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### MINUTES OF PRO-RE-NATA MEETING OF SYNOD

At Cullybackey MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 10.00am.

1. A Pro-re-natâ meeting of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland was held in Cullybackey Reformed Presbyterian Church on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 commencing at 10.00am.
2. The Moderator, Rev. Geoffrey Allen, conducted devotional exercises reading from Ephesians 1:15 – 23. Psalm 96A:4-7 was sung in praise to God and Mr Allen 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	Mr Robert McCahon
Ballymoney	Rev. Edward McCollum Mr Raymond Wilson
Cloughmills	Rev. Joel Loughridge Mr Andrew Aicken
Cullybackey	Rev. Philip Moffett Mr Ivor McMullan
Dervock	Mr David McKeeman
Drimbolg	Rev. John Coulter Mr Leslie McLean
Kellswater	Rev. John Coates Mr John O'Neill
Kilraughts	Rev. David Fallows Mr Harold Kerr

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Portrush	Rev. Samuel McCollum Mr Carlisle McCollum
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
Carrickfergus	Dr John McKelvey
Dromara	Rev. Geoffrey Allen
Dromore	Rev. Philip Dunwoody
Knockbracken	Mr Raymond Gamble Rev. Peter Jemphrey
Lisburn	Rev. Robert M McCollum Mr Marcus McCollum
Newtownards	Rev. David Sutherland Dr Trevor McCavery
Shaftesbury Square	Rev. Prof. David McKay Dr Hugh McCullough
Trinity	Rev. Prof. Warren Peel Mr Robert Drennan

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Cookstown	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. Prof. Robert McCollum Rev. Malcolm Ball

## WESTERN PRESBYTERY

Bready	Rev. Paul Wallace Mr William Lynch
Convoy	Rev. Stephen Wright
Covenant Christian Fellowship Galway	Mr Billy Hamilton
Gateway Christian Fellowship	Rev. Stephen Neilly Mr Graham Fallows
Faughan	Rev. Steven Robinson Dr James Steele
Letterkenny	Rev. Mark Loughridge
Limavady	Rev. Raymond Blair Mr Neville Kerr
Milford	Rev. Jonathan McCollum Mr Martin Crossin
Stranorlar	Mr John McCollum
Enniskillen	Rev. Harry Coulter
Minister without charge	Rev. Ian Morrison

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Retired ministers                      Rev. Blair McFarland

### SOUTHERN PRESBYTERY

Ballenon                                  Rev. Robert Robb  
Mr Jim Minish

Ballylane                                 Rev. Robert Robb  
Mr Ian Douglas

Clare                                        Rev. Peter Dundee

Creevagh

Fairview                                 Rev. Philip Murphy  
Mr James Creane

Loughbrickland                        Rev. Joey Dunlap  
Mr Jim Murdoch

Newry, Riverside                        Rev. Nigel Agnew  
Dr Noel McCune

Rathfriland

Tullyvallen                                Rev. Philip Murphy  
Mr Douglas Hughes

Serving in Spain                         Rev. Isaac Berrocal

Retired Ministers                        Rev. Andrew C. Gregg  
Rev. Barry Galbraith  
Rev. Tim Donachie

4. 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.
5. Apologies for absence were received from the following members of Synod:  
Rev. Prof. Edward Donnelly, Rev. Robert Hanna, Rev. George McEwen, Rev. Prof. Norris Wilson, Rev. John Coates, Rev. Harry Coulter, Rev. Peter Dundee, Rev. John Watterson, Rev. Andrew Lytle, Rev. Stephen Wright, Rev. Isaac Berrocal, Rev. Ian Morrison, Rev. Prof Warren Peel, Dr John

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McKelvey, Dr Trevor McCavery, Mr Martin Crossin, Rev. Tim Donachie and Rev. A. C. Gregg.

6. The Moderator explained that he had called this Pro-re-natâ meeting of Synod after having received a request to do so from the Northern Presbytery. The Synod is called together to consider the appeal of Mr Kenneth Lawrence against the decision of the Northern Presbytery, taken on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The decision of the Northern Presbytery was to uphold the decision of the Ballylaggan Session to excommunicate Mr Lawrence.
7. The Clerk proposed that the Moderator's action in calling the meeting be sustained. This was seconded by Rev. Jonny McCollum and agreed.
8. The Clerk reported how the protest and appeal had been made and proposed that the appeal be considered regularly taken and that it be considered at this meeting. This was seconded by Rev. Nigel Agnew and agreed.
9. The Clerk read the decision of the Northern Presbytery as recorded in the minutes of its meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> June.
10. The Clerk read the grounds of the appeal against the decision of the Northern Presbytery as submitted by Mr Lawrence.
11. The Clerk read the answers of the Northern Presbytery to the grounds stated by Mr Lawrence in his appeal to the Synod.
12. Mr Kenneth Lawrence was invited to address the court and speak to his appeal against the decision of the Northern Presbytery. Mr Lawrence addressed the court.
13. Rev. Edward McCollum requested that the Northern Presbytery be allowed to withdraw from the court for a few minutes in order to finalize the Presbytery's response to Mr Lawrence. Permission was granted and the members of the Northern Presbytery withdrew from the court.
14. After a few minutes the members of the Northern Presbytery returned to the court.
15. Rev. Edward McCollum, on behalf of the Northern Presbytery, addressed the court outlining in some detail, and with references to the Ballylaggan Session minutes, the events which had led to the Ballylaggan Session taking the decision to excommunicate Mr Lawrence.
16. Rev. Nigel Agnew asked for clarification on several matters in the Presbytery's statement. Rev. Joel Loughridge responded on behalf of the Northern Presbytery.
17. Rev. Jonny McCollum proposed that, all parties having been fully heard, the Northern Presbytery and Mr Lawrence be asked to withdraw from the court. This was seconded by Rev. Philip Dunwoody and agreed. The parties

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withdrew.

18. After discussion the Synod voted on Mr Lawrence's appeal. 8 members voted to uphold it, 16 members voted to reject it, 13 members abstained.
19. After discussion regarding section 4.45 of the Code, Mr Neville Kerr proposed that after further consideration, a further vote be taken. This was seconded by Dr James Steele and agreed.
20. When the vote was taken again 10 members of the Synod voted to uphold the appeal, 17 members voted to reject it, 9 members abstained. The appeal was deemed to have fallen.
21. Rev. Nigel Agnew, Mr Neville Kerr, and Rev. Robert Robb recorded their dissent from the decision on the grounds that the Synod rejected the plain reading of the Code.
22. Rev. Barry Galbraith and Dr Noel McCune recorded their dissent from the decision on the grounds that excommunication is too severe for the offence committed.
23. Dr James Steele recorded his dissent from the decision on the grounds that the Synod rejected the plain reading of the Code and that excommunication is too severe for the offence committed.
24. The Northern Presbytery and Mr Lawrence were recalled to the Court and the Moderator announced the decision of the Synod that the appeal had not been sustained.
25. The Clerk read the minutes of the meeting and these were agreed.
26. Psalm 121A was sung in praise to God, the Moderator led in prayer and dissolved the court.



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### PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS ANNUAL MEETING OF SYNOD 2023

#### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30 p.m.**

1. Public Worship conducted by the Moderator, Rev. Geoffrey Allen
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. George McEwen
  - Rev. Edward Donnelly
7. Appointments for inspection of Presbytery Records
8. Outgoing Moderator's Report
9. Appointment of Moderator
10. Moderator's Address
11. Closing Worship & Announcements

#### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

12. Devotional Exercises (Moderator)
13. Minutes
14. Order of Business
15. Business of Synod Committee Report
16. Report of Errata & signing of printed Minutes
17. Finance Committee Report
18. Mission Committee Report

#### **Presbyteries meet as required 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.**

#### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June from 2:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

19. Devotional Exercises (Rev. Noah Bailey)
20. Minutes
21. Mission Committee Report (continued)
22. Prayer Time for the work of Mission (1hour)
23. Covenanter Witness Editor's & Business Reports
24. Northern Presbytery Report
25. Eastern Presbytery Report
26. Western Presbytery Report

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27. Motion of which notice was given at Synod 2022 (See Minute 57, page 16)
28. Southern Presbytery Report
29. Public Morals

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June from 7.00pm to 9.30pm**

30. Devotional Exercises (Mr Ken Nelson)
31. Minutes
32. Covenanter Youth Synodical Committee
33. Reformed Presbyterian Camps
34. Reformed Theological College and Library

### **Reception of delegates from:**

35. Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland
36. Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America
37. Reformed Presbyterian Church of Australia (Letter of Greeting)
38. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales
39. The Reformed Presbyterian Church (North East India Synod)
40. The Synod of the Reformed Churches of Spain
41. The Orthodox Presbyterian Church (of America, Letter of Greeting)

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June from 10.00am to 1.00pm**

42. Devotional Exercises (Moderator)
43. Minutes
44. The Ministry of the Word (Rev. Peter Loughridge)
45. United Prayer – Adoration, Confession & Thanksgiving
46. United Prayer – The work of Presbyteries & The Theological College.
47. Book Centre and Publications
48. Board of Trustees
49. Congregational Aid Fund

### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June from 2.00pm to 5.00pm**

50. Devotional Exercises (Mr John Donnelly)
51. R.P. Global Alliance
52. Psalmody Committee
53. Composite Motion: That the reports of the following be adopted
  - Church History
  - Instruction of the Young Committee
  - Ministers' Widows & Orphans Fund

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- Ministers' Pension and Sickness Fund
  - Psalmody Committee Report & Financial Statement
  - Reformed Witness Committee
  - Relief Fund
  - Safeguarding Committee
  - Synodical Conference Committee
  - General Benevolent Fund
54. Appointments re Committees
  55. Reports re Presbytery Records
  56. Unfinished Business
  57. Time and place of next Annual Meeting
  58. Vote of Thanks
  59. Minutes
  60. Dissolution of Court
  61. Close

## DEVOTIONS

### THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

#### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June MORNING SESSION**

##### **Witnessing In The Power Of The Spirit**

Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Singing: Psalm 96A:1-4

#### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June AFTERNOON SESSION**

##### **Gifts From The Spirit**

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1 - 11

Singing: Psalm 72: 11-16

#### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June EVENING SESSION**

##### **Unity In The Spirit**

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12 - 26

Singing: Psalm 133A

#### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June AFTERNOON SESSION**

##### **Living By The Spirit**

Reading: Galatians 5:16 - 26

Singing: Psalm 143:4 - 6

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### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SYNOD AT TRINITY 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023

#### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

1. The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland met at Trinity RP Church at 7.30pm on Monday 12th June 2023. The Moderator, Rev. Geoffrey Allen conducted public worship.
2. Psalm 97 was sung in praise to God and the Moderator led in prayer.
3. An offering for the Business of Synod funds was taken.
4. The Moderator read from Isaiah 66:1 & 2 and preached from these verses. The title of the sermon was “God looks on him who trembles at His Word.” The main points of his address were as follows:-
  - i) Heaven is My Throne. We come to the Sovereign God of heaven and so we must come before God in reverence.
  - ii) Where is my place of rest? We can only see the Church built in the work of the Holy Spirit.
  - iii) On this one I will look. God desires humility and obedience to His Word.
5. Psalm 117C was sung in praise to God and the Moderator led in prayer.
6. The Clerk reported the following changes to the Roll of Synod since the 2022 Annual Meeting

The following deaths have occurred:

Rev. George McEwen on Thursday 15th December 2022.

Mr David Moffett, elder in Creevagh, 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Rev. Prof. Edward Donnelly on 4th March 2023

Mr Jack Williamson, elder in Limavady, on 28th February 2023

Mr Samuel Quigley, elder in Ballylaggan, on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Mr Hugh Barr, elder in Ballylaggan, on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023

In May 2022 the Ballymoney Session acceded to the request of Mr Frank Stewart that he be relieved of the duties of the eldership in the Ballymoney Congregation.

On leaving the Faughan congregation Calum Morrison ceased to be an elder in that congregation on 27th September 2022

In April 2023 Mr Stephen Hunter, on receiving a disjunction certificate from the Dervock Congregation, ceased to be an elder in that Congregation.

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Rev. Peter Jemphrey was installed as the minister of Knockbracken congregation on 17th June 2022.

Rev. Isaac Berrocal was installed as minister of the Seville congregation in Spain on 15th October 2022

Mr Paul Flynn was ordained and installed as minister of the Rathfriland congregation on 9th December 2022

Rev. Raymond Blair was installed as the minister of the Dervock congregation on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Rev. Paul Wright was installed as the minister of the Cookstown congregation on 23rd March 2023.

The following men were Ordained to the Eldership:

Mr Stephen Finch and Mr Stephen Hughes in the Loughbrickland congregation on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Mr. Raymond Gamble in Dromore congregation on 19th June 2022.

Mr Drew Murphy and Dr Noel McCune in the Riverside (Newry) congregation on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Mr. Keith McKeeman in Ballyclare congregation on 16th October 2022.

Mr. James McCavery, Dr Joel McCavery and Dr Gordon McEwen in Newtownards congregation on 5th February 2023.

Mr. Jonathan Stewart was installed as an elder in Ballyclare congregation on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

7. The Clerk reported that he had received Commission of Ruling Elders to Synod from 40 Congregations. The Roll of Synod was read as follows:

### ROLL OF SYNOD

#### NORTHERN PRESBYTERY

Ballyclabber	Rev. James Blair Mr Morrel McCollum Mr Andrew McCollum, alt
Ballylaggan	Mr Thomas Pollock Mr Robbie Quigg, alt
Ballymoney	Rev. Edward McCollum Mr Tommy Brewster

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Cloughmills	Rev. Joel Loughridge Dr Jonathan McKelvey Mr Andrew Aicken, alt
Cullybackey	Rev. Philip Moffett Mr Ivor McMullan Dr David McKelvey, alt
Dervock	Rev. Raymond Blair Mr Archie McKeeman Mr Samuel Bleakley, alt
Drimbolg	Rev. John Coulter Mr Leslie McLean Mr Stanley Lytle, alt
Kellswater	Rev. John Coates Mr John O'Neill
Kilraughts	Mr Robert Pinkerton Mr Elliot Robinson, alt
Portrush	Rev. Samuel McCollum Mr Carlisle McCollum Mr Thomas Carson, alt
Awaiting installation in Ballylaggan	Rev. David Fallows
Serving in Nantes, France	Rev. Andrew Lytle
Retired Ministers	Rev. Robert Hanna Rev. R. Wallace McCollum Rev. Prof. Norris Wilson

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### EASTERN PRESBYTERY

Bailiesmills	Rev. John Watterson Mr Joe Watson
Ballyclare	Rev. Nathan Hawthorne Mr Alan Blackwell Mr George Wright, alt
Carrickfergus	Prof. Jonathan Heggarty Mr Ronnie Loughridge, alt
Cookstown	Rev. Paul Wright Mr Mervyn Green Mr Marcus McCollum, alt
Dromara	Rev. Geoffrey Allen Mr Gordon Bond Mr Gareth Kerr, alt
Dromore	Rev. Philip Dunwoody Mr Raymond Gamble Mr Raymond Steen, alt
Knockbracken	Rev. Peter Jemphrey Mr Stanley Foreman Mr Ian McCaughan, alt
Lisburn	Rev. Robert M. McCollum Mr Greg Somerville Mr Norman Greer, alt
Newtownards	Rev. David Sutherland Dr Trevor McCavery Mr James McCavery, alt
Shaftesbury Square	Rev. Prof. David McKay Dr Hugh McCullough Dr Morrell Lyons, alt

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Trinity	Rev. Prof. Warren Peel Mr John Donnelly Mr Garth Gillespie, alt
Woodstock Society Organising Pastor	Rev. David McCullough
Awaiting commissioning to mission work in Limerick	Rev. Vincent McDonnell
Retired ministers	Rev. Dr Harold Cunningham Rev. Prof. Robert McCollum Rev. Malcolm Ball

### WESTERN PRESBYTERY

Bready	Rev. Paul Wallace Mr Stephen Davis Mr William Lynch, alt
Convoy	Rev. Stephen Wright Mr Andrew Smith Mr Mark Frizzel, alt
Covenant Christian Fellowship Galway	Mr Billy Hamilton
Enniskillen	Rev. Harry Coulter Mr Trevor Wills
Gateway Christian Fellowship	Rev. Stephen Neilly Mr Graham Fallows Mr David McConaghie, alt
Faughan	Rev. Steven Robinson Dr James Steele



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Letterkenny	Rev. Mark Loughridge Mr Colin Tait Mr Robert Tait, alt
Limavady	Mr Marcus McCollum Mr Brian Dunwoody, alt
Milford	Rev. Jonathan McCollum Mr Martin Crossin
Stranorlar	Mr Ross Blackburn Mr George Magee, alt
Minister without charge (Stated supply in Stranorlar)	Rev. Ian Morrison
Retired Minister	Rev. Blair McFarland

## SOUTHERN PRESBYTERY

Ballenon	Rev. Robert Robb Mr Andrew Heron Mr Jim Minish, alt
Ballylane	Rev. Robert Robb Mr Billy Wilson Mr Ian Douglas, alt
Clare	Rev. Peter Dundee Mr David Cromie Mr Richard Brown, alt
Creevagh	Mr Eric Moffett Mr Alex Moffett
Fairview	Rev. Philip Murphy Mr William Hughes Mr James Creane, alt

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Loughbrickland	Rev. Joey Dunlap Mr William Kemps Mr James Murdoch, alt
Newry, Riverside	Rev. Nigel Agnew Dr Noel McCune Mr Alex Lyons, alt
Rathfriland	Rev. Paul Flynn Mr Ray Morrison Mr David Cromie, alt
Tullyvallen	Rev. Philip Murphy Mr Douglas Hughes Mr Ivan Bingham, alt
Serving in Spain Retired Ministers	Rev. Isaac Berracol Rev. Andrew C. Gregg Rev. Barry Galbraith Rev. Thomas Donachie

8. On acceptance of the Roll the Moderator declared the Synod constituted in the name and by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ.
9. Apologies for absence were received from the following members of Synod:
  - From all Sederunts: Rev. Robert Hanna, Rev. Norris Wilson, Rev. Andrew Lytle, Rev. Isaac Berracol
  - From some Sederunts: Mr Ross Blackburn (Tuesday), Rev. Ian Morrison (Wednesday), Rev. Nigel Agnew (Monday & Wednesday), Rev. James Blair (Monday & part of Tuesday & Wednesday morning), Mr Billy Hamilton (Monday evening), Mr Raymond Gamble (Monday evening), Mr William Kemps (Monday evening), Mr Trevor Wills (Monday evening)
10. Rev. Joel Loughridge presented the memorial record for Rev. George McEwen.

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11. Rev. Prof Warren Peel presented the memorial record for Rev. Prof. Edward Donnelly. A copy of these two memorial records is included after these minutes.
12. The Moderator led the Synod in prayer.
13. The Clerk nominated the following committees to inspect Presbyterian records and report to Synod before the close of the final Sederunt on Wednesday afternoon:
  - of the Northern Presbytery – Mr Mervyn Green and Rev. John Watterson
  - of the Eastern Presbytery – Dr James Steel and Rev. Paul Wallace
  - of the Western Presbytery – Mr Andrew Heron and Rev. Nigel Agnew
  - of the Southern Presbytery – Mr Robert Pinkerton and Rev. Raymond Blair
- The second named in each case to act as Convener.
14. The outgoing Moderator, Rev. Geoffrey Allen reported on the work of his Moderatorial year.
15. The Moderator demitted his office and asked Synod to appoint his successor.
16. Rev. Mark Loughridge thanked the outgoing Moderator for his work as Moderator throughout the year and, on behalf of the Western Presbytery, proposed that Rev. Stephen Wright, Minister of the Convoy congregation, be appointed to serve as Moderator.
17. The nomination was seconded by Rev. Steven Robinson and approved by Synod.
18. Rev. Stephen Wright took the office of Moderator and addressed the Synod. Mr Wright thanked his Presbytery and the two men who had nominated 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 Luke 11:1-13 and preached from the passage. Here Jesus is teaching us how to pray when it seems as if God isn't listening. We are to keep on asking, and we are encouraged to do so by the fact that God knows how to give good gifts to His children. We were challenged by the question, 'What have you stopped praying for?' The passage gives us one example of a good gift that we are to pray for – the Holy Spirit.
20. Psalm 65A Stzs 1 – 4 was sung in praise to God and the Moderator brought the Sederunt to a close with prayer.
21. Rev. Warren Peel welcomed the Synod to Trinity and made some announcements. Supper was served by the ladies of the Trinity congregation.

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### SESSION II

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00am**

22. The Moderator conducted devotional exercises reading from Acts 1:1 - 11, the subject being 'Witnessing in the power of the Spirit'. Psalm 96A:1 - 4 was sung in praise to God and the Moderator led in prayer.
23. The minutes of the previous sederunt were read and passed.
24. The Clerk submitted a draft order of Business and proposed that this be accepted as the Standing Order for Synod, seconded by Rev. David McKay and agreed.
25. The Clerk spoke to the report of the Business of Synod Committee.
26. Rev. John Coates proposed that we do not seek to enter into a fraternal relationship with the Free Church of Scotland but express to them our concern at their present direction of travel. This was seconded by Rev. Philip Murphy and agreed.
27. The printed Minutes of Synod 2022 were approved and signed in duplicate by the Ex-moderator and the Clerk.
28. Rev. Philip Dunwoody presented the Covenanter Witness Editor's report and proposed that it be adopted. This was seconded by Rev. David McKay and agreed.
29. Rev. Philip Dunwoody presented the Covenanter Witness Business report and moved that it be adopted. This was seconded by and Rev. David Fallows and agreed.
30. Prof. Jonathan Heggarty presented the report of the Finance Committee and proposed that it be adopted. This was seconded by Mr Marcus McCollum and agreed.
31. Mr Brian Dunwoody presented the report of the Mission Committee. He spoke first to the Chairman's report.
32. Rev. Blair McFarland spoke to the Home Section report.
33. Rev. Mark Loughridge presented the Irish Section report.
34. Rev. Peter Jemphrey presented the France section report.
35. Rev. Nigel Agnew spoke to the Spanish Session report.
36. Rev. John Watterson spoke to the report on the International Mission to Jewish People.
37. Mr Brian Dunwoody proposed the adoption of the Mission Committee reports seconded by Rev. Raymond Blair and agreed.
38. The Moderator led in prayer and the Synod broke for lunch.

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### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2.15pm

39. Rev. Noah Bailey conducted devotional exercises, reading from 1 Corinthians 12:1 -11, the theme being ‘Gifts from the Spirit’. Psalm 72:11 - 16 was sung in praise to God and Mr Bailey in prayer.
40. The minutes of the morning sederunt were read and passed.
41. The Moderator intimated that the Synod would enter into a period of united prayer for all aspects of Mission, taking approximately 15 minutes on each of the four areas of Mission work: Home, Ireland, France and Spain. The Synod entered into a period of united prayer. After an hour the Moderator brought the time of prayer to a close.
42. Rev. James Blair presented the report of the Northern Presbytery and moved that it be adopted. This was seconded by Rev. David Fallows and agreed.
43. As a result of the discussion about reviewing the calls procedure which had taken place when the Northern Presbytery report was considered, Rev. Philip Dunwoody gave notice that at Synod 2024 the following changes to the Code would be proposed.

That 7.24 be changed from

“7.24. If the Call is accepted, the Presbytery immediately dissolves the relationship between the minister and the pastoral charge with prayer.”

To Proposed Change:

“7.24 If the Call is accepted, the Presbytery shall fix a date and time at which the relationship between the minister and the pastoral charge is dissolved with prayer.”

That 7.26 be changed from

“7.26. A pastoral charge whose Call has been accepted shall be responsible for the minister’s salary from the date of his acceptance of the Call.”

To Proposed Change:

“7.26. A pastoral charge whose Call has been accepted shall be responsible for the minister’s salary from the date of the dissolution of his previous pastoral charge, or in the case of a licentiate, the date of his acceptance of the Call.”

44. Mr Gareth Kerr presented the report of the Eastern Presbytery and proposed that it be adopted. This was seconded by Rev. John Watterson and agreed.
45. Rev. Jonathan McCollum presented the report of the Western Presbytery and proposed that it be adopted. This was seconded by Rev. Blair McFarland and agreed.

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46. Having given notice at Synod 2023 Rev. Jonathan McCollum proposed that the following change be made to the Code::  
That paragraph 10.06 be amended by replacing “a minister” with “one of its members” so as to read “The Presbytery shall appoint one of its members to go...”  
This was seconded by Rev. Mark Loughridge and agreed.
47. Rev. Robert Robb presented the report of the Southern Presbytery and proposed that it be adopted. This was seconded by Rev. Drew Gregg and agreed.
48. Rev. Peter Dundee presented the report of the Public Morals Committee. The time for the sederunt being up it was agreed to lay the report on the table and discussion of it be taken up as the first item of the evening sederunt.
49. The Moderator brought the sederunt to a close in prayer.

