

# Presbytery of Kirkcaldy - Strategy and Resourcing Committee

## Levenmouth Area Feedback - 9th April 2019

### Introduction

Sept 2018 - "Big Meeting" – Input from all congregations

Nov 2018 – Area meetings – More detailed listening

April/May 2019 – Area feedback

Next steps - Draw up presbytery plan for discussion by Kirk Sessions and approval by Presbytery, then start to implement plan area by area

### Primary Planning Principle - Mission –

Participation in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Rooted in and focused on mission.

*'As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.'* (John 20:21)

**Secondary Planning Principles** – Communities, Ecumenism, The poor, Whole people of God, Congregations, Mixed economy, Financial responsibility, Buildings

### Levenmouth Area – Currently

- Buckhaven & Wemyss - One Minister (in vacancy), One Deacon
- Leven – One Minister (retiring 2019)
- Methilhill & Denbeath – One Minister, (One Reader)\*
- St. Kenneth's – One Minister, One MDS
- Wellesley – One Minister. 0.5 MDS (post is on loan from Glenrothes)

Seven places of worship with associated halls, Buckhaven Theatre, five manses

*\* Readers are not included in the presbytery plan because this is an unpaid role*

*MDS = Mission Development Staff*

### Proposal – Overview

Based on other models being developed in other places and on the proposals from the national Radical Plan, move (over the life of the plan) to -

Two parishes, One North and one South of the River Leven with increased sharing of resources.

- Build on existing work in the congregations
- Emphasis on outreach, families, youth, new housing areas
- No immediate change to places of worship. Providing worship and outreach in each community is important.
- Future changes to buildings as opportunities develop.

### **Proposal – Ministries (North)**

A team ministry comprising –

- One Parish Minister
- One Pioneer minister (with special focus on mission to housing developments between Leven and Windygates )
- One MDS post

Sharing with South area as appropriate in areas like outreach, youth/families, funerals

Further development of trained elders or lay workers to take funerals and Congregational members trained in leading worship

### **Proposal – Ministries (South)**

A team ministry comprising –

- Two Parish Ministers, eventually One Parish Minister
- One Deacon/MDS with focus on pastoral work
- One MDS post with focus on Schools/Young people

Sharing with South area as appropriate in areas like outreach, youth/families, funerals

Further development of trained elders or lay workers to take funerals and Congregational members trained in leading worship

### **Proposal – General**

Consider best locations and times for worship

Consider requirements transport to worship

Develop sharing across the area, for example:

- Mission and Outreach opportunities
- Specialised Pastoral Care (e.g. Dementia, Families)
- People working to their strengths and experience
- Different types and times for worship
- Linked youth and children's activities
- Worship teams, Funeral cover
- .....and in other ways

### **Governance**

Seek ways to improve governance and reduce the effort required by sharing in areas like Safeguarding, GDPR, Health & Safety, OSCR reporting, getting quotes for fabric projects, Websites, Facebook etc.