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REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

1. Introduction

The Committee on Publications have a remit to publish materials which are biblical and Reformed, and which set forth the principles of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing). These principles, evinced clearly in 1843, were principles inherent in the Reformation of 1560, but which most certainly find their genesis in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. The hallmarks of Scottish theology, encompassing the Reformation distinctives and the principles followed by the Free Church, have been largely jettisoned by many today in favour of modernity and cultural acceptability, which, it is believed, are ingredients of Church growth. How easy it would be to follow this worldly philosophy in the Church today!

We believe that any growth not founded upon biblical principle and practice is spurious and delusional: such a course is neither honourable nor pleasing to the Lord our God. The responsibility is laid upon us to be builders of, and soldiers in, the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; that is what ought to motivate us. The single strategy of merely ‘holding the fort’ is both defeatist and disastrous: every Church Committee, every Presbytery, every Kirk Session, and every minister and office-bearer, is to zealously assert, maintain and defend our cause, and so drive our work into every district, village and street in Scotland. There must be no ‘no-go’ areas. The Publications Committee will play its role in this thrust: “They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon.” (Neh. 4:17)

We live in the twenty-first century. The well-known *imprimatur* of the Publications Committee on publications and reprints of the worthies of the past, while still an important feature of the present Committee’s thinking, is no longer to be considered as the *only* way of publishing or of publicity. While the Committee counselled self-caution in its Report to the 2015 General Assembly – “the Committee must not overstretch themselves and must be selective in what they decide to publish,” – nevertheless over the past year it has traversed innovative new paths of communication, refined its structures, attempted to spread an increasing workload, and establish protocols which we hope will take the Committee’s work out of the nineteenth century and into the twenty-first.

There is an area which has the potential to prove the most ground-breaking of all. It is fair to say that while we have a Committee specifically designated for the work of publications, for the first time ever, our people – our greatest human resource – have been given an opportunity to play a significant role in the labours of the Committee, by spreading news about the work of the Kingdom in that part of the Master’s vineyard where we belong. Not since 2000 have our people been given such an unparalleled opportunity, than in this past year. Through the means of Facebook, Twitter and the Church website, they have been given an opportunity to promote the clear message of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the distinctives of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing). It is over to them to seize this initiative.

2. Magazines

2.1 Editors

The Committee are grateful to the editors of the Church magazines for their diligent labours over another year. Rev. William Macleod was last reappointed as the editor of the *Witness* in 2012. He has recently indicated to the Committee that he is willing to serve for another year, but intends to relinquish his post after that. The Committee are therefore recommending that Mr Macleod be reappointed for one further year, during which time steps will be taken so that the Committee is in a position to be able to recommend a

suitable replacement to the 2017 General Assembly. Rev. Murdo A.N. Macleod was appointed as the editor of the *Explorer* in 2013, for a three-year term: the Committee are recommending that Mr Macleod be reappointed for a further four-year term.

The Committee have been giving consideration to the possibility of involving more people in the production of the magazines, to spread the load and to make the best use of the pool of talent which exists within the Church. This is a policy which has been put into effect with the Church website and use of social media, we believe with generally good results. God willing this matter will be pursued over the next year, in consultation with the editors, with a view to bringing proposals to the next General Assembly.

2.2 Production

It was with regret that at the end of April the Committee received an intimation from Rev. Alasdair Macleod of his intention to resign from his role in the design and layout of the *Witness*. The grateful thanks of the Church are due to Mr Macleod, who has been doing this work for ten years. The Committee are actively looking for a replacement and hope to be able to provide the Assembly with an update on this. The responsibility for the printing of the Church magazines remains with DM Design & Print of Inverness and we are pleased to report once again that costs remain the same as they were in January 2013 when we first began using this company. Miss Anne MacAulay continues to produce interesting material for the puzzle page in the *Explorer* and to mark the entries sent in by children, for which the Committee are grateful.

