Prepared by David McKelvey, Treasurer
Reviewed by William McCollum ACA

REFORMED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE EDUCATION FUND 2020

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Funding from Finance Committee	25,000.00	Grants to Students	20,760.00
Interest - T. Mann Bequest	16.00	Students' Fees	7,200.00
Interest - H.W. Stewart Bequest	94.41	HW Stewart Grants to Students	94.41
Interest - R. Kerr Bequest	78.75	L. Doggart Grants to Students	1,500.00
Interest - R.C. Flood Bequest	280.53		
Interest - Trustees of Synod	14.00		
Interest - Trustees of Synod - Rea			
Fund	14.25		
Interest & Capital - L. Doggart			
Bequest	1,500.00		
Bank Interest	80.67	Bank Charges	0.45
Total Receipts	27,078.61	Total Payments	29,554.86
Balance from 2019	31,342.24	Balance to 2021	28,865.99
TOTAL FUNDS	58,420.85	TOTAL FUNDS	58,420.85

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REFORMED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE LIBRARY 2019

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

Offering at Closing Lecture	540.00	Purchase of Books	578.98
Gift Aid on Offering at Closing Lecture	135.00	Subscriptions to Journals	335.43
Interest - McFerran Bequest	84.00	Librarian's expenses	145.20
Progressive BS Interest - Contingency Reserve	86.96	Librarian's Honorarium	100.00
Bank Interest - Danske	3.15	Bank Charges - Danske	18.05
		Postage	2.80
Total Receipts	849.11	Total Payments	1,180.46
Balance from 2018 - Danske	3,326.39	Balance to 2020-Danske	2,908.08
Balance from 2018 - Progressive	5,790.70	Balance to 2020 - Progressive	5,877.66
TOTAL FUNDS	9,966.20	TOTAL FUNDS	9,966.20

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ACCOUNTS

REFORMED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE LIBRARY 2020

RECEIPTS

Offering at Opening Lecture	163.00	Purchase of Books	124.00
J. McEwen Legacy	15,000.00	Subscriptions to Journals	313.31
Interest - McFerran Bequest	84.00	Librarian's expenses	194.10
Progressive BS Interest - Contingency Reserve	88.16	Librarian's Honorarium	100.00
Bank Interest - Danske	6.36	Bank Charges - Danske	18.05
Total Receipts	15,341.52	Total Payments	749.46
Balance from 2019 - Danske	2,908.08	Balance to 2021-Danske	17,411.98
Balance from 2019 - Progressive	5,877.66	Balance to 2021 - Progressive	5,965.82
TOTAL FUNDS	24,127.26	TOTAL FUNDS	24,127.26

Prepared by David McKelvey, Treasurer
 Reviewed by William McCollum ACA

ACCOUNTS

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN WEEKEND CONFERENCE Financial Report 13 August 2019 - 12 August 2020

INCOME

Balance in bank at 12 August 2019	£2,355.35
Income from conferees (incl. day visitors)	£10,673.00
Interest (taxed @ 20%)	£2.91
Collection for Galway Covenant Fellowship	£431.00

EXPENDITURE

Armagh City Hotel	£8,990.85
Speaker (£350 fee; £80 travel exp; £25 speaker's wife)	£455.00
Musical group - Qua family (cash)	£150.00
Printing promotional flyers	£34.12
Treasurer expenses (cash- for badges, card and toner)	£23.30
Collection to Irish Section (Mission)	£431.00
Bank Charges	£30.38
	£10,114.65
	£992.26

Total

£11,106.91 Balance in bank at 12 August 2020 £3,347.61

*NB Due to the rapidly escalating situation as we advanced towards the first Coronavirus lockdown, we had a number of cancellations in the days leading up to the conference. The contract with the hotel did not allow for refunds for late cancellations but, in the end, they were very understanding and as a result, we were able to refund most of what people had paid - People had paid £149 per person sharing, we refunded £140. The Magee/Neilly family group chose to leave their payment of £500 in the conference committee account to go towards their payment for a future conference. This amount is therefore inflating the profit recorded.

The hotel bill was made up by a junior manager and when checked by the conference manager, it appeared we had overpaid £93.60. Lockdown was imposed before this matter could be resolved and in the circumstances, I have not pursued the matter. It is hoped, following a very successful stay and excellent hospitality, that we will return for a future conference, at which point this may be 'remembered'.

Jean Morrison (Treasurer)
Audited by Trevor Magee

INSTRUCTION OF THE YOUNG ACCOUNT 2009
2020/2021

DANSKE ACCOUNT

INCOME	EXPENDITURE
Cash balance as of 30/03/20	£26.00
Interest	£1,285.25
	£9,108.74
Total:	£10,419.99

ACCOUNTS

NATIONAL SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

INCOME	EXPENDITURE
Balance as of 30/04/20	£256.90
Capital Interest	£1.85
	Cash balance c/f
Total:	£258.75
	£258.75

MINISTER'S PENSION AND SICKNESS FUND - FINANCIAL STATEMENT
For the year ended 31st December 2020

Receipts	Payments	
Finance Committee	Pensions paid	£57,145.13
Mission Committee		
Donation	Bank Fees	£70.12
Interest		
Synods Trustees		
Bank		
Opening Balance	Closing Balance	
Current Account	Current Account	£120,305.73
Savings Account	Savings Account	£4,678.70
		£182,199.68