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm**

50. Mr Ken Nelson, conducted devotional exercises reading from 1 Corinthians 12:12 -26, the subject being ‘Unity in the Spirit’. Psalm 133A was sung in praise to God and Mr Nelson led in prayer.
51. The minutes of the previous Sederunt were read and passed.
52. Consideration of the report of the Public Morals Committee resumed.
53. Rev. Harry Coulter spoke about the current trends in state education and there was considerable discussion about this. Several men spoke in support of the idea of the Synod appointing a committee to look into this.
54. Rev. Edward McCollum proposed that those who had spoken in favour a committee be asked to come up with a definite proposal and bring it to the Synod just before the appointment of Committees. This was seconded by Rev. Jonny McCollum and agreed.
55. Rev. Peter Dundee proposed that the report of the Public Morals Committee be adopted. This was seconded by Rev. John Waterson and agreed.
56. In the absence of Rev. James Blair, Mr Jonny Fitzsimons presented the report of the Covenanter Youth Synodical Committee. The Clerk thanked Mr Fitzsimons and those who serve on the Youth Committee and proposed that the report be adopted. This was seconded by Rev. Robert M McCollum and agreed.
57. Mr Ian McCaughan presented the report of the Synodical Camps Committee and proposed that it be adopted. This was seconded by Mr John Donnelly and agreed.

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58. Rev. David Fallows presented the reports of the Reformed Theological College and Library.
59. Rev. John Coates proposed that Rev. David Sutherland be appointed to occupy the chair of Pastoral Theology and Homiletics to commence teaching in the academic year 2024/25. This was seconded by Rev. Edward McCollum and unanimously agreed.
60. Rev. David Fallows proposed the reports of the Reformed Theological College and Library be adopted. This was seconded by Rev. Warren Peel and agreed.
61. Having been elected to the Chair of Pastoral Theology and Homiletics Rev. David Sutherland came forward and signed the declaration as required by The Code 11.10. The Moderator led the Synod in prayer for Mr Sutherland.
62. The Moderator welcomed Rev. Peter Loughridge, representing the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland, and invited him to address the court.
63. Mr Loughridge brought greetings from the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland and gave an update on the work in Scotland. The church in Scotland has been encouraged by the addition of three new elders over the past year, as well as the establishment of a Reformed Presbyterian congregation in Brikama, in the Gambia, where Mr Sylvester Konteh was recently ordained. Mr Loughridge referred to the words of Isaiah 54:2, “Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes” and suggested that both our denominations were being stretched out at this time. He concluded by referring to the Moderator’s address on Monday evening, encouraging us to ask our heavenly Father, who gives good gifts to His children, to pour out the Holy Spirit upon us. The Moderator thanked Mr Loughridge and led the Synod in prayer for Mr Loughridge and the R.P. Church in Scotland.
64. The Moderator welcomed Rev. Noah Bailey, delegate from the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America and invited him to address the court.
65. Mr Bailey brought greetings from the RPCNA and gave us an update on the work of his denomination. Referring to verses in Philippians 1 Mr Bailey spoke of how his denomination is thankful for our partnership in the gospel. The RPCNA has recently faced a number of situations it would have preferred not to face but can say with the apostle in Philippians 1:12 that what has happened has really served to advance the gospel and so we give thanks that Christ is preached.

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66. The Moderator thanked Mr Bailey for his address and led Synod in prayer for him and for the RPCNA.
67. The Clerk read an email from Rev. Andrew Stewart assuring us of the prayers of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Australia for the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland.
68. The Clerk read a letter of greeting from Falko Drijfhout, the Clerk of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales.
69. The Clerk indicated that while the Reformed Presbyterian Church, North East India Synod, had been invited to send a delegate to our Synod he had received no response from them. This was probably as a result of the unrest in the country and the fact that the church may never have received the invitation.
70. The Clerk read a letter of greeting from the Spanish Reformed Churches.
71. The Clerk read a letter of greeting from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church of America.
72. Psalm 126 was sung in praise to God and the Moderator brought the Sederunt to a close with prayer.

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 10.00am**

73. The Moderator led in prayer.
  74. The Minutes of the previous Sederunt were read and passed.
  75. The Moderator invited Rev. Peter Loughridge, delegate from the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland, to conduct worship. Mr Loughridge read John 17 and preached on the chapter. He stated that the theme of the chapter is that Jesus prays. Mr Loughridge pointed out that what matters to Jesus should matter to us, and what Jesus prays for we should pray for. In the chapter we see three things that Jesus prays for:
    - Jesus Prays For God's Glory
    - Jesus Prays For You
      - o That you will be kept
      - o That you will be sanctified
    - Jesus Prays For the Church
      - o For the unity of the Church
      - o For the Church to be with Him
- Psalm 122 was sung in praise to God.
76. The Synod entered into a time of united prayer of adoration, confession and thanksgiving which was brought to a close by the Moderator.
  77. The Moderator highlighted matters for prayer in relation to the work of



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Presbyteries and the Theological College and Public morals. The Synod engaged in a period of united prayer for these matters. The Moderator brought the time of prayer to a close and indicated that the business of Synod would recommence in five minutes.

78. Rev. Geoffrey Allen presented the report of the Book Centre and Publication Committee and moved that it be adopted. This was seconded by Rev. Joey Dunlap and passed.
79. Rev. Edward McCollum presented the report of the Board of Trustees and proposed that the report be adopted. This was seconded by Rev. Prof Robert McCollum and agreed.
80. Rev. David Fallows presented the report of the Congregational Aid Fund and moved that it be adopted. This was seconded by Rev. Blair McFarland and agreed.
81. Mr Stanley Wilson made some announcements and the Moderator brought the Sederunt to close with prayer.

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2.00pm

82. Mr John Donnelly, conducted devotional exercises reading from Galatians 5:16 - 26, the subject being 'Living By The Spirit'. Psalm 143:4 - 6 was sung in praise to God and Mr Donnelly led in prayer.
83. Rev. Philip Dunwoody presented the report of the R.P. Global Alliance and moved its adoption. This was seconded by Rev. Prof. Robert McCollum and agreed.
84. The Clerk read the Psalmody Committee Report as it had not been included in the Blue Book. After some discussion Mr Hugh McCullough proposed the adoption of the Psalmody Committee Report and Financial Statement. This was seconded by Rev. Robert M McCollum and agreed.
85. 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.
86. During consideration of the Ministers' Pension and Sickness Fund Rev. Wallace McCollum proposed the Clerk write to Rev. Robert Hanna and Rev. Prof. Norris Wilson expressing the good wishes of the court. This was seconded by Mr Thomas Pollock and agreed. The Moderator led the Synod in prayer, giving thanks for these men and praying for them.
87. In consideration of the Reformed Witness Committee report several items were suggested that this Committee could be working on. Recognising that the Convener was fully committed in looking after the website Rev.

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Harry Coulter proposed that Joint Conveners be appointed to the Reformed Witness Committee and that new members be appointed to the Committee. This was seconded by Rev. John Watterson and agreed.

88. It was noted that Mr Graham Moffett has resigned from the Safeguarding Committee and the Synod agreed to put on record its appreciation of all his work on this Committee.
89. Consideration having been given to all the reports in the composite motion the Rev. Stephen Neilly proposed that the following reports be adopted:
- Church History
  - Instruction of the Young Committee
  - Ministers' Widows & Orphans Fund
  - Ministers' Pension and Sickness Fund
  - Reformed Witness Committee
  - Reformed Presbyterian Camps
  - Reformed Presbyterian Global Alliance
  - Relief Fund
  - Safeguarding Committee
  - Synodical Conference Committee
  - General Benevolent Fund

The motion was seconded by Rev. Harry Coulter and agreed.

90. Rev. Robert Robb proposed that Synod establish a committee to consult with teachers and others involved in education to identify the issues that are facing covenant children and Christian teachers in contemporary education, and to bring a report to Synod that will include options as to the way forward with some initial thoughts on what the options would require to be implemented. This was seconded by Rev. Harry Coulter.
91. Rev David McCullough made a counter proposal as follows:  
That Synod request the Public Morals Committee to:
1. Ascertain the facts around the proposed changes and implementation of RSE in Northern Ireland Schools.
  2. Correspond with the Secretary of State Mr. Heaton- Harris stating:
    - (i) That these nations have made covenant with God to live as the King of kings requires and that he and all in authority will one day stand before God to give account.
    - (ii) To state clearly what the Scriptures teach about the matters involved.
    - (iii) To set before him the mercy and grace of God in Jesus Christ for all who repent.

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- 3 Correspond with the leaders of the political parties in Northern Ireland calling on them to do everything within their powers to halt the plans that the government is seeking to impose on Northern Ireland and remind them that they too will one day give account to God for how they have carried out their work.
  - 4 Contact the main newspapers in Northern Ireland stating the Biblical concerns we have as a church on the plans of RSE.
  - 5 Produce the following information for parents
    - (i) How to discuss the matters involved with their children in light of the Scriptural teaching.
    - (ii) How to interact with schools on the matter
92. Rev. Philip Moffett seconded the counter proposal.
93. The counter proposal was put to the vote and was defeated.
94. The original motion was put to the vote and was passed.
95. The Clerk drew attention to the changes to the membership of Synodical Committees and proposed that these be the committees for the coming year. This was seconded by Rev. Jonny McCollum and agreed.
96. The Committees appointed to inspect Presbyterian Records reported that all records were in order.
97. Mr Marcus McCollum on behalf of the Limavady congregation invited Synod to hold its annual meeting in 2024 in Limavady. The Clerk proposed that Synod be held from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7.30pm continuing until Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June in Limavady, seconded by Rev. Harry Coulter and agreed.
98. The Clerk moved the following vote of thanks, the final point having been added by the Moderator.
- Synod expresses its gratitude to
- The Session, Deacons and members of Trinity Reformed Presbyterian Church for all their assistance in providing the venue and meals for Synod
  - Dr John McKelvey for his work in taking the bookings and payments for meals, and for his practical assistance during the days of Synod to ensure that everything ran smoothly.
  - Mr Stanley Wilson for co-ordinating the arrangements for overnight hospitality for members of Synod, and for his practical assistance during the days of Synod to ensure that everything ran smoothly.
  - All those who provided overnight hospitality.
  - Rev. Peter Loughridge for preaching on Wednesday morning.

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- The precentor, Rev. Robert M McCollum, and those who led devotional exercises.
- The Moderator for chairing the meetings of Synod.
- The Clerk for all his work preparing for, and during the meetings of Synod.

The motion was seconded by Rev. John Coulter and warmly approved by Synod.

99. The Minutes of the afternoon Sederunt were read and passed.

100. Psalm 125 was sung in praise to God. The Moderator pronounced the Benediction and declared the Synod to be dissolved from its constituted capacity.

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### **Memorial record for Rev. George McEwen B.A.**

Prepared by Rev. Joel Loughridge B.Sc.

**Presented at Synod Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Rev. George McEwen preached the Word. He preached the Word many times from many pulpits, and he also preached the Word everywhere else he was. Many people heard the Gospel graciously and gently proclaimed from ambulances, hospital beds, nursing homes, farmyards, beside table tennis tables, or wherever he found himself to be - in-season and out-of-season, compelled by the love of Christ and love for people. None who heard George preach the Word would have accused him of being “preachy” - he was the epitome of gentle respect (1 Peter 3:16). Few opportunities were allowed to pass, whether it was to Ryan, the young auxiliary shaving him during a hospital stay, to whom he gave John Blanchard booklets that he had sitting ready for such a time, or Janet the paramedic who, in the back of an ambulance, asked him what he did for a living while she treated him for low blood pressure. She was one of the few who correctly guessed “minister” when George responded with his default answer: “I look after the most important part of you.” George truly believed that our eternal natures were the most important part of us, and it drove him to constantly “do the work of an evangelist” (2 Tim 4:5). Only eternity will reveal the fruits of the seed sown by George McEwen’s in-season and out-of-season preaching of the Word.

George Martin McEwen was born on 6 October 1937, the son of John (Jack) and Mary McEwen, younger brother to Joe, Sam and Dorothy, and older brother to John. He enjoyed the godly home life at Hillhead Dairy Farm at Crawfordsburn, and had a keen interest in most sports, particularly playing table tennis with his siblings and for various clubs. After attending Crawfordsburn Primary School and Bangor and Belfast Technical Colleges he found employment as a draughtsman.

With his family, George attended Newtownards Reformed Presbyterian church and sat under the ministry of Prof. Adam Loughridge, Rev. Alexander Gilmour and Rev. J A Cresswell Blair. While George was a young man, the Lord used a motorcycle accident to move George from, in his own words, mere “profession of faith to possession of faith”. The challenge he received through Dr Sam Boyle at the International Conference of 1962 to “Live, Learn and Launch Out” planted the seeds of a call to gospel ministry. With the encouragement of

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men like Rev. Roy Blackwood, Mr David McConaghy and Prof. F S Leahy he pursued a course of study at Magee College, Londonderry and Trinity College, Dublin, graduating with a B.A. in 1968. He attended the Reformed Theological College for 2 years from 1968-1970 and completed his final year of study for the ministry at the RP Seminary in Pittsburg, USA. In the summer of 1971 he served with Rev. Paul McCracken in Denver, Colorado, on a four-month placement. He often spoke of the impact and blessing of that experience and the contribution that it made to his preparation for ministry.

On returning home George was licensed to preach the Gospel at a special meeting of the Eastern Presbytery on 12 November 1971. He received and accepted a Call to the Glenmanus congregation, Portrush, and was Ordained and Installed on 17 February 1972.

In the handwritten notes that George left to aid preparing material like this, he noted that on 6 May 1976 he “married a very special friend, Heather Donnelly”. The “very” was underlined. This tender gratefulness marked George’s marriage until the very end. George and Heather were blessed by the arrivals of Timothy in 1978 and Andrea in 1981. His joy and tender care naturally overflowed to his children, his daughters-in-law, his son-in-law and to his grandchildren: Nathanael, Lydia, Jacob, Noah, Asher and Ewen.

In 1980 George was appointed stated supply in the McKinnon congregation in Australia for a period of three years, which was later extended for another two. In 1987 George spent a year with his family in Tasmania, serving the Launceston congregation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church as stated supply. His ministry in both locations bore fruit and is remembered fondly to this day.

From 1990 to 2008 George ministered in the Bailiesmills congregation, and during this time led them through a rebuilding of their meeting house. He remains held in deep affection by the people there, the fruit of his faithful ministry of the Word and his compassionate pastoral care, marked by his walking step by step alongside them. Faithful but shy members were helped with small practical steps to encourage them to take part in corporate prayer. The anxious were fortified by memorising Scriptures along with him. Many more examples could be given - George’s ministry didn’t make waves in the world, but quietly left a deep legacy in each location. The strong affection he is held in and the lifelong friendships that they enjoyed are ample testimony to this.

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George served quietly yet significantly in the Denomination he loved. He lectured at the Theological College for one academic year in Systematic Theology, Apologetics and Ethics (1976-1977) while Prof. Leahy pursued further studies in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He served as an interim moderator, as a member of various committees and as Moderator of the Synod in 1991. His work in producing the Denomination's Sabbath School material will have had a quiet but profound impact on shaping generations of our covenant youth. In later years when health prevented him from attending Presbytery and Synod he always requested an update at the next visit of his pastor. He loved the bride of Christ and the very dust of Zion was precious to him.

On retirement George and Heather worshipped in Knockbracken, where he served on the Session as a ruling elder for six years, before moving to Ballymoney in 2017 and joining the Cloughmills congregation. Still bearing fruit in old age, ever full of sap and green (Psalm 92:14), he was a relentless encourager of the weary, weak and doubting. Later years brought several significant health troubles, yet nearly every visit to George in hospital ended with the declaration that "God is good".

His final months, which were spent at Prospect Nursing Home in Ballymena, were marked by a relish for the Word of God, and a contentment with his situation. Radiant glory was almost visibly displayed through his jar of clay (2 Cor 4), and he maintained a winsome witness to the staff. His final instruction to some of the staff, having given away copies of the Shorter Catechism, was that they "read Romans".

George McEwen was a man filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory of God (Phil 1:11). For him, to live was Christ, and to die is gain (Phil 2:21). George entered that realm of "more Christ" on 15 December 2022. As Andrew Bonar said in counselling the bereaved: "Our friend has suddenly become the heir to an infinite estate! Look at what he has gained. A room in the many-roomed palace. The full presence of the Lord! Unbroken fellowship. He sees God. He hungers no more. He thirsts no more. No more death, neither sorrow, nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain. He sees the King in his beauty! No eye has seen, and no ear has heard what he already enjoys.

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### **Memorial record for Rev. Prof. Edward Donnelly, B.A., M.Th., D.D.**

Prepared by Rev. Prof. Warren Peel, B.A., M.Th.

Presented at Synod Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

It seems entirely fitting that we are remembering Prof. Donnelly as a Synod in the very meeting house where he poured out his best strength in serving the Lord for thirty-five years.

Edward Donnelly was born in Belfast to Edward and Isobel Donnelly on 4 December 1943, the oldest of three children, Heather and Tom being his younger siblings. The family attended Grosvenor Road RPC and Ted was educated at Orangefield Primary School and the Methodist College, Belfast, where he excelled in Classics, English and History. He went on to study Classics at Queen's University, Belfast and trained, amongst others, under Profs. David Gooding and George Huxley. Ted's intellectual gifts were obvious to his teachers and on graduation he was planning to pursue a life in academia

The Lord dramatically changed the course of his life when he was converted through the preaching of Rev. A.R. Wright, minister of Ballylaggan RPC. All the fuel that had been laid through twenty years of faithful teaching in the home and in the church was suddenly ignited and blazed into life. By God's grace that fire burned brightly for the rest of his life, giving heat and light to all who came within its range. As the Lord said of John the Baptist, so it could be said of Prof. Donnelly: 'He was a burning and shining lamp.'

Prof. Donnelly trained for the ministry at the Reformed Theological Hall for two years, and at Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh for one year. It was at Pittsburgh that Mr Donnelly met Prof. Clark Copeland, a man who from his very first lecture opened his eyes to the wonders of biblical theology—a passion that would shape Mr Donnelly's thinking and preaching for the rest of his life. Prof. Copeland also modelled pastoral wisdom and care by his interest, compassion and love.

Prof. Donnelly was ordained and installed as a minister of the gospel in Dervock Reformed Presbyterian Church on 3 October, 1968. He often spoke of how God blessed him with many kind and godly people in Dervock, but especially the clerk of Session, Robbie Bleakley, who guided and encouraged him wisely in those early years of ministry.



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In 1970 Prof. Donnelly married Lorna Wright, the daughter of Rev. A.R. Wright, whose preaching had brought him to faith. Their gifts complemented each other perfectly and their zeal for the Lord's glory is best summed up in the text they made the 'mission statement' of their life together—Psalm 34.2: *Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!* The Lord by his grace enabled them to see this goal abundantly fulfilled in their children—Catherine, Ruth and John—in the congregations where they served and in many other parts of the world.

Prof. and Mrs Donnelly loved Dervock and had no desire to move away; but the Mission Committee of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America was seeking to establish a Greek speaking church in Nicosia, Cyprus and approached Prof. Donnelly to see if he would be willing serve as a missionary pastor there along with several couples from the American church. They accepted and might well have remained there for the rest of their ministry but for the war that broke out in 1974, forcing them to return home to Northern Ireland.

On their return, Prof. Donnelly served as stated supply in the Trinity Street congregation in Belfast. Trinity Street had decreased greatly in numbers, being located in one of the most troubled parts of Belfast during the Troubles. The Presbytery had recommended that the members should move either to Grosvenor Road or Dublin Road, but the small number of families who remained had the vision to relocate the congregation to the suburbs of Newtownabbey. The congregation began renting the Barron Hall in Glengormley for Sabbath services in April 1975 and Prof. Donnelly was installed as minister of Trinity on 30 April. Prof. Donnelly's gift for the clear, profound and moving exposition of Scripture, together with the emphasis in the congregation on close, loving fellowship and hospitality steadily drew in more and more families and individuals, until numbers were sufficiently large for them to think of acquiring their own building.

A site was purchased on the edge of Newtownabbey at Mossley and, after a great deal of sacrificial giving and no small amount of manual labour by the whole congregation, the new meeting house was opened on 17 September, 1983—forty years ago this September. These very suitable facilities enabled the ministry of the congregation to be multiplied and the Lord continued to add to their number. Under Prof. Donnelly's leadership Trinity was marked

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by a firm commitment to the distinctive principles of the RPCI, a focus on the regular expository preaching of the Scriptures, deep and caring fellowship, sacrificial giving and a vision for outreach. This concern for outreach found expression in Prof. and Mrs Donnelly's vision to plant a daughter congregation in Carrickfergus, which he pioneered and saw formally established in 2004. Apart from a three-year pastorate in Glenmanus RPC (1987-1990), Prof. Donnelly served as Minister of Trinity until his retirement on 30 September, 2011.

Although after his conversion Prof. Donnelly turned his back on an academic life, he brought his considerable gifts of intellect and scholarship to the service of Christ and his Church. He completed his M.Th. degree with Queen's University in 1981. He was appointed to the Chair of New Testament Language and Literature at the Reformed Theological College in 1979, a position he filled with great commitment, energy and distinction until 2014, after which he continued to lecture on a reduced timetable as Professor Emeritus for a further five years. Successive generations of students eagerly anticipated Tuesday mornings with Prof. Donnelly, and especially his lectures on the life and theology of the apostle Paul.

Prof. Donnelly had a great burden for training and mentoring men for ministry and his teaching exercised an incalculable influence for good in shaping successive generations of ministers in our denomination, continuing to be a lifelong mentor and friend long after they left the College. It is surely no coincidence that so many men have offered themselves for the Christian ministry from Trinity over the years, having seen in Prof. Donnelly such an excellent example of what a minister of the Word ought to be and do.

Prof. Donnelly suffered from numerous health issues in the latter years of his ministry; in particular he was afflicted by M.E. from the early 1990s, which greatly reduced his energy levels and often left him in significant pain. However, in the midst of his weakness he always made the pulpit ministry his first priority. There were times when he was simply too weak to preach, but there were many more times when he summoned up what strength he had and by God's grace he poured himself out in the ministry of the Word. He willingly spent himself on behalf of his people and the Lord honoured his pains. His preaching never failed to edify the congregation. His application was always searching, discriminating, relevant and rooted in Scripture. He was able to

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speak to the young children and teenagers in a way that was simple and yet profound and they had great affection and respect for him. As Eliphaz said of Job, ‘He has instructed many, and he has strengthened the weak hands. His words have upheld him who was stumbling, and he has made firm the feeble knees.’ (Job 4.3-4). How many people have been converted and built up in their faith through Prof. Donnelly’s ministry, eternity alone will reveal.

Prof. Donnelly’s gifts as a preacher and teacher were in increasing demand both within our own denomination and throughout the world over the years. He had a true catholic spirit and spoke at many conferences and seminaries large and small in the British Isles, Europe, Australia and North America. He received many invitations to speak elsewhere each year, but his first priority and his greatest love was always his own congregation and the work and witness of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland. Indeed, one of his reasons for travelling was to promote the profile and Testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church and he was an excellent ambassador for the denomination. In recognition of this service to the Church worldwide, Geneva College presented Prof. Donnelly with an honorary doctorate in 2013.

Outside of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, one of the ministries that was closest to Prof. Donnelly’s heart was the work of the Banner of Truth Trust. He began attending the Leicester Ministers’ Conference in 1969, rarely missing a conference until the last year he attended in 2019. Over the last thirty years, Prof. Donnelly became one of the regular and most anticipated speakers at the Ministers’ Conference. He counted it a great privilege to be appointed as a Trustee of the Banner of Truth Trust in 2010.

Prof. Donnelly was a gifted writer as well as speaker and he authored three notable books: *Peter, Eyewitness of his Majesty*, *Biblical Teaching on the Doctrines of Heaven and Hell* (Banner of Truth) and *Life in Christ* (Bryntirion Press). Above all, however, Prof. Donnelly loved to serve Christ in the Reformed Presbyterian Church which acknowledged his Crown and Covenant so fully. He loved her Testimony and her history, her Book of Praise and her Confession of Faith. He took seriously his ordination vow to show a due interest in all the proceedings of the various courts of the Church, attending faithfully and participating fully in the work of Presbytery and Synod; he was a member of the Mission Committee and was involved in identifying the west of France as a possible location for mission work; he played a full part in the work

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of the Theological College committee for more than forty years; he served as Moderator of Synod twice, in 1982 and again in 2006. Whenever he spoke on the floor of Synod he did so with conviction, wisdom and grace—and often a well-judged touch of humour!

