

**XIII.**  
**REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BUILDING PROJECTS**

When the Commission of Assembly took up consideration of the Report from the Committee on Finance Sustentation on 22 November 2011, they approved the establishment of a Special Committee on Building Projects. The remit of the Committee is to receive reports from Deacons' Courts in consultation with relevant Presbyteries in which they were to fully detail their potential future property needs and the difficulties currently facing their Congregations. These Reports were to be to hand before the end of December 2011 and, as an interim measure, were to be forwarded to the Clerk to the Strategy Committee. The Special Committee was instructed to take account of the information submitted to them by Deacons' Courts and to devise a detailed strategy, including the commissioning of concept plans as deemed by them to be appropriate, for the construction of a modular church building (or buildings).

All Presbyteries were instructed to commission up to two persons from within their bounds, having special skills in the disciplines of building design and construction or finance and project management to serve on the Committee on Building Projects. Nominations from Presbyteries for persons to serve on the Special Committee were to be sent to the Clerk to the Legal Advice & Property Committee by the end of December 2011.

The Special Committee was instructed to report progress to the March Commission of Assembly and thereafter to the General Assembly.

At the date of this Report being drafted the only report to hand had been received from Presbytery of the Outer Hebrides. Nominations received to date from Presbyteries for service on the Committee are as follows:

Northern Presbytery	Messrs Sanders Fraser and John MacKenzie.
Presbytery of Inverness	No nomination to date.
Southern Presbytery	Mr Norman Smith.
Presbytery of Skye & Lochcarron	No nomination to date.
Presbytery of the Hebrides	Rev. Kenneth MacDonald and Mr John Smith, Barvas.

At the meeting of the Legal Advice & Property Committee held on 6 March, Mr John MacKenzie was nominated to serve as Convener of this Committee and has prepared this Report as an interim measure pending confirmation by the General Assembly of his appointment.

JOHN MACKENZIE, *Convener*

**PROPOSED DELIVERANCE**

1. The General Assembly receive and adopt the interim Report of the Special Committee on Building Projects;
2. The General Assembly instruct all Presbyteries to give diligence to the preparation of the reports called for by the Commission of Assembly held on 22 November 2011;
3. The General Assembly instruct the Committee to report progress to the next Commission of Assembly.