2.3 Circulation

Subscription rates for the *Witness* (including the *Explorer*) were unchanged for 2015. Below are the circulation figures for the *Witness* at the end of April 2016, with equivalent figures for the end of April 2015 (subscription to the *Witness* includes the *Explorer*):

Print Run:	2016	2015
Magazine:		
<i>Witness</i>	1000	1000
<i>Explorer</i>	1100	1100
Monthly Circulation:		
Subscriptions:		
UK Congregational	571	589
UK Individual	107	116
Overseas	50	55
Total	728	760
Complimentary Copies:		
UK	22	22
Overseas	11	11
Total	33	33
Trade Orders:		
UK	27	22
Overseas	0	0
Total	27	22
Overall Totals:	788	815

Note:- In addition to the above, an extra 83 (66) copies of the *Witness* are currently sent to various congregations for free distribution, and an extra 120 (101) copies of the *Explorer* are currently sent to congregations and individuals separately from the *Witness*. This makes a total circulation for the *Witness* of 871 copies and a total circulation for the *Explorer* of 908 copies. Also 15 copies of each magazine are archived each month, being reduced to a permanent 2 copies at the end of the year. Extra copies of issues containing articles of special interest, such as issues of the *Witness* which contain obituaries, are kept back and then supplied to the relevant parties as requested at no cost.)

Overall there has been a decrease in the uptake of the magazines by congregations but a small increase in trade orders, thanks to the Evangelical Bookshop in Belfast stocking the magazines.

The Church now has an Online Business Account with Royal Mail, which should speed up things a little and result in a worthwhile saving in postage. The McQueers do the posting work themselves, which now just involves taking the pre-stamped mail to the post office in mail bags. The new method means that it ought to be possible to send copies of the magazines to Spain and countries in South America at a reasonable cost, if there was interest in this.

There are many copies of the magazines spare each month and as there is no real economy to be made in reducing the present print run we once again encourage congregations to order extra copies each month for free distribution in their locality. We would point out to congregations and members that if they wish to pay a subscription for their local library or indeed hospital, as is done already in some places, then this is one way of getting the magazines into the hands of many people who would not otherwise receive it. The Subscriptions Secretary will be happy to hear from anyone who would like extra copies. She is thankful for the emails and letters she receives from people who appreciate getting the magazines.

This year, in addition to the regular print run, 17,000 copies of the special evangelistic June issue of the *Witness* are being printed for distribution by our congregations and Home Mission Worker; this figure is slightly down from the total of 18,000 from last year, which was the highest ever. The price for these extra copies has once again been kept to 25p each and orders should be available for collection at the Assembly. Let us pray that the Lord will graciously use the articles in these magazines for the salvation of precious souls.

2.4 Subscriptions and Distribution

We are thankful to Mrs Isobel McQueer for her diligent work as Subscriptions Secretary, and to Mr Bill McQueer who distributes the magazines most efficiently. The Committee have reminded the printer that their requirement is for the magazines to be with congregations for the first Sabbath of each month, and they are continuing to monitor the arrival of the magazines. Mrs Susan Furzer records the Church magazines for the blind and we trust that she will know the Lord's help and encouragement as she continues in this work and that the Lord will bless her efforts.

3. Publications

3.1 Existing Publications

Below are approximate figures representing cumulative totals for sales and/or complimentary distribution of our in-print titles at the end of April 2016 (with figures for 2015 in brackets). The several anomalies in the figures are due to miscounting in previous years, return of stock, and the fact that sometimes the printer will supply more copies of a title than the quantity which was actually ordered:

(a) *Where is God now Gone?* by Rev. John J. Murray (1250 copies printed in November 2003):

1225 copies now sold or distributed free (1239); 25 copies remaining.

(b) *Sing the Lord's Song* by Rev. John W. Keddie (500 copies provided to Committee in May 2004):

348 copies now sold or distributed free (338); 152 copies remaining.

