

**The Church of Scotland****The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy****Kirkcaldy****4 February 2014**

**The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy met and was constituted in prayer by the Moderator, Mrs Myra Deas, for the transaction of ordinary business.**

**Sederunt**

23 Ministers, 1 Deacon, 35 Elders and 9 Corresponding Members as per the attendance sheet.

**Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from 5 Ministers, and 5 other Presbyters as recorded and intimated.

**Roll of Presbytery**

The Moderator introduced and welcomed to Presbytery the Rev. Maudeen MacDougall, Dysart St. Clair, and looked forward to her contribution in the service and fellowship of Presbytery.

Miss MacDougall thanked the Moderator for her welcome and thanked Presbytery and all those concerned for their support on the occasion of her Induction at Dysart St. Clair on 23 January 2014.

The Clerk read a letter of thanks from Professor David Ferguson, Principal of New College, for the donation to the John McIntyre Scholarship Fund taken as a retiring offering following the Service of Induction.

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 3 December 2013 (pages 2537 - 2542) and 23 January 2014 (pages 2543 - 2544) were approved and signed.

**Approval of the Agenda**

The Business Committee Convener, the Rev Gilbert Nisbet, moved adoption of the Agenda as printed. This was agreed.

**Scottish Bible Society**

The Moderator welcomed Mr Peter Chirnside, Church Partnership Manager of the Scottish Bible Society and invited him to address Presbytery.

Mr. Chirnside explained the work of the Society carried out internationally through well established networks and projects.

The Mission of the Society is to spread the Word of God at an affordable cost and in a language and format that will be understood.

Following a period of question and answers, the Moderator thanked Mr. Chirnside for his address and, on behalf of Presbytery, wished him and his organisation well in the future, and also thanked him for the publicity material left with each congregation.

**Business Committee**

The Moderator called for the report of the Business Committee which was given by the Convener, Rev. Gilbert Nisbet.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

**1. General Assembly 2014**

Presbytery notes that invitations to attend this year's General Assembly have been sent to the relevant ministers and Kirk Sessions.

## **2. Congregational Statistics**

Presbytery thanks congregations for their timeous submission of Congregational Statistics. Presbytery notes the same and thanks George Luke for their collation.

## **3. Log Books**

Presbytery instructs ministers to present their Log Books for Inspection by the Clerks at the April meeting of Presbytery.

## **4. Annual Inspection of Records**

Presbytery agrees to advise congregations that the annual inspection of records will take place in Kirkcaldy: St. Bryce Kirk Centre on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April from 9.30 am onwards.

## **Intimations**

Relevant intimations were made to Presbytery.

## **Ministries Committee**

There was no report, nor any deliverance, from this Committee.

## **Mission and Discipleship Committee**

The Moderator called for the report of the Mission and Discipleship Committee which was given by the Convener, Rev. Robin McAlpine. There was no deliverance.

Included in the report of the Mission and Discipleship Committee was a progress report from the Rev. Gillian Paterson concerning our 'Celebrate & Discover' event to be held at Kirkcaldy High School on Saturday 22 March 2014.

Congregations continue to be encouraged to engage fully with this important demonstration of our Christian Witness.

## **Vacancy Procedure Committee**

The Moderator called for the report of the Vacancy Procedure Committee which was given by the Convener, Mrs Jacqueline Thomson.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

### **1. Markinch**

Presbytery notes the appointment from 20 January 2014 of Rev Alastair McLeod to serve as Locum at Markinch Parish Church.

### **2. Leslie:Trinity**

Presbytery appoints Rev David Adams to serve as Interim Moderator at Leslie: Trinity Church from 4 February 2014.

## **Church and Society Committee**

The Moderator called for the report of the Church and Society Committee which was given by the Convener, Rev Marc Prowe.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

### **1. Jubilee Scotland - Debt justice pledge**

(i) Presbytery encourages individual Presbyters and congregations to sign the debt justice pledge, brought by "Jubilee Scotland". [www.jubileescotland.org.uk/sign-debt-justice-pledge](http://www.jubileescotland.org.uk/sign-debt-justice-pledge)

(ii) Presbytery wholeheartedly supports Jubilee Scotland's efforts to encourage people across Scotland to sign its Debt Justice Pledge.

(iii) Presbytery commends Jubilee Scotland for its continuing work of the Jubilee 2000 coalition in Scotland, calling for the cancellation of unjust and unpayable global debt; doing so as a broad movement of campaigners, faith groups and civil society organizations.

### **2. Crossreach**

(i) Presbytery commends Crossreach for its wide-ranging work on behalf of the Church of Scotland. [www.crossreach.org.uk](http://www.crossreach.org.uk)

(ii) Presbytery notes Crossreach provides Adult Care, including Counselling and Support, Criminal Justice, Homelessness, Learning Disabilities, Mental Health and Substance Misuse.

