

Mr Ellis explained that staff in attendance ex officio and appointed ecumenical observers were encouraged to contribute during discussions, but not during the decision stage. Neither could they vote. Visitors and other observers should not speak. He explained the method for removing matters from the en bloc resolution and stated that Paper P from the Law and Policy Advisory Group had been removed from the en bloc papers by the officers. It was proposed

@ The resolution was presented in the revised form as follows:

The resolution was passed by consensus.

The Revd Clare Downing presented the paper Mrs Downing said that she recognised that the timescale for reinstating an annual Assembly envisaged in paragraph 9 was difficult, but pointed out that the resolution did not bind the Church to this timescale. Whilst recognising that there would be financial consequences should the intention of the resolution be realised ()- a>> BDb- a>u(g)7(g)4estg that gn the ent

The Revd Tracey Lewis introduced Paper I: United Reformed Church and the Centenary of the First World War 2014-18: How do we respond? Ms Lewis suggested that churches would be ideal places for conversations about the issue raised by the centenary. The committee was setting up a task group to help shape the debate and had provided two questions which were discussed in buzz groups. There was feedback in plenary. Ms Lewis asked that any written comments be sent to the committee and also said that she would welcome suggestions about the

Resolution 1 was passed.

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The resolution was passed by consensus.

The Revd Professor David Thompson, chair, presented the paper he reported on the work undertaken since the last meeting of Mission Council and proposed a feasibility study at a cost of £7,500 to £21,000 to be undertaken by the firm of architects Theis & Khan. He proposed the resolution:

The resolution was passed by consensus. The Moderator thanked Professor Thompson, then welcomed the Revd Professor Alan Selby to the meeting.

The general secretary explained that papers G1 and O contained important information to be noted by Mission Council but did not carry any resolutions. There had been a change in the title of the

U Mission Council agreed to note these papers.

The resolutions contained in the following papers were proposed en bloc:

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The en bloc resolutions were passed by majority vote.

The moderator said that the Revd Nicola Furley

The Revd David Tate responded in the affirmative. He reported that the group met three times a year, along with denominational ecumenical officers. Mr Tate said that the group's method of working was changing and that online documents would be more readily available. Ministry issues would be given high priority. The

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There was considerable discussion concerning whether or not the representatives of FURM should be members of the URC.

The resolution was passed by consensus.

The clerk proposed resolution 4

The resolution was passed by consensus.

The clerk proposed resolution 5

The resolution was passed by consensus.

With the consent of Mission Council the clerk proposed a corrected version of resolution 6:

received housing which, in London, was worth about £30,000 a year. In addition, their travel costs between home and work were paid. Therefore, comparison of the total packages for lay staff and ministers suggested there that there was no great disparity between the two.

Ms Whitehead said that while the ministries committee had not directly addressed the issue of the remuneration of ministers of Word and sacrament in posts also open to lay people, she wanted to affirm the value placed upon ministers. In the ministries committee it was often 5 655.9 Tmu8 Tm [(ts)-4(als)13(o)-5()9(

Following discussion to which the convenor responded, Mr Smith proposed the resolution:

The general secretary announced that Mrs Margaret Carrick Smith had resigned ~~clerk~~ of the Assembly.

We offer this experience to the Church both as part of our service and commitment to its peace and unity and in the conviction that brokenness and destruction do not need to be the last word about who we are as disciples of Jesus and the community of resurrection faith.