Mr Ellis explained that staffn attendance ex officio and appointed ecumenical observeres encouraged to contribute during discussions; but during the decision stage. Neither could they vote. Visitors and other beservers should not speakle explained the method for removing matters from the en bloc resolution and stated that Paper P from the andpolity advisory group had been remove from the en bloc papers by the officers. It was proposed

Mission Council agrees that the job description set out in the appendix to Paper S2 should be recommended to Assembly as a model for future synod moderator appointment groups.

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

Mission Council agrees that the role description set out in the appendix to Paper S2 should be recommended to Assembly as a model for future synod moderator appointment groups.

The resolution was passed by consensus.

14/06(1) Wessex Synod, Paper Y1: Frequency of General Assembly
The RevoClare Downing presented the papelins Downing said that she regnised that the timescale
for reinstituting an annual Assembly asvisaged in paragraph 9 was difficult, but pointed out that the
resolution did not bind the Church to this timescale/hilst recognising that there would be financial
consequences should the intention of the realised()- a>> BDb- a>u(g)7(g)4estg that gn the ent

14/08 Outting edges: mission committee

- 1. Acting on behalf of General Assembly Mission Council agrees to appoint Mr Chris Wright as derk to the board of governors at Westminster College. Resolution 1 was passed.
- 2. Mission Council agrees to extend the term of service of the Revd Professor David Thompson as a member of the law & polity advisory g

(4) In exercise of the power conferred by s.18(2) of the Act of 1972 and s.10(2) of the Act of 1981, the Assembly delegates any further exercise that may be necessary of its powers under s.18(1) and s.10(1) respectively (including any amendment of the provision now made) to Mission Council. This is in substitution for the delegation made to the Executive Committee by the Uniting Assembly of 1972.

Power vested before the	To vest in:
date of formation/unification in:	
	or of any local church formed by its union with other
congregation	local churches since the date of foa tion; or, if the local church has ceased to exist since the date of formati

The resolution was passed consensus.

14/14 United Reformed Church Trust: Church House Feasibility Study (Paper L)

The Revd Professor David Thomop, chair, presented the paper-lereported on the work undertaken since the last meeting of Masion Counciland proposed a feasility study at acost of £7,500 to £21,000 to be undertaken by the firm of architects Theis & Kharle proposed the resolution:

Mission Council agrees a feasibility study should be undertaken to explore options for the possible development of Church House

The resolution was passed by consensume Moderator thanked Professor Thompson, then welcomed the Revd Pofessor Alan Settle the meeting.

14/15 En bloc papers to be noted

The general secretary explained that papers G1 and O contained important information be noted by Mission Council but did not carry any resolutions. There had been a characteristic of the U k K @ U Mission Council agreed thote these papers.

14/16 En bloc papers containing resolutions

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

14/16(1) Ministries and finance committee: Plan for Partnership amendments (Paper G2)

Mission Council agrees the amendments to the Plan for Partnership in Ministerial Remuneration set out in Paper G2.

14/16(2) Nominations committee (Paper J)

Mission Council appoints:

- a) Revd Kate Gray and Revd Ashley Evans as members of the communications and editorial Committee.
- b) Revd James Mather as secretary of the listed buildings advisory group.
- c) Mr Stewart Outler, Revd David Downing, Ms Sabrina Groeschel, Ms Victoria Paulding, Ms Emma Pugh and Revd Mike Walsh as members of the task group to give leadership on the issue of the integration of 20 to 40 year olds into the life of the United Reformed Church.
- d) Revd Sarah Moore, Revd Paul Whittle, and Revd Dr Stephen Orchard to serve as members of the Methodist/URC strategic oversight group's faith and order conversations.
- e) Dr Jm Merrilees as secretary of the ministerial incapacity and discipline advisory group.
- f) Mr Tony Bayley as a trustee of the retired ministers and widows fund. All of these appointments to take place with immediate effect.

14/16(3) Mission Council advisory group (Paper U)

- 1. Mission Council, acting on behalf of General Assembly, agrees to extend the appointment of the Revd Lis Mullen as interim synod moderator of the Northern Synod until 31 July 2015.
- 2. Mission Council agrees the terms of reference for the task group on the Church's engagement with 20 to 40 year olds.

The en bloc resolutions were passed by majority vote.

14/17(1) Question
The moderator said that the Revd Nicola Furley

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

former chairmen and presidents of the Congregational Union of Scotland, such former officers are members of the United Reformed Church and that , being members of the United Reformed Church,

There was considerable discussion concerning whether or not the representatives of FURYbehou members of the URC.

The esolution was passed by consensus.

The derk proposed esolution 4

Mission Council agrees to propose the following resolution to General Assembly:

General Assembly agrees that the Deputy Treasurer shall be a member of the United Reformed Church, and further agrees that the Deputy Treasurer for the time being shall be appointed as a member of Assembly under category 2.(6)(h).

The esolution was passed by consensus.

The derk proposed esolution 5

Mission Council resolves to amend the Rules of Procedure of the United Reformed Church as follows: Amend paragraph 5.1 so that it reads:

5.1 The General Assembly shall appoint a Gerk of Assembly who shall be a member of the United Reformed Church. The Nominations Committee shall submit a name to the General Assembly for appointment as Gerk, for six years in the first instance, renewable for a maximum additional period of four years, but ensuring an overlap with a period of service of the General Secretary.

The esolution was passed by consensus.

With the consent of Mission Council theter proposed a corrected version of solution 6:

Mission Council agrees to present the following resolution to General Assembly:

General Assembly agrees that the membership of Mission Council shall be:

- 1 Moderators of Assembly
- 2 Moderators-elect
- 3 Immediate past Moderators
- 4 General Secretary
- 5 Deputy General Secretaries
- 6 Gerk
- 7 Treasurer
- 8 Deputy Treasurer
- 9 Conveners of all Assembly Standing Committees
- 10 Synod Moderators
- 11 Three further representatives of each synod
- 12 Three representatives of FURY (including the FURY Moderator)
- 13 Chair of the United Reformed Church trust

With the exception of those in category 5 (the deputy general secretaries) all the above shall be members of the United Reformed Church.

The legal adviser and the convener of the law and polity advisory group shall be in attendance with the right to speak at all times, but not to use consensus cards or to vote.

Staff secretaries shall be in attendance with the right to speak (except during the decision stage of the consensus process) but not to use consensus cards or to vote.

Up to two ecumenical representatives may attend with the right to speak (except during the decision stage of the consensus process) but not to use consensus cards or to vote.

Also present shall be the m

received housing which, in Londonasw worth about £30,000 a yealm addition, their travel costs between home and work were paidTherefore, comparison of the total pleages for lay staff and ministers suggested there that there was no great disparity between the two.

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

The outcomes of this consultation, with costed options, should be reported to the May 2015 Mission Council with a view to decisions at 2016 General Assembly.
Could with a view to decisions at 2010 Seneral Assembly.

Following discussion to which theorevenerresponded, Mr Smith proposed the resolution: Mission Council agrees that URC approved Safer Sacred Space training should be mandatory for every

The general secretary announced that Mrs Margaret Carrick Smith had resigned lears 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.