



Questions from Report

Report R3.2 – General Secretary Question #3

Question

- (a) “I was pleased to see the Synod support Easter Madness 2016 and from what you have written it seems like the Synod is intending to support Easter Madness 2017 – can you confirm whether this is the case?” *Mark Cornford*

Answer

- (a) Yes, the venue for Easter Madness 2017 is currently being booked and a small team has been gathered to start planning.

Question

- (b) “Is the Synod intending to employ someone (either part-time or full-time) to develop/resource youth ministry?” *Mark Cornford*

Answer

- (b) The planning and support for this program will be hosted from the Synod office.

Question

- (c) “I notice that the Synod is looking at a ‘digital’ possibility for engaging young people. Having looked at that possibility before I confess to being dubious about the effectiveness of digital ministry. If you look at what exists already there are a number of generic devotional type apps and then apps for youth leaders/workers. I haven’t found an app yet which is intended to be the platform for ministry – hence my reservations. Anyway, my question was who is the person who is heading up looking at this as I would if possible like to have a conversation with them at Synod (if they are going to be there).” *Mark Cornford*

Answer

- (c) Some major thinking is being done around the future and direction of youth ministry and provision for a position has been included in the 2016/17 budget. A position description for the nature and type of work for this role is scheduled to be developed in June. To do this we are gathering a range of different voices from across the church. The person who is gathering this material together is Bruce Mullan, who I have no doubt would be delighted to have a conversation with you at Synod. These discussions will absolutely be looking at the nature of digital community, but will be grounded in a realistic ministry framework for the future.

Question

- (d) “Lastly, will the Synod in Session get a simplified (though not too simplified!) version of the current or proposed budget that has gone to Standing Committee? If not why not?” *Mark Cornford*

Answer

- (d) The Synod budget for 2016/17 is still in its development process. The first draft is scheduled to be discussed at the Finance Investment and Property Board meeting on 20 May 2016, and will then be considered at the Synod Standing Committee meeting on 4 June 2016. The Finance Investment and Property Board in its presentation may outline the budget parameters.