



# The Church of Scotland

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## Presbytery of Lanark

**The Presbytery will meet in online using Zoom on Tuesday 1 September 2020 at 7pm for the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion and the following and other competent business.**

To join the meeting click on the following link

*Rev Bryan Kerr, Presbytery Clerk*

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### **Order of Business – 1 September 2020**

1. Sacrament of Holy Communion
2. Constitution
3. Installation of Moderator of Presbytery 2020-2021
4. Approval of the Order of Business
5. Decisions under Delegated Powers
6. Roll of Presbytery (Appendix 1)
7. Correspondence
8. Good News Stories
9. Report of decisions to be made
10. Local Church Review
11. Intimations
12. Adjournment:

The Presbytery adjourns to meet for Ordinary Business on Tuesday 6 October 2020 at 7pm in Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark (or online should that be the official advice).

### **Decisions under delegated powers**

The following decisions have been taken under Delegated Powers.

#### **23 June 2020 - Covid-19 Support**

Presbytery:

- I. agree, in respect of Covid-19 reopening of church buildings,
  - a. to purchase 660 indoor and 330 outdoor 'Welcome please wait here' and 440 directional arrow 200mm vinyl floor stickers to encourage physical distancing and one-way systems with a pack of the same to be given to each congregation when permission to reopen a building is granted by Presbytery

- b. to accept the quote of £1,972.79 from Fantasy Prints Ltd following being the lowest of the quotes available and providing the best quality safety product, and being the company being used by Edinburgh Presbytery for a similar purchase
- c. to make use of the Variance Allowance to a sum of £1,972.79 to cover the cost of the product to allow church buildings to reopen safely and continue to serve their communities
- d. instruct the clerk to issue an extract minute to the Stewardship and Finance Department seeking a transfer of monies from the Variance Allowance.

## **25-26 June 2020 – Reopening of Church Building(s) – Lanark Greyfriars**

Presbytery:

- I. in respect of the reopening of Lanark: Greyfriars
  - a. note the receipt of an approved Covid-19 Reopening of Church Buildings Checklist, an approved Church Buildings Covid-19 Risk Assessment and an extract minute from the Kirk Session expressing the desire to reopen the church building
  - b. note that the minister of the congregation, Rev Bryan Kerr had confirmed his agreement to the desire of the Kirk Session to reopen
  - c. agree that the congregation have suitable measures in place to allow a safe reopening and management of building(s)
  - d. grant permission for the buildings of Lanark: Greyfriars to reopen in line with ecclesiastical and civil regulations from 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020
  - e. remind the Kirk Session that any breach on procedures or what is allowable activity within Church building(s) at each stage of the Phased approach may result in closure of buildings in the congregation until issues can be resolved.

## **26 June 2020 - Reopening of Church Building(s) – Lanark St Nicholas**

Presbytery:

- I. in respect of the reopening of Lanark: St. Nicholas
  - a. note the receipt of an approved Covid-19 Reopening of Church Buildings Checklist, an approved Church Buildings Covid-19 Risk Assessment and an extract minute from the Kirk Session expressing the desire to reopen the church building
  - b. note that the minister of the congregation, Rev Louise MacKay had confirmed her agreement to the desire of the Kirk Session to reopen
  - c. agree that the congregation have suitable measures in place to allow a safe reopening and management of building(s)
  - d. grant permission for the buildings of Lanark: St. Nicholas to reopen in line with ecclesiastical and civil regulations from 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020
  - e. remind the Kirk Session that any breach on procedures or what is allowable activity within Church building(s) at each stage of the Phased approach may result in closure of buildings in the congregation until issues can be resolved.

