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Affirmation of Faith	The President invites the people to stand, as they are able, to join in the affirmation of faith.	<p>We believe in God, sovereign in grace and love, maker of all things.</p> <p>We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God, the firstborn of a new creation. We believe in God's eternal Spirit, pledge and foretaste of the future, given that we may not lose the way, who has endowed us with a diversity of gifts.</p> <p>We are a pilgrim people on the way to the promised goal. On this way, we are called to live and work within the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church. In this unity, we offer our worship, witness and service and receive one another in love and joy.</p> <p>We are being led to the free obedience of the children of God, and so we look with yearning and hope to the final reconciliation of humanity with God, and the renewal of all creation. Alleluia. Amen.</p>
Commitment to Being a Christian Community	Members of the Assembly are asked by the President to stay standing as others sit. The President invites members of the Assembly to recite the Commitment to Being a Christian Community.	<p>As the fellowship of the Holy Spirit we confess Jesus as Lord over our life and as Head over all things. We give thanks to God that in Christ God has given to all people in the Church the Holy Spirit as a pledge and foretaste</p>

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	All sit at the conclusion of the Commitment.	<p>of that coming reconciliation and renewal which is the end in view for the whole creation <i>(Paragraph 3 Basis of Union).</i></p> <p>As members of the 12th Assembly, we commit ourselves to faithfully seek to be obedient to Jesus Christ the head of the church. We acknowledge that Christ alone is supreme in his Church; we will wait upon God's Word at this Assembly; we will seek to obey God's will in the business of this Assembly; and we will recognise the limits of our authority.</p> <p>We commit ourselves to live in such a way in our time together that people will witness the reconciliation and renewal available through Christ. <i>(Paragraphs 11 and 3, Basis of Union)</i></p> <p>We acknowledge that the Church is able to live and endure through the changes of history only because its Lord comes, addresses, and deals with people in and through the news of his completed work. <i>(Paragraph 4 Basis of Union)</i></p> <p>Having been called and addressed we commit ourselves to model behaviour that values each person as made in the image of God; fosters discussions, conversations, debates and theological reflection in a way that is respectful of others and provides a safe place for our journey together in faithfulness to Christ.</p>