

PRESBYTERY OF GREENOCK AND PAISLEY

October 10th 2017

At Bishopton and within the Cornerstone there, the tenth day of October 2017, the Presbytery of Greenock and Paisley met as appointed and was constituted with prayer.

SEDERUNT

Rev Ann McCool, Moderator, with 23 ministers, 44 elders, 2 deacons and 4 corresponding members, as recorded separately.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from 13 ministers, 7 elders, 2 deacons and 4 corresponding members, as recorded separately.

MINUTES

Minutes of the ordinary meeting on September 12th 2017 and admission to the office of Reader on September 21st being in print and in the hands of members were approved

APPOINTMENT OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

The next meeting was approved as November 14th 2017 in The Cornerstone, Bishopton.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business was approved as printed

NOTICES

The Clerk highlighted the notices.

THANKS TO RETIRING MODERATOR

The Business Convener, Rev Dr Alistair Shaw, thanked the retiring Moderator, Rev Ann McCool, for her service to Presbytery over her year in office and presented her with a gift from the court. Mrs McCool replied in suitable terms.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW MODERATOR

Rev Ann McCool, having completed her period of office as Moderator proposed the Rev Jim Cowan, nominated at the meeting of the Presbytery on 14th February last, as the next Moderator of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery approved and resolved accordingly.

Mrs McCool offered Mr Cowan congratulations and good wishes and led the Presbytery in prayer.

Mr Cowan took the chair and expressed his thanks to the Presbytery for the privilege entrusted to him.

BUSINESS

Rev Dr Alistair Shaw, Convener, presented the report of the Business Committee, and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. notes that Paisley Lylesland will worship in their hall from 29th October to 19th November to allow for necessary internal decoration of their sanctuary and chancel area;
3. gives notice that it will use its November conference session as a time devoted to prayer in fulfilment of the instruction from the Council of Assembly to 'To issue a call to the Church of Scotland to pray that God will do a fresh work amongst us as God's people';

4. encourages congregations within the bounds to makes their own response to this instruction from the Council of Assembly;
5. notes the appointment of the Rev. Liz Geddes as locum at Langbank linked with Port Glasgow: St Andrew's as from the 1st October 2017;

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Mr Leon Marshall presented the report of the Stewardship & Finance Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report ;
2. notes that the 2016 accounts of Kilmacolm St Columba have been attested by the committee in the name of Presbytery and the congregation authorised to submit these to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator ;
3. notes the proposed Ministries and Mission contributions for 2018 as detailed in **appendix 1**;
4. notes that a copy of the proposed contributions has been sent to congregational Treasurers and that any appeals against these proposed contributions should be made to the Convener by 19 October 2017 ;

MISSION & DISCIPLESHIP

Mrs Mary Jane Bird, Convener, presented the report of the Mission & Discipleship Committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. notes the Safeguarding Training dates as follows:

• Kirk Session	15th October	Erskine	2-4 pm
• Panel Training	25th October	Erskine	7-9 pm
3. notes that the next deadline for receipt of grant applications is 12 noon on Friday 20 October 2017;
4. encourages churches to invite the NYA delegates in their congregation to speak about their experience;
5. notes an initial meeting for this presbytery's representatives at the NYA to discuss ideas for young people within our churches;
6. commends Presbytery involvement in the year of Young People (Bladhna na h- Òigridh) 2018 and encourages each congregation to "sign the pledge" posters to facilitate this are available for each congregation on the signing in table this evening;
7. seeks ideas for Presbytery involvement during the Year of Young People 2018;
8. encourages churches to investigate projects in conjunction with Fischy Music in their own parish Primary Schools;
9. notes the Weekend of Invitation Roadshows (Glasgow 23 October 2017) designed to help churches develop 'a culture of invitation';

10. commends the Church of Scotland's National Day of Prayer on **25 November**;
11. invites offers from Presbyters to lead prayer stations at the next Presbytery meeting of 14 November 2017;
12. invites rev Hanneke Marshall to speak about St Machar's Ranfurly Church experience of using the Fruitfulness in the Frontline resource

MINISTRY

Rev Ann McCool, Convener, presented the report from the Ministry committee and the following deliverance was approved:

Presbytery:

1. receives the report;
2. invites Ministers who have undergone training to supervise Enquirers or students, to let the Ministry Committee know. Please email ann.mccool@ntlworld.com;
3. notes that reports from Reader's, and Review Forms for OLM's, are to be completed and returned to the Ministry Committee by Wednesday 25 October 17;
4. notes that training for Worship Leaders is planned for the future and interested parties should email: Rev Maureen Leitch, maureen.leitch@ntlworld.com;
5. notes the gratitude expressed by those invited to Afternoon Tea;

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment to meet on **Tuesday 14th November 2017 at 7.00pm** for ordinary business in the Cornerstone, Bishopton

Moderator

Clerk