All of these achievements and gifts could easily go to a man's head, but Prof. Donnelly did not seek a high-profile platform, despising the cult of the celebrity preacher. He was down to earth and approachable as a Pastor. In the little free time he had available, he enjoyed simple pleasures such as reading, watching sport and walking. He took great delight in his family and loved spending time with them on holidays and at other times.

The last thirteen years of Prof. Donnelly's life were difficult, blighted by a number of serious illnesses beginning with encephalitis in 2010, which greatly affected his ability to preach and write. The last three years were especially trying, as he was steadily weakened by a series of infections, until at last he was all but housebound. His wife displayed exemplary devotion to him, serving as a 'helper corresponding to his needs' in this way as in every other during their fifty-two years of marriage. As her husband himself testified about her in the acknowledgements to his book on Peter, she was 'all that a wife could ever be.'

We are thankful for every remembrance of this outstanding servant of God and gift to the Church; we rejoice that he has been taken away to be spared from evil (Is 57.1-2) and we give thanks to Almighty God that having fought the good fight, finished the race and kept the faith there is now in store for him the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to him. (2Tim 4.7-8).

### **Call to Rev. Vincent McDonnell Minutes of Mission Committee Meeting as a Commission of Synod Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

The ministers and elders of the Mission Committee, constituted as a Commission of Synod for the purpose of issuing a Call, met by zoom on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 9.30 am.**

The chairman, Mr Brian Dunwoody, opened the meeting by leading in prayer.

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The roll was made up as follows: Messrs Brian Dunwoody and Billy Hamilton, Revs Mark Loughridge, Peter Loughridge, Jonny McCollum and Blair McFarland.

On acceptance of this roll the chairman declared the Court to be constituted. Also in attendance was Mr William McCollum, treasurer of the Mission Committee.

It was proposed by Rev. Mark Loughridge, seconded by Rev. Peter Loughridge and agreed that Rev. Blair McFarland act as Clerk. It was proposed by Rev. Mark Loughridge, seconded by Rev. Blair McFarland and unanimously agreed that a Call to work in Limerick under the auspices of the Irish Section be issued to Rev. Vincent McDonnell, minister without charge of the Eastern Presbytery.

It was agreed that the Irish Section should arrange speakers in support of the Call when it is presented.

The chairman led in prayer and dissolved the Commission.

Signed: Brian Dunwoody  
Date: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### **Minutes of the Mission Committee Meeting as a Commission of Synod for the Commissioning service for Rev. Vincent McDonnell.**

On **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023** members of the Commission of Synod met in Trinity RPC at 7.15pm prior to the commissioning service for Rev Vincent McDonnell as Mission Worker and Church Planter in Limerick. Those present were Rev. Mark Loughridge (Convener of the Irish Section of the Mission Committee), Rev. Raymond Blair, Mr Brian Dunwoody, Mr Billy Hamilton, Rev. Peter Jemphrey and Rev. Stephen Wright (Moderator of Synod). Mr Loughridge declared the commission constituted, opened in prayer and commended the evening's proceedings to Almighty God.

Having joined the assembled congregation in the meeting house, Mr Dunwoody, chair of the Mission Committee, welcomed everyone. Rev. Stephen Wright introduced the singing of Psalm 96A and led in prayer. Rev. Nigel Agnew preached from Isaiah chapter 12, comparing it to a little psalm

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which the returning Jewish exiles could sing in praise to God. In our day we have so much more reason to sing praise to our Lord and Saviour.

The singing of part of Psalm 147A was followed by Rev. Mark Loughridge explaining the background to, and vision for, the work in Limerick. It is Ireland's third largest city and there is a very limited reformed witness there. In recent times the Lord has opened doors of opportunity for us to send a worker there.

Mr Billy Hamilton put the requisite questions to Rev. Vincent McDonnell and led in the Commissioning Prayer, following the signing of adherence to the Westminster Confession of Faith.

Rev. Raymond Blair brought the charge to Mr McDonnell. Informing us that Limerick's motto is, 'A city well versed in the arts of war', he very appropriately drew lessons from Ephesians ch 6 v 10-20 – the armour of God. In 'fighting' for King Jesus in Limerick Vincent must be strong against the spiritual powers, he must keep himself armed with the whole armour of God and he must be prayerful. The encouragement comes from not one soldier, but of many soldiers standing together as prayer warriors.

Mr Blair concluded with prayer and the service was brought to a close with the singing of Psalm 18 st 25-28 and the benediction.

Mr Loughridge then dissolved the Commission from its constituted capacity.

Signed: Brian Dunwoody

Date : 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board met formally on two occasions (via Zoom) during 2022 with significant work being carried out by its Board members outside of meetings.

The Board continues to review the investments in our care and, following discussion, proposes to repay smaller amounts of capital to the various committees where the capital sum no longer generates a meaningful income. It is felt that these funds can be better used in the future growth of the Church.

The insurance policy covering various Church camps and conferences was reviewed, with the cover increased.

Significant time was spent during 2022 on the Ballymacashen Reformed Presbyterian Church building. The building reverted back to the Trustees of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland in February 2007. The Board recognises the work of the late Rev. Knox Hyndman who arranged an informal arrangement with a local Congregational congregation who have worshipped regularly in the building since 2007. The Trustees continue to pay for the upkeep and maintenance of the graveyard, paying insurance of £2,145.00 per annum. The trustees receive an annual rent from the Congregational Church of £1,800.00 per annum.

The Board approached the Eastern Presbytery to explore the following options relating to the Ballymacashen building:

1. Establish a formal rental agreement with the existing congregation, keeping the present terms and setting out normal conditions for a tenant of this type of property.
2. Offer the property to the local Congregational church, who currently occupy the building, with Presbytery putting a value on the property.
3. Seek to sell the property, getting a professional valuation, and seeking a buyer who would accept responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the graveyard.

Presbytery requested that the Board continue to progress this matter.

In addition to work carried out on Ballymacashen, the Larne Reformed Presbyterian Church building was transferred into the name of the Trustees of Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland by solicitors Messrs. King & Gowdy to be held for the benefit of Carrickfergus RPC. Remaining cash balances were

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distributed as per the instructions of the Larne AGM held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017, as follows: -

1. Trustees of Synod - £50,000 (to be held for 10 years to fund a new work in Larne. If not required it is to be forwarded to the Home Mission Board).
2. Stranraer RPC - £10,000
3. Woodstock Society - £10,000
4. Congregational Aid- £20,000
5. Balance - £6,829.13 (transferred to Galway Reformed Presbyterian Church).

The Board expresses thanks to Rev Harry Coulter who brought this to a successful conclusion.

2022 was a difficult year for global markets with the commencement of the Russia/Ukraine conflict, and the knock-on effect this had in creating an environment of higher inflation and interest rates. Whilst the trustees continue to take a medium risk balanced income & growth approach to the investment portfolio, broadly diversified portfolios such as ours still suffered. The portfolio ended the year (31<sup>st</sup> December 2022) with a value of £1,078,219 and an increased annual income of £29,981. Whilst this was down £89,191 from 1 January 2022, income of £28,504 was paid out from the portfolio to the Trustees' General Deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcus McCollum  
Honorary Secretary

John Cubitt  
Honorary Treasurer

## BOOK CENTRE AND PUBLICATIONS

The sale of Christian books continues to operate from Knockbracken and the book room at Union College which is open one day a week in term time. A number of bookstalls have taken place at church events and conferences.

In our financial commitment we have continued to reduce the funding request from the Synodical committee. This reduction ends in 2023 and the committee will continue to receive the agreed support. The serious issues with our bank that we reported in last year's report has been resolved by the opening of an account in a different bank and the transfer of funds and payment to this new account. We thank our Treasurer for seeing to this. We also appreciate the



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guidance given by Mr Marcus McCollum in this matter.

### **Property**

The committee continues to manage the upkeep of the book centre premises and external redecoration is planned.

### **Books**

We are grateful for the work of our manager Mr Adrian McKibbin and his staff Mr William Gamble and Mrs Joan McDonald. Our appreciation is also expressed to our Honorary Treasurer Mr Roy Morrow.

Respectfully submitted,  
Geoffrey Allen (Convener)

## **BUSINESS OF SYNOD**

The Committee has prepared the draft order of business as included in and circulated with the report book for the 2023 meeting of the 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.

### **International Conference of Reformed Churches.**

The 10th General Meeting of the International Conference of Reformed Churches was held from Thursday, October 13 – Tuesday, October 18, 2022 in Windhoek, Namibia. As agreed at Synod last year we were represented at the Conference by Rev. Prof. David McKay. Dr. McKay's report of the conference was printed in the December 2022 issue of the Covenanter Witness.

### **Inter-Church Matters**

The Committee has reviewed the frequency with which we invite Churches with whom we have Fraternal relations to send delegates to Synod and agreed to regularize the situation as follows:-

- Sister denominations will continue to be invited to send a delegate (or send a letter of greeting) to our Synod each year.
- Denominations with which we have Fraternal relations will be invited to send a delegate (or send a letter of greeting) to our Synod every other year.

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We have responded to invitations to send delegates to other church bodies as follows:-

Rev. Robert Robb represented us at the Presbytery Day Conference of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales on 4<sup>th</sup> March.

Our Moderator, Rev. Geoffrey Allen attended the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) in Glasgow in May and also sent a video greeting to the Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia. Mr Allen also intends to attend the Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

Letters of greeting have been sent to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church of America and the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

In April we received an email from the Free Church of Scotland asking if our denomination would consider a conversation to explore how we could have a formal ecumenical relationship with the Free Church and how that might benefit our respective churches. The Clerk has acknowledged receipt of the email and indicated that a fuller response will be made in due course. The Business of Synod Committee would like to hear the views of the members of Synod before responding fully to this enquiry.

### **Charity Commission**

Rev. Edward McCollum, on behalf of the Standing Commission on Charity Status, has submitted an application to the Charity Commission for the Synod to be registered as a Charity. The application has yet to be processed by the Charity commission.

### **Contact with General Register Office.**

The Clerk has been in touch with the General Register Office to have the list of men who are registered as officiants for the solemnization of marriages updated.

### **Synod**

The following denominations have been invited to send a delegate to attend Synod 2023 and to address the Tuesday evening sederunt:

- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Australia
- The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales
- The Reformed Presbyterian Church (North East India Synod)

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- The Synod of the Reformed Churches of Spain
- The Orthodox Presbyterian Church (of America)

Respectfully submitted  
Samuel McCollum (Convener)

## CHURCH HISTORY

Synod's Committee on Church History met by Zoom on Monday, 24 April 2023. The Committee was pleased to note the appearance of several publications in the past year. Dr Trevor McCavery wrote *Knockbracken Reformed Presbyterian Church, 1772–2022: 250 Years of Covenant Witness*; the book was launched at a special anniversary service in Knockbracken on 25 November. John Somerville edited *Lisburn Reformed Presbyterian Church, 1982–2022*, which was published to coincide with the congregation's fortieth anniversary. The Convener was the author of *Forgotten Covenanthers: The Story of the Eastern Reformed Presbyterian Church*, which was published by the Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland in association with Cullybackey Reformed Presbyterian Church; a launch was held in Cullybackey on 14 April. We also express our thanks for the work of Rev. Geoffrey Allen in keeping the *Fasti* up to date.

On 20 October, in Cullybackey Reformed Presbyterian Church, Rev. Geoffrey Allen delivered a lecture to the Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland to mark the 250th anniversary of the Covenanter exodus to South Carolina led by Rev. William Martin. The Kellswater congregation is planning to revive the Synodical Conventicle at the Peden Memorial, Glenwherry, in 2024 or 2025. The Committee notes that 2023 marks the one hundredth anniversary of the CY movement and gives thanks for all that it has achieved.

The Committee continues to identify important historical materials relating to the history of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. We believe that the best place for older manuscript records, such as baptism and marriage registers and minute books, is the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, and we would encourage all congregations to have their records placed in this archive for safekeeping. The Church History Committee had a credit balance of £685.38 on 31 March 2023.

Respectfully submitted,  
William Roulston (Convener)

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### CONGREGATIONAL AID FUND

As a Committee we give thanks for the guidance God has given us as we carried out our duties over the past year.

We met twice during the year and at our March meeting, Mr John McEwen and Mr Archie McKeeman retired from the CAF committee after many years of long and dedicated service. At our October meeting, Rev. Barry Galbraith announced that he wished to step down from the committee and he was thanked for his diligent work. We ask God to bless these men as they continue to serve in various capacities within their own congregations. As a result of these retirements, at our October meeting we welcomed Mr Joe Watson from our Bailiesmills congregation onto our committee and we ask God to bless him as he serves.

The CAF was pleased to be able to give support to four congregations, while Galway no longer required support and we continue to remember our brothers and sisters in Galway during their vacancy.

The total amount paid in grant was £58,414.41, a decrease of £24,290.82 compared with last year. This decrease was mainly due to Galway no longer receiving support from early in the year. Income for invested funds amounted to £1,497.54 and the Finance Committee authorised £75,000 towards the funds of grant aid. In November 2022 the Committee received a one off payment of £20,000 which had been kindly donated by the Larne congregation.

With regards to the Rea Memorial and Nevin Legacy Funds, £280.00 was transferred into the CAF fund.

Philippians 4 V19

And my God will fully satisfy every need of you, according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus

Respectfully submitted

Joel McCluggage (Convener)

### COVENANTER WITNESS

#### Annual Business Committee Report 2023

We give thanks to God for the blessings received from the publication of the Covenanter Witness magazine over the last year through good articles, new

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series, book reviews, The Messenger articles and news from our congregations and sister denominations. We are thankful for Rev. Philip Dunwoody and his assistant editor Mr Andrew Morrison.

Although we saw a rise in subscribers last year there has been a drop off in 2023 and this is causing significant financial pressure. The publisher, Pepper Collective, has been operating well with the editors and although they have been facing inflationary pressures, they have worked with us to reduce the impact of the additional costs through reducing paper thickness.

We do recognise that we continue to operate requiring financial assistance from the Synodical Committee on top of the subscriptions income received in sales in order to maintain publication but we believe that this is an important aspect of the denominational witness. We are continuing to look at new opportunities to improve circulation further afield and may have to consider a further increase in subscription costs from £20 to £25 in 2024.

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

We note that Mr Douglas Hughes stepped down as treasurer for the magazine in 2022 and a new Treasurer has been appointed, Mr Steven McCollum. We thank Douglas for his many years of service and diligence in balancing the books, managing payments and income. We also note the proposed change of a Convener for the committee in 2023.

We look to God for blessing and ask for prayer for guidance to our editors on the content of the magazine.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen Finch (Convener)

## **COVENANTER WITNESS EDITORS REPORT 2023**

The editors give thanks to God for providing for the work of the magazine in 2022.

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### **Magazine Design and Production**

The partnership with Pepper Collective continues to be a very enjoyable one. Mr Geoff Sloss receives proofed text and photos and provides us with initial design and layout. Once this is finalised Pepper Collective also arrange for the printing and posting of each edition. Mr Sloss and his team are very easy to work with and have plenty of experience with church publications. Feedback on magazine design and content from our readers continues to be positive.

### **Magazine Content**

Rev. Peter Jemphrey's series on *The Life to Come* was a significant contribution to the magazine in 2022 and was well received. We also appreciated Rev. Prof. Robert McCollum's short series on Covenant Renewal, which we trust was helpful for readers and congregations. We have also sought to maintain a fairly regular interview segment in each issue, focusing particularly on members or former members of the Irish RP Church serving overseas.

We continue to promote *The Messenger*, now an online publication, by including an article and a QR Code to take readers to their website. We also greatly appreciate Church News items being sent to us for inclusion.

In 2023 we have a series underway examining the elements of our public worship and are considering other subjects that we hope will be of interest. Once again we encourage Sessions to promote the magazine and to encourage new subscriptions, if possible, in our congregations.

The editors are always glad to receive occasional articles and to consider them for inclusion in print.

### **Conclusion**

We remain indebted to our proof-readers, Mrs Heather Lyons, Miss Eileen Kerr and Mrs Sue Wright. The work of Mr Steven McCollum as treasurer is also appreciated by the editors as well as the oversight and input of Mr Stephen Finch has provided during his time on the magazine's Business Committee. We thank all agents who continue to deal with distributing the magazine and collecting the subscriptions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Philip Dunwoody,  
Andrew Morrison

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### COVENANTER YOUTH SYNODICAL COMMITTEE

In 2022 the Summer Conference was held in Ballyclabber and Glenmanus Churches. There was a good attendance at both events as we dealt with the topic of Gender and Identity. Mr Jonny Fitzsimons and Rev Peter Dundee encouraged and challenged those in attendance to continue to stand for the Word of God in an everchanging society.

It has been encouraging to hear how the work of the CY at both Presbytery and Congregational level has been bringing our young people together at a local level. We continue to pray that God will bless the work of the CY among our young people, and as they gather for times of fellowship around God's Word and times of fun, that God might be raising up another generation of his people to take the gospel into all the nations of the world.

We are also encouraged to hear of the other events being organised by the Young Adults Weekend Committee and the Messenger Committee to encourage older young people to continue to gather and enjoy Christian Fellowship. We encourage both committees to continue arranging these events.

2023 is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the CY and we plan to mark this occasion at the Summer Conference. At the evening meeting of the Summer Conference, we are planning to hold a special meeting to commemorate this anniversary. There will be a historical paper given by a member of the committee, and we would encourage members of the church to forward any special memories or photographs that they have to the Committee at [cyccommittee2023@gmail.com](mailto:cyccommittee2023@gmail.com).

The following events are being planned for the 2023/24 and we would ask that Ministers/Clerks of Session and Presbytery CY Committees take note of these events and plan their own programmes accordingly:

- CY Summer Conference – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023
  - Ages 11-15 in Ballyclabber at 3.00pm
  - Ages 16+ in Glenmanus at 3.00pm
  - CY Centenary Service in Ballyclabber at 7.30pm

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- Young Adults Weekend – 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023
  - Venue – Mullartown House, Annalong
  - Ages 18+
  - Speaker – Andrew Roycroft
  - Topic – The Humanity of Jesus
  
- CY Dinner – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023
  - This is to be held in the Eastern Presbytery. Further details to be confirmed closer to the time.
  - Ages 16+
  
- CY Spring Conference – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024
  - This will be held in the Southern Presbytery.
  
- CY Outing – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024
  - This will be held in the Western Presbytery.

Please continue to pray for the work of the CY at a Congregational, Presbytery, and Synodical level. Pray that God would use the work of CY in the lives of His children and for His honour and glory.

Respectfully Submitted  
Rev. James Blair (Chairman)

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Review of 2022

1. The Finance Committee are grateful to our God for His provision to our denomination in 2022. The faithful giving by congregations, despite the challenging financial circumstances experienced by many, has allowed the Finance Committee to distribute the approved funding to Synodical committees.

### Introduction to the Proposed Budget for 2024

2. The proposed budget for 2024 is presented below for Synod's examination.



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### Salaries and Pensions

3. The Finance Committee is remitted to recommend to Synod various salary and pension levels. The UK annual rate of inflation has been running at over 9% since April 2022 and has been over 10% since July 2022, with small dip to 9.9% in August 2022. Given these unique circumstances, which have led to dramatic increases in the cost of living, we recommend an increase of approximately 5% in salary and pension levels, as detailed below.

NI Minister's Salary	£29,400
R.O.I Minister's Salary	€45,050
Minister's Pension	£10,000
Minister's Widow's Pension	£5,000
Minister's Orphan Fund	£1050

The Committee also recommends that payment for a Minister undertaking the role of Interim Moderator should be up to £3,550, subject to the level of demand of the role.

### Budget for 2023

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 recommends for Synod's consideration the following budget for 2024. Please note that for each committee, the table below presents the budget approved by Synod for 2023, the Finance Committee recommended budget<sup>1</sup> for 2024 and, in brackets, the budget requested by each committee for 2024.

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<sup>1</sup> For the 2024 year, the total combined income to be covered by congregational targets will be reduced by £30,000, which will come directly from the Finance Committee.

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	<b>Approved 2023</b>	<b>Recommended 2024</b>
Book Centre & Publications	£26,000	£26,000 (26)
Business of Synod	£6,100	£5,300 (5.3)
Congregational Aid	£75,000	£45,000 (45)
College Education	£17,500	£25,000 (25)
Finance Committee	£0	£0 (0)
Ministers' Pensions	£22,000	£22,000 (22)
Minster's Widows & Orphans	£31,800	£38,000 (38)
Theological College	£25,000	£30,000 (30)
R P Camps	£4,000 <sup>2</sup>	£10,000 (10)
Instruction of the Young	£0	£0 (0)
Synodical Conf./ International	£0	£0 (0)
CY Synodical Committee	£0	£0 (0)
Public Morals Committee	£360	£360 (.36)
Covenanter Witness Business Committee	£2500	£7000 (7) <sup>3</sup>
Contingency Fund (5%)	£10,513	£10,433
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£220,773</b>	<b>£219,093</b>

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 31.4%.

<sup>2</sup> Note that the amount reported as requested by the RP Camps Committee for 2023 of £4,000. The actual amount requested for 2023 was £22,000.

<sup>3</sup> This budget increase request will be spoken to by the Covenanter Witness Business Committee.

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### 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 2023.

### Income Received from Congregations

6. The following tables show the extent to which targets in 2022 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 2022

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Exceeded Target</b>	<b>Met Target</b>	<b>Target Shortfall</b>	<b>Total</b>
Northern	2	6	2	10
Eastern	3	8	0	11
Western	1	9	0	10
Southern	2	6	1	9

Mission Targets 2022

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Exceeded Target</b>	<b>Met Target</b>	<b>Target Shortfall</b>	<b>Total</b>
Northern	3	5	2	10
Eastern	4	7	0	11
Western	1	9	0	10
Southern	4	4	1	9

There are 8 congregations making over 50% of their Ministry Target payment to the Committee in the final quarter of the year. We would encourage congregations to pay at least quarterly to help denominational cashflow, as per Recommendation 16 of the Financial Advisory Committee report.

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<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>No. of Congregations Paying Electronically</b>	<b>No. of Congregations Paying Quarterly</b>	<b>No. of Congregations Paying 50% or more in final quarter</b>
Northern	8	4	2
Eastern	10	4	2
Western	7	3	1
Southern	2	0	3

Respectfully submitted,  
Prof Jonathan Heggarty (Convener)

### **GENERAL BENEVOLENT FUND**

For the second year in succession no applications were made to our committee for financial assistance from any of our congregations. We would remind ministers, elders and deacons that our committee exists to help those in our denomination who are deemed to be experiencing considerable financial hardship.

Respectfully submitted  
Robert Robb (Convener)

### **INSTRUCTION OF THE YOUNG COMMITTEE**

“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.” (Deuteronomy 6:6-7).

We are happy to inform the members of Synod that three additional committee members have agreed to join the IoYC: Derek Lynch (Bready) and Daniel and Amy McArthur (Trinity).

The members of committee are currently creating template lessons based on work done by subcommittees. We are also working on a design and layout that will hopefully make lessons easy to follow for students and simple to prepare for teachers.

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With the help of the staff of the Covenanter Bookshop and the folks at Sam Robinson Printing the production of this year's Sabbath School Material has been made possible.

The IoYC committee humbly asks for prayer as we seek to do this work in a more timely manner and well for the glory of God and the benefit of our covenant children.

### **Sabbath Examinations**

The following lessons (from Unit 2) should be revised for the 2023 examinations:

<i>Junior</i>	Lessons 12, 16, 27, 29, 32, 34
<i>Intermediate</i>	Lessons 2, 5, 20, 21, 23, 33, 35
<i>Senior</i>	Lessons 1-7, 8, 10-12, 15-18, 27-30

The alternative Senior paper will be printed with the Senior Scripture paper. Members of Synod are asked to pass this information on to Sabbath School Superintendents.

Respectively submitted  
Paul Wright (Convener)

### **MINISTERS' PENSION AND SICKNESS FUND**

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 Rev G McEwen passed away on 15th December 2022.

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 3.7% for 2023.

The total amount paid in pensions in 2022 was £54,735.12. Our expenditure for 2023 is estimated to be approximately £52,000.

Respectfully submitted  
T Forgrave (Convener)

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### **MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND**

The Committee gives thanks to God for his many blessings and continued gracious provision throughout the past year. At present, we have eight widows who benefit from the Fund. Grants were paid in accordance with the direction given by Synod.

