

General Assembly

Friday 4 July to Monday 7 July 2025

Agenda



Friday 4 July

12:00	Arrivals and registration
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00	Welcome and constitution of Assembly Opening Worship (including Holy Communion)
16:00	<i>Break (access to bedrooms)</i>

Session one

16:30	Introductions and Greeting of Ecumenical Guests Mock Resolution Synod Moderators' Report T2-Safeguarding – Safeguarding Training Framework H4-Ministries – Review the URC Retirement Policy for Ministers of the Word and Sacraments and Church Related Community Workers
18:30	<i>Dinner</i>

Session two

20:00	H2-Ministries – Criteria for the 13 new pioneering posts to intentionally grow new Christian communities
21:00	Evening prayer

Saturday 5 July

7:45-9:00	<i>Breakfast</i>
8:30	GEAR prayers in the Chapel
9:00	Worship & Bible Study with Dr Francesca Nuzzolese

Session three

09:50	B1-CYWC – 2023-25 Children and Youth Work Committee Report BDFH1-CYWC – Children's Youth and Family Task Group Education & Learning – presentation
10:15	Place for Hope mediation team launch
10:30	<i>Coffee</i>

Session four

11:00	Presentation of candidates for General Assembly Moderator 2026-2027 and vote
11:40	General Secretary's Address
12:20	Community Awards
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>

Session five

14:15	Presentation by Danielle Harrison A4-Business Committee – Reducing the size of General Assembly (GROUP WORK)
16:00	<i>Coffee</i>

Session six

16:30	Mission – presentation Ecumenical pilgrimage ADH1-BC E&L RC – Resource Centre Learning Review 1
18:30	<i>Dinner</i>
20:00	<u>Parallel Sessions</u> A. Safeguarding Committee & Mission Committee & Nominations Committee B. Ministries Committee & Resources Committee C. Children's & Youth Work Committee & Education and Learning
21:00	Evening prayer

Sunday 6 July

7:45-9:00	<i>Breakfast</i>
8:30	GEAR prayers in the Chapel
9:00	Prayer – with Bible Study by Danielle Harrison

Session seven

9:35	Church Life Review – Progress and local church perspective
10:00	<i>Coffee</i>
10:30	Worship

Session eight

12:00	Presentation by Dr Francesca Nuzzolese I2-Mission Committee – Missional Lens paper
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>

Session nine

14:00

ADH2-BC|E&L|RC – Resource Centre Learning Review 2

15:30

Coffee break

Session ten

16:00

Moderator's Address

En Bloc:

A1-Business Committee – New Terms of Reference for Faith in Action Committee (Mission / Discipleship)

A2-Business Committee – Terms of Reference for Ministries and its sub committee

A3-Business Committee – Changes to Committee structure

A5-Business Committee – Revised Terms of Reference for General Secretariat

D1-Education & Learning – Discipleship Development Fund

E1-Equalities – Equalities Committee Report

G1-Resources – Annual Report and Audited Account

G2-Resources – Resources Committee update

H1-Ministries – Basis of Union paragraphs 19-24: Ministry in the United Reformed Church (Resolution 26 paper H6 from GA 2024)

H3-Ministries – Ministries General Report

H5-Ministries – Sabbaticals

H6-Ministries – Renaming of Models of Non-Stipendiary Ministry

I1-Mission Committee – Mission Report

J1-Nominations – Nominations Report

J2-Nominations – late paper

N1-Church Life Review – CLR Update

T1-Safeguarding – Safeguarding Annual Report

X1-Eastern Synod – Love's Farm Church - becoming LEP and local church of the URC

Items removed from En Bloc

Celebrating Jubilee Ministers and greeting ministers new to their URC roles.

18:30

Dinner

Session eleven

20:00	Remaindered business
21:00	Evening prayer

Monday 7 July

7:45-9:00	Breakfast (<i>check out of rooms by 9:00</i>)
8:30	GEAR prayers in the Chapel
9:15	Prayer and Bible Study Dr Francesca Nuzzolese

Session twelve

9:45	Moderator Elect 2026-2027 Acceptance Speech
	Remaindered business
	Miscellaneous Items
	Address to the throne
10:45	<i>Break</i>
11:15	Closing worship:
	Including induction of Catriona Wheeler
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch and departures</i>