

Remonstrant Synod of Ulster

Moderator : The Rt. Rev. Lena Cocroft

Clerk : Rev. Dr. A.D.G. Steers

Asst. Clerk : Rev. Roger McKee

Finance Committee for Remonstrant Synod of Ulster, Sustentation Fund

Treasurer : Rev. Brian Moodie

Convenor : Rev. Rosalind Taggart

The Remonstrant Synod of Ulster

MINUTES

Finance Committee Meeting 2024

Present :

Rt. Rev. Lena Cockcroft (Moderator)

Rev. Dr. David Steers (Clerk)

Rev. Brian Moodie (Treasurer)

Rev. Rosalind Taggart (Convenor)

Mr Adrian Moir

Apologies :

Rev. Roger McKee (Assistant Clerk)

Nominations of Officers :

Moderator :

Clerk : Rev Rosalind Taggart

Assistant Clerk : New Minister

Convenor : Rev. Rosalind Taggart

There was a discussion around the office of Clerk, and would it be more beneficial to Have the Convenor or Treasurer to also serve as Clerk. It was agreed that Convenor & Clerk should be held by one Officer.

This was unanimously agreed.

It has come to our attention that The Remonstrant Synod of Ulster will be celebrating it's 200th Anniversary in the year 2030. We hope to mark this special occasion, & Rev Dr David Steers initiate preparations for a commemorative service.

BUSINESS :

Our Treasurer Presented the Accounts as follows :

BALLYMENA & LIMAVADY FUND

It was noted that some ministers had not received their payments (£5 in cash) for 2022 & 2023 as they were not present at Synod on the given year to receive them.

2022:

Rev. Colin Campbell, Rev. Rosalind Taggart, Rev. Keith Parke & Rev Heather Walker

2023:

Rev. Dr John Nelson, Rev. Dr David Steers, Rev. Paul Reid, Rev. Rosalind Taggart, Rev. Stephen Raine-Adair & Rev. Heather Walker.

These payments will also be distributed with this years current payment.

Acceptance of the BALLYMENA & LIMAVADY FUND was proposed by Rev. Dr David Steers, & 2nd by Mr Adrain Moir.

THE CLERKSHIP FUND

Acceptance of THE CLERKSHIP FUND FUND was proposed by Mr Adrain Moir & 2nd by Rev. Dr David Steers.

SUSENTATION FUND

Rev Steers enquired if all the churches who receive from the fund, actually contribute to it. Rev Moodie, our Treasurer, will contact Mr John Esler regarding this, and also clarify, if payment is the same from every congregation, or assessed on the size of congregation.

Acceptance of the Sustentation Account was proposed by Mr Adrain Moir, & 2nd by Rev. Dr David Steers.

2023 CAPITAL

Proposed by Mr Adrian Moir, & 2nd by Rt Rev. Lena Cockcroft

DISBURSEMENTS

The BALLYMENA & LIMAVADY FUND

12 Ministers receive from the fund. Our Treasurer will cash one cheque (for £60) and disburse to individuals the sum of £5 in cash.

Disbursement Proposed by Mr Adrain Moir,
2nd by Rt Rev. Lena Cockcroft

THE CLERKSHIP FUND

It was noted that last year's payments to the Clerk & Assistant Clerk had been paid in reverse. Therefore the Clerk will be paid £110 + £20 underpayment from last year making a total of £130.

The Assistant Clerk will be paid £90 - £20 overpayment totalling £70

Disbursement Proposed by: Mr Adrain Moir
2nd by Rt Rev. Lena Cockcroft

SUSENTATION FUND

The Treasurer, Rev. Brian Moodie proposed that Glenarm Congregation be paid for 2 years, as they did not cash their cheque last year. Again clarification of those who contribute to the fund will be sought from Mr Esler.

Disbursement by Mr Adrian Moir
2nd by Rev. Dr David Steers

A.O.B

At present there is no update on the Charity Commission. Rev. Dr Davis Steers will submit the required Reports as necessary. It was agreed that the "Public address" with the Charity Commission should be changed to the Treasurer's address, as this will make things easier to manage, & less changes.

The meeting was brought to a close with warm exchanges, & the expression of looking forward to meeting in person at Synod.

Rev. Rosalind Taggart (Convenor)