## **1 July 2020 - Reopening of Church Building(s) – Carluke: Kirkton**

Presbytery:

- I. in respect of the reopening of Carluke: Kirkton
  - a. note the receipt of an approved Covid-19 Reopening of Church Buildings Checklist, an approved Church Buildings Covid-19 Risk Assessment and an extract minute from the Kirk Session expressing the desire to reopen the church building
  - b. note that the minister of the congregation, Rev Iain Cunningham had confirmed his agreement to the desire of the Kirk Session to reopen
  - c. agree that the congregation have suitable measures in place to allow a safe reopening and management of the building(s)

- d. grant permission for the buildings of Carluke: Kirkton to reopen in line with ecclesiastical and civil regulations from 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020
- e. instruct the Kirk Session to submit further approved Risk Assessment for any activity beyond the scope of private prayer within the sanctuary
- f. remind the Kirk Session that once the sanctuary has been approved for opening the decision as to whether a funeral is held within the building lies solely with the parish minister
- g. remind the Kirk Session that any breach on procedures or what is allowable activity within Church building(s) at each stage of the Phased approach may result in closure of buildings in the congregation until issues can be resolved.

### **27 July 2020 - Reopening of Church Building(s) – Kirkfieldbank**

Presbytery:

- I. in respect of the reopening of Kirkfieldbank
  - a. note the receipt of an approved Covid-19 Reopening of Church Buildings Checklist, an approved Church Buildings Covid-19 Risk Assessment and an extract minute from the Kirk Session expressing the desire to reopen the church building
  - b. note that the minister of the congregation, Rev Steven Reid had confirmed his agreement to the desire of the Kirk Session to reopen
  - c. agree that the congregation have suitable measures in place to allow a safe reopening and management of building(s)
  - d. grant permission for the Church building of Kirkfieldbank to reopen in line with ecclesiastical and civil regulations from 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020
  - e. instruct the Kirk Session to submit further approved Risk Assessment for the reopening the church hall in due course
  - f. remind the Kirk Session that any breach on procedures or what is allowable activity within Church building(s) at each stage of the Phased approach may result in closure of buildings in the congregation until issues can be resolved.

### **27 July 2020 - Reopening of Church Building(s) – Crossford**

Presbytery:

- I. in respect of the reopening of Crossford
  - a. note the receipt of an approved Covid-19 Reopening of Church Buildings Checklist, an approved Church Buildings Covid-19 Risk Assessment and an extract minute from the Kirk Session expressing the desire to reopen the church building
  - b. note that the minister of the congregation, Rev Steven Reid had confirmed his agreement to the desire of the Kirk Session to reopen
  - c. agree that the congregation have suitable measures in place to allow a safe reopening and management of building(s)
  - d. grant permission for the buildings of Crossford to reopen in line with ecclesiastical and civil regulations from 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020
  - e. remind the Kirk Session that any breach on procedures or what is allowable activity within Church building(s) at each stage of the Phased approach may result in closure of buildings in the congregation until issues can be resolved.

### **30 July 2020 - Reopening of Church Building(s) – Biggar**

Presbytery:

- I. in respect of the reopening of Biggar
  - a. note the receipt of approved Covid-19 Reopening of Church Buildings Checklists for Biggar Church, St. Mary's Hall and Gillespie Centre, an approved Church Buildings Covid-19 Risk Assessment and an extract minute from the Kirk Session expressing the desire to reopen the church buildings
  - b. note that the minister of the congregation, Rev Mike Fucella had confirmed his agreement to the desire of the Kirk Session to reopen

- c. agree that the congregation have suitable measures in place to allow a safe reopening and management of building(s)
- d. grant permission for St. Mary's Hall to reopen in line with ecclesiastical and civil regulations from 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020
- e. grant permission for Gillespie Centre to reopen in line with ecclesiastical and civil regulations from 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020.
- f. grant permission for Biggar Church to reopen in line with ecclesiastical and civil regulations from 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020, but for insurance purposes, note that at this time Biggar Church shall remain closed due to refurbishment and not Covid-19.
- g. remind the Kirk Session that any breach on procedures or what is allowable activity within Church building(s) at each stage of the Phased approach may result in closure of buildings in the congregation until issues can be resolved.

### **1 August 2020 - 23 June 2020 - Covid-19 Support**

Presbytery:

- I. Agree to purchase a roller banner for each church displaying important messages for visitors and worshippers as they enter at a cost of £750 which shall be taken from the Ministry and Mission Variance Fund.

