

	Slide	WB	Report / Proposal		Recommendations	Mover / Notes
001 1	1				That the Roll of the Assembly, as laid on the table, be accepted.	Clerk of Assembly
002	2				That, pursuant to the election process of the Church, the Rev Rose Luxford be elected as the Moderator of the 2023 General Assembly, to hold office until the induction of her successor at the next ordinary meeting of the Assembly, or as this Assembly determines.	Clerk
003	3				That the reports and proposals printed in the Assembly Papers be received and be the working documents of the Assembly.	AES
004	4				That the Standing Orders as printed be accepted as standing orders for 2023 General Assembly.	AES
005	5				That Heather McKenzie be appointed Deputy Clerk of Assembly until the close of the 2023 Assembly meeting.	AES
006	6				That the Assembly recognise the following as associates: Alistair McBride, Richard Gray, Heather Kennedy, Dan Spragg (Assembly Business Work Group), Jaco Reyneke, Kat Solomona (Council of Assembly), Marilyn Wallace, Kerry Enright (Book of Order Advisory Committee), Ryhan Prasad (Leadership	AES

					Sub-committee), Craig Donaldson (Resource Sub-committee), Ron Mills, Andrew Souness, (Church Property Trustees), Very Rev Hamish Galloway (Immediate Past Moderator).	
007	7				That the following people be associated with the Assembly for the purpose of speaking to specific reports: Tim Pratt (CWS national director), Barry Fisk (Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy), Alan Judge (Nominating Committee), Andrew Johnstone, Prudence Stone (Presbyterian Support NZ)	AES
008	8				That the Facilitation Group, under Standing Order 24, comprise Martin Baker, Maugapaia Ropeti-Iupeli.	ABWG
009	9				That the timekeepers for this Assembly be : and <i>insert 2 or 3 names</i>	ABWG
009a	10				That the scrutineers for the Assembly be <i>Insert names</i>	ABWG
010	11				That the following church councils be given approval to meet during the 2023 General Assembly:	ABWG

				St Marks, Avonhead, Christchurch, Lakeside Church, Te Anau	
011	12, 13			<p>That Memorial Minutes for the following be placed in the records of the Assembly:</p> <p>Keith David Allen, Alastair Kimball Thomas (Kim) Bathgate, Ian Breward, David Kenneth Carmichael, Peter Cartwright Carter, Robert (Bob) Coates, Ian Spencer Crumpton, Margery May Dwerryhurst, Lindsay Drinkwater, William <u>Ian</u> Fleming, William Donald (Bill) Francis, Douglas Grierson, Maxwell James (Max) Garrity, Kimi Ngatamariki Henry, Kenneth Gerard (Ken) Irwin, Michael Jackson Campbell, Sylvia Lois Jenkin, Robert Neil Lambie, Margaret Anne Low, Graham Frank Lyman, Henry <u>Stuart</u> McKenzie, Nolan Reginald Martin, Brian Ernest Metherell, Henry (Harry) Clements Morgan, Mary Joyce Petersen, Ivan George Pierce, Elizabeth Helen (Libby) Smith, Allan Trevor Smith, Maria Alegonda (Ria) Sporry, Gladys May Stiles, Jusak Susabda, Fania Talagi, Alfred H (Alf) Taylor, Brian Alexander Thom, Arthur Ronald (Ron) Townsend, Ioane Bapetizo <u>Timote</u> Turu, Keith Clement Weavers.</p>	Clerk

012	14				That the General Assembly acknowledge anniversaries of ordination and that the Moderator convey the warm congratulations and greetings of the Assembly to those for whom these milestones will be celebrated before the next Assembly.	Clerk
013	15				That the General Assembly confirms the changes to the ministerial roll since the Assembly last met.	Clerk
014	16				That the General Assembly confirms Presbytery and Asian representatives on the Nominating Committee.	Clerk
15	17	D1	Council of Assembly	1.	That the Church affirms its commitment to show love and respect to all people and be an environment where people can accept salvation in Jesus Christ, grow their faith, find healing, discern how they are part of God's mission and serve God.	Jaco Reyneke
16	18			2.	That the Church expresses its sadness and deepest empathy with survivors of abuse and in particular where the abuse took place within a church context.	
17	19			3.	That congregations and presbyteries are be urged to ensure that the Child Protection	

