

General Assembly Survey

Section one: The purpose of General Assembly

Please return your completed form to: The General Secretary,
The United Reformed Church, 86 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RT

The deadline for the receipt of responses is noon on Friday 28 April 2017.

Thank you for your willingness to answer some questions about General Assembly to assist the work of the task group of the future of General Assembly. The questionnaire should take you no more than 10 minutes to complete.

* required field

	write 1, 2 or 3 in the boxes alongside the statements to indicate your preferences. The one you think is mportant should be 1, and so on.					
1*	Please prioritise these three aspects of the purpose of General Assembly					
	Governance (making good decisions) Inspirational (lifting spirits)					
	All having a share in decisions (engaging the local with decisions that affect us all)					
In this	on two: The make up of General Assembly section we seek your opinions about whether the current make up of General Assembly is appropriate. tick your preferred answer.					
2*	The current total membership of General Assembly is 329. What size do you think it should be?					
	101-150					
3*	The membership of General Assembly is currently equally divided between lay and ordained representatives. How do you respond to that?					
	I would prefer there to be more lay than ordained					
	I would prefer there to be more ordained than lay					
	I think it's currently right					
	There should be greater flexibility about the division					

Section three: The logistics of General Assembly

In this section we seek your opinions about some logistical matters, which will inform the future location, format and shape of General Assembly. Please tick your preferred answer.

4*	Assembly currently meets once every	y two ye	ears. How do you	respond to the fre	equency of A	ssembly?
	Too infrequent		About right			Too frequent
5*	Assembly currently meets over three	days. H	low do you respo	and to the length o	of Assembly?	
	Too short		About right			Too long
6*	Assembly currently meets in the first half of July. When should it meet in future? Please tick all that apply.					
	Earlier in the year (outside school holi	days)		Earlier in the ye	ear (in school	holidays)
	When it does now			Later in the yea	ır (outside sc	hool holidays)
	Later in the year (in school holidays)					
7*	Often General Assembly has met in t seated around tables. Which do you theatre style		• •		expensive la	yout is to be Neutral
8*	How important is it to you that Gene	ral Asse	embly should son	netimes meet in yo	our synod?	
	Important		Neutral		Not	at all important
9*	Who should pay for people to attend General Assembly? (Travel, accommodation and meals are involved) Please write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the boxes alongside these statements. The one you think is most important should be 1, and so on.					
	The people who attend should pay pe	rsonally	/			
	Local churches should pay for those o	f their r	nembers who atte	end		
	Synods should pay for the people the	y send				
	We should cover this expense together	er, from	the central fund	of the United Refo	rmed Church	1.

Section four: The agenda of General Assembly
In this section we seek your opinions about the matters which occupy General Assembly. Please tick all that apply.

10*	Which of the following areas should General Assembly spend time upon?						
	Worshipping		Sharing in Bible study				
	Eating together		Deciding upon governance issues				
	Sharing opinions on public issues		Talking about racial justice issues				
	Talking about world Church issues		Talking about ecumenism				
	Considering how we develop disciples		Thinking about how we use ministers				
	Thinking about developing lay leadership		Thinking about community engagement				
	Talking about our Christian belief and how it shapes our life						
	Talking about how we develop the gifts of everyone in the church						
	Discussing how we engage with children and young people						
	Thinking about how we communicate within the church and to the public						
	Thinking about how we ensure justice and inclusion						
	Talking about how we raise and spend our money						
	Other (please specify)						
	on five: Other comments						
This se	ction is optional.						
11	If you have other points to make that would help the ch you would like the task group to consider, please write if necessary.		•				

Section six: About you

In this section we seek some information about you. This section is optional but the information obtained may be helpful to the task group. This section is optional.

12	Your age
13	Your home synod
14	How many times have you attended General Assembly?
15	Have you been asked to respond to this questionnaire on behalf of a church, committee or synod etc? Please tick one box.
	Yes (and I'm responding on behalf of less than 10 people)
	Yes (and I'm responding on behalf of more than 10 people)
	No (I'm responding as an individual)

Thank you for completing this survey. Your answers are important to us.

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