Thomas Forgrave (Convenor)
J Barfoot FCCA

ACCOUNTS

PSALMODY FINANCIAL REPORT 2020

Income		Expenditure	
Balance c/f/ 31/12/2019	£3743.80	Committee Expenses	£ 40.00
Sale of Psalters - Bookshop	£456.00	Bank Fees	£ 19.75
		Balance 31/12/2020	£4140.05
Total:	£4199.80	Total	£4199.80

Treasurer: Margaret Prall

Audited and found to match Bank Records: Rev James Blair

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RP Global Alliance Accounts 2016-2018

US Financial Statements 2016-2018

US Financial Statement 2016

INCOME		EXPENSES		
Opening Balance 01/01/2016	\$0.00	Travel: US to Scotland	£1,249.11	
Loughbrickland RPC donation	\$1,209.59	Travel: Canada to Scotland	£713.58	
RPCNA Contribution	\$5,917.65	Travel: Australia to US	£2,070.00	
RPCA Contribution (AUD \$1308)	\$1,000.00	Travel: Canada to US	£283.65	
		Travel: NI to US	\$1,331.29	\$5,647.63
		Website development & consulting		\$2,414.61
		International Money Transfer Fees		\$65.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,127.24	TOTAL EXPENSES		\$8,127.24
		Balance as at 31/12/2016		\$0.00

ACCOUNTS

US Financial Statement 2017

INCOME		EXPENSES		
Opening Balance 01/01/2017	\$0.00	Travel: Canada to NI	\$753.60	
RPCNA Contribution	\$7,749.65	Travel: Australia to NI	\$1,000.00	\$1,753.60
RPCA Contribution (AUD \$1278.55)	\$1,000.00	Publicity		\$436.39
		Materials and Postage		
		Website Development		\$6,473.00
		International Money Transfer Fees		\$86.66
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,749.65	TOTAL EXPENSES		\$8,749.65
		Balance as at 31/12/2017		\$0.00

US Financial Statement 2018

INCOME		EXPENSES		
Opening Balance 01/01/2018	\$0.00	Travel: Australia to US		\$1,454.75
RPCA Contribution (AUD £1380)	\$1,000.00	Website development		\$450.00
RPCNA Contribution	\$9,999.75	RPCNA Transfer to RPGA UK a/c		\$9,055.00
		International Money Transfer Fees		\$40.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$10,999.75	TOTAL EXPENSES		\$10,999.75
		Balance as at 31/12/2018		\$0.00

ACCOUNTS
UK Financial Statements 2016-2018

UK Financial Statement 2016

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Opening Balance 01/01/2016	£0.00	Website domain and template	£173.67
RPCS contribution	£790.00	Wages: Website Content Manager	£240.00
TOTAL INCOME	£790.00	TOTAL EXPENSES	£413.67
		Balance as at 31/12/2016	£376.33

UK Financial Statement 2017

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Opening Balance 01/01/2017	£376.33	RPGA Website	
RPCS contribution	£750.00	Website domain	£100.08
		Stock photography	£88.77
		Capital Items	£588.00
		Email account (G-Suite)	£94.40
		Website backup	£0.52
		Let's Worship God Website	£871.77
		Website hosting	£67.93
		Website design	£460.00
		Travel: Scotland to NI	£527.93
		Meetings Hospitality	£183.46
		Publicity Materials and Postage	£96.88
		Overpayment of expenses	£200.76
TOTAL INCOME	£1,126.33	TOTAL EXPENSES	£1,882.75
		Balance as at 31/12/2017	-£756.42

ACCOUNTS
UK Financial Statement 2018

INCOME		EXPENSES		
Opening Balance 01/01/2018	-£756.42	RPGA Website		
RPCS contribution	£716.00	Website domain and hosting	£100.08	
Transfer from RPCNA	£6,726.98	Website backup	£1.79	
RPCI Contribution	£2,805.00	Email account (G-Suite)	£100.27	
RPCI Contribution (2017)	£2,805.00	Website template support	£100.79	302.93
		Travel		
		NI to Canada	£487.30	
		Scotland to Canada	£615.06	£1,102.36
		Wages (including back pay)		
		Website news manager	£4,920.00	
		Website content manager	£2,760.00	7680
TOTAL INCOME	£13,052.98	TOTAL EXPENSES		£9,085.29
		Balance as at 31/12/2018		£3,211.27

Prepared by Rev. Bill Matthes

Reviewed and found correct by Rev. Joel Loughridge

ACCOUNTS
RP Global Alliance Accounts 2019
US Financial Accounts 2019

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Opening Balance 01/01/2019	\$0.00	Website	
RPCNA Contribution	\$509.50	Maintenance	\$261.00
		Development – multilingual features	\$208.50 \$469.50
		International Money Transfer Fees	\$40.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$509.50	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$509.50
		Balance as at 31/12/2019	\$0.00

UK Financial Statements 2019

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Opening Balance 01/01/2019	£3,211.27	RPGA Website	
		Website domain and hosting	£0.00
		Website backup	£4.06
		Email account (G-Suite)	£82.57 £86.63
		Travel	£0.00
		Wages	
		Website news manager	£1,370.00
		Website content manager	£1,564.00 £2,934.00
TOTAL INCOME	£0.00	TOTAL EXPENSES	£3,020.63
		Balance as at 31/12/2019	£190.64

