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## Youth Assembly 2022 Round Up

### Youth Assembly 2022 RESOLUTIONS

All the business sessions were named **YOUth Decide**.

#### 1. Amending standing order resolution

Assembly representatives who would have been in their final year last year at Youth Assembly 2021, have been included this year only with an increase to the upper age limit to 26. Their participation in Youth Assembly 2022 needs facilitating with the following motion:

**URC Youth Assembly will, for the duration of Youth Assembly 2022 only, suspend Standing Order 1.3. In its place shall operate the following:**

**"All those present at the Youth Assembly between the ages of 14 and 26 shall be members of the Assembly."**

The motion was passed unanimously.

#### 2. URC Children Motion

**With the creation of URC Children, URC Youth Assembly agrees to expand the role of Pilots Representative to a wider Youth Representative to URC Children. Recognising this is a necessary role to link both URC Children and URC Youth.**

**Reflecting the expanded remit of this role, representatives will be selected by election commencing at Youth Assembly 2023, the role being co-opted onto Youth Executive until that time.**

**Proposer: URC Youth Executive**

Discussion led to identification of Standing Order 2.8.2 which states that there should not be an appointment until a job description has been written. The Assembly Clerk stated that Standing Order 7.3 allows for the closure of debate and refers the resolution to the next Youth Assembly.

The motion was deferred by agreement to Youth Assembly 2023 (when it will be presented with a job description).

#### 3. Conversion Therapy Resolution

**URC Youth Assembly affirms and supports the statement made by URC Youth Executive (December 2021), and paper I4 from Assembly Executive (November 2021) in condemning all acts of conversion therapy (according to the definition set out in the Memorandum of Understanding on Conversion Therapy in the UK). URC Youth Assembly encourages those who feel called to do so, to contribute to the current UK Government consultation which closes on 4th February 2022. Assembly also encourages its equivalent ecumenical youth bodies to adopt a similar stance.**

**Proposer: Dan Morrell, West Midlands Synod**

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**Seconder: Hannah Jones, Southern Synod**

The motion was passed by consensus.

**4. Youth Review Resolution**

Youth Assembly tasks the Youth Executive to form a task group that will review the running of the Youth Executive as well as the wider URC Youth, including a review of the racial diversity of URC Youth Executive. This group will comprise of 6 to 8 people, including a chair who is not a member of the URC Youth and will report back to URC Youth Assembly 2023 with their findings so far and their proposed next steps.

**Proposer: URC Youth Executive**

This motion was passed by agreement.

**5. General Assembly Moderator Resolution**

URC Youth Assembly instructs Youth Executive to take the following resolution to General Assembly:

General Assembly resolves that nominations for the post of Moderator of General Assembly can be received from Youth Assembly in addition to Synods.

Should this resolution be passed by General Assembly, Youth Assembly further instructs Youth Executive to work with the General Assembly officers to establish a proper process for these nominations.

**Proposer: Victoria Turner, General Assembly/Assembly Executive Rep**

**Seconder: Tom Howells, East Midlands Synod**

This motion was passed by agreement.

**6. Mental Health First Aid Resolution**

URC Youth Assembly reaffirms its commitment to tackle the stigma surrounding mental ill health.

Youth Assembly strongly encourages individuals to take part in mental health first aid training and for local churches, Synods and General Assembly to look into ways to help individuals access this training.

Youth Assembly recommends that local churches strive to ensure that at least one member of the leadership team has undertaken this training.

**Proposer: Chloe Elmer, Eastern Synod**

**Seconder: Holly Clancy, North Western Synod**

This motion was passed by consensus.

### URC Youth Executive 2022

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