

## Monday

### Global Mission Partners

*Give thanks for PCI's many partnerships around the world, and pray for clear and focused engagement with them. Give thanks for all the overseas delegates who have travelled to the Assembly this year; pray for their contributions to the Assembly. Pray too that they will have a safe and trouble-free return journey home.*

### 'Listening to the global church'

The General Assembly will feature a session entitled 'Listening to the Global Church' on Wednesday, 5 June at 2pm. This year's presentation entitled 'People on the Move' will focus on how the church overseas and at home is involved in helping people who have fled their homes due to violence, disasters, poverty, etc.

*Pray that this will be a great opportunity to learn and be inspired by what God is doing in and through the global church.*

**Opening Night** - *On this significant evening for the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, pray for the outgoing Moderator, Charles McMullen, as he concludes his year of office and hands over to William Henry – Moderator for 2019/20. Pray for the new Moderator and his family for strength, stamina, wisdom and grace for the year ahead.*

## Tuesday

**General Council** – As Christians we are called to live in the world and to be a witness to the Lord Jesus. This includes speaking the truth – but doing so in love and with grace.

*Pray for the General Assembly as it considers the General Council's reports dealing with Decision Making and Dissent within the Church, human identity and issues around same sex attraction.*

**Council for Global Mission** - *Give thanks and pray for the work and witness of our church overseas. Pray for inspiring speeches and meaningful debate during the presentation of the Council report. Pray that our church will nurture global disciples, sharing God's heart for the world: declaring good news, demonstrating God's love.*

**Linkage Commission** - Amalgamations to be proposed: 1st & 2nd Killyleagh: *pray that much blessing will come from combining their people and resources; May St with Fisherwick and Crumlin Rd with West Kirk: give thanks for the past life and witness of May St and Crumlin Rd and pray for continuing witness to Christ in these areas.*

## Wednesday

**Council for Public Affairs** - Business today includes decisions about public policy issues which affect our relationships with civic society. *Give thanks for the contribution of Rev Dr Norman Hamilton as he completes his time as convener of the Council for Public Affairs. Pray that all who participate in discussions will do so for the glory of God. Pray that our Church would continue to work for the common good and pursue a peaceful and just society.*

**Council for Mission in Ireland** - *Give thanks and pray for the work and witness of our church in Ireland. Pray for Rev Dr Frank Sellar (convener) and Rev David Bruce (Secretary) of the Council. Pray especially for the planting of new Presbyterian congregations in the future, bringing new life, among new people in new places.*

**General Council** – *Pray for the General Assembly as it considers the General Council's report on Church Relations (and in particular on theological engagement with representatives of the Roman Catholic Church around the issue of justification) and for important decisions relating to the future of the Guysmere Centre.*

**Council for Congregational Life and Witness** - *Pray for the convener and secretary as they present their report today. Pray for all who will contribute to the debate about the needs and priorities of congregations which this council seeks to equip and resource for core aspects of their weekly life together and witness to others.*

## Thursday

**Council for Training in Ministry** - *Pray God's grace for the convener & secretary, Nigel McCullough & Jim Stothers; Andrew Faulkner & David Allen, convener & secretary of the Ministerial Studies and Development Committee; Albert Baxter, convener of the Reception of Ministers and Licentiates Committee; Ivan Patterson, convener of Union Theological College Management Committee and Stafford Carson, College Principal.*

**Council for Social Witness** – *Pray for Rev Dr Trevor McCormick (convener) & Lindsay Conway (Secretary) as they give the Council's report today. Pray for good debate & for engagement with the social issues addressed. Remember those dealing with recruitment in a difficult environment throughout the Health & Social Care sector & pray that people would develop an interest in & see the need for care in communities.*

**General Council** - As a church we are called to be good stewards of all God has given us and to live respecting the laws of the nations in which we live and have our witness. *Pray for the General Assembly as it considers the General Council's report on vital topics such as United Appeal, charity legislation, general data protection issues and the important and necessary Support Services provided in Assembly Buildings.*

## Friday

**Judicial Commission** - The Commission deals mainly with appeals or references from presbyteries. Inevitably these cases involve people who are hurting and disputes that are unresolved. This work is both mentally and emotionally demanding. *Pray for the Commission that it may always operate under the guidance and wisdom of the Spirit.*

**General Council** - *Pray for the General Assembly as it considers a range of ad hoc business being presented by the General Council. This includes nominations to various General Assembly bodies and how the business of the General Assembly is structured.*

**Trustees** – *Pray for the Trustees as they manage the General Investment Fund for the benefit of General Assembly councils, presbyteries, congregations and other agencies of the church. Pray for wisdom for the Trustees as they meet with the investment manager and take important decisions regarding distributions from the Fund.*

*Give thanks for those who act as Trustees of the Church and for their committed and faithful service. Give thanks for those who have recently completed their terms of office and for those who have agreed to take on the role pending General Assembly approval.*

## Saturday

The **Mission Department** in Assembly Buildings serves both the Council for Global Mission and the Council for Mission in Ireland.

*Give thanks for all who have served on the Councils, their committees, panels and task groups over the past year.*

*Pray for wisdom and guidance for the Council conveners Rev Dr Liz Hughes, (Global Mission) and Rev Dr Frank Sellar (Mission in Ireland); and Council Secretaries, Rev Uel Marrs (Global Mission) and Rev David Bruce (Secretary, Mission in Ireland).*

*Pray too for Helen Johnston (Mission Support Officer – Member Care) and Pip Florit (Mission Support Officer – Partnerships), and the admin team in the department.*

**Youth Night** is an evening of worship and teaching for youth groups from all over Ireland. This year's theme is Called – Hearing God's Voice. Bearing God's Name. *Pray that all the preparation will result in a great evening of praise and teaching and that many young people will be challenged and encouraged. Pray for the speaker Phil Houston, assistant minister in Craigavon Presbyterian Church, as he shares God's Word. Pray for safe travel for groups who attend from all over Ireland.*

# Let's pray...

### Moderator – Rt Rev Dr Charles McMullen

On Sunday 2 June, Rt Rev Dr Charles McMullen will take his final church service as Moderator, taking the morning service in Trinity Presbyterian Church, Ballymoney. Then on Monday evening, 3 June, the General Assembly will open to formally nominate, elect and install Rev William Henry of Maze Presbyterian Church as Moderator of the General Assembly for 2019/2020.

- *Give thanks for the opportunities Dr McMullen has had during his year to visit and encourage many of those involved in the varied and far-reaching work of the Church.*
- *Pray for Rev William Henry as he takes up office and gives his opening address on Monday evening. May he know God's blessing during the year ahead.*

## Sunday

### General Assembly

Preparation for the General Assembly starts many months in advance of the event with the General Secretary's Department responsible for the publication and distribution of the blue book, the compilation of the Assembly Roll, liaison with other departments in respect of presentations and special events during Assembly and oversight of all the logistical aspects of the week.

- *Pray that the work of the department and the Arrangements Panel – in tandem with Creative Production, IT and the Conferencing departments – results in a smooth and efficiently run week.*
- *Pray that the special events during the week will be of particular benefit to all who participate in them.*
- *Remember also the corresponding delegates from other denominations and the overseas visitors to Assembly – that they will receive a warm welcome and will feel included as part of the Presbyterian church family.*

Resources are available for use in Sunday services to accompany today's prayer. Visit: [www.presbyterianireland.org/sundayprayer](http://www.presbyterianireland.org/sundayprayer)