

The Church of Scotland
The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy

Kirkcaldy

6 March 2012

The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy met and was constituted in prayer by the Moderator, Rev Wilma Cairns, for the transaction of ordinary business

Sederunt:-

21 Ministers, 39 Elders and 7 Corresponding Members as per the attendance sheets.

Apologies:-

Apologies for absence were received from 9 Ministers and 8 other Presbyters as recorded.

The Moderator welcomed representatives from the congregations of Dysart and Innerleven: East who had been cited for their interest.

The Moderator also welcomed the congregational Safeguarding Co-ordinators who were to be presented with their Safeguarding certificates following the successful completion of their training course.

Minute of Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2012 were approved and signed.

Agenda

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

Retirement of Rev Jamie Templeton and Rev Tilly Wilson

The demission of the Rev. James Templeton from Innerleven: East on 18th March 2012 having been agreed by Presbytery on 4th October 2011, and the demission of the Rev. Tilly Wilson from Dysart Kirk on 30th April 2012 having been agreed by Presbytery on 6th December 2011, the Moderator invited representatives of the congregations to speak to Presbytery.

Mr. Alexander McKenzie, Session Clerk, represented Innerleven: East congregation. Mr. Raymond Domin, Session Clerk, represented Dysart congregation.

Both Session Clerks paid tribute to their ministers and expressed their grateful appreciation on behalf of their congregations for their service to the Church, their congregations, parishes and communities, and wished both ministers well in their retirement.

Both ministers responded appropriately.

The Moderator, on behalf of Presbytery, added her thanks to the work both ministers had willingly undertaken during their time in Presbytery.

The Moderator concluded with a prayer of thanks for the devoted service of both ministers and for the impending vacancies as both congregations undertake an important and evolving period in their Christian witness.

Vacancy Procedure Committee

At the appropriate point in proceedings the Moderator called for the report of the Vacancy Procedure Committee which was given by the Vice-convener, Rev. Ken Froude.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

1. Interim Moderator – Innerleven East

Presbytery appoints Rev Ken Froude as Interim Moderator for Innerleven East following the demission of Rev James Templeton on 18 March 2012.

2. Interim Moderator – Dysart Kirk

Presbytery appoints Mrs May Russell, supported by Rev Alex Forsyth, as Interim Moderator for Dysart Kirk following the demission of Rev Tilly Wilson on 30 April 2012.

Congregational Safeguarding Co-ordinators – Presentation of Safeguarding Certificates

The Moderator called on Mr Ian Biernat, Vice-convener, Mission & Discipleship Committee, to address Presbytery.

The Vice-convener spoke of the vital work and dedication of those who undertake the work of Safeguarding Co-ordinators thus ensuring a safe church environment for all with whom we come in contact.

It was emphasised that in addition to the presentation of certificates by Presbytery, recipients should also be called forward during an appropriate service in their respective churches, and reference to the essential duties and responsibilities undertaken by Safeguarding Co-ordinators publicised and stressed. Ministers were requested to arrange accordingly.

The Moderator congratulated and thanked those who had successfully completed their course and presented certificates in person to :-

Robert Dingwall, Buckhaven & Wemyss
Carol Lambert, Auchtertool l.w. Kirkcaldy: Linktown
Kathryn MacLean, Burntisland
Gordon Mitchell, Kinglassie.

The appropriate Ministers were requested to make presentation arrangements in respect of the following who had tendered their apologies :-

Andrew Leggate, Kirkcaldy: Torbain
Dianne Waddell, Kirkcaldy: Bennoch
Mairwen Wardlaw, Methilhill & Denbeath.

Report of the 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. Commissioners to the General Assembly

Presbytery appoints Revs Ben Pieterse, Allistair Roy, Robin McAlpine, Gillian Paterson, Alan Sharp, Richard Baxter and Ken Froude, Mrs Jacqueline Thomson DCS, Mrs Christine Whitelaw, Mrs Elizabeth Scott, and Messrs Thomas Fowler, Alfred Patey, Ken Cameron,

George Grant and Alex Redpath, as its Commissioners to the General Assembly of 2012.