					Policy and the Code of Ethics are well known, understood and applied diligently.	
18	20			4.	That congregations and presbyteries continue to ensure that those under their care are safe and are aware of how grievances and complaints can be lodged, with appropriate support.	
19	21			5.	That congregations be encouraged to prayerfully identify, encourage and enable individuals within the Church who God might be calling to consider ordained ministry.	
20	22			6.	That congregations be encouraged to prayerfully identify, empower and enable people to serve the wider Church at both presbytery and General Assembly level.	
21	23			7.	That congregations and presbyteries be encouraged to be aware of and open to opportunities to serve God's mission by sharing financial and human resources with others.	
22	24			8.	That the previous system which required congregations who host a ministry intern to partially fund the intern's bursary, be reinstated.	Refer also to D3
23	25			9.	That the amendments to the following	

					supplementary provisions, as approved by the Council of Assembly, be ratified: Conditions of Service Manual, Nominating Committee, pursuant to Book of Order chapter 9.23 to 9.32.	
24	26	D2	Leadership Sub-committee	1.	That the Local Shared Ministry Handbook be approved as a supplementary provision.	Ryhan Prasad <i>Handbook is on Assembly website in Supplementary Papers</i>
25	27	D3	Resource Sub-committee	1.	That the General Assembly receive the audited accounts of the Church for the financial year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023. *	Craig Donaldson <i>Financial Statements are on Assembly website in Supplementary Papers</i>
26	28			2.	That the Convenor and Deputy Convenor of the Council of Assembly be authorised to sign the audited accounts on behalf of the General Assembly.	
27	29			3	That congregations be encouraged to join I-Payroll for their payroll software and Xero for their accounting software.	
28	30	E2	AES	1.	That the changes to Book of Order regulations as set out in Proposal 1 of the Assembly Executive Secretary report be	Wayne Matheson

					adopted.	
29	31			2.	That the changes to Book of Order regulations as set out in Proposal 2 of the Assembly Executive Secretary report be adopted.	
30	32			3.	That the changes to Book of Order regulations as set out in Proposal 3 of the Assembly Executive Secretary report be adopted.	
31	33			4.	That the changes to Book of Order regulations as set out in Proposal 4 of the Assembly Executive Secretary report be adopted.	
32	34			5.	That, pursuant to the Presbyterian Church Property Act 1930, the following be the Commission with Assembly powers to deal with such matters as may be submitted to it by the Church Property Trustees under Section 5 of the Amendment Act 1914 and to be the Commission under section 7 of the Presbyterian Church Property Amendment	

					<p>Act 1996 to consider applications under Part 1 of the Act:</p> <p>The Rt Rev Rose Luxford (Moderator); Very Rev Hamish Galloway; Mrs Fiona Coughlan, Revs Anne Stewart, Sage Harris, Brett Walker, Richard McLean, Messrs Simon Shaw, Andrew Irwin and Assembly Executive Secretary, Associate: Executive Officer of the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees.</p>	
33	35 36 37	E3	Book of Order	1.	<p>1(a) That the amendments to the Book of Order set out in Part 1 of Appendix 1 of the report of the Book of Order Advisory Committee be accepted and remitted to presbyteries and church councils under the legislative procedure.</p> <p>(b) That the amendments to the Book of Order in Part 1 of Appendix 1 be adopted as interim provisions having force until the next General Assembly meets.</p> <p>(c) That the amendments to the Book of Order and the Supplementary Provisions set out in Part 2 of Appendix 1 be adopted.</p>	Marilyn Wallace / Kerry Enright
34	38			2.	.(a) That the amendments to the Book of Order set out in Appendix 2 of the Report of	