Prepared by Rev. Joel Loughridge

Reviewed and found correct by Elizabeth McDonnell (Trinity RPC)

ACCOUNTS
RP Global Alliance Accounts 2020
US Financial Accounts 2020

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Opening Balance 01/01/2020	\$0.00	Website	
RPCNA Contribution	\$11,331.47	Maintenance	\$494.40
		International Money Transfer Fees	\$40.00
		Transfers to RPGA UK	\$5,000.00
		Travel	\$3,612.02
		Wages	\$2,185.05
TOTAL INCOME	\$11,331.47	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11,331.47
		Balance as at 31/12/2020	\$0.00

ACCOUNTS
UK Financial Accounts 2020

INCOME		EXPENSES		
Opening Balance	£190.64			
01/01/2020		RPGA Website		
RPCA contribution (2019) (USD \$750; AUD \$1083)	£553.45	Website domain and hosting	£362.28	
Transfer from RPCNA	£3,764.78	Website backup	£4.61	
Duplicate payment correction	£137.50	Email account (G-Suite)	£163.22	£530.11
RPCS Contribution (2019) (USD \$1000)	£779.90	Travel		£28.00
RPCS Contribution (2020) (USD \$1000)	£764.70	Wages		
RPCI Contribution (2019)	£2,800.00	Website news manager	£1,935.00	
		Website content manager	£1,568.00	£3,503.00
		Duplicate payment error		£137.50
		Day of Prayer Publicity		£365.41
TOTAL INCOME	£8,800.33	TOTAL EXPENSES		£4,564.02
		Balance as at 31/12/2020		£4,426.95
Total Income + Opening Balance	£8,990.97	Total Expenses + Closing Balance		£8,990.97

Note: Remainder of RPCA 2019 contribution is held in RPCA account (USD \$250) along with 2020 contribution (USD \$1000)

Prepared by Rev. Joel Loughridge

Reviewed and found correct by Elizabeth McDonnell (Trinity RPCI)

ACCOUNTS

RP Church Camps Committee - Accounts 2019

Income	Expenditure
Carried forward from 2018	Senior Camp 6000.00
Balance in bank as at 01/01/2019	Boys' Discovery Camp 0.00
Church Finance Committee	Girls' Discovery Camp 0.00
Donations	Boys' Adventure Camp 2000.00
Limavady RPC 10000.00	
Shaftesbury Square 1140.00	Girls' Adventure Camp 0.00
WMA	
	Camps Training Day 320.95
	Equipment 89.00
	Printing & Postage 184.46
	First Aid Training 325.00
	Insurance 63.50
Bank Interest 12.68	Bank Fees 19.42
Total 25442.75	9002.33
	Balance in bank at 31/12/2019 16440.42
	25442.75
John Cromie, Treasurer	982.91

ACCOUNTS

RP Church Camps Committee - Accounts 2020

Income			Expenditure
Carried forward from 2018			3000.00
Balance in bank as at 01/01/2019			0.00
Church Finance Committee			0.00
Donations			0.00
	16440.42		
		Senior Camp	
	1000.00	Boys' Discovery Camp	
	620.00	Girls' Discovery Camp	
		Boys' Adventure Camp	
	620.00		
		Girls' Adventure Camp	
		Camps Training Day	
		Equipment	
		Printing & Postage	
		First Aid Training	
		Insurance	
	14.54	Bank Fees	18.30
Bank Interest	18074.96		3018.30
Total		Balance in bank at 31/12/2019	15056.66
			18074.96

John Cromie, Treasurer

ACCOUNTS

RELIEF FUND ACCOUNTS 2019-2020

Opening Balance		Closing Balance	
Charity Acc	0.97	Charity Acc	0.97
Investment Acc	2.82	Investment Acc	2.82
Current Acc	23123.13	Current Acc	11206.65
Donations	19029.28	Materials/Serbia	21575.94
Team Payments	16549.00	Materials/Galway	3701.65
Bank Interest	20.09	Flights/Serbia	7656.6
		Flights/Moldova	630.00
		Team Expenses	4397.65
		Bank Fees	52.96
		Donation /After School	
		Club/Serbia	7500.00
		Euro/ Purchase	2000.00
	58725.29		58725.29

POST OFFICE ACCOUNT (EURO)

Opening Balance	1755.92	Closing Balance	1195.72
Cash On Hand	250.00	Cash On Hand	300.00
T/F Fron Current Acc	2040.00	Materials/Galway	316.91
		Materials/Serbia	2126.43
		Expenses /Moldova	106.86
	4045.92		4045.92

ACCOUNTS

RELIEF FUND ACCOUNTS 2019-2020

Opening Balance		Closing Balance	
Charity Acc	0.97	Charity Acc	0.97
Investment Acc	2.82	Investment Acc	2.82
Current Acc	11206.65	Current Acc	11761.76
Income		Expenditure	
Mission Committee	3925.87	Serbia Flights	2899.36
Galway Expenses)		Sports Academy	1500.00
Donations Beruit	19980.80	Moldova Camp	6000.00
(Merf)		Open Doors	1500.00
General Donations		Beruit (Merf)	20000.00
Bank Interest	20.84	Sports Academy	2225.00
		Open Doors	2225.00
		Bank Fees	30.17
	48145.08		48145.08

POST OFFICE ACCOUNT (EURO)

Opening Balance		Closing Balance	
Cash On Hand	300.00	Cash On Hand	300.00
	1495.72		1495.72

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Times of Sabbath services: 11.30 am and 7.00 pm

Communion: 2nd Sabbath in March, June, September, December.