2. Inspection of Congregational Accounts

(a) Presbytery appoints a committee for the inspection and attestation of the Accounts of all congregations within the bounds for 2011 with the following membership: Richard Baxter (convener), Olive Gardner, Sam Dryburgh, Bert Simpson, and Steve Pimentil;

(b) Presbytery further instructs the committee to examine all congregational accounts, ensure that any major errors are corrected, and to report to Presbytery at its September meeting.

3. Fellowship Meal

Presbytery supports the proposal to hold a fellowship meal prior to its June meeting.

4. Inspection of Presbytery Minute Book

Presbytery notes that the Presbytery Minute Book has been inspected and was found to be in order.

Intimations

Relevant intimations were made to Presbytery.

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. There were no deliverances.

Fabric and Finance Committee

The Moderator called for the report of the Fabric and Finance Committee which was given by the Joint Convener, Mr Craig Caskie. There were no deliverances.

It was reported that the new Property register is now available for downloading from the General Trustees' section of Church of Scotland web site.

In view of the short timescale now available to Congregational Fabric Conveners to familiarise themselves with the new register, the Fabric and Finance Committee asks that the existing register be used for the year to 31st December 2011.

This however does not preclude the use of the new register if so desired.

Please be aware that the new register will not be issued in print form by the General Trustees but must be downloaded.

Ministries Committee

The Moderator called for the report of the Ministries Committee which was given by the Convener, Rev John McLean.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

1. Presbytery Interchange

Presbytery thanks everyone involved for their co-operation in the annual pulpit interchange.

2. Sessional Hospital Chaplains

Presbytery thanks and commends Revs Elisabeth Cranfield, Ian Gordon, Jamie Templeton and their predecessors, for the valued work they have done serving as part-time hospital chaplains

The Moderator led Presbytery in a prayer of thanks for all the pastoral work carried out in the past by our part-time hospital chaplains.

Mission and Discipleship Committee

The Moderator called for the report of the Mission and Discipleship Committee which was given by the Vice-Convener, Mr. Ian Biernat.

It was moved, seconded and agreed:

1. Presbytery Youth Representative

Presbytery appoints Ruth Reidpath from Glenrothes: St Margaret's as its Youth Representative to the 2012 General Assembly.

Also included was a progress report by the Rev. Gillian Paterson in connection with the Presbytery 'Celebrate & Discover' event to be held in Kirkcaldy High School on Saturday 24th March 2012 between 10.00 and 17.00 hrs.

Concern was expressed that finalised arrangements in respect of some congregations was still awaited and it was requested that this matter be dealt with as a matter of urgency. Additionally this event should be widely publicised within congregations to ensure maximum support on the day.

Correspondence

Forwarded

- 10 Feb Mission and Discipleship Council E-news
- 20 Feb Info re SAPCC Margaret Allan Lecture (Bereavement in a Healthcare Setting)
- 20 Feb E-mail from Janette Wilson re Health and Safety, Charity Law and Pensions
- 20 Feb Church and Society news.
- 20 Feb E-mail from Jock Stein re resources
- 22 Feb Info from Peter Neilson re Celtic Retreat at Linne Bheag
- 22 Feb 'Why Believe?' conference information and leaflets
- 23 Feb Info re new resource 'Preachers Perspectives'
- 24 Feb Info from Marc Prowe re Lentfest
- 24 Feb Reminder about The Moderator's Medal
- 24 Feb Information from the Principal Clerk about Attendance, Voting and Expenses for Commissioners to the General Assembly
- 27 Feb National Stewardship Programme Feedback Forms (forwarded to Session Clerks)

Clerk/Business Committee

- 20 Feb E-mail from Robin McAlpine re the remit /place of Superintendence Committee.
- 23 Feb Letter from Martin Scott re necessity of annual inspection of Log Books
- 24 Feb Trial copy of PIMS2

Church and Society

- 20 Feb E-mail from Edinburgh and District Churches Council on Local Broadcasting re their future
- 23 Feb Letter advising that Rev Andrew Philip will continue as the Church's Local Authority Rep after the local elections in May

Fabric and Finance

- 20 Feb Letter from General Trustees re possible reallocation of endowments at Kirkcaldy: St Bryce.

Ministries

- 20 Feb Info from Principal Clerk re transfer of Readers to OLM

Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 1 May 2012 within Kirkcaldy: St Bryce Kirk at 19.00 hrs for the transaction of ordinary business.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

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