

## Guide to Recommendations

1. Set out on the next pages are all the recommendations/notices of motion that have been submitted to the Assembly Executive Secretary at the date of printing the extra reports. The recommendations are set out in the order outlined in the agenda.
2. It is likely more notices of motion will be submitted prior to or at Assembly. You will be provided with these numbered sequentially at Assembly.
3. The third column – presenters – sets out which body is responsible for bringing the recommendation or notice of motion to the Assembly.
4. The fourth column – process – refers to the procedure outlined by the Assembly Business Work Group for dealing with the recommendations/notices of motion (required by Standing Order 13 Appendix A1). For ease of understanding they are summarised below:
  - a. Debate – see Standing Order 13(i),
  - b. Dialogue Group – see Standing Order 13(ii),
  - c. Comprehensive Motion – see Standing Order 15(iv). Note that any motion to be withdrawn from the comprehensive motion must be advised to the Assembly Executive Secretary/Clerk of the Assembly by 9pm Thursday 28 September 2006.
  - d. Consensus Decision-making – trial – see Appendix to Users Guide to 2006 Assembly, A10-13.
5. Please note the deadline for Notices of Motion is 9pm Thursday 28 September 2006.
6. The fifth column – action – is for you to write in what happened to the notice of motion at Assembly.

1	Recommendations	Presenters	Process	Action
1	That the roll of the Assembly as laid on the table be accepted.	Clerk	Debate	
2	That pursuant to the nomination of the 2004 General Assembly the Reverend Pamela Tankersley be elected Moderator of the General Assembly to hold office until the election and induction of her successor at the next ordinary meeting of the Assembly.	Clerk	Debate	
3	That the reports and overtures printed in the Assembly Reports and Extra Reports be received and be the working documents of this Assembly.	Assembly Business Work Group	Debate	
4	That the Standing Orders be accepted as Standing Orders for this Assembly.	Assembly Business Work Group	Debate	
5	That the Facilitation Group under Standing Order 15.1 (ii) comprise the Rev Ken Wall, Rev Lance Thomas, Rev Chris Elliott and Mrs Dilys Parker.	Assembly Business Work Group	Debate	
6	That the scrutineers for this Assembly be Mele Tavelia, Tekura Wilding, Nuka Tauevihi, Stuart Simpson, Kevin Finlay, Chris Konings, Mary-Jane Konings, Dennis Flett, Douglas Bradley, Anne Thomson, Stephanie Wells, Nimarota Lale, and Chris Purdie.	Clerk	Debate	
7	That Mrs Heather McKenzie, Clerk of the Synod of Otago and Southland, be appointed Assistant Assembly Clerk until the close of this Assembly meeting.	Clerk	Debate	
8	That the Memorial Minutes for the following be placed in the records of the Assembly: Revs: George Johnston, Noera Frederick Tamiana, James Kori Hill, Alan Weir Armstrong, Richard William Fowler, Phil Mervan Spencer, James Drakley Shaw Moore, Leuatea Iusitini Sio, Stuart Alexander Robertson, Frank James Boggs, Hector Arch Tankersley, Prof. Thomas Evan Pollard, Alan James Dunn, Ratu David Lewis, Neil Elliott Campbell, Raewyn Judith Elliott, Mary Alison Gray, George Hori Tuwairua, Ian Gray McBride. Sisters: Mary Isabel McCallum, Anne Jane Anderson. Messrs: Sydney Edward (Ted) Mead, Sir Norman Perry Mesdames: Rita Mayne England, Olive McCay, Joyce Read.	Clerk	Debate	
9	That the General Assembly acknowledge the following anniversaries of ordination and 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	Debate	