Respectfully submitted  
David Officer (Convener)

### **MISSION COMMITTEE**

#### **Chairman's Report**

As has been customary in recent years, 2022 saw some changes of personnel both on the Mission Committee and on its supporting sections. Regarding the former, in September Miss Elizabeth Greer, the outgoing WF President, was replaced by the incoming Vice President, Dr Heather McCullough. Mr Billy Hamilton took over from Rev. Raymond Blair as an Irish Section representative. Our sincere thanks are extended to both Elizabeth and Raymond for their thoughtful contributions over the years. Rev. Blair McFarland took on the chairmanship of the Home Section; his predecessor, Rev. Geoffrey Allen, remains as a HS representative on the full committee and we thank him for his ten years' convenorship of the Home Section.

2022 was the first full year of the re-structured France Section/Spanish Session arrangement begun in 2021. I commend all those involved for their ongoing commitment to these works. Each section has been very busy led respectively by Rev. Peter Jemphrey and Rev. Nigel Agnew. Details of the section memberships for 2023 are contained in the 'Synodical Information'. As mentioned last year, in due course it is envisaged that any necessary changes to par.12.65 of The Code re. memberships of committees will be brought before Synod. However, we believe in giving this system some time in practice before adopting it as policy.

During 2022 the Mission Committee met on its customary five occasions, four by zoom. I remain extremely grateful to all members for their conscientious attendance and important contributions to these meetings and in those which have taken place to date in 2023.

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### **Synod Mission Night (15<sup>th</sup> June 2022)**

In a welcome return to normal practice, this took place in person and was very well supported. The main highlights were an interview with Revs Isaac Berrocal and Martin Rizley from Spain, giving an update on their experiences and the work there. A short video presentation gave us an insight into the challenges and encouragements in the small but growing congregation of Anugraha RP Church in Bangalore, India. The retiring collection raised £700 for the work there.

Rev. Prof Robert McCollum entitled his main address, ‘The divinely inspired vision for the Church and its Mission’ From Isaiah 54 v 2 & 3 his three main points were The Vision provided, The Action Demanded and The Faith Required. Tapping very much into a mood that had been evident at the previous few days’ Synod meetings, his challenge was for us to share the vision and act in faith.

### **Synod 2022 decisions re. Nantes and Spain**

In June 2022 Synod accepted the Mission Committee’s proposal that the annual Nantes Financial Statement not be published in any of Synod’s documents but be made available to any member wishing to see it. It also agreed with the proposals that Rev. Isaac Berrocal accept the Call to Seville, that a review of his salary and other expenses take place by the end of August 2023 and that a further review of the work in Spain be undertaken before Synod 2024.

### **Sections**

The Home Section embarked on the task of revising the ‘Rebuilding the Broken Walls’ project of twenty years ago. Two other particular encouragements were the formation of the Cookstown Society into a congregation in June 2022 and the participation of Mr Daniel Moore on short term service in The Gambia in early 2023. It was also pleasing to note that six ‘Go’ teams took place in 2022, with the prospect of even more this year.

The Irish Section moves closer to its goal of establishing a new work in west/central Ireland. The city of Limerick has become a particular focus of attention and the Section brought a proposal to call Rev. Vincent McDonnell as a mission worker/church planter there early in 2023. Rev. Nigel Agnew continues to have monthly contact with a group of Chinese Christians in the Dublin area. Their respective reports detail progress made in Nantes and in Spain. In Nantes

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it has been very encouraging to see the commencement of the construction of the new church building as well as the part played by the Go Relief team there in August in improving the manse and garden area. Rev. Isaac Berrocal's installation in Seville in October was a historic event for the denomination. It was the culmination of much prayerful preparation and the start of a new work in a major Spanish city which could not have been foreseen just a few years ago. Some members of the Mission Committee and of the Southern Presbytery were greatly privileged to be present and it has been gratifying to hear of the continued progress in the work there since then.

### **Finances**

The healthy state of Mission Committee finances in 2021 continued into 2022. The Missions Target total of £208,000 was exceeded. By year's end £196,000 had been donated to the denominational Nantes Appeal, making an overall total of £207,000 to date. At present the new build is estimated to cost €300 - 400,000 with completion hoped for in the autumn. 2022 and early 2023 have also brought administrative changes in both Nantes and Seville which have made easier the processing and payment of salaries.

### **Communication**

The issue of a possible return to traditional deputation meetings is still under discussion. Meanwhile, we again note the invaluable work of the Women's Fellowship through their autumn prayer event and the quarterly Missions Prayer letter, which continue to be sources of information and blessing for many. Through the Milford RPC website and Instagram, Mrs Ruth McCollum also provides prayer updates. Andrew and Heather Lytle have used short video updates to inform us of building progress in Nantes. And articles in the 'Covenanter Witness' have kept subscribers up-to-date with mission activity on a number of fronts, including the Scottish Church's support for work in The Gambia.

### **Other**

The annual Week of Prayer for mission work took place in March. Some congregations have taken the opportunity to hold prayer meetings on zoom at specific times during that week. It is hoped that this practice might be extended more widely next year. We acknowledge the contribution of our representative on the Council of the International Mission to Jewish People, Rev. John



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Watterson. We give thanks for his commitment to this vital work and note his reference to possible deputation meetings.

On reflection, 2022 provided a number of very significant encouragements in our mission work in a number of areas, answers to much prayer. As a church we can certainly identify with Paul's plea to the believers in Colossae when he says, "Pray ... that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ ..." – Colossians ch 4 v 3.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Dunwoody (Convener)

### HOME SECTION REPORT

The Home Section has been active in the past year, seeking to encourage evangelism and to assist in the mission work of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. We rejoice to hear of the on-going witness of church members bearing fruit and we thank our Lord for the signs of blessing and encouragement as we seek to do all for His Glory.

The Synodical Day of Prayer was held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 in Dromara RPC. The Moderator, Rev. Geoffrey Allen, preached God's Word and there was a good attendance. We make a recommendation that Synod hold a Day of Prayer on Monday 13th November 2023 to be hosted by the Western Presbytery in Faughan RPC.

Cookstown. We are grateful to God for the developments in Cookstown. It has been our privilege over recent years to support the work financially. The Society was constituted as a congregation in June 2022 and financial support now comes from the Congregational Aid Fund.

'Rebuilding the Broken Walls'. This workbook, produced in the year 2000, has been used by God to guide many of our congregations in revitalisation. We believe it would be beneficial to revise, update and reprint it and have formed a sub-committee to begin work on this.

Short Term Service. We would remind the church that STS is still operating, offering financial support for people who wish to explore and develop their spiritual gifts in service and outreach. STS can be anything from three months

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to a year, in either an existing RP congregation or fellowship, or in one of the centres of RP mission. Ideally, applicants should apply by 17<sup>th</sup> March each year for service commencing anytime from the following 1<sup>st</sup> July. Supervision of, and pastoral support for, successful applicants remain the joint responsibility of the applicant's own church and that in which he/she is serving.

Mr Daniel Moore from our Lisburn congregation has been involved with Pastor Sylvester Konteh in the congregation in Brikama, The Gambia, from February to June 2023.

We thank our recording secretary and treasurer for their continued excellent work. We also acknowledge with gratitude the contribution made to our Section by Rev. John Coates and Mr John Somerville who have served for 10 years and 9 years respectively. Both are stepping down this year.

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” Gal 6:9.

Respectfully submitted,  
Blair McFarland (Convener)

### IRISH SECTION REPORT

The work of the Irish Section over the past year has consisted of the following:

#### **a. Identifying a new location for mission work**

As reported last year, communication was received from a group of reformed Christians in Limerick who are seeking partnership in maintaining their witness. They have a strong desire to be a witness and presence in the city, but have no pastor. Limerick is a little over an hour from Galway, has a population of 94,000, is Ireland's third largest city and there are few evangelical churches there. During the past year we have therefore felt led by God to focus on this location.

As a result we have organised for services to be held there where possible on the Lord's Day. This has been either by someone going directly to Limerick or the speaker in Galway travelling on to Limerick to take an evening service. In this way, we have got to know the group there, and have sensed their enthusiasm for a work to be established in Limerick under the auspices of our denomination. We have also been encouraged that the local Baptist pastor in Limerick is keen to see us developing a ministry in the city.

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This has all led us to consider calling a man to work in Limerick on a full-time basis. A number of potential candidates have been considered and we have reached the point of proposing to the Mission Committee that such a call be made out. We are aware that no new worker has been called into the Irish Mission Field for over three decades and believe that now is an opportune time to do so.

At our meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 it was agreed to ask the Mission Committee to make out a call to Rev. Vincent McDonnell to serve as a mission worker and church planter in Limerick. This call was subsequently presented on 6<sup>th</sup> April at Trinity RPC and subsequently accepted on 25<sup>th</sup> May. He will be commissioned on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

We commend this work and Vincent to the Synod and denomination's prayers.

### **b. 87 Ardilaun Road**

During the past year a leak developed in the heating system in the Hamiltons' home which required significant work to repair. The insurance company have been consulted and it is hoped they will cover some of the associated costs. The rent received for the Ardilaun property should also defray some of the expenses of renting accommodation in Limerick.

### **c. The Chinese Fellowship in Dublin**

There has been continuing contact with the group of Chinese Reformed Christian in Dublin. We are thankful to Rev. Nigel Agnew for being willing to help the group by meeting with them on a regular basis.

### **d. Membership of the Irish Section**

We are pleased that Mr Stephen Fallows from our Gateway congregation has joined the Irish Section and look forward to his contribution over the coming years.

We continue to wait upon the Lord to guide us into his ways as regards the work of Mission in Ireland, knowing that he is the One who gathers his people into his kingdom "from the east, and from the west, from the north and from the south." (Psalm 107:3)

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Loughridge (Convener)

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### FRANCE SECTION REPORT

The French Section met on five occasions during the year. *Its members are Mrs Anne McConaghie, Miss Margaret McMullan, Miss Liz Blair (Recording Secretary), Rev. John Watterson, Dr. Andrew McKelvey, Mr Osy Graham, Mr William McCollum (Treasurer) and Rev. Peter Jemphrey (Convener).* The meetings were mostly on Zoom but we met in person with Andrew and Heather in August when they were in Northern Ireland on holiday. During the year we also set up a French Section WhatsApp Group to help keep each other well informed about points for praise and prayer concerning Nantes.

#### **Update on the Nantes Fellowship**

This year the church family in Nantes was blessed with an excellent group of five students from Brazil, South Korea, N Ireland (Erin Peel) and India who worshipped with them. Three of them are looking into the possibility of coming back to Nantes or prolonging their studies. This would be a further blessing to the Fellowship.

Hospitality has continued to be an important part of Andrew and Heather's ministry. In July 2022, the Lytles were introduced to 'I' and her daughter 'K' from Ukraine who have moved to Nantes. 'K' is in Matthieu's class in school. The Lytles invited them to their home at Christmas. Since January this year 'I' and 'K' have been worshipping with the Fellowship. It means a lot to Matthieu to have someone from his class at church.

In recent months Andy and Heather have also been encouraged by other new people coming along more regularly. These are believers whose church has closed or who were disillusioned with their previous church. Pastoral wisdom is needed as Andrew and Heather and the church family help these newcomers at an unsettled time in their lives.

Last December members of the church gave out Gospel calendars and literature in local markets. In March this year, they organised a St Patrick's evening. Many friends and neighbours from outside the Fellowship came to the evening which concluded with a short message on the life and witness of St Patrick.

In June and July the Soundron family of 8 from USA plan return to Nantes again. They worshipped with the Fellowship for 5 months in 2021 and were a great blessing to the church then.

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For a few months during this past year Andrew preached on Acts and focused on building up the body of believers, encouraging the members to recognise and develop their gifts. Andrew and Mike Heft, his fellow elder, are seeking to encourage more people to take up responsibilities within the Fellowship.

### **Update on the Lytle family**

In the midst of many blessings and encouragements this year, the Lytles have faced considerable challenges with Andrew's health concerns (his Achilles problem and vertigo) and in particular with the sudden death of Matthieu's best friend at school, Matthis, last December. Another close friend of the Fellowship, Carlos, also died suddenly in December and Andrew was asked to take his funeral. Obviously it has been totally heart-breaking for Matthis' family especially and very hard for Matthieu. In the midst of all the grief, Andy and Heather have had many opportunities to witness for Christ in the school to parents and teachers.

During last summer Andrew had a ten-week Sabbatical and we are very thankful for the men God provided to preach during this period, Trevor Harris, Richard Davies, Stephen Neilly and then Malcolm Ball who preached during Andrew's holidays. The Lytles benefitted enormously from the fellowship with those who helped during the Sabbatical and from the cover provided for the preaching. However, the building project at that stage was stressful and took up much of Andrew's time so he did not benefit in many of the ways that we had hoped from the Sabbatical.

### **Update on the Building Project**

The work on the new building has proved to be very demanding mainly because the first builder proved to be totally unreliable and failed to keep to his contract. A second builder had to be employed and, since September, things have progressed well with just a couple of smaller delays and setbacks. It is hoped that the main building work will be completed in time for the Go Relief Team's trip in the middle of August to finish the remaining smaller jobs.

The French Section has been greatly encouraged by the wonderful generosity of the wider church to the building fund appeal. During the latter part of 2021 and then in 2022 the amount given was over £190,000. The Mission Committee has enough of a balance to cover the estimated total cost of €400,000. Once the building work has been completed, it has to be validated by the French

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authorities. This could take up to six weeks and so the official opening of the new Salle will probably not take place until October at the earliest.

### **Update on the new regulations in France and their impact on Evangelical Churches**

The new regulations in France regarding religious activities could put a heavy administrative burden, with regard to financial management, on small evangelical churches like ours. In God's providence, however, a practical solution has been found. We are now employing the services of a group called Perspectives. This group does not set a minister's salary but administers the bookkeeping, accounting and payments of a minister on our behalf. Perspectives, whilst not setting salary, do require that all ministers, on whose behalf they act, have a French pension, critical illness cover and medical cost provision to a set standard. This was non-negotiable.

As a consequence of this the Mission Committee's costs have risen by €6,000 (which includes the annual administration fee charged by Perspectives). Andrew's salary has been adjusted to take into account the increased mandatory provision. The Section agreed that it is money well spent as it releases Andrew, the Nantes Fellowship and RPCI from significant time-consuming bureaucratic procedures. The additional medical cover means Andrew and his family have access to free health care without having to pay a fee per visit and the critical illness cover providing financially for Andrew if he falls ill for a long period. We thank William McCollum and Osy Graham for all their work in looking into this very complicated matter.

### **Conclusion**

The building project is a cause for much encouragement and excitement but we give thanks especially for how the Lord continues to build His people together as a church family in our Nantes Fellowship. We are particularly thankful for how He has sustained and provided for Andrew, Heather and Matthieu through this very demanding year and for their continued faithfulness and whole-hearted commitment in the face of so many challenges. May this continue in the year ahead and may the Fellowship continue to be a great blessing to many for the glory of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Jemphrey (Convener)

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### SPANISH SESSION REPORT

#### Meetings

- The Spanish Session is made up of 6 members namely, Nigel Agnew, Isaac Berrocal, David Fleming, Morrell McCollum, Martin Rizley, and Robert Robb.
- It meets monthly, usually by way of zoom. It has been decided that at least twice per year the members of the session who live in NI will meet physically together and join Isaac and Martin online.
- Mr Brian Dunwoody receives the minutes of the monthly meetings and has been invited to join some of the meetings.

#### The Seville Congregation

- As is widely known already throughout the denomination Isaac was installed in the Seville congregation on October 15<sup>th</sup> 2022. This was an extremely encouraging day, especially for members of the Spanish Session.
- Around 50-55 people attend the church regularly. For this we are thankful. We would like to see these members realising more of the connection they have with congregations in Ireland. We therefore appeal once again to members of our churches to think about visiting Seville and making contact with the church.
- The congregation has two elders, Juan and Marcos, and we would ask that the wider church remembers them in prayer. We are thankful for the congregation being united under the leadership of these men.
- Young People's meeting are going well with 13-14 in attendance. We recognise the energy and enthusiasm of Isaac in this area.
- Isaac and Rachel have been involved in meeting a number of believers in the area surrounding their home. There are also others on the periphery of the congregation that we hope will become more closely involved with the church.
- The congregation has recently agreed that Isaac should be a legal representative. Not only does this show the harmony within the congregation but also means that from this the church will be able to pay Isaac directly, without the need to involve the Malaga church. Once again we record our thankfulness for all the work Martin Rizley and the Malaga church have done for us.
- The Session has encouraged the congregation to contribute towards the salary of Isaac and we are thankful to report that at least 10% will

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be contributed towards salary this year. We also recognise the ongoing financial obligations that the Seville congregation has and to this end we receive a monthly financial statement from Isaac.

### **The Berrocal Family**

- Each month Isaac gives the session an update on his family. The session knows that the wellbeing of all the members of the family is paramount and has tried to ensure that their needs, on all levels, are met.
- We note that Rebeca and Lea are approaching the end of their education in the Spanish School system and have big decisions to make about further education.
- We are thankful that Rebeca, Lea and Claudia were able to attend Senior Camp in July 2022 and Camp Reunion in February 2023.
- As a session we know that Isaac puts a lot of time into his ministry in Seville. He takes little time off and we regularly encourage him to take adequate rest.

### **Church Witness**

- We thank the Reformed Witness Committee for providing funds for the publication in Spanish of ‘A Reformed Catholic’ by William Perkins. Other congregations in Spain have received the publication and churches in Latin America have received it in PDF format.
- We have also discussed outreach by the church in Seville. We note the many cultural differences between Seville and Ireland and we know that Isaac is more aware of how to proceed than we are. Having said that we have discussed the viability of asking for a Go Team to go to Seville in 2024. On many levels we feel this would help. We would however be encouraging only people who can speak Spanish to apply. We think that the church should know about this in good time.
- Isaac is working along with Martin Rizley to hold an outreach event, near Seville, on Reformation Day 2023.
- In the 16<sup>th</sup> century the area around Seville saw many believers meeting together in secret and known to one another as “iglesia chiquita” (little church). These believers rooted their faith in the study of the scriptures. Many suffered because of this. Yet they remained faithful. We pray that through the continued study of the scriptures that great blessing would come to the “iglesia chiquita” in Seville.

Nigel Agnew (Moderator)



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### INTERNATIONAL MISSION TO JEWISH PEOPLE

We thank God that he has continued to bless the work of International Mission to Jewish People and that in 2022 twenty-nine Jewish people came to faith in Jesus, were baptised, and joined Christian churches in which they are now being discipled. Most of these conversions were in Israel, but there has also been fruit borne in the European cities in which the mission is active.

New missionary recruitment was frozen in 2022, but 2023 has seen some changes to staff. Chanhon Lee has obtained a Green Card to work in USA, but at the time of writing his appointment to work as an IMJP missionary in Boston is on hold while the relationship between IMJP and CWI(NA) is under review. At the end of 2022 Tomer Aston resigned from his internship with Mark Landrum in Sydney, Australia; but IMJP-Australia has appointed Daniel Zeunert as a part-time missionary in Melbourne. Philip Amos (London) has left the mission. Igor and Galyna Barbanel continue to serve the Lord and bear fruit in Chisinau, Moldova, but long to be able to return to Odesa, Ukraine.

God has graciously provided for the finances of the Mission. Although income has been below budget, it has also held up at the level of previous years. Expenditure has also been below budget, and this has helped to keep the deficit below budget too. The mission has sought to recruit new supporters through the 'Watchman' programme which was rolled out in 2022. The point of the Watchman programme is to impress the people of God with the mandate to pray for Jewish evangelism, rather than simply to ask for prayer; those who accept this mandate are resourced to help them pray for the mission. Eleven UK and Ireland missionary tours were conducted in 2022, with a total of 115 deputation meetings of which 25 were held in Ireland.

A total of eleven *In the Cities* outreaches were run during the six-month period after Synod 2022. These helped the mission to build better evangelistic engagement with local churches, gave the local missionaries more local volunteers with whom to work, and grew their missionary caseloads. However, the plan for 2023 is to return to the pre-COVID pattern of a single annual outreach work.

The CEO, Joseph Steinberg, has worked very hard at maintaining fellowship among the international branches of the mission, and representing the mission among the broader community of missions to the Jewish people. Joseph also

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had opportunity to speak about the mission at the Keswick Convention 2022. He has done all of this in a manner that is consistent with the historic Reformed confessional basis of the mission.

The Mission is deeply grateful to the Mission Committee of the RPCI for including it, once 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, which can be organised through the Speaker Specialist, Helen Thompson (phone: 01865 887830, or email [info@imjp.org](mailto:info@imjp.org)).

‘May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us’ (Psalm 67:1).

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. John Watterson

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

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP REPORT

The Women's Fellowship Central Committee met five times by Zoom and in person on one occasion. Plans were made for the Ladies' Day Conference, the AGM and the Autumn Missionary Update Prayer Event. Mrs Vi Dawson proved to be an excellent speaker at our Ladies' Day Conference on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Those who tuned in from their own homes or with a group of ladies from their church, heard Vi draw very relevant, challenging and practical lessons from some less well-known women in the Bible.

The AGM on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June was held in Armagh City Hotel and gave us a welcome opportunity to meet together in person. We heard Mrs Alison Flanagan give a very challenging talk on the work of Christians Against Poverty. Approximately 60 ladies attended and many others listened in online. Greetings were read from Mrs Heather Lytle, Mrs Rachel Berrocal and Mrs Mary Hamilton. Reports from the treasurer and secretary were presented and adopted. Miss Elizabeth Greer, outgoing President, thanked the committee for all their hard work. Mrs Anne McConaghie, incoming President, expressed gratitude to Miss Greer for all her leadership over the past three years. Mrs Heather McCullough was welcomed as the new Vice-President and was

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replaced as representative for the Eastern Presbytery by Mrs Gill Heggarty, while Mrs Janice Bell joined the committee as the representative for the South.

On 10<sup>th</sup> November the Autumn Missionary Update and Prayer Event was held via Zoom. Over 150 ladies heard updates from Mrs Rachel Berrocal, Seville, Miss Mary McCollum, George Royal Academy, Mrs Heather Lytle and Miss Erin Peel, Nantes, and Mrs Mary Hamilton, Galway. Points for prayer were shared and used by groups in breakout rooms during a time of prayer. Subsequent feed-back confirmed that ladies felt this was a very worthwhile evening as it gave us the opportunity to hear from and pray for our missionaries.

Reflecting on the past year we are thankful to God for much answered prayer. It was lovely to meet again in person for our AGM but we are thankful for Zoom technology which has enabled us to keep our ladies connected. We believe it was enriching and encouraging for those who serve further afield in our name. It is a privilege to partner with them and to see how God is at work in advancing His kingdom. It is with grateful and thankful hearts that we look to Him to lead and bless in the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Dunwoody (Secretary)

## RELIEF COMMITTEE

The past year has been a busy year for the relief committee. World events resulted in humanitarian disasters taking place in Ukraine, Pakistan, Turkey and Syria.

The committee made appeals to the denomination for financial help for those suffering as a result of the war in Ukraine, the floods in Pakistan and the Earthquake in Turkey and Syria. As always, the members of our church were very generous in giving to these appeals. Almost £70,000 was sent to churches and Christian organisations working with refugees from Ukraine. The appeal for Pakistan raise almost £30,000 which was forwarded to a recommended organisation working in the region. Financial support is still coming in for the Turkey/ Syria appeal and to date £10,000 has been sent to the Middle East Reformed Fellowship who are targeting their relief work in Syria.

A small team of 9 people travelled to Nantes in order to undertake necessary work on the manse in preparation for the beginning of the construction of their

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new building. A new patio was constructed at the rear of the property and a storage shed was plastered and floored. The manse was also painted.

A further team is being organised for a trip to Nantes in August 2023. This team, consisting of approximately fifteen people, will finish off any work that needs completing on the new church building in the hope of everything being ready for the planned opening in September.

During the past year some members of the committee spent time working on Knockbracken manse in order to get it ready for the arrival of their new minister, Peter Jemphrey, and his family.

The committee also sent financial support to assist Mary McCollum (Limavady) in her work in George Academy in South Africa. Financial assistance was also sent to Pastor Tuang who runs a children's orphanage / school in Myanmar.

Our committee wishes to thank all those who contributed so generously and sacrificially to the various appeals that have been made in the past year and also to those who gave of their time and their skills to assist the committee in practical projects in undertook.