(c) *Echoes from Scotland's Heritage of Grace* by Rev. Hugh M. Ferrier (first printed in May 2007):

416 copies now sold (408); 0 copies in stock.

- (d) *The Five Points of Calvinism* by Rev. John W. Keddie (750 copies printed in May 2010): 486 copies now sold or distributed free (487); 264 copies remaining.
- (e) *The Lord's Supper* by Rev. John Morrison (500 copies printed in May 2011): 409 copies now sold or distributed free (434); 91 copies remaining.
- (f) *The Shorter Catechism* (500 copies printed in May 2012; 750 copies reprinted in May 2013): 604 copies now sold or distributed free (671); 646 copies remaining.
- (g) *The Right of Continued Protest* (80 copies printed in December 2013; 80 copies reprinted in March 2014): 148 copies now sold or distributed free (143); 12 copies remaining;
- (h) *Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) Year Book 2014-15* (500 copies printed in February 2014; 100 copies reprinted in April 2014): 591 copies now sold or distributed free (559); 9 copies remaining;
- (i) *Scottish Independence: An examination of the Scottish Government's proposals for Scottish independence* (200 copies printed in August 2013): 187 copies now sold or distributed free (187); 13 copies remaining.
- (j) *Worship* by Rev. James Clark (500 copies printed in June 2015): 304 copies now sold or distributed free (N/A); 196 copies remaining.
- (k) *Baptism* (500 copies printed in October 2015): 32 copies now sold or distributed free (N/A); 468 copies remaining.

(In addition to the above the Committee has 3 copies of the book *When Justice Failed in Church and State* by Rev. Iain H. Murray & Dr Murdoch Murchison in stock.)

A list of the available publications, with information on the content and prices, is on the Church website at: www.freechurchcontinuing.org/publications/books/list-of-publications

Titles which are either no longer available and are unlikely to be reprinted, or still in print but will not be reprinted, are placed on the Church website for reading online and/or downloading. The following titles are available in this way at www.freechurchcontinuing.org/publications/books:

- Giving to the Lord* by Rev. John W. Keddie;
- The Reformation 1560* by Rev. John J. Murray;
- Scottish Independence: An examination of the Scottish Government's proposals for Scottish Independence.*
- (*When Justice Failed in Church and State* by Rev. Iain H. Murray & Dr Murdoch Murchison is also available.)

The text of *The Right of Continued Protest* is available at:

www.freechurchcontinuing.org/about/other-documents/item/the-right-of-continued-protest

In addition there are 1656 copies remaining of the leaflet *Remembering the Church in your Will* which are stocked by the Committee on behalf of the Finance & Sustentation Committee.

3.2 New Publications

Booklets

Two new titles in the '*Finding out about...*' series, which deals with issues of theological and practical importance to our people and Christians in general, were published during the past year: *Worship* by Rev. James Clark and *Baptism* by Rev. John Macleod (rtd).

3.3 Future Publications

Booklets

At the time of writing, booklets on the following subjects for the '*Finding out about...*' series are at various stages of development: Church Discipline (draft submitted), Church Membership (final text submitted),

Eldership (final text submitted), Funerals (draft submitted), Marriage (draft in preparation) and Presbyterianism (draft submitted).

Books

John Kid and John King

This work by Mr Maurice Grant, which deals with two lesser-known Covenanter ministers and which was before the Committee several years ago, was ultimately submitted to the Scottish Reformation Society for consideration as a title in their *Scots Worthies* series. We are pleased to be able to report that the work was finally published by the Society last June.