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	<p><b>1938 (70 years anniversary) as at 2008:</b> C I L Dixon (21 February 1938)</p> <p><b>1941 (65 years anniversary) as at 2006:</b> W R M Hay (16 December 1941)</p> <p><b>1942 (65 years anniversary) as at 2007:</b> G M Yule (5 February 1942)</p> <p><b>1948 (60 years anniversary) as at 2008:</b> G C M Angus (3 February 1948), G L Lynds (11 February 1948), W S Stuart (15 June 1948)</p> <p><b>1951 (55 years anniversary) as at 2006:</b> E K Orange (12 December 1951), W I Bacon (13 December 1951), F D Ross (18 December 1951), W S White (20 December 1951)</p> <p><b>1952 (55 years anniversary) as at 2007:</b> J M H Hight (31 January 1952), I D MacGregor (1 February 1952), W G B Clark (7 February 1952), D I MacMillan (6 March 1952), F W R Nichol (31 July 1952), K G Cree (14 August 1952), T M Corkill (14 October 1952), S W Perry (9 December 1952)</p> <p><b>1953 (55 years anniversary) as at 2008:</b> J R Battersby (3 February 1953), R D Elley (4 February 1953), A G Dunn (10 March 1953), W C Downard (10 September 1953)</p> <p><b>1956 (50 years anniversary) as at 2006:</b> N R Sheat (5 December 1956), D S Knight (12 December 1956), A S McKenzie (14 December 1956)</p> <p><b>1957 (50 years anniversary) as at 2007:</b> D C Feist (14 February 1957), D A Calvert (14 February 1957), P N Davies (30 April 1957), A C Herron (29 August 1957)</p> <p><b>1958 (50 years anniversary) as at 2008:</b> D French (1 February 1958), D R Clark (12 February 1958), K L Sellar (12 February 1958), E H Z Chapman (13 February 1958), I G Murray (29 May 1958)</p>			
10	That Assembly confirm Presbytery, Union District Council, Te Aka Puaho, Pacific Island Synod and Association of Presbyterian Women representatives on the Nominating Committee as listed.	Nominating Committee Rec. 1	Debate	
11	That the General Assembly affirm the work of the Council of Assembly to focus the Assembly's operations on core functions.	National Tasks Review Rec 1	Debate	
12	That the Council of Assembly give priority to addressing the effectiveness of presbyteries in their role of supporting	National Tasks Review Rec 2	Debate	

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	congregations in mission and ensuring the strategic use of resources (people, property and finances) within their region.			
13	<p>That:</p> <p>a. Assessments payable to the Assembly, including Beneficiary Fund payments, shall not exceed a total of 10% of the regular income of any parish and,</p> <p>b. Such regular assessable income shall not include giving under separate cover to specific external appeals or mission projects, such as when a parish receives funds to forward to a mission relief agency, or capital repayments on major building projects and,</p> <p>c. These policies shall be implemented from 1 July 2008.</p>	Overture 1 – Auckland Presbytery	<p>Debate:</p> <p>Note:                      Clause a will be considered in relation to the National Tasks Review                      Clause b will be considered in relation to the Assembly Assessment Review</p>	
14	<p>That:</p> <p>1.The total levy to be collected from Assembly Assessment, including Beneficiary Fund costs, be set at no more than 5% of Parish income.</p> <p>2.The Seniority Allowance be paid directly by parishes to ministers as part of their terms of call.</p> <p>3.The Council of Assembly give serious consideration to a major change for future Assembly budgets as follows:</p> <p>a. Retain the position of Assembly Executive Secretary and retain a support staff, any essential ecumenical networking must be carried out from this office. Cancel our subscriptions to most international and national ecumenical bodies. <b>\$250,000.00</b></p> <p>b. Reduce the Communications Department to one staff member a combination of web-master and communications. SPANZ becomes a subscription based magazine fully self-funding or is cancelled. <b>\$100,000.00</b></p> <p>c. Reduce expenditure to the School of Ministry to the level of <b>\$200,000.00</b></p> <p>d. Retain limited funding to Archives including salaries. <b>\$100,000.00</b></p> <p>e. Significantly reduce the work of the financial department and charge for services provided. Transition Budget <b>\$100,000.00</b></p> <p>f. Retain ministry office with Human Resources to maintain essential systems and provide advice. <b>\$100,000.00</b></p> <p>g. For legal support. <b>\$100,000.00</b></p> <p>h. The governance function required of a Council of Assembly. <b>\$20,000.00</b>                      Giving a total of <b>\$1,000,000.00</b></p> <p><b>This also involves:</b>                      Canceling the gift to Te Aka Puaho.                      Serious consideration needs to be given to</p>	Overture 2 – Auckland Presbytery –	<p>Debate</p> <p>Note:                      Clause 2 will be considered later in the Assembly, in relation to the Assembly Assessment Review</p>	