Respectfully submitted  
Robert Robb (Convener)

## **PRESBYTERY REPORTS**

### **NORTHERN PRESBYTERY**

The Northern Presbytery held 4 Statutory meetings, 3 Special meetings, and 2 Pro Re Nata meetings during the year.

#### **Calls**

A Call from the Dervock Congregation in favour of Rev. Raymond Blair was presented at a Special meeting of the Western Presbytery held in Limavady on Wednesday 12th October 2022. Mr Blair subsequently accepted the Call at a meeting of the Western Presbytery on 2nd November 2022. A service of Installation took place on Friday 16th December 2022.

A Call from the Carrickfergus Congregation in favour of Rev. Joel Loughridge was presented at a Special meeting of Presbytery in Cullybackey on Monday 8th May 2023. Mr Loughridge declined the call.

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A Call from the Ballylaggan Congregation in favour of Rev. David Fallows was presented at a Special meeting of Presbytery in Ballymoney on Monday 15th May 2023. At a Special Meeting of Presbytery in Ballymoney on Monday 5th June, Mr Fallows indicated his acceptance of the Call to the Ballylaggan Congregation. At this meeting, the Moderator led in prayer and dissolved the Pastoral tie between Mr Fallows and the Kilraughts Congregation. A Service of Installation will take place, D.V., on Friday 8th September 2023.

### **Changes to the Roll**

The Northern Presbytery notes with sadness the passing of Rev. George McEwen on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Returning to the Presbytery in his retirement, Mr McEwen, along with his wife Heather, joined the Cloughmills Congregation. His love for the Lord and his love for the Lord's people was always evident and he is greatly missed by the Congregation. In Presbytery his contribution was always thoughtful and appropriate. We commend his wife Heather, and his wider family to the Lord in prayer.

In May 2022 the Ballymoney Session acceded to the request of Mr Frank Stewart that he be relieved of the duties of the eldership in the Ballymoney Congregation. In April 2023 Mr Stephen Hunter, on receiving a disjunction certificate from the Dervock Congregation, ceased to be an elder in that Congregation.

Presbytery notes with sadness the passing of two elders in the Ballylaggan Congregation. On 6th May 2023, Mr Samuel Quigley entered his eternal reward. Mr Quigley was ordained and installed as an elder on 22nd March 1981. Also, on 6th June 2023, Mr Hugh Barr was called home to glory. Mr Barr was ordained and installed as an elder on 3rd November 1967. We give thanks to Almighty God for these men, and their service in Christ's Church, and we assure their families of our ongoing prayers for them.

### **Finances**

The Northern Presbytery has actively encouraged Congregations within its bounds to meet their Ministry and Mission Targets. It is with thankfulness to God that, despite many financial constraints in the past year, nine of our Congregations have met their targets in full. A number of Congregations have overpaid either one or both of their targets, which has helped to offset the shortfall of one Congregation unable to meet the target. One congregation intends to make up its shortfall this year.

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The Presbytery notes the generosity of the Congregations within its bounds as many have contributed to the Nantes Manse Appeal, Relief Fund appeals, and EMF appeals for the ongoing situation in Ukraine. There have also been funds sent to other Christian organisations to help them in their Kingdom work.

### **Visitation and Oversight**

The Northern Presbytery carried out its responsibility of oversight of the Ballyclabber Congregation by Visitation in October 2022. We give thanks for the faithful witness of the Congregation in the community, for the commitment of the members to Christ's Church and encourage them in their commitment to the means of grace.

It is with sadness that Presbytery has had to deal with matters of discipline over the last year. We are, however, thankful to God for His leading, for the unity within Presbytery, and we continue to pray for the repentance, reconciliation, and restoration of those disciplined.

### **Outreach and Missionary Interest**

Presbytery is thankful for how its Congregations have continued to reach out into the communities surrounding their buildings. This has happened through Holiday Bible Clubs, Literature Distribution, Special Meetings, Family Outreach, Craft Events, and Breakfasts.

Missionary interest has continued to be fostered within Congregations with a number of different missionary organisations being represented. The distribution of Missionary Prayer Letters has encouraged many to pray for the work of Mission. As mentioned above, Presbytery notes the generosity of many Congregations to Missionary Appeals throughout the past year. Our Women's Fellowships have enjoyed the Missionary Updates held over Zoom, and the opportunity to gather with fellow believers to pray for the work of mission.

### **Ministry of the Word**

Congregations continue to hold worship services each Lord's Day. There are some who continue to air their services over the internet or using other means to reach members who are housebound as well as a wider audience. We are thankful to those men who come each Lord's Day to fill the vacant pulpit in Ballylaggan.

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Presbytery is thankful for the opportunity that the Cullybackey congregation was given to broadcast their service on the BBC Radio Ulster Morning Service Programme on Sabbath 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023. We commend the congregation for the way in which they represented the Lord and our denomination.

### **Prayer**

Presbytery prayer times are very important, and it has been good to continue the monthly zoom prayer meeting throughout the year. We continue to encourage members within Congregations to avail of the opportunities for prayer. It is clear in the times in which we live that there is a great need and we are utterly dependent upon God to change the hearts of men and women and draw them to himself. This being the case we see the prayer meeting as vital in seeking the blessing of God, not only upon our outreach, but also that he would lead and direct His people in their daily walk in a world where so much is opposed to the Christian life.

### **Youth Ministry**

The Presbytery recognises the good work done by the Presbytery Covenanter Youth Committee. It is gratifying to be able to report that the Committee has been able to organise a series of Presbytery youth activities. While the numbers attending these events remains similar, the personnel of those attending changes depending on location. We would encourage CY leaders and Parents to encourage their young people to attend each of the events across the geography of the Presbytery.

Reports from Congregations show that work among the Children in Sabbath Schools, Youth Clubs and Covenanter Youth societies have continued at a local level. We give thanks for the many who lead and teach the children and young people, praying that young lives will be brought under the Kingship of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

### **Choir**

Despite a different approach to the organising of practices, it is with sadness that we note that the Northern Presbytery Choir, which was founded in 1954, has ceased to meet. As a Presbytery we wish to put on record our thanks to Mr David Loughridge who has conducted the choir for the past 25 years. It is our prayer that in future years the Choir may be revived to encourage our Congregations in their praise and extend the practice of Psalm singing into the wider community.

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### **The Forgotten Covenanters**

As a Presbytery we commend to the Synod the recent publication of the book, “The Forgotten Covenanters – The Story of the Eastern Reformed Presbyterian Church.” This has been written by an elder in our Presbytery, Dr. William Roulston.

### **Conclusion**

As a Presbytery we give thanks to God for his grace in all the work that has been done. We are particularly thankful the vacancy in Dervock has been filled. We pray that God would continue to work in the hearts of men, calling them to the work of the ministry. We also pray that God would continue to add to our Congregations. Recent Census results have shown that the membership of churches across Northern Ireland has fallen. We pray that the Lord of the Harvest would send out labourers into his harvest.

We are thankful for the good work that is being done but we are deeply conscious of our need of the help of God to guide and direct the ongoing ministry that Jesus Christ King and Head of the Church may be exalted and that his name will be proclaimed to the many needy souls around us.

*“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.”*

Lamentations 3:22–25

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel McCollum      Moderator

James Blair              Clerk

### **EASTERN PRESBYTERY**

The Eastern Presbytery met on 12 occasions during the year (4 statutory and 8 special) and the Commission for Calls met 3 times.

### **Ministry and Outreach**

Presbytery consists of 11 congregations and 1 society. The Cookstown Society was formed into a congregation at a Special Meeting of Presbytery on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. The congregations of Knockbracken and Newtownards marked their



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250<sup>th</sup> anniversaries during the year and Lisburn celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Each of the churches engaged in the regular ministry of the Word and administration of the sacraments and reported both encouragements and challenges in the work. Blessing was experienced through engaging in Covenant Renewal. Many of the congregations are now reaching a wider audience through livestreaming their services. For the glory of God alone, congregational outreach activities included personal evangelism, street evangelism, abortion centre outreach, special meetings, guest services, children's work, literature distribution, community lunch groups, market outreach, English classes, use of websites and witness in nursing homes and school assemblies.

### **Changes to the Roll of Presbytery**

Presbytery was saddened by the death of Rev. Prof. Edward Donnelly on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023. His faithful ministry in the Trinity congregation will be long remembered and he also made an immense contribution to the work of the wider church, not least through the training of ministers. We give thanks for his work in the Eastern Presbytery for most of his ministry and express our sympathy to his family and the Trinity congregation.

Presbytery was encouraged that two of its congregations had ministers installed during the year. Rev. Peter Jemphrey was installed as the 15<sup>th</sup> minister of Knockbracken congregation on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Upon becoming a congregation, Cookstown called Rev. Paul Wright to be their pastor and he was installed on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023.

God has graciously blessed the Presbytery with 8 new ruling elders in the past year. Just before the last Synod, Mr Stewart Gamble and Mr Norman Greer were ordained and installed as elders in Lisburn congregation on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Mr Raymond Gamble was ordained and installed as an elder in Dromore congregation on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Mr Keith McKeeman was ordained and installed as an elder and Mr Jonathan Stewart was installed as an elder in Ballyclare congregation on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Mr James McCavery, Dr Joel McCavery and Dr Gordon McEwen were ordained and installed as elders in Newtownards congregation on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Prof. William Wallace retired from the active duties of the eldership in Shaftesbury Square congregation on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023 after 54 years of service. We are thankful for how he has served his congregation, the Presbytery and the wider church over many years.

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### **Calls**

Rev. Nathan Hawthorne, minister of the Ballyclare congregation, stayed proceedings in respect of a call from Covenant Christian Fellowship, Galway on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Rev. Vincent McDonnell, minister without charge, received a call from the Mission Committee for mission work and church planting in Limerick on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

The vacant congregation of Carrickfergus was granted permission to issue a call. A call was made to Rev. Joel Loughridge, minister of the Cloughmills congregation, on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Mr Loughridge stayed proceedings on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

We thank God for guiding each of His servants concerning these calls and we pray for our brethren in Galway and Carrickfergus as they consider the way forward.

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ent McDonnell, minister without charge, accepted a call from the Mission Committee for mission work and church planting in Limerick on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023. We rejoice at God's leading in this opportunity to open a new field of witness in Ireland and pray that Vincent's ministry in Limerick will bear much fruit.

### **Visitation of Presbytery**

A visitation of the Shaftesbury Square congregation was carried out on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Presbytery commends the minister and congregation for their important witness in the centre of Belfast.

### **Theological Student**

Mr Jonny Fitzsimons from the Woodstock Society has successfully completed his second year at the Reformed Theological College and is now on summer placement in the Cullybackey congregation.

### **Covenant Youth**

Mr Fitzsimons also chairs the Presbytery's Covenanter Youth Committee. A programme of united CY events has been arranged through the year. We thank the Committee for their work and would encourage all the young people of

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our congregations to avail of these united meetings. We thank Rev. Robert M. McCollum who has stepped down as Presbytery's representative on the CY Committee after 5 years. He has been replaced by Mr Jonny Stewart, an elder in the Ballyclare congregation.

### **Finances**

Presbytery is encouraged that all of its congregations met or exceeded their Ministry and Mission Targets for 2022 despite the challenging financial climate

### **Clerk of Presbytery**

Rev. Paul Wright relinquished the role of Clerk of Presbytery in February 2023 after two years' service. Presbytery expresses thanks for his faithful service over this time. Presbytery appointed Mr Gareth Kerr, an elder in the Dromara congregation, to succeed him.

Respectfully submitted,  
Philip Dunwoody (Moderator)

Gareth Kerr (Clerk)

## WESTERN PRESBYTERY

The Western Presbytery met on eight occasions during the past year, gathering for five statutory meetings and three special meetings. In addition, the Presbytery's commission on calls met on two occasions. The Presbytery is thankful for the sense of mutual respect that is apparent during all its meetings and for the fact that it has not had to deal with contentious or sensitive issues, leaving it free to consider more strategic matters.

### **Outreach**

The Presbytery is thankful for encouraging reports of the gospel advancing within its bounds. Congregational outreach has included special services, youth groups, women's meetings, bus outreach, and door-to-door visitation. A number of congregations have seen people with little or no church background begin to attend services, with several professing faith.

The arrival of refugees from Ukraine has seen those whose lives have been turned upside down by war coming into our congregations' midsts. The Presbytery commends those members who have invested so much time and effort in these new arrivals and recognises this unforeseen opportunity to declare Christ's glory among the nations. It is noteworthy that each of the five congregations in the Republic of Ireland has something of a multicultural feel at present.

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### **Vacant Congregations**

There are currently three vacancies within the Presbytery: Stranorlar, Limavady, and Galway.

Rev. Ian Morrison continues to act as interim-moderator and stated supply in Stranorlar and the congregation has begun considering the possibility of calling a minister of its own. The arrival of attendees from a variety of nations and backgrounds has added to the sense of pastoral need.

The pastoral charge between Rev. Raymond Blair and Limavady was dissolved in November upon his acceptance of a call from Dervock. Throughout the call process it was apparent how the congregation greatly appreciated Raymond's clear preaching style as well as the loving care that he and Carole provided to the members. The Presbytery and Limavady congregation wish Raymond well as he continues to labour in a different part of Christ's kingdom. Rev. Steven Robinson has been appointed as Interim Moderator.

Rev. Blair McFarland replaced Rev. Raymond Blair as Interim Moderator of Galway in September. The congregation issued a call to Rev. Nathan Hawthorne in December, however Nathan felt led to remain in Ballyclare. The Presbytery is thankful to all those men who have preached in Galway over the last year. We encourage each man who is asked to preach this year to make himself available; we recognise that the trip to Galway is a long one, but the city is a strategic mission station and the congregation both needs and appreciates the encouragement and support that visiting preachers provide.

The Presbytery is thankful to Mr Billy Hamilton for his ongoing service as a ruling elder in the congregation and recognises the heavy burden he bears as the only elder on the ground. Having conducted a visitation of the congregation in May, the Presbytery is greatly encouraged by the vibrancy and vitality of the congregation and by how believers from many different nationalities and backgrounds exemplify the unity of Christ's church as they gather and serve together.

In light of a proposal agreed at Synod in 2022, the Presbytery has taken time throughout the year to ensure that gospel ordinances are being properly supplied in each vacant congregation. These congregations' Sessions have expressed their appreciation for how their pulpits have been consistently filled as well as for the wide variety of men they have had the opportunity to listen to.

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### **Ruling Elders**

The need for more men to act as ruling elders continues to weigh heavily upon the members of the Presbytery; six men are currently acting as interim-elders in other congregations, while only two congregations have more than two ruling elders of their own. In March, each congregation spent time praying concerning this need and a united prayer event was held in May.

An elders' fellowship was established with the first meeting being well supported and appreciated. It is the Presbytery's prayer that these meetings will be a great encouragement to its elders, particularly those who are somewhat isolated.

As he has moved away from the area in order to live closer to family, Mr Calum Morrison resigned as an elder in Faughan in September. The Presbytery notes with sadness the passing of Mr Jack Williamson, who had previously retired from the eldership in Limavady, and expresses its condolences to Cynthia and the wider family circle.

### **CY**

After several difficult years, Presbytery CY events restarted in November with an encouraging evening in Bready. A full schedule has been planned for 2023/24. The Presbytery is encouraged by the youth work that is being carried out at congregational level and prays that wider Presbytery events will encourage young people whose congregations have few others of their own age.

### **Buildings**

The Gateway congregation recently signed a four-year lease for a building which, subject to change of use permission, they hope to use as a place of worship and a bookshop. The Letterkenny congregation moved building once again, returning to the Day Centre where it had previously been based for many years; by God's grace the congregation has outgrown these premises and is keenly aware of its need to find a more suitable home.

For many years the Milford congregation has faced the difficult question of what to do with its old church building; making the building safe was likely to be prohibitively expensive and the anticipated planning stipulations were set to be extremely restrictive. The congregation unanimously agreed to transfer ownership of the building to the local community and this transfer has now taken place. This decision has been particularly well received in the community

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and the congregation is thankful both for unity and for the fact that this dilemma has finally been resolved.

### **Ministry and Mission Targets**

All congregations are currently meeting their ministry and mission targets.

### **Charity Commission**

A standing commission on charitable status has been established in order to fulfil the Presbytery's legal obligations towards the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. This commission has initiated registration with the Charity Commission and is waiting for the Charity Commission to complete the process.

In summary, the Presbytery is thankful for God's provision over the last twelve months as well as the opportunities he has provided for each of our congregations to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. We also recognise the fragility of some of our congregations and the strategic challenges that must be faced and entrust these concerns to the Chief Shepherd who cares for his flock.

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Steven Robinson (Moderator)

Rev. Jonny McCollum (Clerk)

## **SOUTHERN PRESBYTERY**

The Presbytery met nine times during the year. As well as the four statutory meetings there were four special meetings, firstly for the purpose of the visitation of the Loughbrickland congregation on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022, secondly for the installation of Rev. Isaac Berrocal in Seville Spain on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022, thirdly for the presentation of a call to Mr Paul Flynn on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and fourthly for the subsequent ordination of Mr Paul Flynn and his installation as minister of Rathfriland on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022. There was also an adjourned meeting held in Clare on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

Presbytery also met together informally for times of joint prayer and encouragement.

Presbytery was encouraged by the ordination of two new elders in the Riverside congregation, namely Mr Drew Murphy and Dr Noel McCune and also the ordination of two new elders in the Loughbrickland congregation namely Mr

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Stephen Finch and Mr Stephen Hughes. We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Mr David Moffett on 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022. David had served as an elder in the Creevagh congregation until ill health forced him to take a step back from active duties. He fought his illness with great fortitude until the Lord called him home to his eternal reward. We convey our sympathy to his wife Eleanor, his daughters Julie, Ruth, Louise and Alison, sons Wesley, Roy, and Graham. Also his sister Evelyn and brothers, Graham, Eric and William and the wider family circle.

Presbytery continues to hold monthly meetings to help improve the singing of psalms in worship. Once again we convey our thanks to Mrs Ruth Murphy for leading these psalm singing practices. These meetings not only serve to help us improve our congregational singing but also provide a great opportunity to get to know members from other congregations. To that end we seek to rotate the meetings around the various congregations.

We are extremely pleased to be able to report that our student for the ministry, Mr Kenneth Stephenson has successfully completed his second year of studies at the Theological College and we commend him for achieving excellent exam results. He will, D.V. complete his summer training program in the Dromara congregation.

Presbytery have also taken Mr Gareth Orr, a member of Ballenon congregation, under care as a student for the gospel ministry with a view to his entering the Theological College to study in September 2024.

It was a cause for great rejoicing when our licentiate Mr Paul Flynn accepted the call to be minister of Rathfriland congregation. He was ordained and installed at a special meeting in Rathfriland on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022. This meeting was marked by a wonderful presence of the Holy Spirit and engendered within us a great sense of hopefulness for the future.

The 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022 was also a very memorable day for the Presbytery having the honour and privilege of overseeing the installation of Rev. Isaac Berrocal as minister of the Seville Reformed Presbyterian congregation in Spain. Those from the Presbytery who were able to attend and take part had that wonderful sense that God's hand was powerfully guiding the events which led to this historic occasion.

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We encourage the wider church to pray for this work in Spain asking that he would bless Isaac's ministry as he seeks to advance the cause of Christ and Reformed Theology in this needy city and beyond.

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Thomas Donachie (Moderator)

Rev. Philip Murphy (Clerk)

### PSALMODY COMMITTEE

The psalmody committee did not meet in 2022 due to a variety of factors. Unfortunately this has also meant that the work on the Psalm Selection booklet has not picked up again after Covid. This was postponed at that time due to circumstances beyond our control with the printer and the person involved in the type setting. It is our hope that this work will be completed soon.

As a committee we are saddened to hear that the Northern Presbytery Choir has ceased to exist. But we are encouraged to hear of the work done in the Southern Presbytery to meet for Psalm singing in different congregations throughout the year. We would encourage the other Presbyteries to consider holding similar informal times of Psalm singing for fellowship and improving our praise.

Over the past few years, some within the denomination have pursued ways to make the psalms more accessible to congregations, families, and individual members. We hope to encourage those who are doing this, and make more resources available to the Church going forward.

Our thanks again go to Mrs Margaret Prall for her work as Treasurer of the Committee.

Our thanks go to two members of the Committee who have stepped down over the last year, Mr David Loughridge and Mr Stanley Wilson. As a Committee we would like to thank these men for their service to the Committee.

If there are any ways that we as a Committee can encourage or support the congregations of the denomination in their singing of God's praise, please do not hesitate to contact the Convener.



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Respectfully submitted  
Rev. James Blair (Convener)

### PUBLIC MORALS & NATIONAL RIGHTEOUSNESS

#### Meetings

In the year since Synod 2022 the Committee will have met in person on four occasions and has kept in contact online on relevant matters as they have arisen.

#### Correspondence and Consultations

The principal areas of focus, some of which have come from approaches by members of the Church, have been the following:

- **Correspondence:** letters were sent to both Ms Liz Truss and Mr Rishi Sunak upon their respective appointments to the office of Prime Minister, reminding them that as public servants they are primarily accountable to God and will be judged accordingly.
- **Abortion Legislation in Northern Ireland:** Letters of support were sent to some MPs and MLAs who spoke out against the imposition of liberal abortion legislation in Northern Ireland in their respective chambers. A letter was sent to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr Chris Heaton-Harris, voicing the Church's opposition to his proposed abortion legislation.
- **Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia:** The Committee submitted a response to the House of Commons' Health and Social Care Committee's consultation on the proposal to legalise life-ending procedures, restating the Biblical standard of the innate value of human life as created in the image of God and the immortality of the soul.
- **Gambling Legislation:** The Committee was invited to respond to the "All Party Group on Reducing Harm Related to Gambling Consultation" in the Northern Ireland Assembly. The response outlined the Church's position on gambling and emphasised the huge harm which participation in the activity causes to individuals, families, and communities.
- **Domestic Violence and Abuse:** The Committee is aware of a concern about the prevalence of domestic violence and abuse in all its forms

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in Northern Ireland. The matter is presently under discussion with the intention of providing guidance as to how to respond in sessions and congregations.

- **Hate Speech and Hate Crime Legislation in the Republic of Ireland:** The Committee made representation to the members of the Dail emphasising the need for clearly defined legislation so that Christian witness in any form would not be impeded in the State.

### **Communication with the Wider Church**

In the 21st Century, the arena of public ethics and morality is fast moving and constantly changing. What would have been unconscionable just a short time ago is now deemed acceptable and “progressive”. The question has been put to the Committee: “how do we keep up?” In order to keep sessions and congregations better informed of recent developments, the Committee proposes the following:

- Twice yearly focussed times of prayer on current ethical and moral issues which will be provided by the Committee.
- A day conference which addresses a particular ethical issue or approach. The proposed date for the first conference is Saturday 17th February 2024. Further details will follow.
- Relevant articles to be published in the Covenanter Witness.

At the CY Annual Conference in August Mr Jonny Fitzsimons & Rev Peter Dundee were given the opportunity to address both junior and senior age-groups on the topic of Transgenderism. Further speaking engagements may be arranged if deemed appropriate. The Committee would encourage sessions and congregations to make use of the information provided by the Christian Institute.

### **Committee Membership**

There have been no changes in Committee membership within the year. The Committee wishes to thank Rev Jonny McCollum for his input on issues relating to the Republic of Ireland. Mr Robert Drennan has been appointed as Northern Ireland Researcher for the Christian Institute which is of great help to the work of the Committee.

The Committee thanks you for your continuing and prayerful support.

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Respectfully submitted.  
Rev Peter Dundee (Convener)

### REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CAMPS Synodical Committee Report 2022

#### Camps 2022

The Camps Synodical Committee met on five occasions during 2022 to oversee the work of summer camps and the associated weekend reunions.

The five RPCI summer camps took place under normal non-covid circumstances with a total of 219 campers, 48 officers and leaders and 29 cooks. The teams enjoyed returning to a more conventional programme of events and activities. The numbers attending increased for all camps. A brief summary below (Numbers in brackets) indicate the numbers from last year.

Camp	Age	Date	Campers	Officers	Cooks	Main Talks
Girls' Discovery	10-12	30 <sup>th</sup> July – 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	37(31)	10	4	Identity in Christ
Boys Discovery	10-12	30 <sup>th</sup> July – 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	35(32)	11	5	Snap Shot of Life of David
Girls' Adventure	13-15	30 <sup>th</sup> July – 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	36(25))	10	5	Remarkable women of the Bible
Boys' Adventure	13-15	30 <sup>th</sup> July – 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	33(21)	9	5	How to live as a Christian
Senior	16+	2 <sup>nd</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> July	78 (69)	8	10	The Tongue, the Mind and the eyes
			219(178)	48(57)	29(23)	

Technology changes have enabled applications for camps to be completed almost exclusively online. Advertising makes use of social media – Facebook and Instagram to make the camps known as widely as possible. Each camp provides a QR code on the RP website which leads to a Google Drive application form and once complete this is automatically forwarded to the leader via Google. I consider myself fairly computer literate but I don't understand it either. It is still important for us to make a personal effort to speak to the young people in our congregations and encourage them to attend.

