



PRESBYTERY OF EDINBURGH

The Presbytery will meet in Palmerston Place Church on Tuesday 3 November 2009 at 6.45 p.m. for the following and other competent business.

George J Whyte, Presbytery Clerk

HYMN 742

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish: their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:
they share our complaining, our comfort, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS – 3 NOVEMBER 2009

- 1 Opening Worship
- 2 Roll of Presbytery : Welcome
Tribute
- 3 Minutes of Meetings held on 6 October, 14 October, 18
October 2009.
- 4 Presentation by Rt Hon George Reid “The Land that Begat Us”
- 5 Approve the subsequent Order of Business
- 6 Receive Candidates for the Ministry and Readers in training.
- 7 Committee Reports:
 - 7.1 Business
 - 7.2 Deployment of Resources – Order of the day 7.30pm
 - 7.3 Property
 - 7.4 Ministries
 - 7.5 Unless the Lord Builds The House
 - 7.6 Congregational Finance
 - 7.7 Social & Community Interests
- 8 Report of the Clerk

Adjournment to 5 November 2009 at 6.45pm at Colinton Parish Church for the Introduction of the Rev Gayle Taylor, and to meet for ordinary business until 1 December 2009 at 6.45 pm in Palmerston Place Church.

BUSINESS

On the Report of the Business Committee it will be moved that the Presbytery

1. Broughton St Mary's

Note that a Service of Celebration at Broughton St Mary's will take place on Sunday 17th January 2010 at 10.30am and to agree that the Moderator should attend the service.

2. St Michael's Parish Church

Note that a service is to be held in St Michael's Parish Church on Sunday 21st March 2010 to ratify the Covenant between the Congregations of St Michael's, St Colm's, Gorgie and St Martin's Episcopal Church and to agree that the Moderator should attend the service.

3. Amendment of Standing Orders

Approve the following amendment to Section 10 of the Standing Orders

Current version	Proposed amendments
<p>10. Commissioners to the General Assembly</p>	<p>10. Commissioners to the General Assembly</p>
<p>At the February meeting of Presbytery the Clerk shall give notice of the names of ministers, deacons and elders for commissioning to the General Assembly</p> <p>I – VI no change</p> <p>Ministers, Deacons and Freely Elected Elders who have not attended at least five ordinary meetings of Presbytery in the previous calendar year shall be ineligible to receive a commission, but may write to the Business Committee asking to be allowed to attend, giving reasons.</p> <p>The Roll of Commissioners shall be made up at the March meeting of the Business Committee.</p> <p>Any vacancy occurring subsequently in the Roll of Commissioners shall be filled by the Business Committee in keeping with the Rotas.</p>	<p>At the January meeting of Presbytery the Clerk shall give notice of the names of ministers, deacons and elders for commissioning to the General Assembly</p> <p>Ministers, Deacons and Freely Elected Elders who have not attended at least five ordinary meetings of Presbytery in the previous calendar year shall be ineligible to receive a commission, but may write to the Business Committee asking to be allowed to attend, giving reasons.</p> <p>The Roll of Commissioners shall be made up at the February meeting of the Business Committee.</p> <p>Any vacancy occurring subsequently in the Roll of Commissioners shall be filled by the Business Committee in keeping with the Rotas</p>

DEPLOYMENT OF RESOURCES

On the Report of the Deployment of Resources Committee it will be moved that the Presbytery

1. Parish Grouping: Portobello and Joppa

Approve a Basis of Parish Grouping for the congregations of Portobello Old, Portobello St James' and Portobello St Philip's Joppa, subject to the concurrence of the Ministries Council's Presbytery Planning Task Group, in terms of Act VII 2003, section 10(6) on the following basis:

BASIS OF PARISH GROUPING: PORTOBELLO AND JOPPA

The congregations of Portobello Old, Portobello St James' and Portobello St Philip's Joppa shall form a Parish Grouping for a period of five years from a date to be agreed among the three charges and the Presbytery of Edinburgh, and that on the following terms and conditions:

1. Name

The name of the parish grouping shall be 'The Church of Scotland in Portobello and Joppa'.

2. Area of Responsibility

The area to be served by the parish grouping shall be all within the bounds of the parishes of the three participating congregations, or as Presbytery may approve.

3. Property and Funds

The property and funds belonging to, or held on behalf of, or obtained for, each congregation shall remain the property and funds of each congregation.

4. Kirk Sessions

The minister of each charge within the parish grouping will continue to be moderator of each Kirk Session.

