



Thames North Synod General Assembly Feedback

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Matters for consideration and action from General Assembly 2022

The list of General Assembly resolutions below is of particular relevance to local churches, Synods and ministers, and ought to be taken note of and where necessary acted upon.

Local churches

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- 4 URC Children
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- 52 UK Asylum Policy

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- 8 One off payments to ministers and lay staff
- 9 Retired ministers' benevolent fund
- 11-13 Pensions
- 29-36,40-45 Ministerial Discipline Process

See [Record of Assembly 2022](#)

Legacies of Slavery Confession

General Assembly of the United Reformed Church, gathered here in Swanwick in the year 2022:

- humbly acknowledges our share in and benefit from our nation's participation, and that of some of our own antecedent bodies, in transatlantic slavery.
- recognises our failure to honour the efforts of our abolitionist forebears by permitting the legacies of transatlantic slavery to continue shaping our world

- offers our apology to God and to our sisters and brothers in Africa, the Caribbean, and their descendants, for all that has created and still perpetuates such deep hurt, which originated from the horror of slavery.
- repents of the hurt we have caused, our reluctance to face up to the sins of the past and our silence in the face of racism and injustice today.
- admits that these sins are part of our continuing failure to see and hear God in all our neighbours, whoever they may be.
- commits, in a true spirit of repentance:
 - to find constructive ways by which we can move from saying 'I'm sorry' into concrete actions of 'repairing justice' and so contribute to the prophetic work of God's coming kingdom
 - to continue working to promote racial justice as part of our Christian commitment to justice for all
 - to encourage the whole United Reformed Church to be engaged in this journey.