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**Senior Camp** led by Douglas and Lorraine McMorris returned to Royal School Armagh and the team were grateful to Rev Robert Robb for leading the talks through the week. The Sabbath service was led on site by Rev Philip Dunwoody. As a result of some cost cutting measures, transport was only arranged for the off-site outings through the week. The drop-off and pickup by parents at the beginning and end of camp went well. As well as the usual onsite activities including the party and camp concert, they arranged 2 off-site visits eg Let's Go Hydro Waterpark and We are Vertigo trampoline park. The leadership team received some very positive feedback from the campers at the end of the week.

**The Girls Discovery Camp** led by Vicky Crockett returned to Royal School House in Raphoe. All activities were found interesting and enjoyable by the young campers who attended and everything ran smoothly. They were able to visit the local attractions in Donegal eg Rathmullan Beach. As a result of the covid outbreak, this was a first camp week for all the campers, and the leaders are to be commended for dealing gently with any homesickness etc.

**The Boys Discovery Camp** led by John Coulter went back to Dunclug College in Ballymena. The highlight of their week was a visit to the Waterpark at Kilrea and they also had a good day at the beach on the north coast. John has subsequently handed over leadership to Stuart McCaughan and the committee wish Stuart well in his first camp as leader in the coming summer.

**Girls Adventure Camp** led by Sarah McDonnell were well catered for at Strabane Academy. Their talks were based on remarkable women of the bible and the leaders sought to encourage and challenge the girls as they studied this topic. One highlight from this camp was the setting up one of the rooms for evening readings from the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe. This proved to be a big success with the girls and the officers deserve recognition for the effort put in. They note the support and hospitality provided by the local congregations of Convoy on the Sabbath morning and Bready in the evening.

**Boys Adventure Camp** led for the first time by Philip Coulter was held in Regent House Grammar School in Newtownards. They enjoyed the usual busy schedule of on-site activities as well as a few trips offsite. The team were grateful to the Enniskillen congregation for the use of their minibus during the week. The talks were well received, and some interesting discussions took place as the officers explained the "How To's" from the Christian Life. For

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example, How to Pray, How to Serve, Resist Temptation, and Witness.

As a result of some difficult situations which arose during the week, the Synodical committee have decided to provide some focused training on “Dealing with Challenging Behaviour” at the Camp Leaders Training Day in June 23. We pray that this will be useful for all camp officers and leaders.

The Camps training morning in 2022 was held in Cullybackey Reformed Presbyterian Church and was well attended by leaders/officers and cooks alike. Thanks go to Rev Mark Loughridge for enthusing the teams to see the importance of the work of camps. We also thank Abigail Loughridge and Steven McCollum for providing some insights into their experience of caring for the young people at camp.

We have taken some steps to reduce the financial burden of camps on Synodical funds and as a result request £9000 for 2023 and £10,000 for 2024. This has been achieved by a number of cost reduction measures taken in the camps, some increases in the camp fees as well as using up some of our existing balances.

We return thanks to our Heavenly Father for the spiritual blessings of RP Camps both to the young people who attend and the leadership teams who organise and care. We are grateful to God for the continued safety we have enjoyed. We give thanks for the large team of volunteers who give generously of their time and resources to support this vital work. We commend them as they seek to provide an exciting holiday in a caring Christian environment.

### **Camps Reunions 2022**

Back in early 2022, due to Covid, camp reunions were arranged as shorter than normal. Senior Camp organised a one-day reunion in Cloughmills Community Centre. Rev James Blair gave 2 talks, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The officer team organised lots of activities through the remainder of the day for the 49 young people who attended.

Both Boys Camp Reunions were held in Knockbracken on alternate weekends with a one-night sleep over on the Friday night.

The Girls Discovery and Adventure Camp Reunions also had Friday night sleep overs and in Dervock and Trinity RP Churches respectively.

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We are glad to see the Covid restrictions ended and look forward in 2024 to resuming with Friday to Sabbath reunions as the teams acknowledge the benefits of attending church together.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the work of the members who faithfully serve on the Camps Synodical Committee most especially in their support of the Camp Leaders. We thank Ruth Kelso and Audrey Kennedy who have stood down during 2022 for their support over a number of years. We welcome Anne Forgrave onto the committee. We hope to develop in 2023 a small sub-committee as a point of reference for each camp during the week of camp to help dealing with any issues that arise.

Please continue to pray for the work 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.

The Camps Synodical Committee comprises the following Members.

Vicki Crockett (Girls' Discovery Camp)  
Stuart McCaughan (Boys' Discovery Camp)  
Philip Coulter (Boys' Adventure Camp)  
Sarah McDonnell (Girls' Adventure Camp)  
Douglas McMorris (Senior Camp)  
Lorraine McMorris (Senior Camp)  
Anne Forgrave  
Catherine Donnelly  
Stephen Finch (Hon. Treasurer)  
Ruth Murphy (secretary)  
Rev Paul Wallace  
Ian McCaughan (Convener)

Respectfully Submitted  
Ian McCaughan (Convener)

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**REFORMED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE**  
**Superintendence Committee**  
**Report to Synod 2023**

We begin by recording our thanksgiving regarding one of our former College graduates. When Synod was being held last year, Mr. Paul Flynn was nearing the end of his graduate placements. Subsequently he received and accepted a call to Rathfriland RPC and was ordained and installed there on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.

Our present students, Mr. Jonny Fitzsimons and Mr. Kenny Stephenson completed their first year summer placements in June 2022 and received positive reports from the pastors with whom they had been working. Before being formally enrolled as second year students at the start of October, they spent most of the month of September being taught an intensive Hebrew course by Rev. John Watterson. Both men made a good start to this new element of their studies.

The 2022/23 session of the College had its official opening meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October in Knockbracken RPC. At that meeting Mr. Kenny Stephenson spoke about his student placement experience working in Fairview and Tullyvallen congregations alongside Rev. Philip Murphy. The address was given by Rev. Stephen Neilly, Professor of Old Testament Language and Literature. He spoke on ‘The Days of Genesis One’. Supper was served after the meeting. Eleven weeks of first term classes followed with the lectures being delivered as usual from Tuesday till Friday.

Student Assessment Preaching was held at Ballyclabber RPC on Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023. Both students had been assigned Old Testament texts to speak on and they commendably explained and applied the Scriptures. It was encouraging for our students to have a well filled church building forming their congregation and also for them to be able to speak with many of those people during the supper in the church hall which was kindly provided by the host congregation.

In the second term of the College year there were a further ten weeks of classes with a reading week in the middle and then a revision week prior to two weeks of examinations at the start of April.

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The second year examinations were held from 4<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April, with the students again typing their scripts and then e-mailing them immediately afterwards to those who were marking them. We thank the men who served as invigilators for the exams. Both students passed all their exams. We commend them for their perseverance in their studies and congratulate them on their good results.

Following a decision to have the closing meeting of the College circulate among the presbyteries by holding it in the Moderator's presbytery, the venue this year was Dromara RPC. The meeting was a few days later than usual to avoid a clash with the Banner of Truth Ministers' Conference and was held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April. At this meeting Mr. Kenny Stephenson spoke a little about his second year of studies. Bursaries were presented to the two students. The address was given by the Moderator of Synod, Rev. Geoffrey Allen, who spoke on 'The Lord's Song in a Strange Land'; Professor James Dick's defence of the Imprecatory Psalms. Supper was served after the meeting.

The third term of second year comprises the all important student placements where the students get a very useful exposure to the realities of congregational life from the perspective of the pastor they are serving under. The summer placement arrangements for the students for May and June 2023 are that Mr. Jonny Fitzsimons is to be in Cullybackey RPC and Mr. Kenny Stephenson is to be in Dromara RPC.

The College Committee was greatly encouraged by the number of people who enrolled for and attended the 'Equipped to Lead ... prepared to teach' series of Saturday morning classes held at Knockbracken on dates in the March – May period. The speakers at these training mornings were the four Professors at the College and thanks are due to them and to the organizing sub-committee of Revs. Peter Jemphrey, Robert McCollum and David Sutherland. These classes were intended to be of benefit to anyone who has a church role that involves teaching God's Word and to be especially useful for elders who may on occasions be called upon to preach.

This sub-committee has also been making arrangements for a 'Ministering for the Master' event to be held on Sat 21<sup>st</sup> October. This is aimed at anyone who wants to find out more about the work of gospel ministry.

Volume 38 of the Reformed Theological Journal was published online in November 2022. We are thankful to Dr. David McKay for all the work he does



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as editor of the Journal. It can be accessed at <http://www.rpc.org/theological-college/>.

The Committee was sorry to hear about the death of our former Principal and Professor of New Testament Language and Literature, Rev. Edward Donnelly on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Prof. Donnelly taught at the College for 35 years prior to his retirement from that role in 2014. He then did some teaching as Professor Emeritus for as long as his health permitted. Many of our present ministers benefitted greatly from Ted's lectures at the College. Those who sat under his teaching were privileged to do so. His lectures were scholarly, clear, heart-warming and Christ-centred. His informal interaction with the students outside of the class setting were also greatly used of God. We are thankful that his devotion was to the training of men for ministry, not merely to enable them to pass exams. When he retired as Professor in 2014, our report said of him that 'he has been a worthy ambassador both for the College and the Church' and he continued to be so to the end of his days. Due to ill health he had not been able to attend committee meetings in recent years, but very much retained a heart for the work.

We are thankful for the work done by Dr. David McKelvey as our Treasurer and by Dr. Trevor McCavery as the College Librarian. Thanks are also due to Mr. Ian McCaughan for maintenance work, Mr. Jonny Fitzsimons for serving as Janitor, Mr. Norman Greer for carpet replacement without any labour charge and Mrs. Carolyn Stewart for teaching on matters pertaining to public speaking.

During the year some new chairs were obtained for the College with the cost fully met by a kind donor and the carpet was replaced with the cost being covered by the Newtownards Board of Deacons. We are also very appreciative of the kind donation from the Hawthorne family of a set of Spurgeon's sermons which had belonged to our former convener, the late Rev. John A. Hawthorne.

Prof. Robert McCollum has notified the committee that he intends to retire from his position as Professor of Pastoral Theology and Homiletics at the end of the academic year 2023/24. The committee has considered who would be a suitable replacement and nominates Rev. David Sutherland to occupy the chair of Pastoral Theology and Homiletics with a view to commencing teaching in the academic year 2024/25

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. David Fallows (Convener)

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### **REFORMED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE LIBRARY**

The theological and historical libraries have been used extensively during the last academic year – 104 items have been borrowed, mostly by the current students at the College, the members of the Faculty and by several ministers.

Ninety-eight new volumes were added to the Library shelves, acquired by either purchase or donation. These included a sixty-volume set of Spurgeon's sermons, donated by the Hawthorne family from the library of the late Rev John Hawthorne, who had been Convenor of the College Committee of Superintendence between 2001 and 2021.

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 many evangelical Christian magazines, journals and periodicals.

Respectfully submitted  
Trevor McCavery (Honorary Librarian)

### **REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN GLOBAL ALLIANCE**

#### **The Advisory Committee**

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

While not a member of the Committee, Rev. Joel Loughridge (RPCI) serves the Committee as honorary treasurer.

#### **RPGA Administrative Team**

2022 brought several challenges to our part-time workers on the RPGA administrative team. Miss Beth Bogue spent time in the USA helping to care for her father, who needed palliative care. Mrs. Carla Steele and Mrs. Maria Pockras both gave birth to a child. Miss Katrina van der Meer had to leave her role on the team as she returned to paid employment in her profession. Notwithstanding those challenges, this working group continued to meet weekly to fulfill its responsibility of collating and presenting the information gathered

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from the RP Church worldwide. Mrs. Karin Foster joined the working group in July and brought skills that have greatly augmented the team's capabilities.

It was agreed to increase the remuneration paid to the administrative team by 10% effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 in line with inflationary costs.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### **Monthly Mailchimp Newsletter –**

This highlights some of the items posted on the website during the previous month and has proved to be a time-efficient way for members of the church to be kept abreast of what is going on in the global church.

The regularity of this newsletter was affected by the demanding circumstances in Miss Beth Bogue's life in 2022, but nonetheless, we still saw a slight increase in the number of subscribers from 300 to 308, which was encouraging.

Please encourage members of your congregation to sign up to receive it by going to <https://rpglobalalliance.org/newsletter/> and clicking 'monthly newsletter'.

**Weekly Mailchimp Prayer –** This weekly prayer letter presents an excellent way to get information that can be used in the prayer life of our congregations. Subscriptions increased from 70 to 105 in 2022 which is encouraging.

Please encourage members of your congregation to sign up to receive it by going to <https://rpglobalalliance.org/newsletter/> and clicking 'prayer newsletter'.

### **Website - [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org)**

In addition to the regular reports on news items, events, book reviews, children's articles, etc., we also published congregational profiles from several RP congregations.

*The number of visits* to the website is increasing each year. In the month prior to this report being written there were 2,956 sessions. This is the number of times over the last 30 days that someone was on the website, browsing it, etc. There are 5,592 page views. A page view is defined as a view of a page on the site that is being tracked by the Analytics tracking code. The top ten countries using the site were the United States 1,401, United Kingdom 873, Canada 202, Australia 169, Ireland 88, China 20, India 16, Sweden 16, France 13 and the Philippines 13.

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**Languages** - We have been working to find the optimum way of translating the website's content into various languages. We were delighted to launch the French version of the site in April 2022, and are currently working on a Chinese translation, but we are also keen to have Japanese, and Spanish versions. This is a challenging task because while there are translation 'plug-ins' that can be inserted into the site each of them has its limitations.

**Rev. Venky Gopalakrishnan** - The Committee wants to thank Rev. Venky Gopalakrishnan for the work he has done during the past 6 years, including the initial development of the website and its ongoing maintenance. Venky has given notice that he cannot continue his work on the website because of the growing demands of the RP congregation he pastors in India.

**Facebook** - <https://www.facebook.com/rpglobalalliance/>

The RPGA Facebook page has 1,300 followers, but last month reached 2,216 people in countries where we have RP churches, but also countries such as Brazil, Bolivia and the Philippines. A high percentage of people who see our posts on Facebook engage with them by 'liking' a post, sharing it with a friend, or clicking a link which takes them through to our website or YouTube page.

### **Conclusion**

The number of people interacting with the various platforms that are being utilized is increasing and speaks highly of the excellent work being done by the RPGA Administrative Team. We trust that as the Presbytery Representative's contributions increase, this trend will continue.

As stated in previous reports, we are blessed to have such godly, servant-hearted, ecclesiastically wise women working for the RPGA.

## **COMMITTEE WORKING GROUPS**

### **Presbytery Representative Working Groups**

2022 saw the creation of 'Presbytery Representative Working Groups'. These groups comprise volunteer representatives from each of the presbyteries in the national churches and their purpose is to help gather information such as event reports and congregational profiles which will be published on the RPGA platforms. The work of these group is in its infancy and will require further development, but we are already beginning to see benefits of their work.

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**Theological Education *Working Group*** – Rev. Andrew Stewart leads this working group consisting of the Seminary Presidents/Principals which meets for the sharing of information and prayer.

The “Model for Theological Education” is still under consideration by some of the Theological Colleges.

**RPC Short-Term Mission Teams Working Group** - Rev. Stephen Steele leads a working group consisting of the respective Convenors/Representatives of the various short-term ministries and meets for the sharing of information and prayer.

**Missions Board Representatives Working Group** - This is a proposed new working group that will be established in 2023 comprised of the Chairman of members churches’ mission committees/boards for the purpose of sharing information and ideas for mutual encouragement.

**Emerging RP Churches Working Group** - This is a proposed new working group that will be established in 2023, comprised of the ministers in emerging RP Churches in the world, for the purpose of sharing information and ideas for mutual encouragement.

**Writing Working Group** - This is a proposed new working group that will be comprised of members of the Advisory Committee with the remit of identifying and encouraging those with gifts of writing within the global RP Church.

## RP GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER

2022 - We received a number of positive responses to the International Day of Prayer on October 2nd 2022, which focused on the need for ruling elders in the global RP church.

### 2023 Day of Prayer

**Date** – Lord’s Day 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023

**Regional prayer meetings** - We will be developing the time of prayer held via Zoom into four international regional times of prayer: UK & Europe, Canada, United States, Asia-Pacific, to better facilitate the desire for prayer around the global RP church. These regional prayer meetings will be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**Subject** – Our Covenant Youth

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### 2024 BUDGET

While the committee has increased the remuneration paid to those working on the Administrative Team (in line with inflation) and anticipates an increase in the number of representatives on the committee (the RPCNA has been asked to fill its complement of three representatives, as has the RPCI, and with the possible appointment of an RPCC of Canada of representatives, if the RPCC are successfully nominated as a member church) we are not seeking an increase in contributions from member churches this year. This is due to the decision not to have an in-person meeting in 2024.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That member Churches appoint the Lord's Day of **October 1st, 2023**, as an RP Global Day of Prayer for the Covenant Youth in the global RP Church, and Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as the regional online prayer meetings.

2. As per the information in the report, the Committee is requesting that member Churches contribute 100% of the formula agreed upon in 2016, which stated that:

- Member Churches with 1-9 congregations will contribute US 1,000\$
- Member Churches with more than nine congregations will contribute US 1,000\$, plus US 100\$ for each additional congregation.

For the calendar year 2024, this will be:

- RPCNA: US \$10,500
- RPCA: US \$1,000
- RPCS: US \$1,000
- RPCI: US \$4,200
- RPCC: US \$1,000 - If successful in her nomination to become a member church.

3. That the RPCNA and RPCI consider filling their permitted complement of three representatives to the Committee.

Yours in Christ,

Andrew

Rev. Dr. Andrew Quigley,

RPGA Advisory Committee Chairman

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### **REFORMED WITNESS**

The Reformed Witness committee continues to manage the denominations website. We responded to a request this year 2023 to assist in the publication of a book translated into Spanish by Rev Isaac Berrocal. This will appear in the 2023 accounts.

We thank Mr Tom Cromie for his work as treasurer of the Reformed Witness Committee.

Respectively submitted

Geoffrey Allen (Convener)

### **SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE**

As a committee we have continued this past year to get checks for members doing work with children and vulnerable people through AccessNI.

Most churches are needing checks done again, and a number of churches have had training facilitated either in person or by zoom.

Checks must be done within five years and training on a three year cycle.

We were sorry when Graham Moffett resigned off the committee at the beginning of 2023 leaving only two on the committee. At present others have been approached to join but as yet have not given their decision.

Respectfully submitted

Heather Lyons & Edith McCollum

### **SYNODICAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

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.

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023 the Family Day Conference took place at Cullybackey RPC. Over 100 adults and more than 140 babies, children and young people attended. The theme of the conference was “RP Distinctives for the Modern Family – Teaching our Children what we believe and why.” The speaker was Rev. Paul Wallace.

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In the second session there was a question panel where Rev Prof Robert & Mrs Sandra McCollum and Rev Paul & Mrs Sarah Wright answered questions on how practically we incorporate these distinctives into our daily family lives. The Family Day Conference committee would like to thank Cullybackey for kindly granting their premises and also a big thank you also for all the childcare volunteers.

The Weekend Conference celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> conference this year, having first met as the Adult Conference in Rathmore House, Larne in 1972. The speaker then was Rev. Ken Smith from Pittsburgh, USA. This year's conference was held from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sabbath 19<sup>th</sup> March, at Armagh City Hotel. The speaker, Rev Gareth Burke from Stranmillis Evangelical Presbyterian Church, took the title "God's Words" as his main theme and brought four challenging talks entitled; Justification, Adoption, Sanctification and Glorification. As this was the first conference after a 2 year break it was lovely to see familiar faces returning to enjoy fellowship over the weekend. We would encourage others to consider making this conference part of your plans for 2024.

The Holiday Conference Committee is currently seeking to gauge interest from the denomination for the planned conference in Share Holiday Village, Enniskillen, in August 2024. There has been a sharp increase in prices and in the current financial situation we are aware of extra pressures on families who will also want to send their children to our church camps. In light of these financial pressures a survey has been sent out to all congregations and a decision concerning the feasibility of running a holiday conference in 2024 will be made shortly.

The International Holiday Conference is due to be held in 2026.

Please pray for these committees as they plan for future conferences.

Respectfully submitted  
Philip Moffett (Convener)



## ACCOUNTS

### BUSINESS OF SYNOD COMMITTEE 2022

Opening Balance b/f                      2,270

<b>Receipts</b>	£	<b>Expenditure</b>	£
Minutes of Synod	2,435	Rev. Samuel McCollum (Honorarium)	400
Trustees of Synod	2	Prof. David McKay (Honorarium)	250
Bank Interest	7	Presbyterian Historical Society	500
Finance Committee	6,300	Affinity	1,320
Synodical Collection	353	Bank Charges	37
		Travel & Subsistence	1,696
		Printing & Postage	3,341
		Armagh City Hotel	1,515
<b>Total 2022 Receipts</b>	<b>9,097</b>	<b>Total 2022 Expenditure</b>	<b>9,059</b>
		<b>Closing balance c/f</b>	<b>2,308</b>
	<b>11,366</b>		<b>11,366</b>
<b>2021 Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>38</b>		

Prepared by:  
David Martin (Honorary Treasurer)

**ACCOUNTS**  
**CONGREGATIONAL AID FUND**  
**Financial Statement for period 1st January to 31st December 2022**

**INCOME**

Interest:

Synodical Funds (Trustees)	£1,416.00	
Danske Bank Interest	£81.54	
Rea Memorial Transfer	£280.00	£1,777.54
Larne RPC (one off pmt)	£20,000.00	<b>£20,000.00</b>
<b>Finance Committee</b>	<b>£75,000.00</b>	<b>£75,000.00</b>
Total Income		<b>£96,777.54</b>
Balance as at 31/12/21		
Danske Bank C/A	£26,085.68	
		<b>£26,085.68</b>
		<b>£122,863.22</b>

Joel McCluggage (Convener/Treasurer)

**ACCOUNTS**  
**CONGREGATIONAL AID FUND**  
**Financial Statement for period 1st January to 31st December 2022**

**EXPENDITURE**

Grants to Congregations to bring salaries  
to basic minimum, plus allowances:

Eastern Presbytery:

Southern Presbytery:

Clare	£8,950.00	
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Western Presbytery

Convoy	£15,979.94	
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Enniskillen	£11,178.75	
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Galway	£4,748.54	
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Letterkenny/Milford	£17,557.18	£58,414.41
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Bank Fees		£31.15
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<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£58,445.56</b>
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Balance as at 31/12/22

Danske Bank C/A	£64,417.66	
		£64,417.66

**£122,863.22**

Joel McCluggage (Convener/Treasurer)

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<b>Accounts for Covenanter Witness 2022</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance 1st Jan '22	£ 4,722.34	Printing - Pepper Collective	£ 18,765.00
Subscriptions	£ 15,879.98	David McKay	£ 400.00
Finance Committee	£ 2,500.00	Osy Graham	£ 150.00
Synod Trustees	£ 2.50	Stamps	£ 34.06
		Bank Charges	£ 85.37
		Closing Balance 31st Dec '22	
		£ 3,670.39	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 23,104.82</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 23,104.82</b>

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## Finance Committee

### Financial Statements for Year Ended 31 December 2022

#### Sterling Account

Income	£	Expenditure	£	
Congregations	234,097.38	Bookshop & Pub	27,000.00	
Bank Interest	302.10	Bus Of Synod	6,300.00	
Euro Account Transfer	5007.41	Congregational Aid	75,000.00	
Other Income	1,272.00	Covenanter Witness	2,500.00	
		Education Fund	15,000.00	
		Fin Committee	27.00	
		Gen Benevolent	0.00	
		Public Morals	360.00	
		Mins Pension Fund	23,000.00	
		Mins Widows & Orphans	33,000.00	
		Ministers D&E Fund	9,000.00	
		Holiday Conference	0.00	
		R.P. Camps Committee	4,000.00	
		Ref. Theological College	25,000.00	
		Bank fees	65.77	
Contingency Reserve	30,000.00	Contingency Reserve	175,000.00	
Business Investment	208,966.02	Business Investment	85,245.29	
Current Account	1,100.00	Current Account	246.85	260,492.14
				240,066.02
				Cashflow in year 20,426
<b>Total</b>	<b>480,744.91</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>480,744.91</b>	