5. Congregational Management

Each congregation shall be responsible for its own temporal affairs, as at present.

6. Development Group

6.1 The Kirk Session of each participating congregation shall appoint three members of the congregation, one at least being an elder, together with the minister (or interim moderator) to form a Development Group. The numbers of

representatives may be reviewed at any time and increased or decreased as necessary in consultation with Kirk Sessions.

6.2 The Development Group will be chaired by a representative from each congregation rotating on an annual basis, and shall have the task of promoting and coordinating the common work of the grouping, subject to the approval of each Kirk Session and where appropriate each financial court.

6.3 The Kirk Sessions will meet jointly each calendar year, the participating ministers moderating the grouping in turn, to review progress and, if considered desirable, to suggest areas for future development.

6.4 Two representatives of the finance groups of each congregation shall meet annually to discuss financial matters relating to, and identify any funding requirements relating to, the activities of the grouping.

7. Functions of the Development Group

The group will:

7.1 Develop a five year vision for the parishes and regularly review this. The vision will take into consideration the Presbytery plan.

7.2 Develop a strategic plan to be reviewed annually to implement this vision.

7.3 Submit to each Kirk Session for approval the long term vision and plan.

7.4 Promote and facilitate joint ventures, and coordinate the work of the Kirk Sessions and congregations within the parish grouping in respect of ministry of the parishes, youth work, work with the elderly, outreach, Christian education and communication.

7.5 Report annually on progress to the Kirk Sessions.

8. Ministry

The ministers will form the ministry team. Any additions to this team shall be decided at a joint meeting of the Kirk Sessions and subject to the approval of Presbytery.

9. Accountability

The Development Group is accountable to the individual Kirk Sessions and shall keep minutes for presentation to the three Kirk Sessions.

10. Power to Adjust

While these terms and conditions shall form the basis for the parish grouping of the three congregations, they shall be free to adjust them subject to any necessary approval of the Presbytery, and agreement of the respective Kirk Sessions and congregations.

Background

The three congregations in Portobello have worked together in various ways for a number of years and now seek to take this a step further through a Parish Grouping, as envisaged in the Presbytery Plan (Area W). The basis was approved by each set of office-bearers and then at congregational meetings held at each church:

Portobello Old, 2 November 2008: 55 for and 4 against.

Portobello St James', 25 October 2009: 44 for and 8 against.

Portobello St Philip's Joppa, 25 October 2009: 65 for and 0 against.

2. Basis of Union between St Andrew's & St George's and St George's West.

Approve a Basis of Union between the congregations of St Andrew's and St George's and St George's West, subject to the concurrence of the Ministries Council's Presbytery Planning Task Group, in terms of Act VII 2003, section 10(1) on the following basis

BASIS OF UNION

The congregation of Edinburgh: St Andrew's and St George's and the congregation of Edinburgh: St George's West shall be united as from the First day of January 2010, and that on the following terms and conditions:

1. Name: The name of the united congregation shall be Edinburgh: St Andrew's and St George's West (Scottish Charity Reference Number SC008990).

2. Transference of Property and Funds: The property and funds belonging to or held on behalf of each congregation shall belong to or be held on behalf of the united congregation and any transference necessary shall be duly effected.

3. Place of Worship and Church Buildings: (1) The church at present used and occupied by each congregation shall, in the first instance, be used on a monthly rotation as the place of worship of the united congregation.

(2) The united congregation shall within two years from the date of Union bring forward to Presbytery a fully developed plan for the use or disposal of all their church buildings.

(3) Subject to the provisions of the Regulations anent the Application of Stipend and Fabric Endowments held by the General Trustees, the free proceeds of any sale shall be held and applied for fabric purposes in connection with the properties of the congregation and for the endowment of stipend.

4. Territorial Responsibility: The bounds to be served by the united charge shall be the bounds of the parishes presently served by these congregations or as the Presbytery shall determine.

5. Kirk Session: The elders of both Kirk Sessions shall form, with the minister, the Kirk Session of the united congregation.

6. Congregational Management:

The temporal affairs of the united congregation shall be administered by the Kirk Session under the Unitary Constitution, the Delegation of Assembly being authorised to issue the appropriate Deed of Constitution to the united congregation.

7. Minister and tenure: (1) The Rev R Russell McLarty, the interim minister of St Andrew's and St George's, shall be the interim minister of the united charge subject to the agreement of the Interim Ministries Task Group of the Ministries Council;

(2) On the completion of the interim ministry the united congregation shall proceed to the election of a minister on a basis of reviewable tenure in terms of Act V11 2003, section 12(2)(a), reviewable seven years after the date of induction. The congregations of St Cuthbert's Parish Church and St John's

Episcopal Church shall be invited to appoint one non-voting representative each to serve on the Nominating Committee.