### **10 August 2020 - Reopening of Church Building(s) – Kirkmuirhill**

Presbytery:

- I. in respect of the reopening of Kirkmuirhill
  - a. note the receipt of an approved Covid-19 Reopening of Church Buildings Checklist, an approved Church Buildings Covid-19 Risk Assessment and an extract minute from the Kirk Session expressing the desire to reopen the church building, noting that the local food bank had been operating from the hall throughout the Covid-19 lockdown
  - b. note that the minister of the congregation, Rev Andrew Rooney had confirmed his agreement to the desire of the Kirk Session to reopen
  - c. agree that the congregation have suitable measures in place to allow a safe reopening and management of building(s)
  - d. remind the Kirk Session that any breach on procedures or what is allowable activity within Church building(s) at each stage of the Phased approach may result in closure of buildings in the congregation until issues can be resolved.

### **12 August 2020 - Reopening of Church Building(s) – Carluke: St. John's**

Presbytery:

- I. in respect of the reopening of Carluke: St. John's
  - a. note the receipt of an approved Covid-19 Reopening of Church Buildings Checklist, an approved Church Buildings Covid-19 Risk Assessment and an extract minute from the Kirk Session expressing the desire to reopen the church building
  - b. note that the minister of the congregation, Rev Dr Elijah Obinna had confirmed his agreement to the desire of the Kirk Session to reopen
  - c. agree that the congregation have suitable measures in place to allow a safe reopening and management of the building(s)
  - d. grant permission for the buildings of Carluke: St. John's to reopen in line with ecclesiastical and civil regulations from 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020
  - e. instruct the Kirk Session to submit further approved Risk Assessment for any activity beyond the scope of worship within the sanctuary
  - f. remind the Kirk Session that once the sanctuary has been approved for opening the decision as to whether a funeral is held within the building lies solely with the parish minister
  - g. remind the Kirk Session that any breach on procedures or what is allowable activity within Church building(s) at each stage of the Phased approach may result in closure of buildings in the congregation until issues can be resolved.

## **12 August 2020 - Reopening of Church Building(s) – Lanark: St. Nicholas**

Presbytery:

- I. in respect of the reopening of Lanark: St. Nicholas
  - a. note the receipt of an approved Covid-19 Reopening of Church Buildings Checklist, an approved Church Buildings Covid-19 Risk Assessment and an extract minute from the Kirk Session expressing the desire to reopen the church hall
  - b. note that the minister of the congregation, Rev Louise MacKay had confirmed her agreement to the desire of the Kirk Session to reopen
  - c. agree that the congregation have suitable measures in place to allow a safe reopening and management of the building(s)
  - d. grant permission for the Church Hall of Lanark: St. Nicholas to reopen in line with ecclesiastical and civil regulations from 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020
  - e. remind the Kirk Session that any breach on procedures or what is allowable activity within Church building(s) at each stage of the Phased approach may result in closure of buildings in the congregation until issues can be resolved.

## **19 August 2020 – Presbytery Property Inspections**

Presbytery:

- I. Agree to suspend Presbytery Property Inspections scheduled for 2020 and carry all inspections forward into 2021

## **20-24 August 2020 - Reopening of Church Building(s) – Carlisle: Kirkton**

Presbytery:

- I. in respect of the reopening of Carlisle: Kirkton
  - a. note the receipt of an approved Covid-19 Reopening of Church Buildings Checklist, an approved Church Buildings Covid-19 Risk Assessment and an extract minute from the Kirk Session expressing the desire to extend the reopen the church building for worship
  - b. note that the minister of the congregation, Rev Iain Cunningham had confirmed his agreement to the desire of the Kirk Session to reopen for worship
  - c. agree that the congregation have suitable measures in place to allow a safe reopening and management of the building(s)
  - d. grant permission for the buildings of Carlisle: Kirkton to reopen in line with ecclesiastical and civil regulations from 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020
  - e. instruct the Kirk Session to submit further approved Risk Assessment for any activity beyond the scope of private prayer and worship within the sanctuary
  - f. remind the Kirk Session that any breach on procedures or what is allowable activity within Church building(s) at each stage of the Phased approach may result in closure of buildings in the congregation until issues can be resolved.

