

MOTION NO. 1 – THE HONORARY SECRETARIES (WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT)

That in accordance with Standing Order 56, the time available under Standing Order 3 be allocated as follows:

TIMETABLE 2026

FIRST DAY

12pm-1pm	Celebration of Holy Communion
1pm-2pm	Lunch
2pm-4.30pm	President takes the Chair List of members of the General Synod to be laid on the table Reports of Committees of the Synod to be laid on the table (SO 47) Communications from Diocesan Synods to be laid on the table Nomination of an Assessor by the President President's Address Welcome of Official Guests Motion No 1- Timetable Presentation (Working Group to Review Clergy Tenure) Report of the Bills Committee Bills No 1 to 5
4.30pm-5pm	Tea/Coffee Break
5pm-6.30pm	Continuation of Bills No 1 to 5 Report of the Church of Ireland Youth Department (30 mins)

SECOND DAY

10am-11.30am	Reading from Holy Scripture and Prayer Formal business and communications Answers to requests for information (if any) (SO 52) Report of the Representative Church Body (not less than 1 hour 30 min, inclusive of related motions, unless Synod directs otherwise) (Including reports of the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Trustee DAC and the Church of Ireland Pensions Board) Motion No 2 - Allocations Motion No 3 - Safeguarding
11.30am-12pm	Tea/Coffee Break
12pm-1pm	Report of the Board of Education (30 mins) Report of the Covenant Council (30 mins) Motion No 4 - Covenant Council Membership
1pm-2pm	Lunch
2pm-4pm	Answers to requests for information (if any) (SO 52)

Report of the Standing Committee (not less than 1 hour 30 mins)
Motion No 5 – Standing Committee Co-options Casual Vacancies

4pm-4.30pm Tea/Coffee Break

4.30pm-6.30pm Diocesan Presentation (Down and Dromore)
Report of the Council for Mission (30 mins)
Report of the Commission on Ministry (30 mins)
Motion No 6 – Commission on Ministry Membership

THIRD DAY

10am-11.30am Reading from Holy Scripture and Prayer
Formal business and communications
Answers to requests for information (if any) (SO 52)
Report of the Pioneer Ministry Governing Council (1 hour)

11.30am-12pm Tea/Coffee Break

12pm-1pm Bills No 1 to 5

1pm-2pm Lunch

2pm-4.30pm Answers to requests for information (if any) (SO 52)
Report of the Liturgical Advisory Committee (30 mins)
Report of the Marriage Council (30 mins)
Motion No 7 - Marriage Council Terms of Reference
Report of the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue
(30 mins)
Motion No 8 - Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue
Membership
Motion No 9 – Private Member's Motion - Call for peace and
accountability in Gaza and the West Bank.
Motion No 10 – Private Members' Motion - Encouragement to
Christian action on the 500th anniversary of Tyndale New Testament.
Motion No 11 – Private Member's Motion - To give renewed priority
to the promotion and development of lay ministry within the Church of
Ireland.
Motion No 12 - Journal of the General Synod

If business listed for any period is completed before the hour appointed, reports listed for the Saturday afternoon will be taken in reverse order, commencing with the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue. References in this motion to a “report” shall include any motions accompanying such report on the agenda paper.

At the end of the final session, any outstanding items will be put from the Chair without debate.