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<p>gifting some trust money to Te Aka Puaho. Maintain Youth Ministry with trust funds available, but provided by a contract with a Parish.</p> <p>Asian Congregations will have considerably more money available to them to consider funding the Asian Liaison office locally.</p> <p>Pacific Congregations will have considerable funds released to them that would allow the Synod to work independent of Assessment.</p> <p>Global Mission is already self-funding. Kids Friendly is externally funded by Presbyterian Savings and Development Society and presbyteries.</p> <p>The office of the National Mission Enabler should be funded by the Presbyterian Foundation money, or the office closed. Any other trust funds that the Assembly can draw upon should be used.</p>				
15	<p>That this Assembly ask the Council of Assembly to appoint a Task Group to research, explore and promote discussion of a federal model of interrelating among church councils in the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.</p>	<p>Overture 3 - Session of St Columba at Botany, Auckland</p>	<p>Debate</p>	
16	<p>That General Assembly meet across a weekend located and by rotation in Wellington/ Christchurch/ Auckland with an occasional meeting in Dunedin as determined by the Assembly Business Work Group, recognising that meetings may be held elsewhere in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Work Group.</p>	<p>General Assembly Meeting Task Group Rec 1</p>	<p>Dialogue Group</p>	
17	<p>That the purpose of Assembly be as follows: General Assembly meets to honour God by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Inspiring &amp; equipping people</li> <li>▪ Fostering national connectedness and belonging</li> <li>▪ Governing the Church</li> </ul>	<p>General Assembly Meeting Task Group Rec 2</p>	<p>Dialogue Group</p>	
18	<p>That the number of commissioners attending General Assembly be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 200 representatives being ministers and elders elected by presbyteries and Te Aka Puaho selected as set out in this report.</li> <li>b) The president and secretary of the Association of Presbyterian Woman, or their nominees.</li> <li>c) Additional members being youth representatives up to 30 members selected by presbyteries, Te Aka Puaho, the Pacific Islanders' Synod and the Council of Asian Congregations, the formula to be developed by the Council of Assembly in consultation with presbyteries, Te Aka Puaho, the Pacific Islanders' Synod and</li> </ol>	<p>General Assembly Meeting Task Group Rec 3</p>	<p>Dialogue Group</p>	

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	the Council of Asian Congregations. [associate and observer members are not affected by this recommendation]			
19	That the numbers of ministers and elders commissioned to attend Assembly be divided between presbyteries based on worshipping numbers as at 30 June of the year prior to General Assembly.	General Assembly Meeting Task Group Rec 4	Dialogue Group	
20	That each presbytery shall decide on how commissioners are chosen and paid for from that presbytery taking regard for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The need for there to be a rotation of ministers within the presbytery</li> <li>▪ The need for a balance amongst elders of those with prior experience of General Assembly and new commissioners.</li> <li>▪ The need for each parish to be connected to someone who is a commissioner at General Assembly. This may be achieved through clustering parishes.</li> <li>▪ The need for a spread of age, gender and culture</li> </ul>	General Assembly Meeting Task Group Rec 5	Dialogue Group	
21	That the Assembly Business Work Group assess the trial of consensus decision-making being undertaken at the 2006 Assembly and, if it deems appropriate, bring recommendations regarding consensus to the 2008 Assembly.	General Assembly Meeting Task Group Rec 6	Dialogue Group	
22	That the Council of Assembly be encouraged to maintain and continue to enhance dialogue with the wider church on issues, reports and recommendations that are likely to be discussed at the General Assembly.	General Assembly Meeting Task Group Rec 7	Dialogue Group	
23	That Assembly ask the Facilitation Group and the Assembly Business Work Group to facilitate prior to Assembly, as far as possible, agreement or consensus among groups, including presbyteries, bringing related recommendations to General Assembly.	General Assembly Meeting Task Group Rec 8	Dialogue Group	
24	That regulation 414 be amended to allow overtures to be transmitted to Assembly only if adopted by a presbytery and that the provision for presbyteries to transmit to Assembly an overture simpliciter be repealed.	General Assembly Meeting Task Group Rec 9	Dialogue Group	
25	That other than in exceptional circumstances the Assembly Business Work Group limit verbal presentations to Assembly to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Council of Assembly</li> <li>▪ Groups which are bringing policy or regulatory recommendations or otherwise require decisions or</li> <li>▪ Where the report furthers the Assembly's educational purpose</li> </ul>	General Assembly Meeting Task Group Rec 10	Dialogue Group	