## **20-24 August 2020 - Reopening of Church Building(s) – Douglas Valley**

Presbytery:

- I. in respect of the reopening of Douglas Valley
  - a. note the receipt of an approved Covid-19 Reopening of Church Buildings Checklist, an approved Church Buildings Covid-19 Risk Assessment and an extract minute from the Kirk Session expressing the desire to reopen the church building
  - b. note that the interim moderator of the congregation, Mr Bill Love had confirmed his agreement to the desire of the Kirk Session to reopen
  - c. agree that the congregation have suitable measures in place to allow a safe reopening and management of building(s)
  - d. grant permission for the buildings of Douglas Valley to reopen in line with ecclesiastical and civil regulations from 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020

- e. remind the Kirk Session that any breach on procedures or what is allowable activity within Church building(s) at each stage of the Phased approach may result in closure of buildings in the congregation until issues can be resolved.

## **20-24 August 2020 - Reopening of Church Building(s) – Coalburn & Lesmahagow**

Presbytery:

- I. in respect of the reopening of Coalburn and Lesmahagow
  - a. note the receipt of an approved Covid-19 Reopening of Church Buildings Checklist, an approved Church Buildings Covid-19 Risk Assessment and an extract minute from the Kirk Session expressing the desire to reopen the church building
  - b. note that the interim moderator of the congregation, Mr Alan Grant had confirmed his agreement to the desire of the Kirk Session to reopen
  - c. agree that the congregation have suitable measures in place to allow a safe reopening and management of building(s) in both Coalburn and Lesmahagow
  - d. grant permission for the buildings of Coalburn and Lesmahagow to reopen in line with ecclesiastical and civil regulations from 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020
  - e. remind the Kirk Session that any breach on procedures or what is allowable activity within Church building(s) at each stage of the Phased approach may result in closure of buildings in the congregation until issues can be resolved.

## **Installation of Moderator of Presbytery 2020-2021**

### **Deliverance**

The Presbytery:

1. Approve the nomination of Mrs Anne Cochrane, Presbytery Elder from Carnwath as Moderator of Presbytery for session 2020-2021.
2. Thank Rev George Shand for his term of office as Moderator of Presbytery.

## **Report of decisions to be made**

### **Deliverance**

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the report.
2. Appoint Rev Paul Grant as Joint Depute Clerk of the Presbytery from 1 September 2020.
3. In respect of General Assembly (October 2020)
  - a. Homologate the actions of the Clerk to send names of commissioners as those appointed by Presbytery for the cancelled May 2020 General Assembly
  - b. Note that David Hall (Kirkmuirhill) will replace Allan McDade (Kirkmuirhill)
  - c. Encourage ministers to apply for a commission as a replacement for Rev Andrew Rooney (Kirkmuirhill) who is unable to attend.
  - d. Appoint Rev Bryan Kerr and David Hall as members of the Commission of the General Assembly should it be required to meet.
4. In respect of Ministry & Mission Discretionary Allowance:
  - a. Approve a grant of £2,900 to Biggar for provision of equipment to allow the streaming of services.
  - b. Approve a grant of £2,750 to Forth: St. Paul's for provision of equipment to allow the streaming of services.
  - c. Acknowledge the application from Carlisle: St. Andrews which will not be funded at this time due to the Covid restrictions on activities.
  - d. Approve a grant to each congregation in Presbytery to enable them to reengage with congregation and community following the Covid-19 lockdown and to stimulate worship, activity and mission in line with the amounts in Appendix 2.

