

## MINUTES

71. Mr Milligan reported on the recent meeting of the Scottish Synod and brought greetings from the Church in Scotland, and then addressed Synod from Daniel 1:8.

72. Psalm 111:1-4 was sung in praise to God.

73. The ex-Moderator, Rev Thomas Donachie, reported to Synod on his visit to the Synod of the Christian Reformed Churches in the Netherlands as representative bringing fraternal greetings.

74. Rev Samuel McCollum made several announcements.

75. The Moderator brought the sederunt to a close by leading in prayer.

### SESSION V

Wednesday 12 June 10.00a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

76. Synod resumed deliberations. Rev Wallace McCollum conducted devotional exercises. Psalm 139A:1-5,15 was sung in praise to God and Mr McCollum read from Lamentations 3:22-45 and preached on v.40, "*Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord.*" Psalm 32:1-5 was sung in praise to God. Several members led in prayers of humiliation and confession.

77. Synod divided into four groups for periods of united prayer.

Rev David Silversides introduced the topic of "Work in our congregations";

Dr David McKay introduced the topic of "Our Nation";

Prof Robert McCollum introduced the topic of "The Church's Vision and Giving";

Rev Thomas Donachie introduced the topic of "Other Churches".

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78. Following these periods of prayer the Moderator brought this session to a close, and concluded the sederunt in prayer.

### SESSION VI

Wednesday 2.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.  
in Dunnalong Parish Church, Bready.

79. Synod resumed deliberations. Rev Drew Gregg conducted devotional exercises, reading from Luke 5:1-11. Psalm 33:6-11 was sung in praise to God. Mr Gregg led Synod in prayer.

80. The minutes of the two previous sederunts were read and approved.

81. The report of the Mission Committee and its financial statements, was presented by Prof Robert McCollum, who moved its adoption; seconded by Rev Drew Gregg, and agreed.

82. The report of the Reformed Witness Committee was presented by Rev Andrew Stewart who moved that the report be received; seconded by Rev David Magee and agreed.

83. Rev Andrew Stewart proposed and Rev Robert Hanna seconded that the report of the Reformed Witness Committee together with a statement on the doctrine of eternal punishment and a resolution to be sent to Her Majesty the Queen be adopted, and Synod agreed.

84. The Clerk informed the Synod that a protest from Mr Philip Rainey, a member of Glenmanus Congregation, had been licensed by the Northern Presbytery and forwarded to Synod. He then proposed that this protest be received by Synod for consideration; seconded by Prof Adam Loughridge and agreed.

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85. The following dissent against the decision to consider Mr Rainey's protest was registered:

"Moderator, I Samuel Lynas Reid, dissent from the decision of Synod to discuss the "protest" of Mr Philip Rainey on the grounds that (1) it is not a proper protest, (2) it contravenes the decision of Synod 1995 when passing the Northern Presbytery Report."

86. A response to the protest was presented by Dr David McKay, on behalf of the Reformed Witness Committee, who proposed that the response be received and considered; seconded by Rev Wallace McCollum, and agreed.

87. Dr David McKay proposed the adoption of the Response of the Reformed Witness Committee to the Protest of Mr Philip Rainey, seconded by Rev Wallace McCollum and agreed.

88. Rev George Ball proposed and Rev Harry Coulter seconded that Dr David McKay and Rev George McEwen together with Rev Andrew Stewart meet with Mr Philip Rainey according to the proposal endorsed in the previous minute, and Synod agreed.

89. The report of the Cameron House Committee was presented by Mr Mervyn Green, who proposed its adoption, seconded by Mr Joseph McEwen, and agreed.

90. The report of the Congregational Aid Fund Committee was presented by Mr John McEwen. Rev Robert Hanna proposed the reception of the report, seconded by Prof Adam Loughridge and agreed.

91. Rev Thomas Donachie proposed the adoption of the Report of the Congregational Aid Fund, seconded by Rev Robert Lytle, and agreed.

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92. The report of the Christian Education Committee was presented by Rev George McEwen, who moved that the report be received and considered; seconded by Rev David Magee, and agreed.

93. Prof Robert McCollum proposed and Rev Harry Coulter seconded that Synod move to appoint university chaplains for campus locations in Ireland, and Synod agreed.

94. Dr Hugh Blair proposed that a temporary review committee be set up to review the work among young people within our denomination; seconded by Rev Drew Gregg, and agreed.

95. Rev George McEwen proposed the adoption of the report of the Christian Education Committee; seconded by Rev Samuel Reid and agreed.

96. The Clerk reported on changes in the membership of committees. They were agreed.

97. The Clerk proposed that the Financial Advisory Committee be enabled to co-opt additional members to help with the work of reporting to Synod on denominational finances, and Synod agreed.

98. The Clerk proposed that the appointment of a Millennium Committee be left to the Business of Synod committee, and Synod agreed.

99. Rev George McEwen proposed, Rev Harry Coulter seconded and Synod agreed that the following be appointed as university chaplains for the following campuses of the University of Ulster:

Magee, Londonderry:	Rev David McCullough
Coleraine:	Rev Andrew Stewart
Jordanstown:	Prof Edward Donnelly.