

The September meeting of the National Synod of Scotland was held at Saughtonhall URC on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Members of Synod were welcomed by Revd David Scott, Minister to Saughtonhall and Duke Street URCs who with our moderator led us in opening worship.

The moderator welcomed local ecumenical guests and those new to Synod meeting along with marking significant anniversaries and in memoriam.

Minutes of Synod Meeting 16 – 18 March 2018 and minutes of Ordinations / Inductions were accepted by Synod

## **Reports**

Throughout the day Synod received reports from the following committees: Ecumenical and World Church, Church and Society, Youth and Children's, Finance and Property, Church Life, Provision for Safeguarding, Pastoral Committee and Policy Planning and Strategy.

Synod also received updates on: Future of Synod Team, Synod Ecumenical Officer, Transition Minister, Future of Synod.

## **Resolutions**

The following resolutions were passed:

### **Resolution 2018/09/01**

The National Synod of Scotland accepts the PPS report.

### **Resolution 2018/09/02**

The National Synod of Scotland, meeting in plenary session on the 15th day of September 2018, resolves as follows:

1. To join with Northern, Yorkshire, Mersey and North Western synods in constituting a shared synod panel in accordance with paragraph B.2.2 of the Ministerial Disciplinary Process, which said panel shall come into being when all the sharing synods have passed an enabling resolution in the form contained in this Appendix and at a date to be agreed by the sharing synods ("the formation date"), at which date the shared synod panel shall come into existence.
2. In conjunction with the other sharing synods and no later than the formation date, to appoint persons onto the shared synod panel in compliance with paragraph B.2.2.1 and one person (who may be a panel member) to act as co-ordinator in compliance with paragraph B.2.2.3. Section O Page 61 of 61
3. To continue to maintain its separate synod panel until the formation date, following which it shall cease to exist.

### **Resolution 2019/09/03: Resolution on plastics**

Synod notes the extremely damaging environmental impact of single use plastics, as outlined in the report from the Church and Society Report and, in seeking to reduce its use of such plastics:

1. resolves to eliminate all single use plastic straws (including in Fairtrade items) from Synod meetings, from Synod Office and from events funded, fully or in part, by the Synod;
2. resolves eliminate all single use plastic and polystyrene cups from Synod Meetings, from Synod Office and from events funded, or in part by the Synod
3. encourages all local Churches and partner organisations to adopt a similar policy;
4. asks its Church and Society Committee to examine other opportunities to reduce reliance on single use plastic and report back to future Synod meetings on this matter.

### **Resolution 2018/09/04**

This meeting of the Synod of Scotland instructs the Church and Society Committee to liaise with Finance and Property jointly to propose a resolution on energy performance rating of manses at the Spring 2019 Synod Meeting

### **Resolution 2018/09/05**

This meeting of the Synod of Scotland resolves to accept the budget proposals for 2019.

### **Resolution 2018/09/06**

This meeting of Synod resolves that churches in Scotland will be asked to increase their contributions to the MMF in the year 2019 by 3.5% in line with the request from the Finance & Property Committee.