(iii) Presbytery notes Crossreach provides Services to Older People, including residential care, dementia care, day care, respite care, community based care and support and care through creative arts – most prominently the “Heart for Art” project.

(iv) Presbytery notes Crossreach provides to children, young people and families; perinatal depression services and generic counselling services, including family therapy, relationship counselling and school based clinics.

(v) Presbytery commends Crossreach for its forward thinking, tackling not only existing and emerging areas of need, but also pioneering new approaches for early intervention and support.

(vi) Presbytery is encouraged to pray for Crossreach’s 2,000 staff in more than 70 individual services.

(vii) Presbytery encourages Presbyters and Congregations to recognise Crossreach as our own care provider for adults, children and older people services and where possible become more involved.

### **Fabric and Finance Committee**

The Moderator called for the report of the Fabric and Finance Committee which was given by the Convener, Mr Brian Lumsden.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

#### **1. Fabric Matters**

Presbytery notes that the Fabric and Finance Committee has approved under delegated authority the following items:

##### **(i) Buckhaven and Wemyss**

Fabric and Finance Committee approves the release of £2,000-00 (including VAT) from the monies held by the General Trustees in the capital account of the Consolidated Fabric Fund to meet the cost of maintenance works to the pitched roof of the Buckhaven Theatre.

##### **(ii) Wellesley**

Fabric and Finance Committee supports a grant application to the General Trustees in the sum of £10,000 towards the cost of design fees in connection with the Hall Project.

#### **2. Markinch**

(i) Presbytery supports an application by Markinch Church to the General Trustees for approval to let the Manse during the current vacancy.

(ii) Presbytery recognises Markinch Manse to be a necessary building.

### **Correspondence**

#### **Forwarded**

- 4 Dec Info re GA Youth Reps
- 4 Dec E-mail from Janette Wilson re Water Exemption Scheme Consultation
- 6 Dec E-mail from Lesley Cameron re C of S Learning Disabilities Working Group
- 6 Dec Mission and Discipleship Council E-news
- 11 Dec Info re recruitment of staff based at 121
- 11 Dec Letter from John Chalmers, Sally Foster-Fulton and Andrew McLellan re The Inheritance of Abraham
- 12 Dec Intimation from Workplace Chaplaincy, Scotland
- 18 Dec Info re Taize event for School Chaplains on 17 March
- 18 Dec Winter newsletter from Workplace Chaplaincy
- 23 Dec Info re new Workplace Chaplaincy post
- 30 Dec Info from Janette Wilson re PAYE Real Time Reporting
- 3 Jan Invitation from SAPCC to Margaret Allan Lecture ‘Persons in Relation’
- 6 Jan Go For It! January e-news

- 6 Jan Info re Elders' Training events from Rutherford House
- 8 Jan Free learning opportunities from Go For It!
- 10 Jan Info re Sailors' Society Woolly Hat Week
- 13 Jan Letter for Session Clerks from Workplace Chaplaincy
- 16 Jan Appointment of new Education Committee rep on Fife Council
- 21 Jan Church and Society Council e-news
- 24 Jan Church and Society Council Education e-news

**Clerk / Business Committee**

- 13 Dec Extract minute from Dundee Presbytery approving translation of Rev M MacDougall
- 18 Dec Reminder from Martin Scott re Annual Inspection of Log Books
- 20 Dec New Starts Form plus information from Martin Scott
- 14 Jan Invite to Presbytery Clerks to attend meeting with Ministries re pastoral support systems
- 16 Jan Calculation of Commissioners for 2014 General Assembly

**Church and Society**

- 20 Dec SCPO Newsletter
- 27 Jan Request from Murdo Macdonald, SRT, to speak at Presbytery.
- 27 Jan Crossreach e-news in Gaelic

**Fabric and Finance**

- 4 Dec Copy of letter from General Trustees to Bennochty approving release of funds
- 14 Jan Series of communications from Kinghorn re 2013 M and M reductions
- 15 Jan Info re General Trustees visit to Wellesley and need for Presbytery rep
- 15 Jan Copy of letter from General Trustees to Bennochty approving release of funds
- 20 Jan Dates for GT visit to Wellesley
- 22 Jan E-mail from Robert Balfour re letting of Markinch manse
- 23 Jan Info from General Treasurer's Department re funds held on behalf of congregations by General Trustees

**Ministries**

- 19 Dec Info re next Ministries Conference
- 24 Jan PPTG draft minute

**Mission and Discipleship**

- 4 Dec E-mail from Colin Sinclair acknowledging extract minute re Praying Across Scotland
- 18 Dec Invitation to Convener of Mission and Discipleship Committee to consultation event

**Adjournment**

Presbytery adjourned to meet at 7.00pm on Tuesday 1 April 2014 in St Bryce Kirk Centre, Kirkcaldy, for the transaction of ordinary business.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer and led Presbyters in the saying of the Grace.

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Moderator

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Clerk