5. In respect of congregational accounts:
  - a. Approve the revised process for attesting congregational accounts for year ended 31 December 2019, note that all submitted were found to be in order, and instruct the Clerk to write to treasurers instructing submission to OSCR to take place prior to 30 September 2020.
  - b. Declare that due to the Covid-19 restrictions any congregation that has been unable to hold a Stated Annual Meeting in line with Act 2 1994 (as amended), Act 3 1994 (as amended), and Regulation 2 2016 and have made all efforts to inform the congregation about the ongoing financial health of the congregation shall be deemed to have fulfilled the obligation to hold a Stated Annual Meeting in advance of submitting accounts to OSCR.
  - c. Instruct the Congregational Board and Kirk Session of Carstairs to submit approved and examined accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019 to the Clerk no later than 23 September 2020.
6. Note that the Clerk organised a Zoominar for Children's workers and youth leaders in the Church of Scotland on 25 August 2020 and 460 volunteers from across Scotland took part and were joined by Aileen Campbell MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government who paid tribute to the work the congregations had undertaken to support children and young people during the pandemic.
7. In respect of Presbytery Structure:
  - a. Until 31 December 2020, or an earlier date agreed by Presbytery, amend Standing Order 7 as follows:
    - i. Amend 7 (a) to read 'The following shall be the Standing Committees of the Presbytery: i. complaints, ii. Vacancy Procedure, iii. Moderators Committee
    - ii. Remove 7(g),
    - iii. Amend 7(h), to read 'All casual vacancies shall be filled by the Support Committee and shall'
    - iv. Remove 7(r) ii, iii, and iv
    - v. Insert 7(r, ii) to read 'Support Committee: The committee shall consist of the Moderator, Clerk, Depute Clerks and Convenor of the Presbytery Support Committee (as at 30 June 2020) and shall ensure the smooth running of Presbytery, present reports to Presbytery on matters requiring discussion and shall support congregations within the bounds. The Convenor shall be the Convenor of the Presbytery Support Committee (as at 30 June 2020)
 Delegated Powers:
    1. to dispose of all applications in respect of fabric and furnishings, unless in the opinion of the Committee the nature or cost of the work to be done, or considerations of forward planning, requires the judgement of Presbytery;
    2. to dispense with matters relating to the discernment and training for candidates for all ministries of the Church, other than in cases of difficulty, as allowed for in the relevant training Acts of the General Assembly;
    3. full powers to examine, and also attest, except where a Court may be held to be censurable in respect of any of its Records;
    4. to oversee Safeguarding Procedures within the Presbytery.
    5. to act in routine matters not the business of other Committees in accordance with the accepted practice and procedure of the Church and to advise the Moderator to call a meeting in the event of business arising which, in the opinion of the Committee, requires to be considered by the Presbytery and which cannot be held over until the next ordinary meeting
  - vi. Amend any references in Standing Orders to 'Presbytery Support Committee' to 'Support Committee'

In light of the current restrictions on meetings the report of decisions to be made has been compiled by those who were granted powers at the June meeting. The report is offered in the spirit that Presbytery can debate, discuss and amend in the usual manner, but in recognition that normal committees have been unable to meet.

**Joint Depute Presbytery Clerk**

As Rev George Shand completes his term of office as Moderator, it has been recognised that the Clerk has endured a significant amount of extra work over the period of the Covid pandemic in relation to the way in which presbytery is working to support the congregations and ministers within the bounds. With significant changes likely in Presbytery over the course of the next 18 months, it is recommended that Rev Paul Grant be appointed as joint Depute Presbytery Clerk to assist the Clerk and work with the Depute Clerk with the many issues that facing the Presbytery such as LCR, reorganisation and Covid restrictions.

### **General Assembly 2020**

The Clerk was instructed by the Principal Clerk to collate names for the General Assembly to be held on 2 and 3 October 2020. The Clerk issued a call to those nominated by Presbytery for the cancelled Assembly in May 2020. One alteration to elders was required as Allan McDade (Kirkmuirhill) could not attend, and Mr David Hall (Kirkmuirhill) has been nominated as a replacement commissioner. Rev Andrew Rooney is unable to attend and a replacement is sought for a ministerial commission.