8. Manse: Save as after provided, the manse of the united congregation shall be either the manse of the congregation of St Andrew's and St George's or the manse of the congregation of St George's West whichever may be determined by the Kirk Session of the united congregation as being the more appropriate for the purpose and the manse not required shall be sold, let or otherwise disposed of, subject to the titles on which it is held, and subject to the approval of the Presbytery, and, if necessary, of the General Trustees or the General Assembly. In the event of neither of the manses being deemed appropriate then they shall both be sold, let or otherwise disposed of, subject to the titles on which they are held, and subject to the approval of the Presbytery, and, if necessary, of the General Trustees or the General Assembly. Insofar as the proceeds of any such sale are not required to fund the purchase (and associated costs thereof) of a manse for the minister of the united congregation, they shall be held and applied for fabric purposes in connection with any of the properties of the united congregation.

9. Power to Readjust: While the articles and terms shall form the Basis of Union for the two congregations now uniting, the united congregation shall be free, like other congregations, to adjust arrangements under the authority of Presbytery as need may arise.

Background

1. The congregation of St George's West became vacant on 5th July with the demission of Rev Peter Macdonald to become Leader of the Iona Community.
2. The Presbytery Plan, presently under review, envisages for Area Y three ordained ministers and one other. All three Church of Scotland congregations are in an ecumenical Parish Grouping, called 'Together,' with St John's Scottish Episcopal Church.
3. In the knowledge of Mr Macdonald's impending demission, the Deployment of Resources Committee held conversations with St George's West, St Andrew's and St George's and St Cuthbert's. The former two congregations

- expressed a desire to explore the possibility of union and over a period of some months discussions continued.
4. On 8th October there was a Joint Meeting for both sets of Office Bearers, including the Deacons of St George's West. The Draft Basis of Union was discussed and questions were answered. Each group of Office Bearers then met separately and unanimously resolved to accept the Basis of Union, with the caveat that they would like to test the mind of the Presbytery on the question of tenure.
 5. On 25th October, each congregation held a Congregational Meeting to vote on the Basis of Union. The voting was as follows

St George's West	For 58	Against 0
St Andrew's and St George's	For 73	Against 2

 Each congregation also instructed its representatives to test the mind of Presbytery on the question of tenure.
 6. The united congregation would continue to be a part of the ecumenical parish grouping.

PROPERTY

The Committee discussed the remit on climate change from the General Assembly. It was agreed that the Convener should write to congregations seeking information to enable their carbon footprints to be calculated, and seeking their commitment to achieve a year-on-year reduction of 5%. The Committee also agreed to arrange one or more events early in 2010 to provide information and guidance to congregations on how this might be achieved."

MINISTRIES

The Ministries Committee will meet on 17th November to formulate a response for Presbytery on the Future of Tenure. A copy of the Future of Tenure booklet issued by the Ministries Council was enclosed with the papers, anyone wishing to make comment about this please do so to the Ministries Committee through the Convener by 16 November.

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE

On the Report of the Congregational Finance Committee it will be moved that the Presbytery

1. Reduction in 3% Allocations for 2009

To assist Leith South in their extra costs with the 400th celebrations - £3,500.00

2. Ministry and Mission Contributions 2010

See Minute of 6/10/09

The Presbytery approve the congregational contributions as laid on the table at the October meeting, with the following amendments:

Barclay Viewforth	£ 99,970
Blackhall St Columba	£ 97,816
Broughton St Mary's	£ 39,865
Craiglockhart	£ 84,482
Crammond	£141,342
Drylaw	£ 5,667
Greenbank	£130,666
Leith St. Andrews	£ 59,053
Mayfield Salisbury	£131,121
Priestfield	£ 42,544
Richmond Craigmillar	£ 3,826
St Martin's	£ 2,150
Slateford Longstone	£ 23,095

3. Method of Payment

The Presbytery once again remind all congregations wishing to make payments to their Ministries and Mission contributions by means other than Standing Order that they must apply to the Convener of the Congregational Finance Committee through the Presbytery Clerk no later than 30 November 2009, and that such dispensation being for one year only.

Social and Community Interests

On the Report of the Social and Community Interests Committee it will be moved that the Presbytery

1. "Scotland's Choice", the Report of the Scottish Prison Commission.