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C. Y. Meets 1st Sabbath of the month & for social activities 3rd Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Communion Seasons: 2nd Sabbaths March, June and December at 12.00 noon.

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Times of Sabbath Services: 12.00 noon and 6.30 p.m.

Communion Seasons: 3rd Sabbath January, May and September

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Times of Sabbath Services: 11.30 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.

Communion Seasons: Second Sabbath in September, November, January, March & May; last Sabbath in June

Website: cloughmills.rpc.org

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Times of Sabbath Services: 11.30 a.m.; 6.30 p.m. (1st & 3rd Sabbaths)

Communion Seasons: 1st Sabbath March, June, and December, 3rd Sabbath September

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Times of Sabbath Services: 11:30 am; 7.30 p.m. 2nd and 4th Sabbaths;

Communion Seasons: 1st Sabbaths March, June, September and December

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Times of Sabbath Services: 12.00 noon; 8:00 p.m. (last Sabbath)

Fellowship Meetings: 1st and 3rd Sabbaths at 8:00 p.m.

Communion Seasons: 2nd Sabbaths January, May and September

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Times of Sabbath Services: 12.00 noon; 6:30 p.m.

Communion Seasons: Last Sabbath of January, May and September

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Church Website: www.kellswaterrpc.org

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Times of Sabbath Services: 12.00 noon and 7.30 p.m.

Communion Seasons: January, May and November

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Communion Seasons: January, April and October

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Times of Sabbath Services: 11.30 a.m., 7.00 p.m. on 1st and 3rd Lord's Day of Month

SYNODICAL INFORMATION

Communion Seasons: 2nd Sabbaths January, May and September

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Times of Sabbath Services: 11.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

Communion Seasons: February, June and October

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Times of Sabbath Services: 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Communion Seasons: 1st Sabbath February, June and October

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Times of Sabbath Services: Doctrine Class 10.00am

Prayer Time 10.45am Public Worship 11.30am and 6.00pm

Mid-week meeting: 7.00pm Thursday

Communion Seasons: 3rd Sabbath January, May and September

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Times of Sabbath Services: 12.00 noon. 7.00 p.m.

Communion Seasons: 3rd Sabbaths May and November

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Times of Sabbath Services: 11.30 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.

Communion Seasons: 2nd Sabbaths March, June, September and December

KNOCKBRACKEN

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Times of Sabbath Services: 11.30 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.
Communion Seasons: 2nd Sabbaths January, May and September

LISBURN

Location of Meetinghouse: 49 Nettlehill Road, Ballymacash, Lisburn, BT28 3HE
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CY Secretary: Mr Alastair McCollum, 55 Knightsbridge Lisburn BT28 3DG
Precentor (Contact person): Mr Alastair McCollum Tel. 079 3382 4758
Times of Sabbath Services: 11.30 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.
Communion Seasons: 2nd Sabbath January, May and October

NEWTOWNARDS

Location of Meetinghouse: 2 Regent Street, Newtownards, Co. Down BT23 4LH
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SYNODICAL INFORMATION

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Precentor (Contact person): Mr Raymond Trousdale Tel 07305 690 410

Safeguarding Designated Person: Ms June Hamilton, 30 Mark Mews, Newtownards, BT23 4GW Tel. 07821 411 108

Times of Sabbath Services: 11.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

Communion Seasons: to be arranged

Website: www.newtownards.rpc.org

SHAFTESBURY SQUARE

Location of Meeting House: 72 Dublin Road, Belfast BT2 7HP

Minister: Rev. Prof. W. D. J. McKay, B.A., B. D., M. Th., Ph. D., 37 Old Hollywood Road, Belfast BT4 2HJ Tel 028 9076 0589

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Times of Sabbath Services: 11.30 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.

Communion Seasons: First Sabbath February, June and October

TRINITY

Location of Meetinghouse: 560 Doagh Road, Mossley, Newtownabbey BT36 5BU

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SYNODICAL INFORMATION

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CY Secretary: Mr I. McDonnell, 6 Twinburn Road, Newtownabbey BT37 0EL Tel 028 9086 2181

Precentor (Contact person): Dr. John McKelvey Tel 028 2588 0159

Times of Sabbath Services: 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Safeguarding Designated Person: Mr Graham Moffett, Lantaur, 33 Lynda Farm, Newtownabbey BT37 0AX Tel 028 9086 4503

Communion Seasons: 3rd Sabbath of September, November, January, March and May.

WOODSTOCK SOCIETY

Location of meeting house: 411 Woodstock Road, Belfast, BT6 8PW

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Treasurer : Mr O. Graham, 141, Jordanstown Rd., Newtownabbey, BT370LP

Times of Sabbath Services : 11.20am & 6.30pm

Communion : 3rd Sabbaths in February, May & November

Bible Study : Tuesday 8.00pm

WESTERN PRESBYTERY

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SYNODICAL INFORMATION

Stated meetings of Presbytery: 1st Wednesday in September, November, February and May at 7:30 p.m. at **Bready** and at Synod.