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26	That from this Assembly reference groups, work groups, task groups and other similar groups report to the Council of Assembly, the Council to ensure the neutral advisory role of reference groups are maintained, and ensure that reports from these groups to Assembly be where there are changes to policy and regulation.	General Assembly Meeting Task Group Rec 11	Dialogue Group
27	That the Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group draft amendments to the Book of Order to give effect to the Assembly decisions which arise from the Assembly Meeting Task Group report, and recommend these to the 2008 General Assembly.	General Assembly Meeting Task Group Rec 12	Dialogue Group
28	That the General Assembly endorse the proposal and the vision for the Centre for Christian Leadership.	School of Ministry Review Task Group Rec 1	Dialogue Group
29	That the Council of Assembly be charged with the implementation of the proposal as detailed in the body of the report of the School of Ministry Review Task Group.	School of Ministry Review Task Group Rec 2	Dialogue Group
30	That the proposal to introduce a system of licensing for ordained ministry within the Presbyterian Church (based, in part, on evidence of continuing professional development) be referred to the Leadership sub-Committee for further study and development.	School of Ministry Review Task Group Rec 3	Dialogue Group
31	That the Rev Martin Baker be appointed as the Assembly Executive Secretary.	AES selection panel	Debate
32	That Assembly adopt the following rule: <i>The General Assembly now rule, in accordance with the Supreme and Subordinate Standards of the Church, and with previous Assembly decisions, that this church may not accept for training, license, ordain, or induct anyone involved in a sexual relationship outside of faithful marriage between a man and a woman. In relation to homosexuality, in the interests of natural justice, this ruling shall not prejudice anyone who, as at the date of this meeting, has been accepted for training, licensed, ordained or inducted. [Note: "the date of this meeting" is 23 September 2004.]</i>	Assembly Executive Secretary Rec 1	Debate
33	That the clause in regulation E 17 2.1. "five weeks annual leave, not more than four weeks to be taken at any one time", be replaced with "four weeks annual leave plus 11 public holiday leave days". And that under Appendix E 17 a clause 2.1.3 be added to read:	Leadership sub-committee Rec 1	Debate

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	<p><b>Holidays</b></p> <p>1. Ministers are entitled to four (4) weeks' annual leave per year. The expectation is that a minister will work on average the equivalent of five days and two evenings per week. On this basis 4 weeks annual leave represents 20 work days. Up to a further four days paid leave (ie a maximum of 24) may be provided in circumstances where it is likely that a minister's time commitment to the parish will exceed this expectation. The amount of paid leave days will be specified in the terms of call.</p> <p>2. In addition to annual leave, ministers are entitled to 11 public holiday leave days. The public holiday leave days are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Christmas Day</li> <li>(b) Boxing Day</li> <li>(c) New Years Day</li> <li>(d) 2 January</li> <li>(e) Waitangi Day</li> <li>(f) Good Friday</li> <li>(g) Easter Monday</li> <li>(h) ANZAC Day</li> <li>(i) Queen's Birthday observation (first Monday in June)</li> <li>(j) Labour Day (4th Monday in October)</li> <li>(k) Provincial anniversary day</li> </ul> <p>3. Whenever a minister is required to carry out the duties of office on a public holiday he/she is entitled to another day's holiday in lieu of the public holiday missed.</p> <p>If a minister carries out the duties of office on a Sunday and normally observes a week day such as a Monday as his/her "day off", he/she shall be entitled to an additional or alternative paid leave day whenever a public holiday falls on that day off. (Note: this is intended to provide that when for example a Monday is normally a minister's day off he/she is entitled to paid leave for that Monday and one other day - for example in relation to the Queen's Birthday, Easter, Labour Day weeks.)</p>			
34	That the compulsory retirement age for ministers be abolished forthwith.	Leadership sub-committee Rec 2	Debate	
35	<p>That regulation 194 titled 'Extension or Cessation of Tenure' clauses 1, 2 and 3 be <u>repealed</u>. They read:</p> <p>1. Unless the Assembly determines otherwise the tenure of call or appointment to a charge shall cease from the date the minister retires which</p>	Leadership sub-committee Rec 3	Debate	

