

CHURCH AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

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Ms Monica McWilliams.
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25th September 1996.

Dear Monica,

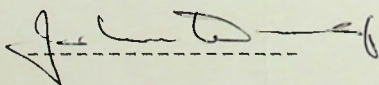
Thank you for the letter which you sent to the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rt.Rev.Dr.Harry Allen, in response to the statement which was issued by the Church and Government Committee in July of this year.

I will arrange to have two other documents sent to you under separate cover which have been accepted by the General Assembly. The first is quite a long document on "Presbyterian Principles and Political Witness" and the second document is about parades which was received by the General Assembly in June of this year.

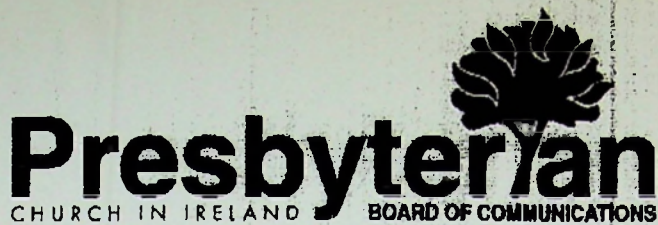
I have asked the Information Office to put the Women's Coalition on their mailing list.

With thanks for your letter and best wishes for your work through the Women's Coalition.

Yours sincerely,



John Dunlop



PRESS RELEASE

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Presbyterians encourage politicians and condemn boycotts

Today(11-09-96), the Church and Government Committee of the Presbyterian Church met to discuss recent developments and at the conclusion of its meeting issued the following statement.

1. Church and Government Committee encourages political representatives at the Stormont talks to make every effort to reach an honourable accommodation quickly. Delay deepens despair while progress builds hopefulness. We pledge our prayerful support for courageous leadership.
2. The Church and Government Committee strongly supports the call of the Four Church Leaders for an immediate end to boycotting which is not only wrong in itself but harms those places where business people belong to a minority. We commend those communities where boycotting has been resisted.

Rev Samuel Hutchinson, Clerk of Assembly, is available for interview and may be contacted through the Press Officer

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