BREADY

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Precentor (Contact person): Mrs Caroline Lynch Tel. 028 7139 8002

Times of Sabbath Services: 11.30 a.m.; 6.30 p.m.

Communion Seasons: January, April/May, October/November

CONVOY

Location of Meeting House: Ballyboe, Convooy, Lifford, Co. Donegal

Minister: Rev. Stephen A. Wright, B.Sc.,

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Times of Services – 11:00 a.m. each Sabbath. Sabbath School – 10:00 a.m. Midweek Prayer Time and Bible Study Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

Communion Seasons: 2nd Sabbath May and November

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COVENANT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP GALWAY

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Precentor (Contact person): Mrs Mary Hamilton (091) 374302

Times of Sabbath Services: 11:30 a.m.

Evening Fellowship Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Communion Seasons: 3rd Sabbath each month (except July and August)

ENNISKILLEN

Location of Meetings Place: 153 Sligo Road, Enniskillen

Minister: Rev. T. H. Coulter, B.A.

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Treasurer – Mr William Armstrong

Precentor - Mr William Armstrong

Times of Sabbath Services - 11.30am and 7.00pm.

Communion Seasons – 4 Times per annum.

Safeguarding Designated Person:

FAUGHAN

SYNODICAL INFORMATION

Location of Meetinghouse: 4 Fincairn Road, Drumahoe, Londonderry

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Safeguarding Designated Person: Mr Robert Steele, 195 Highmoor Road, Drumahoe, Londonderry. BT47 3HS Tel 028 7130 1496

Times of Sabbath Services: 11:30 a.m.; 6:30p.m.

Communion Seasons: In January, May and September

Congregational Website: www.faughanrpc.org

SYNODICAL INFORMATION

GATEWAY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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Safeguarding Designated Person: Rev. Stephen Neilly

Times of Sabbath Services: 11:00 a.m.; 6.30 p.m. (Selected Homes of Congregation)

Communion Seasons: January, May and September

LIMAVADY

Location of Meetinghouse: Greystone Road, Limavady, Co. Londonderry

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SYNODICAL INFORMATION

Times of Sabbath Services: 12.00 noon; 7.00 p.m.

Communion Seasons: 3rd Sabbath January, May and September

MILFORD

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Mrs Ruth McCollum, Tel 074 9163411*

Safeguarding Designated Person: Mrs Edith Green Woodquarter, Cranford, Letterkenny Co. Donegal

Times of Sabbath Services: 11.30 am & 7.00pm;

Communion Seasons: 3rd Sabbath March, June, September and December

Website: www.milfordrpc.org

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STRANORLAR

Location of Meetinghouse: Main Street, Stranorlar, Co. Donegal

Interim Moderator: Rev. H. Ian G. Morrison, 9 Greengage Lane, Ballymoney, Co. Antrim, BT53 6HW

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Times of Sabbath Services: 10.45 a.m.;

Communion Seasons: May and November

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LETTERKENNY

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Times of Sabbath Services: 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Website: www.newlifefellowship.ie

Communion Seasons: 3rd Sabbath March, June, September and December

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SOUTHERN PRESBYTERY

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BALLENON

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WF Secretary: Mrs Muriel Johnston, 11 Porthill Road, Mountnorris, Armagh BT 60 2TY Tel 028 3750 7844

CY Secretary: Mr Andrew Herron, 34 Corrinare Road, Loughgilly. Armagh, BT60 2DW Tel 028 3831 8616

Precentor (Contact person): Mrs James Stewart Tel 028 3755 1257

Safeguarding Designated Person: Mrs Betty Stewart

Times of Sabbath Service: : Joint with Ballylane 11.00am; 7:00 p.m. 1st & 3rd Sabbaths in month. Venue – month about between Ballenon and Ballylane. Ballenon: February, April, June, August, October, December

Communion Seasons: April and November

BALLYLANE

Location of Meetinghouse: Ballylane, Mowhan, Markethill, Co. Armagh

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Congregational Secretary: Mr Ian Douglas, 165 Mowhan Road, Markethill, Armagh, BT60 1RR Tel 028 3750 7042

WF Secretary: See Ballenon

SYNODICAL INFORMATION

CY Secretary: See Ballenon

Precentor (Contact person): Mrs Florence Stewart Tel 028 3752 2476

Safeguarding Designated Person: See Ballenon

Times of Sabbath Service: Joint with Ballenon 11.00am; 7:00 p.m. 1st & 3rd Sabbaths in month. Venue – month about between Ballenon and Ballylane.

Ballylane: January, March, May, July, September, November

Communion Seasons: April and November

Time of Sabbath School: See Ballenon

CLARE

Location of Meetinghouse: Clare Crossroads, Near Tandragee, Co. Armagh

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Times of Sabbath Services: 10.45 a.m; 7.00 (1st Sabbath) ; Prayer & Bible Study (3rd Sabbath) at 5:30 p.m; Prayer Meeting (3rd Wednesday) at 8.00pm.

