

31 May 2026

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I have been informed that you will be attending this year's General Assembly in July. To assist you in preparing, a Frequently Asked Questions booklet is included with this email and is also available on the URC website at www.urc.org.uk/general-assembly.

I am writing now to provide some preliminary information about the meeting.

1. Dates and times

The General Assembly will take place from **12pm, Friday 3 July to 2pm, Monday 6 July**. We have a full agenda over these four days, which includes business sessions, worship services, regular breaks, one-hour lunch breaks, and free time. Please ensure you keep all four days free in your diary.

2. New members of Assembly

If you are new to General Assembly, you are welcome to join a New Members online meeting that will be held on Thursday, **June 25th at 7pm**. Details to follow.

3. Agenda and more

A full agenda will be circulated soon, along with information about the resolutions and papers that the Moderator of the General Assembly proposes to be approved.

4. Reports

Please note that 47 papers for this General Assembly meeting will be uploaded to the [URC website](http://www.urc.org.uk) by **12 June** and published in the Book of Reports. We are expecting two late papers that will be uploaded to the URC website before Assembly, and some printed copies will be available onsite.

5. Printed papers

If you would like a printed copy of the General Assembly Book of Reports (to be collected at the venue), then please complete the form below by **12pm Wednesday 3 June 2026** at the latest. If you require a large print version or other format, please specify this option in the form as soon as possible, using this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/tzeJgVUAYq>

6. Facilitation Group

The Clerk will be in contact with a small number of members of the General Assembly to invite them to be a part of the Facilitation Group as required under Standing Order 7.7. If you receive such an invitation, please consider this request and respond to it in a timely manner.

7. Mental health advisors

We are seeking volunteers to serve as mental health advisors who have completed mental health first aid training. This role can be shared across the four days of Assembly. Those interested should contact Samantha Bircham at general.assembly@urc.org.uk and are asked to send a recent photo.

8. Volunteers for chaplaincy

We also welcome volunteers to assist the Moderator's Chaplain during the Assembly. If you are interested in supporting this ministry, please contact the chaplain directly: jane@thewadetribe.co.uk.

9. General Assembly Choir

If you are interested in joining the General Assembly Choir, please email Samantha Sheehan at rev.s.sheehan@gmail.com if you would like to join the choir and help lead music during our Closing Worship on Monday morning.

10. Live streaming

The business sessions of the General Assembly, including the Sunday Morning Worship, will be live streamed on the [URC website](http://www.urc.org.uk) and YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/URCUK.

11. Questions

Any questions about the General Assembly business should be addressed to Irish Sirmons at irish.sirmons@urc.org.uk. Any queries about practical arrangements should be directed to Samantha Bircham at general.assembly@urc.org.uk.

Thank you for your commitment to the General Assembly.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours in Christ,

John Bradbury