MS McCollum Treasurer

Reviewed by Trevor Magee (Faughan RPC)

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Congregational Contributions 2022

Congregation	Sterling £	Euro €
Bailiesmills	2,330.00	
Ballenon	2,920.00	
Ballyclabber	9,990.00	
Ballyclare	6,210.00	
Ballylaggan	12,500.00	
Ballylane	4,020.00	
Ballymoney	6,298.00	
Bready	5,940.00	
Carrickfergus	2,700.00	
Clare	1,320.00	
Cloughmills	5,350.00	
Convoy		1,300.00
Creevagh		2,058.00
Cullybackey	23,220.00	
Dervock	9,100.00	
Drimbolg	3,743.69	
Dromara	9,710.00	
Dromore	4,230.00	
Enniskillen	210.00	
Fairview	1,300.00	610.00
Faughan	7,470.00	
Gateway	2,650.00	
Galway	1,843.00	
Kellswater	3,640.00	
Kilraughts	9,828.00	
Knockbracken	6,000.00	
Letterkenny		0
Limavady	10,280.00	
Lisburn	11,484.69	
Loughbrickland	8,430.00	
Milford		0
Newry	3,710.00	
Newtownards	10,580.00	
Portrush	5,440.00	
Rathfriland	4,000.00	
Shaftesbury	7,670.00	
Stranorlar		1,200.00
Trinity	22,590.00	
Tullyvallen	4,390.00	
Woodstock Society	3,000.00	

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**234,097.38      5,168.00**

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<b>General Benevolent Fund 2022</b>			
<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
Trustees RPCI	4,568.00	Payments	nil
Ministers D&C I Fund*	9,000.00		
Loan Repayment	3,750.00		
Trustees RPCI Rea Fund	10.00		
<b>Interest</b>			
Ulster Bank	66.76		
Nat. Sav. & Investments	9.68	Service Charges	17.13
<b>Opening Balances</b>		<b>Closing Balances</b>	
National Insurance	10,400.45	Nat. Sav. & Investments	10,410.13
Ulster Bank	34,536.64	Ulster Bank	51,914.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,341.53</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>62,341.53</b>

\* Ministers Death & Critical Illness Fund balance £9,000

Ivor McMullan (Treasurer)

Friday 10 March 2023

# ACCOUNTS

## MISSION COMMITTEE

**Financial Statements for Year Ended 31 December 2022**

### Sterling Account

<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
Sterling - Congregations	233,344.84	Overseas Section	295,871.67
Interest - Bank	859.05	Home Section	9,000.00
Interest - Trustees	2,161.00	Irish Section	110.00
Interest - Rea Fund	50.00	Pension J. Anderson	6,500.04
Missionary Rally - appeal Anugraha	717.00	Pension M. McMullan	2,817.00
Patrons International for Irish section	0.00	Pension N. Ewans	2,600.04
Bequest - E Thompson	5,000.00	Pension B Hamilton	1,112.50
Anonymous donation	175.00	Pension D. Gregg	2,670.00
Bequest - S Buchanan	40.00	Pension R. Loughridge	445.00
Knockbracken for Nantes Building	5,000.00	Pension R. Morton	1,752.00
Loughbrickland for Nantes building	5,000.00	Pension M Ball	2,225.00
Dervock for Nantes building fund	3,160.00	Pension B McFarland	2,225.00
Knockbraken for Galway	145.00	Anugraha RPC india	721.13
Knockbraken gift for Isaac	300.00	Anna Coulter - Mission Trip	250.00
		Printing - Prayer letter	1,243.00
		Airdrie Go team	470.20
		International Mission to Jewish People	295.94
		Bank fees	70.00
		Synod Meals	130.00



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RPC Carrickfergus Loan 31.12.21	149,000.00	RPC Carrickfergus Loan 31.12.22	0.00
RPC Stornoway Loan 31.12.21	30,000.00	RPC Stornoway Loan 31.12.22	20,000.00
Irish Section Legacy 31.12.21	67,745.52	Irish Section Legacy 31.12.22	67,745.52
Reserve Account 31.12.21	294,602.99	Reserve Account 31.12.22	374,512.04
Current Account 31.12.21	-1,503.97	Current Account 31.12.22	3,030.35
<b>Total</b>	<b>795,796.43</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>795,796.43</b>

## Euro Account

	<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>
	€		€
Euro - Congregations	5,260.00	Irish Section	5,260.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,260.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,260.00</b>

Mr William McCollum (Treasurer)

Examined and found correct Mr Keith McKeeman

**ACCOUNTS**  
**CONGREGATIONAL GIVINGS**

**Sterling - Congregations**

Ballyclabber	£9,290.00	Lisburn	£14,270.44
Ballylaggan	£9,000.00	Newtownards	£9,840.00
Ballymoney	£6,298.00	Shaftesbury	£7,120.00
Cloughmills	£4,970.00	Trinity	£21,000.00
Cullybackey	£16,350.00	Woodstock	£11,000.00
Dervock	£10,572.00	Bready	£5,530.00
Drimbolg	£2,546.45	Enniskillen	£150.00
Kellswater	£3,380.00	Faughan	£6,950.00
Kilraughts	£9,135.00	Galway	£1,483.00
Portrush	£5,060.00	Gateway	£2,460.00
Ballenon	£2,720.00	Limavady	£9,560.00
Ballylane	£3,740.00		
Clare	£1,230.00	<b>Sterling total</b>	<b>£233,344.84</b>
Creevagh	£3,586.95		
Fairview	£1,200.00		
Loughbrickland	£12,840.00	<b>Euro - Congregations</b>	
Newry	£3,450.00	Creevagh	€ 200.00
Rathfriland	£4,800.00	Fairview	€ 2,740.00
Tullyvallen	£4,190.00	Convoy	€ 1,210.00
Bailiesmills	£2,170.00	Letterkenny	€ 0.00
Ballyclare	£5,770.00	Milford	€ 0.00
Carrickfergus	£2,509.00	Stranorlar	€ 1,110.00
Dromara	£9,244.00		
Dromore	£3,930.00	<b>Euro total</b>	<b>€ 5,260.00</b>
Knockbracken	£6,000.00		

**HOME SECTION MISSION COMMITTEE RPCI ACCOUNT 2022**

**INCOME**

Transfer from Main Mission Committee	£9000.00
Phyllis Gilmore	£480.00
Bank Interest (Current Account)	£59.03
Bank Interest (Investment Account)	£0.06

**Total Income**

**£9539.09**

**Opening Balance (Investment Account)**

**£52.71**

**Opening Balance (Current Account)**

**£30918.41**

**Total Funds**

**£40510.21**

Treasurer : Ivan Bingham

**EXPENDITURE**

Cookstown RPC	£15000.00
Enniskillen RPC – bus expenses	£750.00
Bank Fees	£31.45

**Total Expenditure**

**£15781.45**

**Closing Balance (Investment Account)**

**£52.77**

**Closing Balance (Current Account)**

**£24675.99**

**Total Funds**

**£40510.21**

Inspected by: Mrs W Patton

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**MISSION COMMITTEE - IRISH SECTION - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

OPENING BALANCE	€68,003.54		
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Mission Committee	€8,001.00	...	<b>AISSLING FAMILY BOOKS 2022</b>
		Bookshop Rent	€15,000.00
		Bookshop Rates	€2,977.88
		Bookshop Insurance	€636.81
		<b>OTHER EXPENSES 13 Glenvale Court</b>	<b>€18,614.69</b>
		Property Expenses	€150.95
		Government Stamp Duty	€3.00
		Property Taxes	€315.00
		Property Insurance	€654.09
		Miscellaneous	€44.60
		Bank Charges	€54.50
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>€8,001.00</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>€19,836.83</b>
	..	<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>€56,167.71</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>€76,004.54</b>	<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>€76,004.54</b>

**ACCOUNTS**

**MISSIONARY COMMITTEE - OVERSEAS SECTION - FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2022**

**INCOME**

**Income**

Mission Committee	£295,871.67
Gifts for France	£240.00
Ballyclabber WF gift for Heather	£100.00
Ballyclabber WF gift for Rachel	£200.00
Newry for Berrocal camps	£615.00
Gateway WF gift for Rachel	£200.00
Nantes Building fund	£182,819.89

**Nantes Payments**

Salary	£36,625.45
Expenses	£2,399.84
National Insurance	£6,543.85
House rates (2021 & 2022)	£5,108.52
House insurance	£516.21
Pension Contributions	£3,308.46
	<b>£54,502.33</b>

**Spain Payments**

Salary	£27,083.94
Isaac personal tax bill (2021&2022)	£1,825.40
Employer NIC	£6,161.59
Pension	£2,670.00
Expenses	£1,728.76
Moving to Seville costs	£4,388.98
Rent	£28,010.18
	<b>£71,868.85</b>

<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
Bank charges			£166.67
Relief committee - Nantes			£5,364.07
Sabbatical Costs			£3,563.22
Building work in Nantes			£132,405.50
Travel to Spain	-£357.53		£2,073.22
Gifts for Rachel			£400.04
Gifts for Heather			£100.00
Senior camp fees			£615.00
			£144,687.72
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£480,047.88</b>	<b>£271,058.90</b>
<b>Opening Balances</b>			
Issac Pension pot	-£2,632.75		-£5,302.75
Balance in UK - current acc.	£16,737.94		£83,275.13
Balance in UK - investment acc.	£106.26		£106.38
Balance in France	£92,291.46	£106,502.91	£237,413.13
		£586,550.79	£315,491.89
			£586,550.79
<b>Closing Balances</b>			
Issac Pension pot			-£5,302.75
Balance in UK - current acc.			£83,275.13
Balance in UK - investment acc.			£106.38
Balance in France			£237,413.13
			£315,491.89
			£586,550.79
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			<b>£271,058.90</b>
<b>William McCollum (Treasurer)</b>			
Examined and found correct:- Keith McKeeman			

## ACCOUNTS

### Reformed Witness Committee Accounts for 2022

<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Balance from 2021	£11,976.56	Immedia Group	£1,000.00
(Wilson/McConnell Fund) Interest		(2 years Webhosting, maintenance of website database & backups)	
Trustees of Synod (Rea Fund) Interest	£66.00		
Trustees of Synod Ann. Income) Interest	£2.50	Bank Fees	£30.41
Trustees of Synod Progressive Building Society Interest	£2.00	<b>Balance</b>	
Bank Interest	£41.20	Charity Account	£2,688.22
	£1.39	Business Account	£475.04
		Progressive Building Society	£8,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£12,193.67</b>	(One year Fixed Rate Loyalty Bond Dec 2022/2023)	£11,163.26
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£12,193.67</b>

Agreed with Bank & Building Society Statement  
Barbara J.Lawson

Signed: T Cromie (Treasurer)

## ACCOUNTS

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CENTRAL COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS FOR 2022

<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Affiliation Fees	640	Vi Dawson speaker Spring Conference	150
AGM (CAP)	665	CAP	665
Interest	1.34	Alison Flanagan speaker AGM	100
		Nov prayer meeting speakers	150
		Academy Sports George	100
		RP work in Seville	100
		RP work in Nante	100
		RP work in Galway	100
		Moderator Gift (D Allen)	30
		Thank you gifts	50
		Zoom fees	<b>96</b>
		Bank Fees	37.5
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£1,306.34</b>	<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>£1,678.50</b>
<b>Balance 01.01.22</b>	<b>£1,375.38</b>	<b>Balance 31.12.22</b>	<b>£1,003.22</b>
	<b>£2,681.72</b>		<b>£2,681.72</b>

Treasurer: E McDonnell

Examined and found correct: Helen McCune





ACCOUNTS

**Rea Memorial & Nevin Legacy Ministerial Aid Fund  
Financial Statement for 2022**

	Income		Payments	
	£			£
Trustees General Fund	£185.00		Payments to ministers	£0.00
Trustees Rea Fund	£123.00		Transfer to CAF	£280.00
Danske Bank interest	£0.21			
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>£308.21</u>		<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£280.00</b>
Balance @ 31-12-21	£36.60		Bank charges	£30.00
			Balance @ 31-12-22	£34.81
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£344.81</u></b>		<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£344.81</u></b>

Joel McCluggage (Convener/Treasurer)  
Inspected and found correct:  
Nigel Simpson  
David McKelvey

# ACCOUNTS

## PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS 2022

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Opening Balance			
Cash	100.00	Christian Institute	360.00
Bank	162.00	Bank Charges	30.60
Synodial Payment	360.00	Closing Balance	
Bank Interest	0.18	Cash	100.00
		Bank	132.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>622.92</b>		<b>622.92</b>

Ian G. McCluggage (Treasurer)  
Examined and found correct

# ACCOUNTS

## Ministers' Conference Account 2022

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Balance	3111.60	Drummond Hotel	6520.00
Conference Fees	6812.68	Speakers + Travel	300.00
		Refunds	310.00
		Closing Balance	2794.28
	<u>9924.28</u>		<u>9924.28</u>

Submitted by Rev. David Fallows

## ACCOUNTS

### REFORMED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE Financial Statement 2022

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
		Honoraria - staff:	
Funding from Finance Committee	25,000.00	Professor RLW McCollum	5,912.25
Students' fees	5,000.00	Professor WDJ McKay	4,730.00
Auditor's Attendance fees	345.00	Professor S. Neilly	4,730.00
Rea Fund	10.00	Professor W Peel	4,730.00
S McAfee Bequest	5.00	Dr. J. Watterson	2,685.00
Endowment Fund	56.50 } }	Rev. R. Blair	1,182.50
Mulvin Investment	84.50 } }	Dr. J. Watterson - Intensive Hebrew Course	1,620.00
MK McKnight Bequest	2.00 } 155.00	Pulpit Supplies - Intensive Hebrew Course	316.00
S Cromie Bequest	8.00 } }	Staff Travelling Expenses	1,727.40
RJ Wilson Bequest	4.00 } }	Staff Photographs	310.00
		RTJ Editor's Expenses 2020	75.00
		Trimprint - RTJ Digital Formatting 2021	351.60
Bursaries & Prizes (See Details below)	273.13	Bursaries & Prizes	450.00
		C.Stewart - Voice Production	830.00
		Study Day Expenses	30.00
		Heating	2,017.97
		Electricity	610.00
		Telephone and telecommunications	716.84
Boys' Discovery Camp - Gift for use of premises	75.00	Insurance	3,070.80
		Fire Alarm & Security upgrade / maintenance	1,486.90
Progressive BS Interest - Contingency Reserve	115.66	Cleaning	300.00
Bank interest - Danske	16.52	Bank charges - Danske	35.00
Total receipts	30,995.31	Total payments	37,917.26
<b>Balance from 2021 - Danske</b>	<b>15,680.10</b>	<b>Balance to 2023- Danske</b>	<b>8,642.49</b>
Balance from 2021 - Progressive	28,915.81	Balance to 2023 - Progressive	29,031.47
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>75,591.22</b>	<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>75,591.22</b>

Prepared by David McKelvey, Treasurer

Reviewed by William McCollum ACA

ACCOUNTS

REFORMED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE – BURSARIES AND PRIZES	
RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
John Kerr Bursary	2.00 }
Archibald Bursary	2.00 }
W Wasson Memorial Bursary	20.00 }
J Donnelly Memorial Bursary	20.00 }
Stewart Allen Bursary	10.00 }
Mawhinney Bursary	2.00 }
JG Thompson Bursary	2.00 } 66.00
Lyons Memorial Prize	2.00 }
Dodds Memorial Prize	2.00 }
E Graham Prize	2.00 }
M Graham Prize	2.00 }
R Buchanan Bursary	15.47 ]
D Magee Bursaries	45.66 ]
FS Leahy Bursary	10.00 ] 207.13
Dromore Bursary	28.00 ]
Doggart Bursary	108.00 ]
Total Receipts	273.13
Balance from 2021	1,106.54
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>1,379.67</b>
	Total payments 450.00
	Balance to 2023 929.67
	<b>TOTAL FUNDS 1,379.67</b>

Prepared by David McKelvey, Treasurer  
Reviewed by William McCollum ACA



**ACCOUNTS**

**REFORMED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE LIBRARY 2022**

**RECEIPTS**

**PAYMENTS**

Interest - McFerran Bequest			551.48
Progressive BS Interest - Contingency Reserve			271.35
Bank Interest - Danske	45.00		138.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>105.62</b>		<b>1,227.38</b>
Balance from 2021 - Danske	15,976.63		14,809.79
Balance from 2021 - Progressive	6,010.94		6,056.02
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>22,093.19</b>	<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>22,093.19</b>

Prepared by David McKelvey, Treasurer

Reviewed by William McCollum ACA



ACCOUNTS

INSTRUCTION OF THE YOUNG ACCOUNT 2009  
2022/2023

DANSKE ACCOUNT

**INCOME**

Cash balance as of 31/03/22				£30.15
Interest Trustees	£7,422.49			
	£6.32	Printing costs		£2,216.00
	£5.00	Cash balance as of 31/03/23		£5,187.66

**EXPENDITURE**

Account maintenance fees				
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**Total: £7,433.81 Total: £7,433.81**

NATIONAL SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

**INCOME**

Balance as of 01/01/2021				
Capital Interest	2.58.75			
	£0.03	Balance as of 31/12/2021		£258.78

**EXPENDITURE**

**Total: £258.78 Total: £258.78**

**MINISTERS' PENSION AND SICKNESS FUND - FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**For the year ended 31st December 2022**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payments</b>	
Finance Committee	£23,000.00	£54,735.12
Mission Committee	£8,232.50	
Donation	£0.00	£64.03
	£31,232.50	
Interest		
Synods Trustees	£387.00	
Bank	£0.46	£387.46
<b>Opening Balance</b>		
Current Account	£96,301.02	£73,121.37
Savings Account	£4,680.57	£4,681.03
		£77,802.40
		<b>£132,601.55</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>		
Current Account		£73,121.37
Savings Account		£4,681.03
		£77,802.40
		<b>£132,601.55</b>

Thomas Forgrave (convenor)

Bank balances at 31st December 2022 certified correct by  
 J Barfoot FCCA  
 8 Broad St  
 Magherafelt

# ACCOUNTS

## Psalmody Financial Report 2022

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Balance c/f 31/12/2021	£4585.30	Committee Expenses	Nil
Sale of Psalters-Book-shop	£ 456.00	Bank Fees	£ 10.10
		Balance 31/12/2022	£5031.20
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£5041.30</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>£5041.30</b>

Treasurer: Margaret Prall

Audited and found to match Bank Records: Rev James Blair

## ACCOUNTS

### RELIEF FUND ACCOUNTS 2022-2023

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>1/3/22</b>	<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>28/2/23</b>
Charity Acc	0.97	Charity acc	0.97
Investment Acc	2.82	Investment Acc	2.82
Current Acc	£21526.43	Current Ac	£28559.14

#### INCOME /DONATIONS

UKRAINE appeal	69287.07
FLOOD appeal	34681.74
SYRIA appeal	4354.17
General Funds	2460.00
Donation in Lieu	1250.00
Flight refunds	3236.23
Bank Interest	55.41

#### EXPENDITURE

UKRAINE	69300.00
Flood victims	35000.00
f/w in next financial year	
Rev Tuang	1500.00
Spain /Issiac	1000.00
Flights	1227.00
Bank fees	39.91

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#### POST OFFICE ACCOUNT (EURO)

Opening Balance	1195.72	Closing Balance	1195.72
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#### POST OFFICE ACCOUNT STG

Opening Balance	£858.31	Closing Balance	£858.31
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Robert McCahon (Treasurer)

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HEBREW - Rev. John K. Watterson M.Eng., Ph.D., G.Dip.Th., M.Th.

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Mr Kenneth Nelson

Rev. Samuel McCollum

Mr John Cubit

Mr Noel Simpson

Mr Trevor Magee

Mr Marcus McCollum

Mr James McCullough

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The denominations with which we presently have Fraternal Relations are as follows:

- The Evangelical Presbyterian Church Of Ireland
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- The Free Church of Scotland (Continuing)
- The Reformed Presbyterian Church (North East India Synod)
- The Christian Reformed Churches in the Netherlands
- The Synod of the Reformed Churches of Spain
- The Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia
- The Orthodox Presbyterian Church (of America)

## **STANDING COMMISSION ON CHARITY STATUS**

Rev. Edward McCollum

Mr John O'Neill

Rev. Nathan Hawthorne

Mr Ken Nelson

Rev. Steven Robinson

Rev. Paul Wallace

Rev. Nigel Agnew

Mr. Rodney Murphy

## SYNODICAL INFORMATION

### COMMITTEES

#### Book Centre and Publications

Rev. Geoffrey Allen (Convener)	Rev. David Sutherland
Mr Roy Morrow	Mrs Joan MacDonald
Dr Trevor McCavery	

#### Business of Synod

Rev. Samuel McCollum (Convener)	Rev. Prof. David McKay
Mr David Martin (Treasurer)	Rev. Jonathan McCollum
Rev. James Blair	Mr Gareth Kerr
Rev. Robert Robb	Dr John McKelvey

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Dr William Roulston (Convener)	Rev. Geoffrey Allen
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#### Congregational Aid Fund

Mr Joel McCluggage (Convener)	Mr Joe Watson
Rev. Joey Dunlap	Rev. Blair McFarland
Rev. Nigel Agnew	Rev. David Fallows
Mr Noel Simpson	Mr Joseph Blair

#### Covenanter Witness Editors

Rev. Philip Dunwoody	Mr Andrew Morrison
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Rev. Philip Dunwoody	Mr Andrew Morrison
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Rev. James Blair (Convener)	Mr Jonny Fitzsimons
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## SYNODICAL INFORMATION

### Synodical Conference Committee

Rev. Philip Moffett (Convener)	Mr David Martin (Treasurer)
Mr Billy Martin	Mr Norman McCollum
Mr David Officer	

### Examiners Final Theological Examinations

Rev. David Fallows (Convener)	Dr Trevor McCavery
Rev. Prof. Warren Peel	Rev. Prof. David McKay
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Mr Marcus McCollum (Treasurer)	Mr Kenneth Nelson
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Rev. Robert Robb (Convener)	Rev. John Coulter
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Rev. Jonathan McCollum (Chairman)	Miss Labhaoise Blair
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Rev. Paul Wright (Convener)	Rev. Philip Moffett
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### Ministers' Pension and Sickness Fund

Mr Thomas Forgrave (Convener)	Mr David Officer
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### Ministers' Widows and Orphans Fund

Mr David Officer (Convener)	Mr John McCollum
Mr Thomas Forgrave	Rev. Nathan Hawthorne
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### Mission Committee

#### Joint with Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland

Mr Brian Dunwoody (Chairman)	Rev. Peter Jemphrey
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Mr Gordon Hamilton	Mrs Anne McConaghie
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Rev. Blair McFarland (Convener)	Rev. Joey Dunlap
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## SYNODICAL INFORMATION

### Spain (Interim Session)

Rev. Nigel Agnew (Moderator)	Mr Morrell McCollum
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### Psalmody

Dr. Hugh McCullough	Mrs Ruth Murphy
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Rev. David Fallows (Convener)	Rev. Prof. Warren Peel
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### REFORMED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

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## SYNODICAL INFORMATION

### ANNUAL MEETING OF SYNOD

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity R.P.C.**

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**Communion:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabbath in March, June, September, December.