Communion Seasons: usually 3rd Sabbath May and November

CREEVAGH

Location of Meetinghouse: Creevagh, Ballybay, Co. Monaghan

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Congregational Secretary: Mr Alex Moffett, Corlea, Ballybay,
Co. Monaghan

Precentor (Contact person): Mrs Evelyn Steen, Tel 042- 9741602#

Safeguarding Designated Person: Mrs Evelyn Steen

Times of Sabbath Services: 12.00 noon; 8.00 p.m. 1st Sabbath of each
month

Communion Seasons: 2nd Sabbath May and November

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FAIRVIEW

Location of Meetinghouse: Fairview (Near Oram, Castleblaney) Co.
Monaghan

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Precentor (Contact persons): Mrs Elizabeth Armstrong, Tel 042-
9740188# OR Mr William Hughes Tel 028 3087 8324

Safeguarding Designated Person: Mrs Naomi Hughes, Lurganearly,
Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan

Times of Sabbath Services: 12.30 p.m.;

Communion Seasons: May and November

SYNODICAL INFORMATION

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LOUGHBRICKLAND

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Times of Sabbath Services: 11.30 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.

Communion Seasons: 1st Sabbaths February, June, and October

Church Website: www.loughbrickland.org

Direct Streaming: www.loughbrickland.org/streaming

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Times of Sabbath Services: 11.30 a.m. 7.00 p.m. on 1st & 3rd Sabbaths

Communion Seasons: 3rd Sabbath January, May and October

RATHFRILAND

Location of Meetinghouse: Castle Lane, Rathfriland, Co. Down

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Precentor (Contact person): Mrs Rosemary Harbinson Tel 028 4063 0417

Times of Sabbath Meetings: 12.00 noon; 7.00 p.m. (1st, 2nd & 4th Sabbaths)

Communion Seasons: 1st Sabbaths May and November

SYNODICAL INFORMATION

TULLYVALLEN

Location of Meetinghouse: Tullyvallen, Tullyneil Road, Newtownhamilton, Co. Armagh

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Times of Sabbath Services: 10.30 a.m.; 7.00 p.m. (2nd Sabbath alt.)

Communion Seasons: 2nd Sabbaths May and November

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STATISTICS FOR 2019

Congregation	Number of Elders	Number of Deacons/Committee	Number of Families	Number of Communicants	Attendance at Communion	Attendance at Morning Worship	Attendance at Evening Worship	Attendance at Mid Week Meeting	Number of S.S. Teachers	Number of Pupils	Number of C. Y. Members	C. Y. Members from other R . P. Churches	C. Y. Members from outside R P bounds	Number of Baptisms	
	Northern Presbytery														
	Ballycabber	5	7	32	66	52	77	45	18	6	24	17	9	12	2
	Ballylaggan	9	12	68	104	88	90	45	24	5	20	12	0	7	0
	Ballymoney	7	12	37	57	42	49	29	12	3	6	0	0	0	1
	Cloughmills	4	4	16	33	28	39	37	13	4	9	12	0	0	0
	Cullybackey	6	4	63	97	72	115	50	20	6	33	28	1	37	3
	Derwock	8	12	33	63	51	57	34	17	2	5	14	0	0	0
	Drinbolg	4	14	35	64	37	40	18	10	3	11	7	0	0	1
	Kellswater	3	1	17	21	20	33	20	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Killraughis	9	5	40	69	61	67	31	25	5	15	15	4	12	0
	Portrush	3	5	14	27	22	28	19	12	2	3	0	0	0	0
	Southern Presbytery														
	Ballenon	2	12	15	30	22	25	15	10	3	7	0	0	0	0
Ballylane	4	9	18	26	18	20	15	10	3	3	0	0	0	0	
Clare	2	11	17	30	25	25	10	10	1	7	0	0	0	0	
Creevagh	2	7	20	22	18	18	24	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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Fairview	3	8	23	37	31	62	65	25	4	13	8	7	3	0
Loughbrickland	3	3	43	62	54	80	60	16	5	30	12	0	0	2
Newry	4	8	22	27	24	35	35	9	3	5	5	3	8	2
Rathfriland	2	13	34	52	34	53	14	11	3	10	0	0	0	0
Tullyvallen	3	6	26	25	21	40	60	19	5	10	7	9	0	1
Eastern														
Presbytery														
Ballesmillis	2	8	18	24	21	21	20	9	2	6	0	0	0	0
Ballyclare	5	3	24	42	46	71	47	10	5	26	8	5	2	3
Carrickfergus	2	2	16	22	23	27	22	10	4	5	7	0	1	0
Cookstown	0	0	4	7	10	16	20	14	1	2	0	0	0	1
Dromara	5	14	59	80	54	74	32	14	4	11	3	3	0	0
Dromore	2	3	25	46	35	64	38	15	6	25	6	0	0	2
Knockbracken	3	5	22	35	26	35	25	10	4	6	5	0	5	1
Lisburn	4	7	35	59	53	70	51	17	4	9	0	0	0	2
Newtownards	8	7	45	69	55	74	41	25	5	17	16	0	0	3
Shafesbury Sq.	7	6	37	50	36	45	25	10	3	5	0	0	0	0
Trinity	8	7	61	115	93	152	110	41	10	65	25	7	6	7
Woodstock	0	0	9	14	23	27	19	6	0	0	0	0	0	1

