

General Assembly Survey



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

Section one: The purpose of General Assembly

Please write 1, 2 or 3 in the boxes alongside the statements to indicate your preferences. The one you think is most important 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)

Section two: The make up of General Assembly

In this section we seek your opinions about whether the current make up of General Assembly is appropriate. Please tick your preferred answer.

2* The current total membership of General Assembly is 329. What size do you think it should be?

- 101-150 151-200 201-250 251-300

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 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?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Worshipping | <input type="checkbox"/> Sharing in Bible study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eating together | <input type="checkbox"/> Deciding upon governance issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sharing opinions on public issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Talking about racial justice issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Talking about world Church issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Talking about ecumenism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Considering how we develop disciples | <input type="checkbox"/> Thinking about how we use ministers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thinking about developing lay leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Thinking about community engagement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Talking about our Christian belief and how it shapes our life | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Talking about how we develop the gifts of everyone in the church | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discussing how we engage with children and young people | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thinking about how we communicate within the church and to the public | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thinking about how we ensure justice and inclusion | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Talking about how we raise and spend our money | |

Other (please specify)

Section five: Other comments

This section is optional.

- 11 If you have other points to make that would help the church to save money on General Assembly and you would like the task group to consider, please write them below. Use an additional sheet of paper 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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