



CHURCH of IRELAND GENERAL SYNOD
CHURCH in SOCIETY COMMITTEE
Legislation and Politics (NI) Sub-Committee

The Legislation & Politics Committee (NI) is examining developments to date in the Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland process. The Committee reviewed submissions made by the Role of the Church Committee, 2000-2003, in the Human Rights Commission consultation process on a Bill of Rights. Those statements find broad acceptance with the current thinking of the Committee.

Presently, the Committee is engaged in a review of the work of the Bill of Rights Forum and intends to issue a response to the Forum's Report when it is published in March 2008.

The Committee is involved in a series of meetings with the main political parties in Northern Ireland to discuss two matters:

- 1) A Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland;
- 2) Church of Ireland engagement with the political institutions at Stormont.

The Committee has met the Ulster Unionist Party (UUP). Meetings with the Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP), Sinn Fein, Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) and the Alliance Party are scheduled.

FUTURE OBJECTIVES

- Engagement with the Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland process and response;
- Meeting with the Northern Ireland political parties to discuss and take action on engagement with the political institutions at Stormont.