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	<p>must not be later than his or her 66th birthday.</p> <p>2. The Assembly may extend tenure on the request of a presbytery where there are special circumstances.</p> <p>3. The Council of Assembly may act as a Commission of Assembly to extend tenure under this regulation where determination by General Assembly is not possible without the calling of an emergency meeting. (clause 4 to remain)</p>		
36	That the Book of Order Reference Group be requested to remove from the Book of Order all references relating to a set or compulsory retirement age.	Leadership sub-committee Rec 4	Debate
37	That the Church Property Trustees consider the recommendation that the actual date of retirement be the date that a minister becomes entitled to Beneficiary Fund retirement benefits and report to the Council of Assembly the effect of this recommendation on the regulations, retirement and service benefits of the Beneficiary Fund and make any further recommendations in regard to the redefinition of any other benefits.	Leadership sub-committee Rec 5	Debate
38	That in the interim (see notice of motion 36) no change be made to the Beneficiary Fund, i.e. that benefits and contributions continue to be based on the assumption of retirement taking place on the member's 66 <sup>th</sup> birthday.	Leadership sub-committee Rec 6	Debate
39	<p>That the membership of the Council of Assembly be made up of 14 members, 12 to be appointed by the General Assembly plus the two sub-committee conveners, together with four associates, a total in all of 18, as follows:</p> <p><b>Members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Convener (x1) – Assembly appointee</li> <li>▪ Deputy Convener (x1) – Assembly appointee</li> <li>▪ Moderator General Assembly (x1)</li> <li>▪ Te Aka Puaho nominee (x1)</li> <li>▪ Pacific Islanders Synod nominee (x1)</li> <li>▪ Council of Asian Congregations nominee (x1)</li> <li>▪ Six Assembly appointees (x6)</li> <li>▪ Conveners of sub-committees (x2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Associates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Te Aka Puaho Moderator (x1)</li> <li>▪ Synod of Otago and Southland nominee (x1)</li> <li>▪ Assembly Executive Secretary (x1)</li> <li>▪ Church Property Trustees nominee (x1)</li> </ul> <p>Term: Four years (as at present) with half of the members being replaced at each General Assembly.</p>	Council of Assembly Composition Rec 1	Debate

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40	That the Council of Assembly engage with the presbyteries to agree and expedite acceptable and effective communication between them and the Council.	Council of Assembly Composition Rec 2	Debate	
41	That the Council of Assembly formulate an appropriate form of liaison between the Council, the Moderator Designate, and the immediate past Moderator.	Council of Assembly Composition Rec 3	Debate	
42	That the General Assembly approve the new Book of Order for referring to presbyteries and union district councils under the Barrier Act.	Book of Order Rewrite Task Group Rec 1	Debate	
43	That the new Book of Order be adopted ad interim.	Rewrite Task Group Rec 2	Debate	
44	That the Conditions of Service Manual be adopted.	Rewrite Task Group Rec 3	Debate	
45	For the sake of certainty, Assembly resolves that the appendices in the present Book of Order remain in force unless otherwise revised in the new Book of Order or unless they are repealed or amended as set out in the appendix to the Book of Order Rewrite Task Group report.	Book of Order Rewrite Task Group Rec 4	Debate	
46	That the Book of Order Rewrite Task Group be thanked and discharged.	Clerk	Debate	
47	That the amendments to the Book of Order contained in the report of the Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group be approved: a) amend regulation 473 [para 2.1] b) amend regulation 474[para 2.2] c) amend regulation 595 [para 2.3] d) amend regulation 586 [para 2.4] e) amend regulation 473A [para 2.5] f) amend appendix E-9 [para 2.6] g) new regulation 490C [para 2.7] h) new regulation 88A [para 2.8] i) new regulation 88B [para 2.9] j) new regulation 172 [para 2.10] k) amend appendix E-17[para 2.11] l) amend appendix E-20[para 2.12] m) amend appendix D-8 [para 2.13] n) amend appendix E-20[para 4] o) new regulation 492A [para 7]	Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group Rec 1	Debate	
48	That any amendments to the Book of Order passed by the 2006 General Assembly shall be included in the new Book of Order or Supplementary Provisions or other Assembly document in a form and in a place to be determined by the Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group.	Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group Rec 2	Debate	
49	That a Ministry Experience Allowance for ministers be established to be phased in over 2 years on 1 July 2007 and 1 July 2008 as outlined in this report. [Note: This means the target ministerial remuneration be increased to around \$42,700 from 2007 and \$48,000 from 2008 for a minister with 11 or more years of experience.]	Review of ministerial remuneration Task Group Rec 1	Dialogue Group	