### **Ministry & Mission Discretionary Allowance**

The closing date for applications fell on 14 August. On that date, three project applications were received. Biggar seek to install cameras in the sanctuary to allow for live streaming of services at a cost of £3,657. Forth: St. Paul's seek to install a simple streaming system which will allow for a camera input to be streamed directly through a piece of hardware that allows streaming to the internet as a cost of £3,481. Carluke: St. Andrews seek to provide minibuss transport for users of the Heart for Art and Mainly Men reminiscing services at a cost of £3,120. It is recommended that sums towards the projects at Biggar and Forth are approved for £2,900 and £2,750 respectively.

Due to the current Covid restrictions at the time of the Presbytery meeting it is unclear as to whether the transport scheme from Carluke: St. Andrews' will be able to go ahead and therefore we recommend not approving this proposal at this time but encouraging application again in 2021 when the situation is more clear.

Should the sums recommended be approved, the Discretionary Fund will have a remaining balance of £20,155 left from the 2019 carryover which must be used by 30<sup>th</sup> September otherwise it is lost. It is recommended to provide a grant to each congregation in Presbytery to enable them to reengage with congregation and community following the Covid-19 lockdown and to stimulate worship, activity and mission. It is recommended that these be awarded in the same proportion of 2020 gross contributions paid by congregations (appendix 2)

### **Childrens & Youth Work Zoominar**

The Clerk organised a Zoominar for Children's workers and youth leaders in the Church of Scotland on 25 August 2020. Over 460 volunteers from across Scotland took part and were joined by Aileen Campbell MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government who paid tribute to the work the congregations had undertaken to support children and young people during the pandemic. Thanks are expressed to all who participated.

### **Congregational Accounts for year ended 31 December 2019**

After consultation with the Depute Treasurer of the Church of Scotland for Congregational Finance, it is recommended that a revised, and simpler process for attesting the accounts be employed by Presbytery this year. All accounts, with the exception of Carstairs, have been submitted to the Clerk and have gone through a process of attestation. This was conducted by the Clerk in line with guidance offered by the Depute treasurer for Congregational Finance. All accounts were found to be in order. Presbytery are asked to approve the attestation and grant permission for congregations to submit the accounts to OSCR by 31 September 2020.

Presbytery are also invited to declare that congregations who were unable to hold a congregational meeting prior to lockdown have been deemed to have fulfilled relevant legislation but should seek to inform congregations of the continuing financial health of the congregation following the end of year figures and the Covid restrictions.

Presbytery are further invited to instruct the congregational Board and Kirk Session of Carstairs to lodge examined and approved accounts (by the congregational board and Kirk Session) no later than Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September to allow the process of submission to be completed on time.

### **Presbytery Decision Making during Covid restrictions**

**For this item of business the Clerk will move the suspension of Standing Order number 7 for the duration of the item.**

A member of Presbytery approached the Clerk asking if the Presbytery required committees in the coming session. The idea of the individual was that should larger decision be required then the use of breakout rooms could be employed to allow members to discuss the issues and then bring forward proposals. There is no doubt that having



one meeting where this could be realised would be helpful in terms of the use of technology and time during the easing of lockdown. At present there is no indication of when Presbytery, or Kirk Sessions, will be able to meet in person.

The Presbytery are invited to try out this model during the meeting when it comes to discussing Local Church Reviews. A paper has been produced for discussion with no particular decisions indicated. It is for Presbytery to discuss and debate and come to a mind.

With such a process it would be possible to present to Presbytery any decisions that are regular or routine and allow free discussion on some of the larger, more challenging issues such as Presbytery reform. However, in order to do this, there needs to be some latitude given to a group to bring forward a report to Presbytery each month, and to ensure the delegated powers committees currently hold are able to be used so as not to slow down the work of Presbytery.

