

Lanark, on Tuesday 4 February 2020 the **Presbytery of Lanark** met in Greyfriars Parish Church and was constituted in prayer.

Sederunt: Rev George Shand, Moderator and Rev Bryan Kerr, Clerk along with others as in the Sederunt Book – in all 10 Ministers, 17 Elders, 1 Corresponding member and 2 visitors.

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Revs H Jamieson and N Macdonald Ministers; A Boag, W Coulter, M Harley and W Love, Elders.

Constitution of Presbytery

The Moderator led the Presbytery in praise and prayer and constituted the meeting.

Welcome to Visitors

The Moderator welcomed visitors attending the Presbytery meeting.

Approval of the Order of Business

The Order of Business as circulated was approved.

Conference Session - Worship and Discipleship Committee The Easter Code

Rev. Louise MacKay, Convener introduced Mrs Karen Nicol, Parish Co-ordinator from Forth: St. Paul's who spoke about The Easter Code project which works with Primary School aged children to tell them the Easter story. The Presbytery were invited to split into four groups and travel around different tents each containing a part of the story.

Following the experience Mrs Nicol explored more of the project and invited questions, as well as offering an invitation to any member of presbytery to visit Forth to see the Easter Code in action.

The Moderator thanked Mrs Nicol for her enthusiastic leading of the session, as well as those who told stories and those who set up from Forth and Lanark: Greyfriars.

Decisions taken under delegated powers

Presbytery noted the following decision that had been taken under delegated powers

The Presbytery:

1. Agreed in respect of the General Assembly that Douglas Valley Church were unable to send an elder commissioner and appoint Rev Iain Cunningham, Rev Bryan Kerr, Rev Louise MacKay, Rev Dr Elijah Obinna, Rev Andrew Rooney, Mr Alan Boyd, Mr William Love, Mr Allan McDade, Mrs Val MacSween, and Mr Scott Paget as commissioners to the General Assembly of 2020, with Rev Bryan Kerr and Mrs Val MacSween serving on the Commission of Assembly should such be necessary.
2. Agreed in respect of Biggar to
 - a. grant permission to the Kirk Session of Biggar to undertake electrical work, replace lighting and new AV equipment at an approximate cost of £69,580 subject to the approval, and scheme revision of CARTA and the General Trustees.
 - b. further instruct the Kirk Session of Biggar to amend the proposal for work in the sanctuary to ensure that the 'draught corridor' has certified safety glass in the roof, adequate heating and proper lighting for safety reasons, and encourage the Kirk Session of Biggar to create accessible seating spaces in symmetrical locations in the main centre aisle in order that those who require to use them have choice as to where to sit.
3. Agreed in respect of Lesmahagow: Abbeygreen to appoint Mr Bill Love as Interim Moderator in the charge of Lesmahagow: Abbeygreen for any matters relating to readjustment, the continuing congregation, or where there may be any perceived conflict of interest.

Report of the Relationship and Context Committee

The Presbytery called for the Report of the Relationship and Context Committee which was given in by the Rev. Mike Fucella, Convener.

It was moved, seconded and agreed-

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the report.
2. Note change in dates of John McCulloch's deputation visit to Lanark Presbytery. Encourage congregations to attend joint services in Lanark, Carluke and Kirkmuirhill where John will be speaking.
3. Encourage congregations to participate in the Red Laces event in support of the Church of Scotland HIV/AIDS Fund on Saturday 2nd May as details become available

Intimations

No intimations were made

Adjournment:

The Presbytery adjourned to meet for Ordinary Business on Tuesday 3 March 2020 at 7 pm in Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark.

Closure

The Moderator closed the meeting by offering a prayer of blessing.

Moderator

Clerk