	39				<p>the Book of Order Advisory Committee be accepted and remitted to presbyteries and church councils under the special legislative procedure.</p> <p>(b) That the amendments to the Book of Order set out in Appendix 2 of the Report of the Book of Order Advisory Committee be adopted as interim provisions having force until the next General Assembly meets.</p>	
35	40			3.	That the amendments to the Book of Order and the Supplementary Provisions set out in Appendix 3 of the Report of the Book of Advisory Committee, other than for Local Shared Ministry, be adopted.	
36	41			4.	That the technical corrections to the Book of Order as found in Appendix 4 of the report of the Book of Order Advisory Committee be approved.	
	42			5.	That the amendments to Book of Order chapters 9.23 to 9.31, as set out in the Addendum to the Book of Order Advisory Committee's report, be adopted.	
	43			6.	That the amendments to Book of Order chapter 10.18 and 10.19, as set out in the Addendum to the Book of Order Advisory Committee's report, be accepted and remitted to presbyteries and church councils under the special legislative procedure.	

	44			7.	That the amendments to Book of Order chapters 10.18 and 10.19 be adopted as interim provisions having force until the next General Assembly meets.	
	45			8.	That a new definition of “enabler” be added to the Definitions section of the Book of Order as follows: “ enabler - means a person appointed by a presbytery to facilitate and support a congregation in establishing and maintaining local shared ministry.”	
	46			9.	That the amendments shown in the revised Conditions of Service Manual to sections 2.5.2, 2.5.7, 2.5.8.1, 2.5.8.5, 2.6.1, 2.6.1.3(iii) and 2.6.1.5 be approved.	
37	47	E5	Doctrine Core Group		That the statement titled ‘A Theology of Ordination’ be sent to presbyteries and church councils for study and discussion and brought to the next Assembly for adoption.	Fei Taulealeausumai
38	48	E6	InterChurch Bioethics Council	1.	As a response for the best care for creation and ethical use of the Earth's resources, churches be urged to continue to take all practical steps to reduce their carbon footprints and share resources to encourage members of the Church to respond positively to the climate crisis.	

39	49			2	That the Council of Assembly be asked to consider an annual contribution to recognise its partnership and membership of the InterChurch Bioethics Council and its work.	
40	50	E7	Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy	1	That the Assembly affirm the ministry of the Interchurch Hospital Chaplaincy and commend this to church councils.	
41	51			2	That the Assembly invite the Doctrine Core Group to respond to the invitation to make comment to the Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy on the matter of including chaplains of other faiths and beliefs.	
42	52	E10	Nominating Committee	1.	That the membership of national church committees, work groups and other nationally appointed bodies be as set out in the appendix to the report of the Nominating Committee.	Alan Judge
43	53	E11	Church Property Trustees	1.	That the Assembly endorse the Church Property Trustees' 'fit for purpose' conclusions: a. The Church has some buildings that are fit for purpose, but many are not. The Church also has land and buildings that are no longer needed. Together, this presents	Ron Mills, Andrew Souness

	54				the Church with opportunities to improve the number of fit for purpose buildings available for mission.	
	55				<p>b. Improving the Church's use of its property and capital to create more fit for purpose buildings is not the only thing needed to strengthen the Presbyterian Church - but it could help contribute to renewal.</p> <p>c. Locating fit for purpose buildings in appropriate locations will take collective action, with presbyteries playing a pivotal role alongside congregations.</p>	
43	56			2.	<p>That the Assembly:</p> <p>a. Encourage presbyteries to engage with congregations on the fit for purpose status of their buildings, using the Church Property Trustees' fit for purpose framework (or similar) and incorporating insurance and seismic imperatives.</p> <p>b. Invite presbyteries to develop a 10 year Fit For Purpose plan that aligns building needs with mission plans on a regional or area basis and, for other than Southern</p>	
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	58			<p>Presbytery, share this with the Church Property Trustees by 30 June 2025.</p> <p>c. Invite presbyteries and the Council of Assembly to explore together whether it would be beneficial for presbyteries to assume responsibility for some aspects of property management, including insurance arrangements and, if so, how this could be resourced and implemented.</p>	
44	59			<p>3. That the Assembly urge compliance from congregations north of the Waitaki River with the Earthquake Prone Buildings Policy and:</p> <p>a. Urge congregations and presbyteries north of the Waitaki River which do not know the seismic status of the buildings for which they are responsible to urgently secure a seismic assessment and forward a copy to the Church Property Trustees.</p> <p>b. Request those congregations and presbyteries north of the Waitaki River that do not yet comply with the strengthening requirements of the Earthquake Prone Buildings Policy to advise the Church Property Trustees of their plans.</p>	
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45	61	E12	Pres Support	1.	That the Council of Assembly be asked to consider the successes within the innovative partnership between Presbyterian Support and the Presbyterian Church and lift its support, in the next budget round, of the Church's annual contributions to PresCare.	Andrew Johnstone / Prudence Stone
46	62	E13	Presbyterian Women	1.	That the General Assembly note the winding up of Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand (PWANZ) as of 30 June 2023.	Mavis Duncanson and Mary Gibbs
47	63	E17	Dialogue on sexuality, biblical morality and leadership	1.	That the Moderator and Immediate Past Moderator work with participants in the dialogue on sexuality, biblical morality and leadership to offer the opportunity for the people in various regions of the Presbyterian Church to have conversations about the issues, using the same model as that for the dialogue set up by the 2022 Special Assembly.	Hamish Galloway
48	64			2.	That the Dialogue leaders report to the next General Assembly.	.
49	65	F1	Bi-lingual Bible		That the Church recognise the 2022 Bi-lingual edition of Te Paipera Tapu as its	Ryhan Prasad