History of the Division of 2000

The 2008 General Assembly instructed the Committee “to take the necessary action to have a draft manuscript prepared in popular format recounting the events leading up to and following the division of 2000.” The Committee appointed Rev. James Gracie to begin work on producing a book on the Division in consultation with Mr Lindsay MacCallum and anyone else who may be suitable. Despite Mr Gracie not having been able thus far to take the second period of leave which would be desirable in order for the work to be pursued more intensively for a period, progress has nevertheless been made. It is estimated that two-thirds of the book has now been completed. The first nine chapters of the book, which deal with the history up to and including the 1996 court case, have been proofread; six other chapters have been written and work has begun on the sixteenth chapter. Concentrated work will be required to complete the book by the end of 2016, God willing. During the year the Committee felt that it should seek legal advice as to who would be liable in the event of any defamation being raised when the book on the history of the division of 2000 is published, and advice has been obtained.

Metrical Psalmody in the Free Church of Scotland

In June 2014 the Legal Advice & Property Committee forwarded to the Committee a paper prepared by Mr Maurice Grant and Rev. John Keddie entitled *Metrical Psalmody in the Free Church of Scotland*. Regrettably the Committee have not yet been able to prepare this work for uploading to the Church website, but will endeavour to arrange to have this done as soon as possible.

History of the Free Church of Scotland in the 20th Century

A work on the history of the Free Church covering the period from 1900-2010 has been offered to the Committee by Rev. John Keddie. The Committee have put this material on hold until the book on the history of the Division of 2000 has been published.

Subordinate Standards of the Free Church of Scotland

The Free Church last published its own edition of the Westminster Standards in 1973 and this is now unavailable. The Committee feel that a denomination which subscribes fully to the Standards and adheres closely to them should always have them available in print for its office-bearers and others. Sadly the sub-committee appointed to carry forward this has not been able to meet yet.

Acts & Proceedings of the General Assembly

The desirability of digitising the Acts and Proceedings of the General Assembly (and ideally also Reports to the Assembly) going back to the Disruption in 1843 has been on the Committee’s mind for some time. While computer files of these documents for the year 2000 and succeeding years are available, this is not the case for earlier years. The lack of easy access to these texts is something which can hamper the work of clerks to Church courts and Committees, and perhaps also those who are engaged in historical research of some kind. It is a difficulty which the Committee believe ought not to exist and one which could surely be overcome in the modern age. Again it is felt that a denomination which values its history and heritage should ensure that such documents are available: there is a need to do the work now while originals still exist, and to make the files available on the Church website. Allied to this is the thought of appointing an official archivist for the Church. The Committee hope to pursue this matter over the coming year.

3.4 Storage and Distribution

Mr Bill McQueer is responsible for the storage and distribution of the Committee's stock of publications. We are grateful to him for meeting the orders which come in from congregations and individuals for the Church's publications.

3.5 Books Organiser

Mr Glenn Fraser serves as Books Organiser on behalf of the Committee, maintaining a book stock for sale among congregations and at various Church events throughout the year. Bookstalls are held in various places where the Church has a presence, and as providence permits. Two sales were held at Westhill towards the end of 2015, which proved encouraging; some second-hand titles were also sold, with the proceeds being donated to Dr Ruiz's work in Spain. Mr Fraser was able to report to the March meeting of the Committee that since the work began in the summer of 2015 there have been total sales of over £1,300. The Committee are pleased to report that a business account was agreed with the Trinitarian Bible Society in 2015, providing a substantial discount on their bibles and other publications. They are grateful to the Finance & Sustentation Committee for allowing the Committee to bring forward the sum of £2,000 from their 2016 budget in order to establish a book stock during 2015. Mr Fraser has been using his own vehicle for transporting the books and as the stock has increased the desirability of a more suitable vehicle for the use of the Books Organiser has become apparent; the Committee are giving consideration to this. The Committee will endeavour, as far as they can, to ensure that this ministry does not run at a loss.

4. Website and Social Media

4.1 Website

The Church website has been operating well over the past year, with the regular addition of denominational news items, current comment pieces and articles of a theological, historical and practical kind. Despite experiencing ill-health recently, Rev. Bert Pohl has been able to continue in his role as Technical Overseer of the site, for which the Committee is grateful. Earlier this year the software which runs the site required an upgrade for security purposes, and this provided an opportunity to make some improvements to the general design of the site.

