

**REMITTS UNDER THE BARRIER ACT**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Recommendations will be prepared at the General Assembly by the Committee on Remits.

**REPORT**

To the Venerable, the 142nd General Assembly:

The following are the replies from the presbyteries to the remits sent down under the Barrier Act by the 2015 Assembly:

**Remit A, 2015** That Book of Forms section 32 be amended by deleting the words “By various acts” and “expressly” and by adding the words, “and in the case of a presbytery where its synod has been dissolved, another presbytery is empowered to attest its records according to the dissolution plan approved by General Assembly at the time of dissolution”. (Special Committee re The Optional Elimination of Synods, Rec. No. 2, A&P 2015, p. 538, 31):

32. Every book enjoined to be kept by any court is ordered to be reviewed and attested yearly by the next higher court, save that a presbytery if it is desired may call for the session records once every two years for attestation, and in the case of a presbytery where its synod has been dissolved, another presbytery is empowered to attest its records according to the dissolution plan approved by General Assembly at the time of dissolution. (see section 259.2, Appendix K, Declaratory Act: A&P 1991, p. 254, 37)

**Approved:** 44 presbyteries (1,277 ministers/diaconal ministers/elders on constituent roll\*)

Cape Breton, Newfoundland, Pictou, Halifax-Lunenburg, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Montreal, Seaway-Glengarry, Ottawa, Lanark & Renfrew, Kingston, Lindsay-Peterborough, Pickering, East Toronto, West Toronto, Brampton, Oak Ridges, Barrie, Temiskaming, Algoma & North Bay, Waterloo-Wellington, Eastern Han-Ca, Hamilton, Niagara, Paris, London, Essex-Kent, Lambton-West Middlesex, Huron-Perth, Superior, Winnipeg, Brandon, Assiniboia, Northern Saskatchewan, Peace River, Edmonton-Lakeland, Central Alberta, Calgary-Macleod, Kootenay, Kamloops, Westminster, Vancouver Island, Western Han-Ca.

**Disapproved:** 0 presbyteries (0 ministers/diaconal ministers/elders on constituent roll\*)

**No response:** 1 presbyteries (40 ministers/diaconal ministers/pastoral charges\*\*)

Grey-Bruce-Maitland.

**Total Presbyteries:** 45 (1,317 ministers/diaconal ministers/elders on constituent roll\*\*\*\*) [see Book of Forms section 293.4]

**Remit B, 2015** That Book of Forms section 259.2 re the process for dissolving a synod, be added to the Book of Forms and remitted to presbyteries under the Barrier Act. (Special Committee re the Optional Elimination of Synods, Rec. No. 3, A&P 2015, p. 538, 31):

259.2 The General Assembly may dissolve any synod upon its request provided it is satisfied with the synod's plan to apportion the various responsibilities and assets among the presbyteries within its bounds. The plan for dissolution shall be approved by the General Assembly and included in the Acts and Proceedings. (see Appendix K)

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- NOTES
- \* numbers as reported by clerks when reporting remit response.
  - \*\* numbers as estimated based upon number of pastoral charges and information regarding the roll of ministers and diaconal ministers (March 2015).
  - \*\*\* numbers based upon the combination of approved, disapproved and no response.