REMITS FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Para 12.50 (d) of the Manual prescribes the following:

(d) In reporting back the Presbyteries are to state clearly whether they approve of, or disapprove of, the proposal. They may also suggest amendments to the proposal. A Presbytery which suggests an amendment states whether or not its approval of the proposal, as a whole, depends on the acceptance by Assembly of the amendment; e.g., Presbytery may say

EITHER:

(i) "Presbytery suggests that the proposal should be amended in the following way '...'. Presbytery considers that this amendment will improve the proposal, but approves the proposal, as a whole, whether or not the amendment is accepted."

OR

(ii) Presbytery suggests that the proposal should be amended in the following way '...'. Presbytery considers that this amendment is of such importance that it approves of the proposal, as a whole, if the amendment is accepted. It disapproves of the proposal, as a whole, if the amendment is not made."

If a report is not clear the Clerk of Assembly is authorised to obtain clarification of its meaning. If the proposal originated with any General Assembly Committee or Commission, the Clerk informs the Convener of the Committee or Commission and sends the Convener a copy.

GA/12/02 UNDER MANUAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

4. The Assembly inserts new para 7.88 (e) and (f) as follows and rules that the current para 7.88 (e) become (g):

"(e) Alternatively, if a Session finds that none of its elders is willing to be commissioned for a year, it may commission elder(s) to each meeting of the Presbytery. If a Session chooses this alternative, the Session Clerk of the congregation communicates this to the Presbytery Clerk at the first ordinary meeting of the Presbytery following the sitting of the General Assembly.
(f) The Session Clerk communicates the names of the person(s) commissioned to the meeting of the Presbytery at least three weeks before that meeting of the Presbytery to ensure that the papers for the meeting can be delivered to the persons so commissioned in good time."

6. The Assembly rules that:

2. 4 (amendment to para 7.88)

above constitute a material change in the Church's constitution and/or its laws regarding government and accordingly sends them to the Presbyteries for their approval. The Assembly instructs Presbyteries to respond to the Clerk of Assembly by 31 March 2013.

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1. What is the decision of your Presbytery in regard to: (please tick the appropriate block)

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- ˅ Accept
- ˅ Reject
- ˅ Amend (Set out proposed amendment in full in your report, together with the reasons for it.)

Is acceptance conditional on amendment(s) proposed being accepted?

- ˅ Yes
- ˅ No

SIGNED: _____
Presbytery Clerk

PRESBYTERY OF: _____

DATE: _____