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The meeting of Mission Council began at 1400 with worship led by the Revd David Coaker including Biblestudy led by the Revd Dr Susan Durber.

Convenor

Ms Maureen Shepherd	Northern Synod representative
The Revd Steve Faber	West Midlands Synod Moderator
Mrs Maria Mills	South Western Synod representative
The Revd Graham Hoslett	Wessex Synod representative
Mrs Tina Ashitey	Thames North Synod representative
Dr James Merrilees	Synod of Scotland representative
The Revd Dr Michael Jagessar	Secretary for Global and Intercultural Ministries

People attending for the first time or attending in a new capacity were:

Mr Peter Pay	General Assembly Moderator Elect
The Revd Anne Lewitt	Convenor of Equalities
Miss Katherine Buckland	Youth Representative
Mr Reuben Watt	

The Revd David Salsbury  
The Revd Clare Downing

In attendance- Stepwise Programme Manager  
General Assembly Moderator Elect

The Clerk explained the arrangements for en bloc papers and the means by which papers can be removed from en bloc. He also explained the arrangements for the election of three committee convenors to be members of the appointment panel for the next General Secretary and one to be a member of the appointment panel for the Deputy General Secretary (Discipleship).

The General Secretary, the Revd John Proctor, proposed Mission Council appointed Mrs Sue Brown, Mr Ian Hardie, The Revd Dave Herbert, The Revd Fran Kissack to be a Facilitation Group.

The General Secretary notified Mission Council that John Samson and Mr Steve Summers had agreed to act as Tellers should the need arise.

These were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Moderator.

There were no matters arising.

The Revd John Mills on behalf of the Children and Youth Work Committee introduced papers B1 Executive Summary of CYWC review report, B2 Children and Youth Work review report 2018 paper B3 CYCW outline strategy and proposed Resolutions 1 and 5. Ms Mills requested permission of Mission Council to move resolution 4 in a slightly amended form (substituting "with the Pilots Management Committee" in place of "through the Pilots Management Committee")

Dr Sam Richards presented paper B3 proposed Resolutions 2, 3 and 4

#### Resolution B2

1. Children's and youth work committee: review report.  
Mission Council welcomes the 2018 review of children's and youth work in the URC and reaffirms its longstanding commitment to enabling children and young people to play part in the mission of God and its desire for this to be integral to the whole life of the United Reformed Church.
2. Children's and youth work committee: future strategy  
Mission Council directs the children's and youth work committee to strengthen and support local congregations in their engagement with children and young people through the implementation of the proposed strategy.
3. Children's and youth work committee: reshaping the 'CYDO Programme'  
Mission Council encourages all synods to play an active part in developing, delivering and benefitting from Assembly level resources, programmes and events in conjunction with the children's and youth work committee through a reimagined CYDO+ Programme.

4. Children's and youth work committee: future of Pilots

Mission Council authorises children's and youth work committee, Pilots management committee, to develop a fresh expression of Pilots as part of the 'mixed economy' of United Reformed Church children's and youth work.

Following discussion, the Committee requested permission of Mission Council to withdraw resolution 5



## Resolution R2

Mission Council receives the learning group report with thanks to its authors and to all those who contributed to the Past Case review, and instructs the safeguarding advisory group to implement the recommendations of the learning group, consult with relevant groups, and advise Mission Council on progress at subsequent meetings.

## Resolution R3

1. Mission Council affirms its commitment to guarding the safety of all who are involved with the Church's life and work, to following current best practice in safeguarding, and to taking seriously the demands of the law and the expectations of our insurers and ecumenical partners.
2. Acting on behalf of General Assembly, Mission Council therefore approves the principles set out in paper R3 of November 2018 for shaping a new code of practice around vetting, disclosure and barring checks and safer recruitment procedures.
3. Mission Council directs the Safeguarding Advisory Group to advocate the Church these principles and the practices they entail, to embody these in the next edition of Good Practice, and to publish this resource in 2019.

Mr Alan Yates presented paper U1 the Greenbelt festival and moved the resolutions.

Mission Council agreed by consensus

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The chaplain, the Revd Elaine Colech, led evening prayers

Mission Council adjourned at 21.11.

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Mission Council was reconvened at 19 with morning prayers led by the Chaplain, the Revd Elaine Colech and Bible Study by the Revd Susan Durr. The Moderator, the Revd Nigel Uden, was in the chair.



The resolution was passed recognising disagreement

The Revd Fran Kissack, the Revd John Piper, and Mrs Marilyn Piper registered their dissent.

Mission Council agreed by consensus

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Paper T1 had been removed from en bloc business

The Revd Jacky Embrey expressed a preference for a new Ministerial Disciplinary Process rather than an amended version of the existing one. Mission Council gave an informal indication that it was strongly supportive of this approach.

The Revd Nigel Udén introduced paper M1

Mission Council split into eight groups to discuss Paper C16. Group reporters were asked to provide feedback to the Revd Nigel Uden or Derek Estill

Mission Council adjourned at 13.00.

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Mission Council did not meet in this session.

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Mission Council reconvened at 16.30. The Moderator, the Revd Nigel Uden, was in the chair.

The Moderator invited the General Secretary to move the various items which the Moderators had placed en bloc, which were agreed by consensus.

No resolution.





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The Revd Ray Adams presented the report of the Nominations Committee and noted the following addendum:

4.2.3. Education and learning finance subcommittee  
Mr Alan Yates is serving as chair until June 2019.

The Revd Adams then proposed the resolutions.

Mission Council agreed by consensus

The convener of the Assembly arrangements committee, the Revd James Breslin and the General Secretary offered additional information. This included a fourth option, which would be to hold General Assembly at The Hayes, Swanwick from 9 July 2020.

Mission Council agreed the following resolution by consensus:

The Revd Professor Neil Messer presented paper D1.

Mission Council split into eight groups to explore the questions given in the paper and to provide feedback to the Secretary for Education and Learning.

Mission Council adjourned at 18.30.

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Mission Council reconvened at 20.00. The Moderator, Mr Derek Estlin was in the chair.

The Revd Ray Adams introduced and proposed the resolution below.

Mission Council agreed by consensus

Mr Alan Yates introduced paper M2

Mission Council split into eight groups to explore the questions given in the paper and to provide feedback to the Mr Alan Yates.

The chaplain, the Reverend David Coaker led evening prayers

Mission Council adjourned at 21.21.

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Mission Council was reconvened at 9.00 with worship by the Chaplain, the Revd Elaine Colechin. Revd Dr Susan Durber led the Bible Study.

During worship, Mr Andy Jackson was commissioned as Head of Communications.

Mission Council adjourned at 10.47.

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Mission Council reconvened at 11.15. The Moderator, the Revd Nigel Udema, was in the chair.

Mission Council considered the Addendum to paper R2.

Mission Council was asked to consider the recommendation of the Safeguarding Advisory Group that an apology be made to those who had suffered abuse.

### Apology

The United Reformed Church offers a heartfelt apology to survivors of abuse and to their families, supporters and communities.

We acknowledge the past failures of the United Reformed Church and the courage of survivors, some of whom disclosed exceptionally difficult, life-changing experiences of



Mission Council agreed ~~by~~ consensus

The Revd Nigel Uden responded to the feedback from the group work on Listening in the URC. After appropriate consideration, any proposals would be brought to a future meeting of Mission Council.

The General Secretary invited Mission Council to reflect in small groups on how suitably and effectively CDM had been used in the meeting. The General Secretary requested that written responses be handed ~~by~~ the end of the session.

The Moderator thanked those who had been attending Mission Council for the last time: Mr Chris