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Western Presbytery														
Bready	4	3	22	38	29	41	23	11	4	11	0	0	0	1
Convoy	2	8	10	21	17	16	12	6	2	4	0	0	0	0
Enniskillen	5	0	6	15	21	22	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Faughan	2	8	26	45	32	47	23	15	3	7	0	0	0	0
Galway	3	0	14	25	24	34	10	16	4	7	6	0	0	0
Gateway Christian Fellowship	3	0	7	20	18	25	10	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Letterkenry	2	0	11	18	19	33	19	10	3	8	0	0	0	2
Limavady	8	5	43	68	53	63	55	30	3	6	0	0	0	2
Milford	2	5	18	27	26	32	17	12	1	4	0	0	0	0
Stranorlar	2	6	8	20	18	18	-	8	0	0	5	0	0	0

STATISTICS FOR 2019

Congregation	Salary Paid by Congregation	Expenses paid to Minister	Housing Allowance paid to Minister	Contributions to minister's Pension
Northern Presbytery				
Ballyclabber	€32,005.16	€505.02	€5,000.00	€2,640.00
Ballylagan	€29,500.00	-	-	€2,950.00
Ballymonee	€25,500.00	-	€4,000.00	€3,048.48
Cloughmills	€25,560.00	-	-	€2,551.00
Cullybackey	€29,400.00	-	€8,400.00	€2,940.00
Derock	€27,600.00	€1,250	-	€2,640.00
Drinbolg	€26,000.04	€1,000	-	€3,195.00
Kellswater	€25,497.00	-	-	€2,600.00
Kilraughts	€26,000.00	€800.00	-	€2,880.00
Portrush	€26,499.99	-	-	€2,650.00
Southern Presbytery				
Ballenon	€2,200	€250	-	0
Ballylane	€2,200	€600	-	0
Clare	-	-	-	-
Creevagh	-	-	-	-
Fairview	No info received	-	-	-
Loughbrickland	-	-	-	-
Newry	€25,500.00	€1,260.00	€4,400.00	€2,500.00
Rathfriland	€24,600.00	€200.00	€5,196.00	€2,139.96
Tullyvallen	€13,111.00	€240.00	-	€1,300.00

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Congregation	Salary Paid by Congregation	Expenses paid to Minister	Housing Allowance paid to Minister	Contributions to minister's Pension
Eastern Presbytery				
Ballesmills	€25,560.00	€219.84	€6,134.40	€2,556.00
Ballyclare	€28,250.00	€208.80	-	€3,750.00
Carrickfergus	€25,560.00	-	-	€2,544.00
Cookstown	€26,000	€36.00	€6,000.00	€2,600.00
Dromara	€28,656.00	€350.00	-	€2,865.60
Dromore	-	-	-	-
Knockbracken	€26,000.00	€3,000.00	-	€3,312.24
Lisburn	€27,720.00	€1,600.00	-	€2,772.00
Newtownards	€28,800.00	€3,000.00	-	€2,532.00
Shaftesbury Square	€28,884.00	€4,344.00	-	€2,880.00
Trillick	€29,450.00	€2,061.42	-	€2,950.00
Woodstock	€25,560.80	€210.00	-	€2,814.24
Western Presbytery				
Bready	€25,560.00	-	-	€2,556.00
Conroy	€25,020.00	€1,500.00	-	-
Enniskillen (2ministers)	€39,723.00	€2,735.00	-	€10,404.00
Faughan	€26,700.00	€3,600.00	-	€2,670.00
Gateway	€40,000.00	€2,320.00	-	€4,000.00
Gateway Christian Fellowship	€25,560.00	€500.00	€1,800.00	€2,556.00
Letterkenny	€40,000.00	€1,600.00	-	€4,000.00
Limavady	€27,816.54	€1,674.07	-	€2,781.54
Milford	€40,000.00	€1,600.00	-	€4,000.00
Stranorlar	-	-	-	-

