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# Order Paper

Saturday 4th July

**Please retain each Order Paper as the material may be relevant on any day of the Assembly**

## Paper K3 Involvement with the Welcome Directory

The Proposer and Seconder of this resolution wish to present an updated form of Resolution 50 as follows:

***General Assembly encourages local churches to work with the Welcome Directory, to help prison leavers with joining faith communities, in line with guidance in the URC's safeguarding Good Practice document, and in consultation with the Synod Safeguarding Officer and Synod Pastoral Committee.***

## Paper P3 The URC's treatment of ministers arrested for theologically motivated peaceful civil disobedience

Please amend Resolution 62 as follows.

***General Assembly expresses its concern about the disciplinary action which would potentially be taken against ministers in the URC should they be arrested for following their conscience and joining many others in protests against legislation which some see as unfair and authoritarian.***

***General Assembly recognises that such action by ministers is in line with both the dissenting tradition of the URC and our Statement concerning the Nature, Faith and Order of the URC: "We rejoice in the diversity of the Spirit's gifts, and uphold the rights of personal conviction" and "We believe that Christ gives his Church a government distinct from the government of the state. In the things that affect obedience to God the Church is not subordinate to state but must serve the Lord Jesus Christ, as only Ruler and Head".***

***Recognising that some ministers may feel called to peaceful protest given the current political climate worldwide, General Assembly asks the Complaints and Discipline Advisory Group and the Ministries Committee to urgently review its disciplinary procedures in cases of 'theologically motivated peaceful civil disobedience'***

## **Minutes of business on Thursday 3rd July**

The Minutes for sessions one and two are available on the website. Please give any corrections to the Minute takers by 1pm on Saturday 4th July.