The Committee believe that another use to which the website might eventually be put is to host documents commonly used in the Church. There are documents which have to be completed annually or periodically by Deacons' Courts, Kirk Sessions, Presbyteries, and so on. Other documents may be required by particular individuals from time to time. We believe that if such documents could be put into a standard form and made available on the website for downloading this would be very helpful. Where appropriate, the documents would be in an editable form so that they may be completed electronically; otherwise they would be pdfs. There is also the possibility of creating a Members' Area on the website to enable more sensitive digital information to be accessed securely by the relevant parties.

4.2 Social Media

The 2015 General Assembly approved the establishing and operation of a Twitter account and a Facebook page for the denomination, and over the past year the Committee has been putting this finding into effect. An Interim Policy for the Operation of Social Media was adopted by the Committee in June. The Twitter account was launched the same month and by the end of April this year had 180 followers. An average of five tweets are sent daily (none on the Lord's Day). Regular tweets include verses of Scripture, items on the Church website (which now contains a Twitter feed), and verses from the Metrical Psalms; comments on topical matters relevant to the Church and quotes from the Reformers and Puritans are also tweeted. The Facebook page was launched in September and at the end of April had 557 followers. The Twitter account is linked to the Facebook page, so that what appears on one automatically appears on the other. We believe that such use of social media is warranted and has led to numbers of people becoming more familiar with us and with our distinctives as a Church.

5. Spring Conference

The Spring Conference took place on Friday 25th March, in the now-familiar surroundings of Kingsview Christian Centre, which was once again made available to us by the Inverness Associated Presbyterian Church. The Conference was chaired by Rev. John MacLeod (Tarbat) and the theme was *The Shorter Catechism*. The speaker at both sessions was Rev. Trevor Kirkland, minister of Ballyclare & Doagh in Northern Ireland. The first address was on 'Preserving the People of God' and the second on 'Building the People of God'. It was felt that both addresses were well-prepared, interesting and particularly practical for the situation facing the Church today. They are available on the Church website and we recommend that you listen to them and benefit from the clear and useful applications Mr Kirkland made. Psalmody sessions were run by Rev. & Mrs Bill Scott.

The Committee are most thankful to Mr MacLeod for kindly chairing the Conference, to Mr Kirkland as the speaker, and to the Scotts for running the Psalmody sessions. They also thank all who helped in any way with this year's Conference, in particular the following: Mr & Mrs Glenn Fraser for their work in organising and running the catering; Mr Lindsay MacCallum for his work as booking secretary; Mr Glenn Fraser for organising and running the bookstall; and Miss Flora MacLeod for organising and running the children's programme.

The attendance was slightly up from the previous year: 91 adults and 14 children were present, making a total of 105, compared to 95 last year. We are pleased that some new people were in attendance and also that, after many years of running at a loss, the Conference made a small profit this year. Ample opportunity for fellowship was to be had during the meal breaks. Some friends are only caught up with at this conference and it has proven to be very worthwhile as a means of keeping us in touch with one another. There was an excellent bookstall and the catering was, as usual, to a high standard.

The provisional date for next year's conference is Friday 14th April 2017 (D.V.). The question of the timing of the Conference has been raised several times over the years and, it being the Committee's desire that as many as possible should have the opportunity to attend the Conference, they are keen to learn what people think. The spring period seems to be a good one, as it is generally free from too many other events, but there is considerable scope within that period. The various possibilities would appear to be:

- (i) continue to hold the Conference on the Easter Friday Public Holiday. The date of this holiday can fall at any point from 20th March to 23rd April;
- (ii) hold the Conference at a fixed point during the Inverness school holidays. These holidays last for approximately two-and-a-half weeks but their dates vary. In 2016 the holiday ran from Friday 25th March to Sabbath 10th April; in 2017 it is due to run from Thursday 6th April to Sabbath 23rd April; in 2018 it is due to run from Thursday 29th March to Sabbath 15th April;
- (iii) hold the Conference on the same Friday every year;

The Committee invite any interested parties to make their views known to the Committee.