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Congregation	Statistics for 2020													
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Northern Presbytery														
Ballyclabber	6	6	32	67	47	69	36	20	6	23	20	6	10	0
Ballylagan	9	12	68	104	88	90	45	24	5	20	12	0	7	0
Ballymorey	7	12	37	54	-	37	19	25	2	4	0	0	0	0
Cloughmills	4	4	18	36	31	48	40	23	4	13	11	0	0	1
Cullybackey	8	6	60	84	70	110	50	50	6	33	26	2	7	4
Derwack	6	12	29	56	44	51	32	15	1	3	11	0	0	1
Drimbold	4	14	29	55	32	35	15	8	4	9	5	0	0	1
Kellswater	3	1	22	25	20	35	25	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kilraughis	9	6	42	68	60	70	36	15	5	13	12	4	8	0
Portrush	3	5	14	26	23	25	19	15	2	3	0	0	0	0
Southern Presbytery														
Ballenon	2	6	21	29	20	25	14	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ballylane	4	9	18	23	15	15	8	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clare	2	11	25	25	23	24	-	10	1	7	4	0	0	0
Creavagh	2	6	13	21	17	17	22	5	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Fairview		3	7	19	32	28	41	52	17	4	9	7	9	0	1
Loughbrickland		3	4	28	51	N/A	45	28	10	4	18	12	1	1	0
Newry		3	8	23	29	N/A	37	40	12	3	4	5	5	15	0
Rathfriland		2	12	36	44	30	37	10	7	3	13	0	0	0	1
Tullyvallen		3	7	26	24	18	34	40	16	5	9	8	7	0	0
Eastern Presbytery															
Ballemills		2	8	18	24	21				1	3	0	0	0	0
Ballyclare		4	3	28	44	44	76	45	21	6	29	10	2	2	0
Carrickfergus		2	2	13	19	19	15	12	9	4	0	4	0	0	0
Cookstown		0	0	6	10	12	21	27	17	2	4	0	0	0	1
Dromara		5	13	59	77	50	68	28	14	4	8	3	0	0	0
Dromore		3	3	27	44	35	45	40	16	6	27	0	0	0	0
Knockbracken (2019 figures)		3	5	22	35	26	35	25	10	4	6	5	0	5	1
Lisburn		4	7	34	57	48	70	42	31	5	12	0	0	0	2
Newtownards		7	10	51	67	50	75	43	25	6	23	23	0	0	3
Shaftesbury Sq.		6	7	27	37	30	30	22	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity		8	8	60	111	84	150	100	40	9	55	23	5	1	1
Woodstock		0	0	10	14	19	26	23	16	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Congregation	Statistics for 2020															
Western Presbytery	Number of Elders	4	4	22	38	32	35	20	10	3	13	0	0	0	0	0
	Number of Deacons/Committee	2	8	10	21	14	20	-	6	-	4	0	0	0	0	1
	Number of Families	1	0	4	12	13	13	12	6	0	0	2	0	0	0	1
	Number of Communicants	4	8	29	49	31	33	23	14	14	3	6	0	0	0	0
	Attendance at Communion	3	0	16	24	21	31	31	14	12	3	5	5	0	0	0
	Attendance at Morning Worship	3	0	9	21	19	22	14	14	14	1	2	0	0	0	0
	Attendance at Evening Worship	2	0	12	19	19	30	22	-	9	3	8	5	7	0	1
	Attendance at Mid Week Meeting	6	5	44	71	50	59	44	25	4	4	7	0	0	0	4
	Number of S.S. Teachers	1	4	15	19	17	26	17	12	1	1	5	5	0	0	0
	Number of Pupils	2	6	10	20	18	18	16	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of C. Y. Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
C. Y. Members from other R . P. Churches	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
C. Y. Members from outside R P bounds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Number of Baptisms	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

STATISTICS FOR 2020

Congregation	Salary Paid by Congregation	Expenses paid to Minister	Housing Allowance paid to Minister	Contributions to ministers' Pension
Northern Presbytery				
Ballyclabber	£27,200.00	£495.28	£5,000.00	£2,726.00
Ballylaggan	£30,500.04	-	-	£3,050.04
Ballymoney	£26,318.75	-	£4,000.00	£3,289.50
Cloughmills	£27,115.00	-	-	£2,711.00
Cullybackey	£30,602.56	-	£8,999.85	£3,060.00
Derroch	£28,400.00	-	-	£2,640.00
Drinbolg	£26,374.98	-	£1,000	£3,000.00
Kellswater	£26,393.00	-	-	£2,640.00
Kilraughts	£26,500.00	-	-	£2,880.00
Portrush	£28,000.16	-	-	£2,800.00
Southern Presbytery				
Ballenon	£13,200.00	-	-	£1,320.00
Ballylane	£13,200.00	£500	-	£1,320.00
Clare	£29,040.00	-	-	Included in salary
Creevagh	-	-	-	-
Fairview	£13,200.00	-	-	£1,320.00
Loughbrickland	-	-	-	-
Newry	£25,222.52	£1,000.00	£4,660.00	£2,880.00
Rathfriland	£24,600.00	£200.00	£5,196.00	£2,139.96
Tullyvallen	£13,404.00	£240.00	-	£1,300.00

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Congregation	Salary Paid by Congregation	Expenses paid to Minister	Housing Allowance paid to Minister	Contributions to minister's Pension
Eastern Presbytery				
Ballemills	€26,400.00	€219.84	€6,336.00	€2,640.00
Ballyclare	€28,890.00	€219.84	-	€3,750.00
Carrickfergus	€24,600.00	-	-	€2,665.60
Cookstown	€26,133.36	-	€6,000.00	€2,600.00
Dromara	€29,300.00	€400.00	-	€2,930.04
Dromore	-	-	-	-
Knockracken (2019 figures)	€26,000.00	€3,000.00	-	€3,312.24
Lisburn	-	-	-	-
Newtownards	€29,400.00	€3,000.00	-	€2,694.00
Shaftesbury Square	€30,750.00	€4,452.00	-	€3,075.00
Trinity	€31,280.00	€2,185.00	-	€3,125.00
Woodstock	€26,400.00	-	-	€3,177.00
Western Presbytery				
Bready	-	-	-	-
Cornovoy	€25,020.00	€1,250.00	€7,350	-
Enniskillen	-	-	-	-
Faughan	€27,300.00	€3,600.00	-	€2,730.00
Galway	€40,800.00	€2,448.00	-	€4,080.00
Gateway Christian Fellowship	€26,400.00	€500.00	€1,800.00	€2,720.00
Letterkenry	€40,800.00	€1,624.00	-	€4,080.00
Limavady	€28,092.96	€1,816.39	-	€2,809.47
Milford	€40,800.00	€1,624.00	-	€4,080.00
Stranorlar	€15,238.00	€1,436.00	-	-