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## Paper G2

### Pre-Amble — new TN General Assembly Reps policy

Notes: These changes are due to URC's arrangements agreed at General Assembly, July 2018.

1. Each Synod will have the same number of representatives to Assembly, and for the moment this figure will be 16.
2. A Synod may include its Moderator in its overall representation, if it wishes to. There will not be additional places designated for Synod Moderators.
3. Among a Synod's 16, no more than two thirds (no more than 10) are to be elders or lay, and no more than 10 are to be ministers (of word and sacraments or CRCWs).
4. A Synod must still include at least two people aged 25 or under in its representation.  
[\[TN has a policy of sending two.\]](#)

### New TN policy:

1. Synod Office sends Churches & Ministers & LAGs a request for nominations for General Assembly reps.
2. The end of January will be the deadline of the receipt of nominations.
3. All nominations must come on the required form, from a Church Meeting, Elders Meeting or LAG.
4. Nominations will be handled by the Appointments Advisory Group, who will compile a list of reps according to the following constraints:
  - The Synod's 16 reps will comprise: no more than 10 elders or lay, and no more than 10 ministers (of word and sacraments or CRCWs).
  - Two places for people 25 years of age or under, **with priority given to the Youth Executive rep.**
  - Two places for BME members.
  - One place for the Moderator.
  - Two places for the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer, and Synod Clerk.
  - Other places to be allocated, with priority given to:
    - newly appointed Ministers who will be presented at General Assembly as a matter of course.
    - all LAGs being represented.
    - **persons aged between 20-40.**
    - those who have attended GA the least number of times before.
5. The proposed list of GA reps will be submitted to March Synod for approval.