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50	That the Seniority Allowance be abolished with the final payment being made in March 2007.	Ministerial remuneration Group Rec 2	Dialogue Group	
51	That the basic stipend be Average Weekly Earnings Wage Index adjusted each year from 1 July 2008. [Note: The normal CPI increase will apply to stipends as at 1 July 2007 and thereafter cease]	Review of Ministerial remuneration Task Group Rec 3	Dialogue Group	
52	That parishes be given the discretion to pay a minister, without presbytery approval, a further 20 percent above the basic stipend (see section 10.3).	Ministerial remuneration Task Group Rec 4	Dialogue Group	
53	That the following additional reimbursements be provided for: a. That parishes pay the reasonable costs associated with supervision including the cost of travel. b. That parishes budget for up to \$1000 per annum (non-cumulative) for actual expenses incurred in parish approved continuing ministry formation c. That parishes pay the cost of consumables and internet connections for ministers with appropriate adjustments for private use. d. That where parishes have an expectation the minister will use a mobile phone for ministry purposes, the cost is to be covered by the parish or an arrangement is to be made for sharing costs. e. That parishes be encouraged to reimburse all costs when a minister relocates to a new parish.	Review of Ministerial remuneration Task Group Rec 5	Dialogue Group	
54	That parishes provide a computer and printer/scanner for the minister's use and have in place a replacement policy, the equipment to remain the property of the parish.	Review of Ministerial remuneration Task Group Rec 6	Dialogue Group	
55	a. That Assembly endorse for ministers' hours of work, the unit system outlined in this report. b. That Sessions and Parish Councils are urged to encourage their ministers to have two days off per week. c. That Sessions and Parish Councils are urged to encourage ministers to take reasonable sick leave when required, including reasonable time for recuperation. (see section 10.5).	Review of Ministerial remuneration Task Group Rec 7	Dialogue Group	
56	That the Interchurch Working Party on Taxation be asked to urgently review reimbursing mileage rates(section 10.5)	Review Task Group Rec 8	Dialogue Group	
57	That ministerial remuneration be further reviewed no later than 2013.	Review Task Group Rec 9	Dialogue Group	
58	That the Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group amend the Book of Order and, if appropriate, Conditions of Service Manual, to incorporate the Assembly	Review of Ministerial remuneration Task Group	Dialogue Group	

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	decisions which arise from the Ministerial Remuneration report.	Rec 10		
59	That the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand urges Parliament to enact legislation that removes legal support for a parent, or person in place of a parent, to use force by way of correction towards a child.	Churches Agency on Social Issues Rec 1	Debate	
60	That this General Assembly urge congregations to take pro-active steps within their communities to foster non-violent values and behaviour.	Churches Agency on Social Issues Rec 2	Debate	
61	That this General Assembly urge congregations to be conscientious in ordering congregational life on sound principles of sustainability, and honour our responsibility to be God's stewards for Earth.	Churches Agency on Social Issues Rec 3	Debate	
62	That this General Assembly urge congregations to be pro-active in their local communities in challenging and educating people about sustainable living.	Churches Agency on Social Issues Rec 4	Debate	
63	That the Rev Dr Graham Redding be elected Moderator Designate of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.	Nominating Committee	Debate	
64	That Assembly records its thanks for the service given by conveners and members of Council of Assembly, policy groups, reference groups and work groups who have retired, resigned or who are retiring at this Assembly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Administration and Finance Mr Ian Watson</li> <li>▪ Beneficiary Fund Work Group Mrs Margaret Inch</li> <li>▪ Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group Mr John Marshall</li> <li>▪ Church Architecture Reference Group the Rev Richard Colegrove</li> <li>▪ Connecting with Society Policy Group the Rev Sally Carter</li> <li>▪ Council of Assembly Mr Kerry Stotter</li> <li>▪ Equipping the Leadership Policy Group Mr Peter Winder and the Rev Susan Jones</li> <li>▪ Moderator's Arrangements Rev the Alice Hill</li> <li>▪ National Assessment Work Group the Revs Vivian Coleman and Reg Weeks</li> <li>▪ Nominating Committee the Rev Nancy Jean Whitehead</li> <li>▪ Overseas Mission and Partnership Policy Group the Rev Nikki Watkin</li> <li>▪ Resourcing for Mission Policy Group the Rev Peter Dunn and Mrs Lisa Wells</li> </ul>	Nominating Committee Rec 2	Debate	
65	That the Council of Assembly, reference groups, work groups, task groups and special committees of the General	Nominating Committee Rec 3	Debate	