6. Audio Ministry

The Audio Ministry, which is overseen by Mr Bill McQueer, provides a selection of sermons in CD format at a price of £1 each including postage and packing. The sermons are mostly from our own ministers, including retired men, and we believe they are appreciated both within and beyond our Church. A new list containing 52 recordings by 26 different ministers and speakers was prepared and circulated with the January issue of the *Witness*. Of these recordings 44 were sermons preached in our congregations, including 1 in Gaelic, 1 was preached at the 2015 Presbytery of the United States Family Conference and the remaining 7 were papers delivered at the 2015 School in Theology at Larbert. By 30th April a total of 166 CDs had been ordered from the new list by 16 individuals, all from Scotland.

7. The Annals of the Free Church of Scotland 1900-2000

Mr Maurice Grant continues to update the database for the Annals when any new details come to his notice, making occasional visits to the Registrar General's Office where information on the older ministers is available. He is of the view that we cannot publish the Annals unilaterally, the chief reason being that, so far as the surviving ministers are concerned, the great bulk of the information was provided by men who did not align themselves with us in 2000; it is a similar situation with the relatives and descendants who provided much of the information on deceased ministers. It was encouraging therefore that we were able to report last year the launch of a website entitled 'Ecclegen' (www.ecclegen.com) which is intended to provide information – mainly genealogical – concerning all Ministers of the Free Church of Scotland from 1843-1900 and their families.

The website turns out to be the work of Rev Ronald Christie, who was associated with the Annals project in its early stages. During the past year he has been in contact with Mr Grant on a personal basis, offering some ideas on how the project might be taken forward. They include publishing information gathered for the project on a website, perhaps using Ecclegen as a platform. This would involve no capital outlays, allow adjustments after printing, and would be more accessible to those interested in using the material. He envisages that Ecclegen would thus act as a resource on all Free Church ministers from 1843 to 1999. Regrettably the Committee has not yet been able to devote sufficient time to a consideration of this suggestion, and to the associated question of whether an approach might be made to the residual Free Church to ascertain whether there is interest in publishing the information on a joint basis.

8. Disruption 2000 Video

During the past year Rev. Andrew Allan has been able to digitise five out of the seven video tapes which are in the possession of the Committee, and has made available a DVD of the best of this footage for the use of the Committee. Mr Allan is of the opinion that while it is good to have this material from an historical point of view, it is not of sufficient quality to be suitable for a production intended for the public: the only use which could be made of it would be to include brief excerpts from the footage of the most significant events it covers. In his view it is unlikely that it would be possible to enhance the quality of the original material even if this was undertaken professionally. The Committee will continue to pursue this project, as other priorities allow.

9. Year Book

Last year we reported that the Committee planned to publish a new edition of the Year Book early in 2016. For various reasons that did not prove possible, and the providence of the Lord must be acknowledged in that subsequently the Committee became aware that some changes to personnel and other information contained in the Year Book were likely to result from the General Assembly. The Committee therefore agreed to withhold publication of the new edition until after the Assembly, the hope being that it will be available towards the end of June. It is intended that the new edition will also be placed on the Church website for reading online or downloading.

10. Press Officer

The Committee wish to record their thanks to Rev. John MacLeod (Tarbat) for his work as the Church's Press Officer. It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to uphold him in his duties and grant him a good measure of health and strength.