The report in full can be found at:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/06/30/162955/0> and copies of the Church & Society Council's

Discussion Starter are available from 121 George St, or can be downloaded from:

<http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/councils/churchsociety/downloads/csprisonscommission.pdf>

In response to the Remit (51) from the General Assembly, commend to Presbyters and Kirk Sessions the Discussion Starter on "Scotland's Choice" produced by the Church and Society Council and invites responses to be made to the Social and Community Interests Committee (Convener: Bill Taylor, revwrt@hotmail.com) by the end of January 2010.

2: Prisoners' Week, 15-22 November

Commends the Prisoners' Week Theme 'Dreams for our Children' and resources - worship notes, reflections, information, available at www.prisonersweekscotland.co.uk - to congregations and welcomes the opportunity to remember and pray for prisoners, and their families, the victims of crime and those who work in the criminal justice system.

REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. Freely Elected Elder

The Clerk will move that Mr David Allan, St Margaret's, be elected to serve as a Freely Elected Elder.

2. Rev Gayle Taylor

The Clerk will Intimate that an Extract Minute has been received from the Presbytery of Greenock and Paisley agreeing to the release of the Rev Gayle Taylor from her charge at Bishopton to take up the post of Associate Minister at Colinton Parish Church on 5 November 2009.

3. Viewforth Church

The Clerk will Intimate that a formal Determination passed by the General Trustees has been received authorising the sale of the former Viewforth Church and Hall premises.

4. Richmond Craigmillar

The Clerk will intimate that at a meeting on 6 October the Fabric Committee of the General Trustees had made available to Richmond Craigmillar a grant of £ 943 towards a survey on the roof of the church.

NOTICES

The Canteen will be open on 3 November from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

Committee Meetings in November

03	Tuesday	6.00	Ministries
10	Tuesday	7.30	Mission & Discipleship
11	Wednesday	7.30	Social & Comm. Interests
12	Thursday	7.30	Congregational Finance
16	Monday	6.45	Business
17	Tuesday	6.30	Property
17	Tuesday	7.00	Ministries
17	Tuesday	7.30	Deployment of Resources
19	Thursday	7.00	Nominations
26	Thursday	6.45	Presbytery Finance

Please note amendments to Emails as follows :

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Rev Andrew Patterson

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The Church of Scotland retired Ministers Association Meetings are held in St Andrew's and St George's Church at 2.45pm. Tea (£1) is served at 3.45pm.

December 7 : "Meet Danny" Very Rev Dr Andrew McLellan

Palmerston Place Church – Part Time Secretary

We have an immediate vacancy for a part time Church Secretary and seek to appoint someone on a temporary basis from November 2009 until the end of June 2010. The working hours are 16 per week, normally worked Tuesday – Friday mornings. There is an entitlement to 15 days paid holiday. Salary will be £8.25 per hour.

Familiarity with the Internet, email distribution lists and the use of pdf files would be useful along with the ability to upload files to our website. An interest/ability in graphic design would be welcomed.

The position is based in the Church Office at 10 Palmerston Place Edinburgh EH12 5AA. Please submit a CV including the names and contact details of two referees (only to be contacted should we offer you the job) and a letter of application explaining your interest in and suitability for the position by Friday 6th November 2009. This should be addressed to: The Rev Colin A M Sinclair, 30B Cluny Gardens, Edinburgh EH10 6BJ Or email to: Colins.ppc@virgin.net

The Trellis Trust

The Trellis Trust is currently inviting referrals for Counselling. The Trust is a professionally qualified group of people who offer short term support (six sessions) to people for personal growth during times of bereavement, stress, anxiety, depression and relationship difficulties. There is no set fee, people are asked to donate what they can. More information can be obtained from the website www.trellistrust.org.uk or contact elainefyfe@blueyonder.co.uk or phone 07954407985.

The Trellis Trust is a registered Scottish Charity No. SCO37744.

Edinburgh Trams Project – Utility Diversions

The utility diversion works between Haymarket Terrace and Manor Place are affecting traffic and parking in the Haymarket area, with a number of diversions, one way traffic systems and parking restrictions in place.

If attending a meeting at Annan House, please allow extra time for your journey.

Palmerston Place is still closed to traffic at its junction with West Maitland Street.

There will be two lists available, one for Ministers and the other for Elders, Deacons and Corresponding Members.

Names are listed alphabetically.

Minister, elders and deacons are asked to tick their names to indicate that they have been present.

Although Corresponding Members are not eligible for election as Commissioners to the General Assembly, they are nonetheless invited to register their attendance.