



The
United
Reformed
Church

Thames North Synod

17th September 2016

10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Resolutions
Amended

1. **Resolution 42 – referred from General Assembly 2016:**

General Assembly resolves to amend the Structure of the United Reformed Church as described:

a) Membership of Synods: Current wording: 2(4)(i) Two young people, being members of the United Reformed Church, nominated by the Synod's youth forum, committee or equivalent; Proposed wording: 2(4)(i) Two young people, actively involved and engaged with the United Reformed Church at local, synod or assembly level, who have the confidence of their local church or the confidence of the Synod's youth forum, committee or equivalent;

b) Membership of General Assembly

Current wording:

2(6)(b) Among the representatives of Synods shall be included at least two from each Synod aged 26 or under, at the date of appointment. Should a Synod prove unable to make such an appointment it may appoint from another Synod but these persons must be 26 or under at the date of appointment;

2(6)(k) Such number of representatives of the Fellowship of United Reformed Youth, being members of the United Reformed Church, as the Assembly shall from time to time determine (at present three);

Proposed wording:

2(6)(b) Among the representatives of Synods shall be included at least two from each Synod aged 25 or under, at the date of appointment. These representatives need not be members of the United Reformed Church, but must be actively involved and engaged with the United Reformed Church at local, synod or assembly level, and have the confidence of their local church or the confidence of the Synod's youth forum, committee or equivalent; should a Synod prove unable to make such an appointment it may appoint from another Synod but these persons must be 25 or under at the date of appointment;

2(6)(k) Such number of representatives of United Reformed Church Youth, associated with a young people's group in a local church or United Reformed Youth groups at Synod or Assembly level, who have the confidence of their local church or the confidence of URC Youth, as the Assembly shall from time to time determine (at present three);

2. **Resolution 3 – Referred from General Assembly 2016**

This resolution appears in full on Paper B.

3. Recognition of Groups

Resolutions:

- (i) Synod recognises the Chiltern Group of churches with its current member churches of Amersham Free; Beaconsfield; Beaconsfield, Holtspur; Bourne End, Cores End; Burnham; Deanway United; Chesham; St Andrew's, Gerrards X; Trinity, High Wycombe; St Andrew's, Iver; Colnebrook & Poyle United; Kingsway, Slough; Trinity, Slough; Wendover Free; Fairford Leys, Aylesbury.
- (ii) Synod recognises the East London Group of Churches with its current member churches: Barking; Gants Hill, Ilford; Seven Kings, Ilford; Vine, Ilford; Grange Park, Leyton; Leytonstone United Free; Walthamstow, Trinity; Walthamstow United Reformed Asian; Wanstead United Reformed.
- (iii) Synod recognises the Enfield and East Hertfordshire Group of Churches with its current member churches of Broxbourne; Cheshunt Free; Edmonton; Bush Hill Park, Enfield; Christ Church, Enfield; Lancaster Road, Enfield; Trinity, Enfield; Hertford; Palmers Green; Ponders End; Winchmore Hill.

4. Closure of Chigwell Row URC

Synod approves the closure of Chigwell Row United Reformed Church on 30 September 2016 and gives thanks for 232 years of Christian witness and service in the Chigwell Row area.

5. Amalgamation

Synod approves the amalgamation of St John's URC, Northwood and St Martin's URC, South Oxhey, the new church to be known as St John's URC, Northwood.

6. Amalgamation

Synod approves the amalgamation of Claremont URC and Harecourt URC, the new church to be known as Islington United Reformed Church.