RAYMOND KEMP, *Convener*
JAMES CLARK, *Vice-convener*

PROPOSED DELIVERANCE

1. The General Assembly receive and adopt the Report of the Publications Committee and thank the Committee and especially the Convener, Vice-convener and Clerk;
- 2.1 The General Assembly thank Rev. William Macleod and Rev. Murdo A.N. Macleod for their work as Editors of the *Witness* and *Explorer* respectively. They reappoint Rev. William Macleod for a further period of one year and Rev. Murdo A.N. Macleod for a further period of four years. They pray that the Lord will give guidance as a new Editor is sought for the *Witness* and that the Committee will be helped as they give consideration to what are the best overall arrangements for the production of the magazines;
- 2.2 The General Assembly express their thanks to Rev. Alasdair Macleod for his work on the design and layout of the *Witness* over the last ten years. They pray that the Committee will be directed by the Lord as they look for a suitable replacement;
- 2.3 The General Assembly thank Mr Derek McDougall of DM Design & Print for his work in organising the printing of the Church magazines;
- 2.4 The General Assembly thank Miss Anne MacAulay for her work in providing the puzzle page for the *Explorer*;
- 2.5 The General Assembly thank Mrs Isobel McQueer for her work as Subscriptions Secretary;
- 2.6 The General Assembly thank Mr Bill McQueer for his work as the distributor of the Church's magazines;
- 2.7 The General Assembly thank Mrs Susan Furzer for her work in recording the Church magazines for the blind;
- 2.8 The General Assembly thank the proof-readers of the magazines for their work;
- 2.9 The General Assembly thank all who from time to time contribute articles both to the *Witness* and the *Explorer*;
- 2.10 The General Assembly note once again the special June issue of the *Witness*, thank those who contributed to it and pray that it would be used for the extension of Christ's Kingdom;
- 3.1 The General Assembly thank those who have written, or are engaged in writing, material in the series 'Finding out about...' and encourage the Committee as they oversee the production of these booklets;
- 3.2 The General Assembly note the further progress made on the preparation of an account of the events leading up to and following the division of 2000. They urge all involved to make every effort to have this important work ready for publication as soon as possible;
- 3.3 The General Assembly note the other publishing projects which the Committee are pursuing and pray that the Lord will grant the Committee every help as they seek to advance them;
- 3.4 The General Assembly thank Mr Bill McQueer for his work in storing and distributing the Committee's publications;

- 3.5 The General Assembly thank Mr Glenn Fraser for his work as Books Organiser and pray that the Lord will bless the circulation of bibles and good literature;
- 4.1 The General Assembly thank all who are involved in the running of the Church website, especially Rev. Bert Pohl as technical overseer and Rev. Andrew Allan, Rev. David Blunt and Rev. John J. Murray as editorial overseers. They encourage the Committee as they seek to further develop the website as a resource for the Church;
- 4.2 The General Assembly note with satisfaction the development of the Church's Twitter account and Facebook page and the interest which they have generated. They remind the Committee of the need to ensure that these media are used in a way which honours the Lord;
5. The General Assembly thank all those involved in the organising and running of the recent Spring Conference and the Inverness Associated Presbyterian Church for the use of the Kingsview Christian Centre. They once again urge ministers to promote the Conference and encourage their people to attend;
6. The General Assembly thank Mr Bill McQueer for his work in producing and distributing CDs of sermons by our ministers. They pray that the Lord will continue to bless this ministry;
7. The General Assembly thank Mr Maurice Grant for his ongoing work in updating information for the Annals of the Free Church of Scotland. They note with interest the possibility of the publication of the material on the Internet and encourage the Committee to pursue this possibility;
8. The General Assembly note the information on the project to produce a video on the disruption of the Church in 2000 and encourage the Committee to continue in their efforts;
9. The General Assembly note the reason for the delay in the publication of the new edition of the Year Book and urge the Committee to ensure that it is printed as soon as possible after the rising of the Assembly;
10. The General Assembly thank Rev. John MacLeod (Tarbat) for his work as the Church's Press Officer and thank the Lord for granting him a significant improvement in his health over the past year.