



CHURCH of IRELAND GENERAL SYNOD
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Ecological and Environmental Sub-Committee

The Ecological and Environmental Sub-committee has been concentrating on the production of the Eco-Congregation Scheme for Irish churches, and the adaptation of the modules for the Irish context. Contacts are being established with the other churches, and it is hoped that the scheme will be officially launched in the autumn.

In the meantime, Miss Mew has attended meetings of the Environmental Issues Network (E.I.N.) in London, and expects to represent the Church of Ireland at the European Churches Environmental Network Assembly in Basel, Switzerland, in May 2005. It is hoped that the Presbyterian, Methodist and Church of Ireland representatives will jointly represent Ireland at this event, and be in a position to report to their respective churches thereafter.

Contacts are being established with various bodies, including the Irish Council of Churches and the Council for Nature and Conservation in the Countryside, and much resource material is being assembled for the use of churches, and it is hoped that committee members will be available to speak to church groups about environmental matters, and to provide liturgical material for special services.

Operation Noah, an environmental project sponsored by the Environmental Issues Network, was recently launched in Britain, and is seeking to address the matter of global warming and how church groups can work towards a reduction in greenhouse gases, and encourage governments to honour the Kyoto Agreement.