					preferred Bible for use in worship throughout the country.	
50	66	F2	Church Council quorum	1.	That the quorum requirement for a church council be eased to allow the absence of a minister in some circumstances.	Stuart Simpson
51	67			2	1. That an amendment to Book of Order chapter 7, deleting the second clause in 7.16(8)(b), namely “and a minister if the Moderator is not a minister”, be accepted.	
	68				2. That the amendment to Book of Order chapter 7 be remitted to presbyteries and church councils under the special legislative procedure.	
	69				3. That the amendment to Book of Order chapter 7 be adopted as an interim provision having force until the next General Assembly meets.	
52	70	F3	Earthquake-prone buildings policy		That the Assembly request the Church Property Trustees to review and update the requirements of the earthquake-prone Buildings Policy (dated November 2022) and align their policy requirements pertaining to Earthquake Strengthening with	David Williams

					those of the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings Amendment Act 2016) and the relevant local authority.	
53	71	F4	Presbytery Council convenor		That presbyteries be permitted to appoint a person other than the presbytery moderator as convenor of the presbytery council.	Cunny Atchison
54	72	F5	Restarting congregations		That Book of Order Section 5.10 (6) (c) be amended to provide that a Presbytery must give consideration to the feasibility of facilitating and possibly helping resource a restart of a worshipping community in that place under the leadership of another congregation within the presbytery.	Stuart Lange
55	73	F6	Prayer of Repentance		That Assembly adopt and offer to the church a prayer of repentance, as set out in the proposal, at the beginning of the next Assembly	Richard Dawson
		F7	To Tiriti O Waitangi policy		withdrawn	
56	74	F7	Transmitting Proposals to Assembly		That this General Assembly ask the Book of Order Advisory Committee to reconsider the ability of a presbytery to decline to transmit	Peter Cheyne Revised wording from

					a proposal from a church council, consulting with interested parties and, depending on the outcome, bring a recommendation to the next General Assembly.	Peter
Additional Information and Notice of Motions						
54 (Amendment)	76		Amendment to Recommendation 54		That Book of Order Chapter 5.10(6) (c) be amended to read as follows: “(c) that the congregation should be dissolved. In this case, the presbytery must consider facilitating and resourcing a restart worshipping community in the premises occupied by the dissolved congregation, under the leadership of another congregation within the presbytery. In any event the presbytery must ensure the continued pastoral care of the congregation.”	Book of Order
57	77		Appointment of Nominating Committee		That Rev Alan Judge (2023-25) be appointed Convenor of the Nominating Committee and Rev Phyllis Harris (2023-27) be appointed Deputy Convenor of the Nominating Committee.	
NM1	78		Review of Assembly Costs		That the Council of Assembly be asked to conduct a review of Assembly costs and	Peter Cheyne & Stuart Lange

					format, and find a way to make the cost of sending a commissioner to General Assembly much more affordable for congregations.	
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