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	Assembly be as listed (the list will be tabled at Assembly)			
66	<p>That the process for appointing people to the Council of Assembly be changed as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That eight members of the Council of Assembly be directly nominated by the church at large with every Session/ Parish Council able to vote.</li> <li>2. That Assembly institute the following system of nomination: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Nominations are to be sought from Session/Parish Councils and Presbyteries/ UDCs, to be accompanied by a brief CV, photograph and statement</li> <li>b. Nominations received are to be distributed to each Session/Parish Council with sufficient time for them to be studied</li> <li>c. Each Session/Parish Council may vote for up to eight members of the Council, by post or electronic ballot</li> <li>d. General Assembly receives the nominations and makes the appointments.</li> <li>e. At the first meeting after each General Assembly, the Council of Assembly shall elect from its numbers, a chair and Deputy Chair.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. That the Council of Assembly take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that this system of election comes into effect from the end of the 2008 General Assembly</li> </ol>	Overture 5 – Taranaki Presbytery	Debate	
67	<p>That the Act of Modification appended to the report of the Focal Identity Statement Task Group, including the resolution “that the Confession of Faith attached to this Act as Appendix 1, together with the Explanatory Notes attached to this Act as Appendix 2, become the Subordinate Standards of this Church in the place of the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms”, be approved and referred to presbyteries under the Barrier Act.</p>	Focal Identity Statement Task Group	Consensus Decision-making - trial	
68	<p>That Assembly:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Adopt the Focal Identity Statement together with the Explanatory Notes as a new and additional Subordinate Standard, and retain the existing Subordinate Standards for the time being and,</li> <li>b. Commission the Task Group to prepare a more substantial statement of reformed faith, suitable for study and instruction in the life of the church, with a view to it replacing the Westminster Confession and Larger and Shorter Catechisms once approved by Assembly.</li> </ol>	Overture 4 – Auckland Presbytery	Consensus Decision-making - trial	

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<p>69 That subject to the inclusion of the following modifications, to be effective from 1 July 2007, Assembly Assessment as adopted by the 2002 General Assembly (see 4.0) be retained</p> <p>a) Assessable income to be reduced by an amount equivalent to any housing allowance paid to a minister or rental paid to provide a house for a minister.</p> <p>b) Legacies given to parishes for a specific purpose other than for the general purposes of the parish will be excluded from assessable income.</p>	<p>Assembly Assessment Review Rec 1</p>	<p>Debate</p>	
<p>70 That clause 1(b) of the Assembly Assessment Review recommendations be amended to read: "That all legacies (general and specific) to parishes be excluded from assessable income".</p>	<p>Mr Bill Penno and Rev. Les Gosling</p>	<p>Debate</p>	
<p>71 That from 1 July 2007 the Seniority Allowance be directly paid by parishes or employing bodies to ministers (where appropriate), and no longer collected nationally through Assembly Assessment.</p>	<p>Assembly Assessment Review Rec 2</p>	<p>Debate</p>	
<p>72 That a parish's Assembly Assessment for the 07/08 financial year cannot exceed \$31,500.00 exclusive of GST. Thereafter, this maximum threshold shall be adjusted each year by the rate of change in the Consumer Price Index for the previous twelve months.</p>	<p>Rev. Dr Michael Schwass</p>	<p>Debate</p>	
<p>73 That a parish's Assembly Assessment for any one year not increase by more than 3% over and above the rate of change in the Consumer Price Index for the previous twelve months that is applied to the stipend.</p>	<p>Rev. Dr Michael Schwass</p>	<p>Debate</p>	
<p>74 That where a parish believes there are circumstances which warrant an adjustment to their Assembly Assessment:</p> <p>a) The Presbytery shall review the circumstances with the Parish and make a recommendation to the Resource sub-committee. In this the Presbytery is not required to recover any reduction of Assessment agreed to from its other parishes. The recommendation shall become binding upon the Resource sub-committee and the Parish unless appealed within 60 days of notification.</p> <p>b) Should either the Resource sub-committee or Parish wish to appeal a Presbytery's ruling they would do so in writing to the Presbytery concerned. The appeal shall be considered by an independent person agreeable to both parties. The decision of the independent person is binding upon all parties subject to the remedy of appeal to an Assembly of</p>	<p>Rev. Dr Michael Schwass</p>	<p>Debate</p>	

