



**Thames North Synod**  
**Saturday 12 March**  
**2016**  
10.00 am to 4.00 pm

**Resolutions**

## **RESOLUTIONS TO SYNOD**

### **1. Closure of Queens Park URC**

Synod approves the closure of Queens Park United Reformed Church on 20 March 2016 and gives thanks for 129 years of Christian witness and service at Queens Park.

### **2. Appointment of Representatives to General Assembly**

Synod accepts the representatives to General Assembly as proposed in Paper A2.

### **3. Israel – Palestine**

Thames North Synod resolves that General Assembly be asked to adopt the following resolution:

General Assembly resolves to:

- a) commend the Church of Scotland Report 'The Inheritance of Abraham' (revised version) for study by United Reformed churches.
- b) endorse the conclusion of 'The Inheritance of Abraham' incorporated in the preamble to this motion rejecting claims that scripture offers any peoples a privileged claim for possession of a particular territory.
- c) commend 'A Moment of Truth, a word of faith, hope, and love from the heart of Palestinian suffering, Kairos Palestine 2009' for study by United Reformed Churches and encourage the formation of Kairos communities, either within individual congregations or ecumenically.
- d) urge the UK Government and the European Union to do all that is within their power to ensure that human rights are respected and international law is upheld in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories.**
- e) urge the UK Government and the European Union to exert, through sanctions or other effective means that address the inequality of power between the parties, international pressure on Israel to end the occupation of Palestinian territory and the blockade of Gaza and allow a just peace to be achieved.**