Over the Covid lockdown, powers have been granted to the Clerk, Depute Clerk, Presbytery Support Convener and Moderator as has been the custom for many years. Should Presbytery consider this proposal as a valid way forward, it would be recommended that the delegated powers currently granted to the Presbytery Support Committee (to deal with non-contentious property issues, student issues around training for ministry, safeguarding, records and routine matters not handled by other committees) be granted to the Office Bearers of Presbytery as named above to form the 'Support Committee'. This would allow, for example, a congregation with a leaking roof to have a repair approved, or an urgent concern of Faith Nurture in relation to a candidate to be resolved without the need to call a Presbytery meeting. As is currently the case, any decisions made under delegated powers are always intimated to Presbytery at the first available opportunity.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Complaints Committee and the relevant Vacancy Procedure Committees would still meet if required.

It is hoped this may be seen as a helpful way forward, to allow Presbytery to deal with, and discuss larger matters of concern for our Presbytery, congregations and parishes, whilst allowing the administration of Presbytery to continue to operate smoothly. These changes would be in place until 31 December 2020 or such an earlier date as Presbytery agreed, with the possibility of extension should the Covid restrictions still be in place.

Presbytery are invited to approve this way forward. In order to do this the Clerk will present a motion to suspend Standing Order 7 and make temporary amendments. If this is not approved, then the Clerk will seek powers to revise the committee membership lists accordingly, in advance of the next committee evening in September.

## **Local Church Review**

### **Report for discussion and subsequent decision**

When we went into Lockdown earlier this year, all congregational meetings and consultations had been concluded for Local Church Review 2019-2020, and what remained was the completion of three Final Reports from Catch the Light to be agreed by congregations and then presented to presbytery, The reports were for the following congregations:

CROSSFORD PARISH CHURCH I/w KIRKFIELD BANK PARISH CHURCH

LANARK: ST NICHOLAS PARISH CHURCH

KIRKMUIRHILL PARISH CHURCH

Catch the Light have agreed that they will now quickly bring these reports to completion.

But, of course, much has happened since work was done with the congregations.

We have therefore agreed to include one additional online meeting between Catch the Light and representatives of each congregation/ linkage which would be a positive opportunity for some forward looking discussion. As we come out of many of the constraints of complete lockdown the discussion could explore issues such as 'what are our new strengths', 'what are the weaknesses we perceive', 'the support we would appreciate', and any 'new ideas about where to go next'.

We anticipate these meetings will happen soon.

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After proposing this idea of an additional online meeting with the above congregations, the Presbytery Support Committee wondered if this is something that we could offer more widely if other churches would find it of value.

It would be a structured and facilitated one-off opportunity for Kirk Sessions and others to come together and look forward. It would be modelled along the lines of the above discussions, but there would be opportunities for specific discussion items if required.

We are interested to hear the response of Presbytery to this suggestion.

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Under normal circumstances we would now be working with the following 2020-2021 congregations:

DOUGLAS VALLEY PARISH CHURCH  
COALBURN & LESMAHAGOW PARISH CHURCH  
BIGGAR PARISH CHURCH L/W BLACKMOUNT PARISH CHURCH

And then for 2021-2022 we would be completing the full cycle of Local Church Review with the following congregations:

CARLUKE: ST. JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH in deferred union with CARLUKE: ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH  
LANARK: GREYFRIARS PARISH CHURCH  
LAW PARISH CHURCH

We could just push the process back one year, however there are a few important contextual issues:

1. The work with Catch the Light is funded under the Variance Fund of our Ministry and Mission payments. It is very likely that the Variance Fund will no longer be available after the end of 2021.
2. It is possible that by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 we could be part of a larger Presbytery
3. We cannot meet in person in conference, and we have no way of knowing when, or if, such a thing will be possible at any time in 2021. Therefore we will be more reliant on online connections.

Therefore what we plan to do, and achieve, in 2021, needs to take account of all this.

We are therefore proposing to reshape the way we do Local Church Review in 2021, and are currently discussing this with 'Catch the Light' so we can review all the remaining churches within the year. This is an ambitious target. We will need a good plan of action. And for this to work we will require support/ buy-in from all eight of the churches involved, and also a system of Presbytery Reps reporting that is just as responsive.

