

PRESBYTERY OF GREENOCK AND PAISLEY

April 8th 2014

At Bishopton and within the Cornerstone there, the eighth day of April 2014, the Presbytery of Greenock and Paisley met as appointed and was constituted with prayer.

SEDERUNT

Rev Ken Gray, Moderator, with 37 ministers, 51 elders, 3 deacons and 10 corresponding members, as recorded separately.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from 10 ministers, 8 elders, 2 deacons and 1 corresponding member, as recorded separately.

MINUTES

Minutes of ordinary meeting on March 11th being in print and in the hands of members were taken as read and approved.

APPOINTMENT OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

The next meeting was approved as May 13th 2014 in The Cornerstone, Bishopton.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business was approved as printed

NOTICES

The Clerk highlighted the notices.

VACANCY PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

Rev Alan Sorensen, Convener, presented the report of the Vacancy Procedure Report and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. Receives the report;
2. grants permission to Greenock Lyle Kirk to call a minister on the basis of unrestricted tenure in terms of Act VII 2003;

BUSINESS

Rev Ritchie Gillon, Convener, presented the report of the Business Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. Receives the report;
2. Notes the sick leave of Rev Ivan Warwick;
3. Notes the resignation of Rev Vernon Stone and thanks him for his long and faithful service to Presbytery;
4. Approves the request from Howwood linked with Lochwinnoch to hold a joint service of Lochwinnoch congregation with Calder UF Church in Calder Church on Sunday 15th June 2014;
5. Grants retrospective approval to the request from Inchinnan Church to hold their Stated Annual Meeting on the 6th April 2014;
6. Grants approval to the request from Paisley St Ninian's Ferguslie to hold their Stated Annual Meeting on the 27th April 2014;

7. Notes the retiral of Rev Andrew MacLean as Presbytery Representative on Inverclyde Council's Education Committee and invites interested parties to contact the Presbytery Clerk in the first instance for an application form;

COMMUNITY INTERESTS

Mrs Alison McKenzie, Convener, presented the report of the Community Interests Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. invites applications from community based projects for funding from the Presbytery's bequest fund;
3. encourages presbyters to "Pray for our Projects" in particular Adams House;

MINISTRY

Rev Jonathan Fleming presented the report of the Ministry Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. Receives the report;
2. notes that the Ministry Committee plans to begin a consultation with Ordained Local Ministers and supervising ministers in order to clarify matters relating to the deployment of Ordained Local Ministers to congregations within the Presbytery of Greenock and Paisley;
3. notes that reports submitted by Readers have been received and read. Any issues raised have been noted and discussed with the relevant parties.
4. appoints the Rev Dr Ken Forrest as Auxiliary Minister to the charge of Langbank linked with Port Glasgow St Andrew's as from the 1st May 2014.

WORLD MISSION & ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

Rev Alan Birss presented the report of the World Mission & Ecumenical Relations Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

- 1 receives the report;
- 2 encourages Presbyters to advise the committee of ecumenical activities within their areas.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

In the absence of Mr Peter Bennett, Convener, Rev Alistair Cook presented the report of the Stewardship & Finance Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. Receives the Report
2. Notes that, in accordance with the instruction from Presbytery, the Finance Committee of Paisley Abbey has submitted a detailed plan to generate income and reduce costs to address the projected shortfall in their 2014 general funds budget to the Stewardship and Finance Committee.
3. Notes that 4 congregations with 2013 Ministry and Mission payments advised as still outstanding by the Church of Scotland General Treasurer's Department have been asked to provide the Stewardship and Finance Department with an up to date status on the settlement of the debt and confirmation that their 2014 Ministry and Mission payments are being paid on time.

PROPERTY

Mr William Mathieson, Convener, presented the report of the Property Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. a) notes that the Paisley: Glenburn manse has been inspected and found to be ready for occupation;
b) approves the resiting of Paisley: Glenburn's war memorial in accordance with the recommendation of the General Trustees' Fabric Committee;
3. approves the next stage of the upgrade programme at Greenock: Lyle Kirk's Newark Street building, which involves:
phase 1 of the proposed heating upgrade, costing circa £10,000
lighting upgrade, circa £6,000
fire alarm, circa £2,000
external notice boards (3), circa £5,000
phase 1 of architect's fees, circa £5,000
external works, circa £20,000
organ replacement, circa £45,000.

All estimates exclude VAT, and funds are available;
4. approves in principle the proposed upgrade to the heating system in Johnstone: St. Andrew's Trinity's church and halls, subject to the approval of the General Trustees' Fabric Committee and the advice of the Church of Scotland's heating consultant being obtained. The cost is estimated at around £15,000, and the funding is available;
5. a) notes that the Elderslie congregation has invited tenders from appropriate contractors for the construction of their proposed new halls development, following advice from the General Trustees' Fabric Committee's Assistant Secretary;
b) approves the Elderslie congregation's application to the General Trustees' Fabric Committee for grant assistance in the sum of £10,000 towards the total estimated cost of the project of £688,602;
6. instructs those congregations whose representatives were advised at the inspection of property records that their supplied information was incomplete to ensure that the missing details are provided to the Property Committee Convener as soon as possible;
7. approves the conversion of part of the double garage at the Paisley: Stow Brae manse to form a study at a cost of £15,000, including VAT;

8. instructs the Property Committee to obtain tenders for the 2014 quinquennial inspections at Neilston, Barrhead: St. Andrew's & Bourrock, Paisley: Glenburn & Sherwood Greenlaw, Johnstone: High, St. Andrew's Trinity & St. Paul's, Linwood, Kilmacolm: Old & St. Columba's, and Port Glasgow: Hamilton Bardrainey, St. Andrew's & St. Martin's, and to report the result of the tendering process in due course.

MISSION & DISCIPLESHIP

Rev Eileen Ross, Convener, presented the report of the Mission & Discipleship Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. Receives the report;
2. Notes the forthcoming dates for Safeguarding training and instructs presbyters to make these known and encourage take up by those who are eligible and have not yet attended training.
 - Sunday 11 May 2pm -4pm Volunteers' training at Barrhead St Andrews
 - Saturday 17 May Co-ordinators' conference at Lylesland
 - Wednesday 21 May 7.15pm to 9pm Kirk Session Training at Port Glasgow St Martin's
3. Notes that the annual "Pray Across Scotland" evening will be on Wed 14 May, 7.30pm at the Lyle Kirk's Union St building, and encourages presbyters to attend;
4. Commends the creative school chaplaincy work at Gleniffer High School, in particular, "*The Easter Journey*", an interactive exploration of the Christian Easter story, featured in this month's *Time for Mission*.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment to meet on Tuesday May 13th 2014 at 7.00pm for ordinary business in **The Cornerstone, Bishopton**

Moderator

Clerk