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	the Church.			
75	That the General Assembly support the Point Seven campaign calling on the New Zealand Government to meet its international commitment to allocate 0.7% of national income to overseas development assistance campaign.	Christian World Service Rec 1	Debate	
76	That the General Assembly encourage parishes to become Fair Trade churches.	Christian W. Service Rec 2	Debate	
77	<p>That Assembly adopt the following Act of Modification and affirmation:</p> <p><i>Assembly, in view of the Church's right in dependence on the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit to modify its Subordinate Standards, always in agreement with the Word of God and the fundamental doctrines of the Reformed Faith contained in its Subordinate Standards, hereby modifies its standards by falling from those phrases in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Larger Catechism that state it is the function of the ordained minister of the Word and none other to dispense the sacrament of Baptism (Westminster Confession, chapter XXVII (iv); Larger Catechism, answer to question 176) and instead recognises, as part of its Subordinate Standards, that the Sacrament of Baptism is normally administered by ordained ministers except where, at the discretion of the presbytery or union district council, certain elders may be authorised so to do, but always under the authority of the minister or interim moderator and of the session or parish council.</i></p> <p>Assembly affirms that the understanding set out in Appendix B-4 of the Book of Order in relation to the sacrament of Communion applies also to the sacrament of Baptism, namely:</p> <p>a) Assembly affirms the Reformed understanding of the essential relationship between Word and Sacrament, and the need for Baptism to be dispensed with understanding in the context of the preached Word.</p> <p>b) Assembly affirms the biblical principle of the sacrament of Baptism being administered decently and in order.</p> <p>c) Assembly affirms the true significance of the sacrament of Baptism depends upon the work of the Holy Spirit and the command and promise of Christ.</p>	Assembly Executive Secretary Rec 2	Comprehensive motion	
78	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	Assembly Executive Secretary Rec 3	Comprehensive motion	

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	to be the Commission under section 7 of the Presbyterian Church Property Amendment Act 1996 to consider applications under Part 1 of the Act: <i>The Rt Rev Pamela Tankersley (Moderator of the General Assembly), the Revs Robin Lane, Alan Shaw, Shirley Simmers, Harry Swadling, Messrs Bruce Corkill, Russell Feist, Robert Hopkirk, Ian Fraser, Colin McLeod, Peter Martyn, Alan Purdie, Mrs Margaret Inch, Assembly Executive Secretary. Associate: Secretary of the Church Property Trustees.</i>			
79	That Assembly consent to: a) alteration of the name 'The Council of Knox College and Salmond Hall (Incorporated)' to 'The Council of Knox College and Salmond College (Incorporated)'; and b) the said Council's constitution being amended to reflect such name change including the alteration of the title 'Master of Salmond Hall' to 'Master of Salmond College'.	Council of Knox College and Salmond Hall Rec 1	Comprehensive motion	
80	That Assembly direct the Moderator to join with the existing trustees of the Iona College Trust Board in appointing Ms Fiona Josephine McGlashan a trustee of the Board.	Assembly Executive Secretary	Comprehensive motion	