Again we would welcome feedback from Presbytery on this approach

## Roll of Presbytery 2020-2021

Mr John Austin	Commissioned Elder LIBBERTON AND QUOTHQUAN
Mr Alexander Boag	Commissioned Elder CROSSFORD
Mr Robert Boag	Commissioned Elder KIRKMUIRHILL
Mr Robert Carson	Equalising Elder - Commissioned Elder SYMINGTON
Mrs Helen Chekansky	Commissioned Elder LANARK ST NICHOLAS
Mrs Anne Cochrane	Commissioned Elder CARNWATH
Mr William Coulter	Commissioned Elder BLACK MOUNT
Rev Iain Cunningham	Minister in Charge
Rev Michael Fucella	Minister in Charge
Mr Alan Grant	Equalising Elder - Equalising Elder Presbytery
Rev Paul Grant	Minister in Charge
Mrs Margaret Harley	Commissioned Elder UPPER CLYDE
Mr Ross Hyslop	Commissioned Elder LANARK GREYFRIARS
Rev Helen Jamieson	Minister in Charge
Rev Bryan Kerr	Minister in Charge
Mr William Love	Equalising Elder - Equalising Elder Presbytery
Rev Dr Nikki Macdonald	Minister in Charge
Mr Denham MacDougall	Equalising Elder Presbytery
Rev Louise Mackay	Minister in Charge
Rev Elspeth MacLean	Minister in Charge
Mr Willie MacSween	Equalising Elder - Equalising Elder Presbytery
Mrs Janette Mason	Commissioned Elder LAW
Mr Robert Mitchell	Commissioned Elder DOUGLAS VALLEY
Mrs Mabel Morris	Commissioned Elder CARSTAIRS
Rev Dr Elijah Obinna	Minister in Charge
Mrs Christine O'Neill	Commissioned Elder CARLUKE KIRKTON
Mr Scott Paget	Equalising Elder - Equalising Elder Presbytery
Rev Steven Reid	Minister in Charge
Mrs Anne Reid	Commissioned Elder CARLUKE ST JOHN'S
Rev Andrew Rooney	Minister in Charge
Mr Alexander Russell	Commissioned Elder KIRKFIELD BANK
Rev George Shand	Minister in Charge
Mr Jim Sinclair	Commissioned Elder FORTH ST PAUL'S
Mr Hugh Stewart	Commissioned Elder COALBURN AND LESMAHAGOW
Mr Kenneth Watson	Commissioned Elder BIGGAR
Mr James Watt	Commissioned Elder CAIRNGRYFFE
Mrs Pamela Watt	Commissioned Elder CARLUKE ST ANDREW'S

## Ministry &amp; Mission Variance Award Grants

Congregation	2020 Contribution (Gross)	Adjusted Percentage of Presbytery Total	Variance Award Grant
Biggar	64,163	8.57%	£1,729.47
Black Mount	12,774	1.71%	£346.21
Cairngryffe	21,997	2.94%	£594.47
Carluke Kirkton	81,212	10.85%	£2,188.37
Carluke St Andrew's	32,983	4.40%	£890.17
Carluke St John's	59,676	7.97%	£1,608.68
Carnwath	13,048	1.74%	£353.59
Carstairs Parish	31,490	4.21%	£849.98
Coalburn and Lesmahagow Old	52,095	6.96%	£1,404.62
Crossford	22,122	2.95%	£597.82
Douglas Valley	37,041	4.95%	£999.40
Forth St Paul's	36,691	4.90%	£989.98
Kirkfieldbank	12,304	1.64%	£333.56
Kirkmuirhill	54,234	7.24%	£1,462.19
Lanark Greyfriars	57,352	7.66%	£1,546.12
Lanark St Nicholas	72,186	9.64%	£1,945.41
Law	31,176	4.16%	£841.53
Lesmahagow Abbeygreen	0	0.00%	£0.00
Libberton and Quothquan	11,206	1.50%	£304.00
Symington	22,016	2.94%	£594.98
Upper Clyde	21,253	2.84%	£574.44
	747,019	99.77%	£20,155.00