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**C. Y. Meets** 1<sup>st</sup> Sabbath of the month & for social activities 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

**Communion Seasons:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabbaths March, June and December at 12.00 noon.

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**Communion Seasons:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sabbath January, May and September

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**Communion Seasons:** Second Sabbath in September, November, January,  
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**Communion Seasons:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sabbath March, June, and December, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sabbath September

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**Communion Seasons:** 2nd Sabbaths January, May and September

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**Times of Sabbath Services:** 12.00 noon; 8:00 p.m. (last Sabbath)

**Fellowship Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabbath of the month at 8:00 p.m.

**Communion Seasons:** 2nd Sabbaths January, May and September

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**Communion Seasons:** Last Sabbath of February, May, August and November

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**Communion Seasons:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabbaths January, May and September

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**Communion Seasons:** February, June and October

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**Communion Seasons:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sabbath February, June and October

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**Mid-week meeting:** 7.00pm Wednesday

**Communion Seasons:** Last Sabbath of January, May and September

### DROMARA

**Location of Meetinghouse:** 90 Ardtanagh Road, Banbridge Road, Dromara, Co. Down BT25 2NG [www.dromararpchurch.org](http://www.dromararpchurch.org)

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**Sabbath School Superintendent:** Rev. Geoffrey Allen

**WF Secretary:** Mrs Donna Allen, 38 Hillsborough Road, Dromara, Dromore, BT25 2BL. Tel 028 9753 3279

**CY Leader:** Mr Matthew Greer Tel: 07392 135932

**Precentors:** Miss Elma Somerville Tel: 028 9753 2611, Miss Zoe Campbell Tel: 07745 651575, Mr Gordon Bond Tel: 07729 622987

**Times of Sabbath Services:** 12.00 noon. 7.00 p.m.

**Communion Seasons:** 3rd Sabbaths May and November

### DROMORE

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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

**Location of Meetinghouse:** 37 Knockbracken Road, Carryduff, Belfast

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**Sabbath School Superintendent:** Mr Ian McCaughan

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**Safeguarding Designated Person:** Diane Stewart, 3 Downhill Avenue, Belfast, BT8 7EE

**Times of Sabbath Services:** 11.30 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.

**Communion Seasons:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabbaths January, May and September

## LISBURN

**Location of Meetinghouse:** 49 Nettlehill Road, Ballymacash, Lisburn, BT28 3HE

**Minister:** Rev. Robert M. McCollum B.Mus., PGCE.

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**Precentor (Contact person):** Mr Alastair McCollum Tel. 079 3382 4758

**Times of Sabbath Services:** 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

**Communion Seasons:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabbath January, May and October

## NEWTOWNARDS

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**Precentor (Contact person):** Mr Raymond Trousdale Tel 07305 690 410

**Safeguarding Designated Person:** Mrs Diane Wright Tel 07507 307 003

**Times of Sabbath Services:** 11.00 a.m and 6.30 p.m.

**Communion seasons:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sabbath March, June, September and December

## SYNODICAL INFORMATION

### SHAFTESBURY SQUARE

**Location of Meeting House:** 72 Dublin Road, Belfast BT2 7HP

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**Congregational Secretary:** Dr E. Johnston, 58 Killyneither Walk, Belfast BT8 4DB Tel 028 9069 3337

**Women's Fellowship Secretary:** Mrs S. Bowers. 7 Oldmill Close, Dundonald, BT16 1WA Tel. 028 9048 6266 **Email:** bowers.oldmill@btinternet.com

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**Safeguarding Designated Person:** Mr D. K. McFarland, 35 Moss Road, Hollywood, BT18 9RU Tel 028 9076 9115

**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

**Minister:** Prof. Warren Peel, B. A., M.Th.,

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**CY Secretary:** Mr I. McDonnell, 6 Twinburn Road, Newtownabbey BT37 0EL Tel 028 9086 2181

## SYNODICAL INFORMATION

**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:** Dr Catherine Donnelly, 27 Fairyhill, Galgorm, Ballymena BT42 1FH Tel: 028 2564 3847

**Communion Seasons:** September, November, January, March, May and June.

## WOODSTOCK SOCIETY

**Location of meeting house:** 411 Woodstock Road, Belfast, BT6 8PW

**Organising Pastor:** Rev. David J McCullough, B.Sc., M.Th. 7 Orby Gardens, Ballyrushboy, BELFAST, BT5 5HS

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**Treasurer :** Mr O. Graham, 141, Jordanstown Rd., Newtownabbey, BT370LP

**Times of Sabbath Services :** 11.30am & 6.30pm

**Communion :** 3rd Sabbaths in February, May & November

**Bible Study :** Tuesday 8.00pm

## WESTERN PRESBYTERY

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**Clerk:** Rev. Jonathan McCollum, B.Sc.

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**Stated meetings of Presbytery:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in September, November, February and May at 7:30 p.m. at **Bready** and at Synod.

## BREADY

**Location of Meetinghouse:** 212 Victoria Road, Bready, Strabane, Co.

Tyrone, BT82 0DR

**Minister:** Rev. Paul Wallace, B.Sc.

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**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, Convoy, 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabbath May and November

\*Code from N.I. (00 353 74)

### COVENANT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP GALWAY

**Location of Meeting place:** 3 Mulvoy Park, Sean Mulvoy Road, Galway

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**Times of Sabbath Services:** 11:30 a.m.

Evening Fellowship Meeting 7:30 p.m.

**Communion Seasons:** as announced

### ENNISKILLEN

Location of Meetings Place: 153 Sligo Road, Enniskillen BT74 7JZ

**Minister:** Rev. T. H. Coulter, B.A.

Manse: 43 Meadow Farm, Tempo Road, Enniskillen, BT74 4QS

**Clerk of Session:** Mr Trevor Wills, 2 Ashgrove, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, BT74 6HG Tel. 07738282852

**Manse:** 43 Meadow Farm, Tempo Road, Enniskillen, BT74 4QS

**Treasurer** – Mr William Armstrong

**Precentor** - Mr William Armstrong

**Times of Sabbath Services** - 11.30am and 6.00pm.

**Communion Seasons** – 3 Times per annum.

**Safeguarding Designated Person:** Mrs Elizabeth Wills



## SYNODICAL INFORMATION

### FAUGHAN

**Location of Meetinghouse:** 4 Fincairn Road, Drumahoe, Londonderry

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**Precentor** (Contact person): Mrs Elizabeth Steele Tel 028 7130 1496

**Safeguarding Designated Person:** Mr Robert Steele, 195 Highmoor Road,  
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**Times of Sabbath Services:** 11:30 a.m.; 6:30p.m.

**Communion Seasons:** In January, May and September

**Congregational Website:** [www.faughanrpc.org](http://www.faughanrpc.org)

### GATEWAY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**Location of Meetings:** 13A Pump Street, Derry

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**Precentor:** Miss Hannah Fallows, 162 Tamnaherin Road, Drumahoe, BT47  
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**Safeguarding Designated Person:** Rev. Stephen Neilly

**Times of Sabbath Services:** 11:00 a.m.; 6.30 p.m. (at 13A Pump Street,  
Derry)

**Communion Seasons:** January, May, September and November



## SYNODICAL INFORMATION

### LETTERKENNY

**Location of Meeting place:** Day Centre Off Oliver Plunkett Road Eircode: F92 DE20

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**Times of Sabbath Services:** 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**Website:** www.newlifefellowship.ie

**Communion Seasons:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sabbath March, June, September and December

\* Code from N. Ireland (0035374)

### LIMAVADY

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**Times of Sabbath Services:** 12.00 noon; 7.00 p.m.

**Communion Seasons:** As announced in January, May and September

## MILFORD

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**Safeguarding Designated Person:** Mrs Edith Green Woodquarter, Cranford, Letterkenny Co. Donegal

**Times of Sabbath Services:** 11.30 am & 7.00pm;

**Communion Seasons:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sabbath March, June, September and December

Website: www.milfordrpc.org

\*Code from N. Ireland (0035374)

## STRANORLAR

**Location of Meetinghouse:** Main Street, Stranorlar, Co. Donegal

**Interim Moderator:** Rev. H. Ian G. Morrison, 11 Finvoy Road, Ballymoney,

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**Congregational Treasurer:** Mr Billy Blackburn, Carricknamanna, Killygordon, Lifford, Co Donegal. Tel 074 9149488\* 00353868443789

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**Times of Sabbath Services:** Morning Worship 10.45 a.m.

Evening Worship 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabbath of the month 7.00pm

**Communion Seasons:** May and November

\* Code from N. Ireland (0035374)

## SOUTHERN PRESBYTERY

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Rev. Dr Thomas C Donachie, 25 Beechcroft Park, Newtownards, BT23 8QL Tel. 028 91814025 Mobile 07717004627 Email: timdonachie@gmail.com

**Stated Meetings of Presbytery:** First Tuesday in September, November, February and May in Newry at 7:30 p.m.

## BALLENON

**Location of Meetinghouse:** Corrinare Road, Poyntzpass, Newry.

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**CY Secretary:** Mr Andrew Herron, 34 Corrinare Road, Loughgilly. Armagh, BT60 2DW Tel 028 3831 8616

**Precentor (Contact person):** Miss Lynn Douglas Tel: 07768 004 316

**Safeguarding Designated Person:** Mrs Betty Stewart

**Times of Sabbath Service:** : Joint with Ballylane 11.00am; 7:00 p.m. 1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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**WF Secretary:** See Ballenon

**CY Secretary:** See Ballenon

**Precentor (Contact person):** Mrs Irene Wilson Tel: 07743 191 412

**Safeguarding Designated Person:** See Ballenon

**Times of Sabbath Service:** Joint with Ballenon 11.00am; 7:00 p.m. 1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## SYNODICAL INFORMATION

### CLARE

**Location of Meetinghouse:** Clare Crossroads, Near Tandragee, Co. Armagh

**Minister:** Rev. Peter Dundee

**Address:** 25 Old Clare Grange, Tandragee, Craigavon, BT62 2GF

Tel: 028 3884095 Mobile: 0793996341

Email: clarerpc@gmail.com or dunders40@gmail.com

**Clerk of Session:** Mr Richard Brown, 33 Ballyshiel Road, Tandragee BT62 2HX Tel 028 3831 8685

**Congregational Treasurer:** Mrs Leanne Greenaway, 20 Moyrourkan Road, Tandragee BT62 2HD Tel: 07598255684

**Congregational Secretary:** Miss Elizabeth Greer, 10 Castle Rise, Tandragee, BT62 2NF Tel 028 3884 1055 email: elizjgreer@gmail.com

**Sabbath School Superintendent:** Miss Elizabeth Greer, 10 Castle Rise, Tandragee, Armagh BT62 2NF Tel. 028 3884 1055

**Precentors:** Mrs Alison Hamilton Tel. 028 3884 9616

**Safeguarding Designated Persons:** Miss Elizabeth Greer, 10 Castle Rise, Tandragee, BT62 2NF Tel 028 3884 1055 email: elizjgreer@gmail.com

**Times of Sabbath Services:** 10:45am preceded by prayer at 10:15am; Evening Worship – 7:00pm on 2nd Sabbath of month.

**Communion Seasons:** usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Sabbath May and November

### CREEVAGH

**Location of Meetinghouse:** Creevagh, Ballybay, Co. Monaghan

**Interim Moderator:** Rev. Nigel Agnew

**Address:** 39 Lough Road, Mowhan, Armagh BT60 2HJ Tel 028 37997490

Email: - nja3920@gmail.com

**Clerk of Session:** Mr Eric Moffett, Lantaur, Ballybay, Co. Monaghan. Tel 042- 9741337#

**Congregational Treasurers:** Mr Jim Allen, Drumacrutten, Dunraymond, Co. Monaghan Tel 042- 83595\*

Mr Eric Moffett, Lantaur, Ballybay, Co. Monaghan. Tel 042- 9741337 # (F.W.O.)

**Congregational Secretary:** Mr Alex Moffett, Corlea, Ballybay, Co. Monaghan

**Precentor (Contact person):** Mrs Evelyn Steen, Tel 042 9741930 or 086 3198972

**Safeguarding Designated Person:** Mrs Evelyn Steen

**Times of Sabbath Services:** 12.00 noon; 8.00 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Sabbath of each month

## SYNODICAL INFORMATION

**Communion Seasons:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabbath May and November

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### FAIRVIEW

**Location of Meetinghouse:** Fairview (Near Oram, Castleblaney) Co. Monaghan

**Minister:** Rev. Philip Murphy, Dip. Th.,

**Manse:** 93 Aughnagurgan Road, Altnamackin, Newry, BT35 0DY

Tel 028 3087 9126 Email: - philipmurphy600@btinternet.com

**Clerk of Session:** Mr Bertie Armstrong, Killycracken, Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan Tel 042- 9749456#

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**Congregational Treasurer:** Mr Andrew Creane, Alsmeed, Drumacrib, Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan Tel. 042- 9751695#

**Congregational Secretary:** Mr Wm. Hughes, 59 Aughnagurgan Road, Keady, BT60 3DA. Tel 028 3087 8324

**Sabbath School Superintendent:** Mr James T Creane, Tullycaghney, Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan Tel 042- 9740523#

**WF Secretary:** Mrs Charlene Stephenson, 25 Hare's Road, Newtownhamilton, Newry, Co. Down, BT35 0PH Tel. 07814 769902

**CY Secretary:** Miss Rayeanne Blackwood, 6 Knockowen Road, Newtownhamilton, Newry, Co. Down BT35 0EG Tel:- 028 3087 8419

**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

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### LOUGHBRICKLAND

**Location of Meetinghouse:** Dublin Road, Loughbrickland, Co. Down

**Minister:** Rev. Joey Dunlap, 22 Main Street, Loughbrickland, Banabridge, Co. Down, BT32 3NQ Mobile: +44 7341 200650

**Clerk pro-tem of Session:** Mr William Kemps, 20 Cortamlet Road, Newtownhamilton, Co. Down BT35 0EF. Email: williamkemps1@gmail.com

**Congregational Treasurers:** Mr Brian Boyd, 122 Dromara Rd. Ballyroney,

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Mr Timothy Silversides, 120 Ballymacormick Road, Dromore, BT25 1QS

Mobile:07986 199077

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**Sabbath School Superintendent:** Mr Stephen Hughes

**Precentors (Contact persons):** Mrs W Draffin, Mr Thomas Boyd, Mr Stephen Boyd (Contact person)Tel: 02830268959, Mobile 07780727989.

**Safeguarding Designated Person:** Mrs Heather Finch, 10 Cullentragh Road, Poyntzpass, Newry, Co. Down, BT35 6SD. Tel: 07516 035730

**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](http://www.loughbrickland.org)

Direct Streaming: [www.loughbrickland.org/streaming](http://www.loughbrickland.org/streaming)

## NEWRY

**Location of Meetinghouse:** Basin Walk, Newry, Co. Down

**Minister:** Rev. Nigel Agnew

**Address:** 39 Lough Road, Mowhan, Armagh BT60 2HJ Tel 028 37997490

Email: - [nja3920@gmail.com](mailto:nja3920@gmail.com)

**Clerk of Session:** Mr Rodney Murphy, 20 Cloughervan Road, Bessbrook, Newry, BT35 7BH Tel 028 3083 7104 Email: - [rodney.murphy@talk21.com](mailto:rodney.murphy@talk21.com)

**Congregational Treasurer:** Dr. Noel McCune, 24 Crieve Court, Newry, BT34 2PE

**Congregational Secretary:** Mr William Bennet, 12 Beechfield Drive, Annalong, BT34 4TP

**Sabbath School Treasurer/Secretary:** Mrs Ruth Murphy

**WF Secretary:** Mrs Sandra Agnew, 39 Lough Road, Mowhan, Armagh BT60 2HJ

**CY Secretary:** Benjamin Agnew, 39 Lough Road, Mowhan, Armagh BT60 2HJ

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**Precentor (Contact person):** Mrs Ruth Murphy Tel 028 3083 7104

**Safeguarding Designated Person:** Mrs Ruth Murphy, 20 Cloughervan Road, Bessbrook, Newry, BT35 7BH Tel 028 3083 7104

**Times of Sabbath Services:** 11.30 a.m. 7.00 p.m. on 1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sabbaths

**Communion Seasons:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sabbath January, April, July and October



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### RATHFRILAND

**Location of Meetinghouse:** Castle Lane, Rathfriland, Co. Down

**Interim Moderator:** Rev. Peter Dundee

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**Clerk of Session:** Mr Ray Morrison, 10 Castle Fields, Rathfriland, Newry, BT34 5BN. Tel 028 4063 0237

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**Congregational Treasurer:** Mr David McDowell, 7 Sleepy Valley, Rathfriland, BT34 5HL

**Congregational Secretary:** Mr Bobby McDowell, 54 Newry Street, Rathfriland, Newry, BT34 5PZ. Tel 028 4063 0893

**Sabbath School Superintendent:** Mrs Janice Bell, Drumarkin Rd, Rathfriland,

BT34 5ND Tel: 028 40630198 Mobile: 07763 972 962

**Women's Fellowship Secretary:** Mrs Janice Bell, Drumarkin Rd, Rathfriland,

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**Precentor** (Contact person): Mrs Rosemary Harbinson Tel 028 4063 0417

**Times of Sabbath Meetings:** Morning Worship - 12.00 noon;  
Evening Worship -7.00 p.m. as announced.

**Communion Seasons:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sabbaths May and November

### TULLYVALLEN

**Location of Meetinghouse:** Tullyvallen, Tullyneil Road, Newtownhamilton, Co. Armagh

**Minister:** Rev. Philip Murphy, Dip. Th.,

**Manse:** R.P. Manse, 93 Aughnagurgan Road, Altnamackin, Newry, Co. Down BT35 0DY. Tel 028 3087 9126

Email: - philipmurphy600@btinternet.com

**Clerk of Session and Congregational Secretary:** Mr Ivan Bingham  
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**Congregational Treasurer:** Mrs Heather Bingham, 75 Cormeen Road, Lisagally, Killylea, Co Armagh BT60 4NA. Tel 07512 052554

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**Sabbath School Superintendent:** Mrs Yvonne Hughes 6A Mullaghduff Road, Cullyhanna, Newtownhamilton, Newry Co.Down. BT35 0LD. Tel 028 3087 8683



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**WF Secretary:** Mrs Charlene Stephenson, 25 Hare's Road,  
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Email: shieldscharlene@yahoo.ie

**CY Secretary:** Mrs Lorna Hughes, 63 Aughnagurgan Road, Keady, Co  
Armagh, BT60 3DA. Tel 07849 319753

**Precentors (Contact person):** Mrs Jill Hughes, Tel 07732 412415 or Mr  
Douglas Hughes, Tel 07812 188910

**Safeguarding Designated Person:** Mrs Lynda Hughes, 86 Mowhan Road,  
Markethill, Armagh, BT60 1RQ. Tel 07725 432954

**Times of Sabbath Services:** 10.30 a.m.; 7.00 p.m - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabbath Feb, Apr,  
June, Aug, Oct, Dec)

**Communion Seasons:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabbaths May and November  
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## STATISTICS

Congregation	Statistics for 2022													
	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
<b>Northern Presbytery</b>														
Ballyclabber	8	6	32	67	52	73	40	20	7	25	19	8	10	1
Ballylaggan	8	15	60	109	57	82	28	24	5	12	0	0	0	0
Ballymorey	5	11	37	54	34	37	17	12	3	5	0	0	0	1
Cloughmills	4	4	19	37	30	50	40	20	5	14	9	1	1	1
Cullybackey	8	6	50	109	72	130	60	20	6	26	40	0	15	3
Dervock	6	11	29	55	43	52	26	18	1	4	0	0	0	1
Drinboig	4	15	36	64	44	49	27	14	5	12	5	1	0	1
Kellswater	3	1	21	30	20	40	33	10	2	5	0	0	0	0
Kilraughis	9	6	42	63	47	57	30	12	4	9	8	2	0	0
Portrush	3	7	12	22	21	25	21	15	2	3	0	0	0	0
<b>Southern Presbytery</b>														
Ballinon	2	6	23	32	20	24	14	13	1	2	2	0	0	2
Ballylane	2	6	13	18	14	12	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clare	2	7	25	25	21	30	15	7	1	6	0	0	0	0
Creevagh	2	5	13	19	16	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Fairview	5	7	19	36	31	52	51	17	4	9	7	10	1	7
Loughbrickland	5	3	31	56	45	50	40	15	5	16	15	0	0	2
Newry	5	4	25	23	26	40	35	9	3	6	5	8	15	0
Rathfriland	3	10	32	44	0	38	18	12	2	9	0	0	0	0
Tullyvallen	3	7	26	22	17	38	46	16	5	8	9	6	1	0
<b>Eastern Presbytery</b>														
Ballicornells	2	6	16	21	18	22	13	8	1	3	7	1	5	0
Ballyclare	6	4	30	48	43	79	57	21	5	28	18	1	2	1
Carrickfergus	2	2	16	22	17	21	16	9	3	4	0	0	0	0
Cookstown	0	0	6	10	14	21	23	18	3	5	0	0	0	3
Dromara	5	13	59	77	50	67	28	14	5	12	4	0	0	1
Dromore	3	7	23	41	31	51	33	14	3	18	6	0	0	2
Knockbracken	2	5	17	28	24	30	22	12	3	5	5	0	3	0
Lisburn	7	8	48	65	55	78	63	27	5	21	4	7	4	3
Newtownards	4	9	42	62	53	78	44	23	4	22	11	0	5	5
Shaftesbury Sq.	6	7	32	39	26	32	17	10	0	0	0	0	1	1
Trinity	9	9	53	102	85	120	93	55	9	55	32	6	2	1
Woodstock	0	0	12	17	17	24	19	13	0	0	0	0	0	1

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Statistics for 2022		Congregation													
<b>Western Presbytery</b>	Number of Elders	4	4	24	40	32	45	32	12	6	13	16	5	2	2
	Number of Deacons/Committee	2	8	8	16	16	21	15	10	2	4	2	0	1	1
	Number of Families	2	0	8	15	16	17	11	7	1	2	3	0	0	2
	Number of Communicants	2	7	27	49	32	38	24	8	2	6	0	0	0	0
	Attendance at Communion	2	0	16	24	21	31	14	12	3	5	5	0	0	0
	Attendance at Morning Worship	2	0	7	15	14	15	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Attendance at Evening Worship	2	0	13	22	23	37	28	10	4	12	5	8	0	2
	Attendance at Mid Week Meeting	5	5	42	70	47	62	40	25	3	8	0	0	0	1
	Number of S.S. Teachers	1	4	15	17	14	23	15	8	3	7	6	0	0	2
	Number of Pupils	4	6	9	15	17	22	13	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Number of C. Y. Members	4	6	9	15	17	22	13	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
	C. Y. Members from other R . P. Churches														
C. Y. Members from outside R P bounds															
Number of Baptisms															

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Congregation	Salary Paid by Congregation	Expenses paid to Minister	Housing Allowance paid to Minister	Contributions to minister's Pension
<b>Northern Presbytery</b>				
Ballyclobber	€30,804.10	€437.88	€5,000.00	€2,976.00
Ballylaggan	-	-	-	-
Ballymoney	€27,580.00	-	€4,000.00	€3,308.00
Cloughmills	€29,197.80	-	-	€2,912.59
Cullybackey	€32,211.09	-	€9,789.53	€3,240.00
Dervock	-	-	-	-
Drinbolg	€23,465.00	€750.00	-	€1,575.00
Kellswater	€27,756.00	-	-	€2,700.00
Kilraughis	€27,500.00	€1,000.00	-	€2,880.00
Portrush	€30,000.00	-	-	€3,000.00
<b>Southern Presbytery</b>				
Ballenon	€13,680.00	-	-	€1,368.00
Ballylane	€13,680.00	-	-	€1,368.00
Clare	€29,400.00	-	-	Included in salary
Creevagh	-	-	-	-
Fairview	€14,000.00	-	-	€1,400.00
Loughbrickland	€30,000.00	€95.00	-	€3,058.60
Newry	€26,400.00	€1,000.00	€4,660.00	€2,880.00
Rathfriland	€28,000.00	-	€7,200.00	€2,800.00
Tullyallen	€13,704.00	€240.00	-	€1,300.00

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<b>Eastern Presbytery</b>				
Balleshmills	€27,000.00	-	€6,480.00	€2,700.00
Ballyclare	€30,057.12	€239.88	-	€3,750.00
Carrickfergus	-	-	-	-
Cookstown	€27,000.00	-	€6,000.00	€2,700.00
Dromara	€31,500.00	€500.00	-	€3,116.63
Dromore	€26,950	€1,617.00	-	€2,695.00
Knockracken	€20,625.00	€2,250.00	-	€2,891.00
Lisburn	€31,500.00	€3,000.00	-	€3,120.00
Newtownards	€30,150.00	€3,000.00	-	€3,380.00
Shaftesbury Square	€31,860.00	€4,605.00	-	€3,186.00
Trinity	€32,525.00	€2,276.00	-	€3,300.00
Woodstock	€27,300.00	-	-	€3,276.00
<b>Western Presbytery</b>				
Brady	€23,241.75	€236.21	-	€1,632.06
Convoy	€27,000.00	€1,405.00	€7,800	-
Emmiskillen	€27,000.00	-	-	€2,700.00
Faughan	€27,900.00	€3,600.00	-	€2,790.00
Galway (2020 figures)	-	-	-	-
Gateway Christian Fellowship	€27,000.00	€500.00	€1,800.00	€2,700.00
Letterkenny	€41,400.00	€1,642.00	-	€4,400.00
Limavady	€27,714.38	€1,780.04	-	€3,025.94
Milford	€41,400.08	€821.00	-	€4,140.00
Stranorlar	€16,460.00	Travel €3,000.00	-	-