



REPORTS AND DELIVERANCES FOR 21 JUNE 2022

CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS

RESOURCES

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. approve the severance of the Basis of Linking of Blackridge & Harthill St Andrew's.
2. approve the continuation of the current Basis of Guardianship for Greenside Parish Church until the 31st December 2022.
3. note that the congregation of Drylaw will continue as a vacancy following the retirement of the Rev Jenny Williams, Transition Minister on 30 June 2022.

Report

Severance of linkage between Blackridge and Harthill

Conversations with these congregations and others in the area have indicated that a severing of this link would open a way forward for Presbytery planning. Blackridge could then explore a union with Armadale and Harthill could explore a union with Fauldhouse St. Andrew's.

Extend the Guardianship of Greenside

Greenside have been in Guardianship for many years and an extension of the Guardianship for another 6 months, up to 31 December 2022, is proposed. Recent discussions with Broughton St. Mary's and St. Andrew's and St. George's West have been encouraging along with the local desire to move swiftly into the next chapter of the life of this congregation. It is hoped that discussions can move forward in order to allow Greenside to join with Broughton St. Mary's and St. Andrew's and St. George's West.

Bathgate Boghall

The Acting Clerk will report that In terms of Act VIII 2003 anent Vacancy Procedure, the Business Committee, sitting as the Vacancy Procedure Committee for Bathgate Boghall agreed to:

1. release Mr Galbraith from his charge of Bathgate Boghall with effect from 31st May 2022.
2. declare that the charge of Bathgate Boghall will become vacant on 1 June 2022.
3. appoint the Rev Hanneke Janse van Vuren as Interim Moderator.
4. instruct the Acting Clerk to intimate these decisions to the congregation.
5. note that Mr Galbraith retains his seat in Presbytery and continues as a category O in the Register of Ministry for three years.

BUSINESS

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. note that the Business Committee of the Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian acting under powers agreed to:
 - 1.1 grant permission to the congregation of Newhaven to hold joint services with the Leith churches and to hold their Easter service on 17th April in Starbank Park, weather permitting.
 - 1.2 grant Permission to the congregation of Morningside United to hold a joint service with Marchmont St Giles' on Sunday 15th May.
 - 1.3 approve study leave of six weeks in June/ July 2022 for the Rev Michael Mair and appoint the Rev Dr John Cowie as Interim Moderator.
 - 1.4 grant permission to the congregation of Greenbank Church to recruit a locally funded Youth Worker. The congregation are directed to the Law department for continuity of contracts.
 - 1.5 agree that the funding for the Children and Family Worker at Dalmeny and Queensferry should cease in September 2022 as planned.
 - 1.6 approve the sale of the Bristo Memorial church building.
 - 1.7 grant permission to the congregation of Tron Kirk (Gilmerton and Moredun) to sell their manse at 43 Ravenscroft Street, EDINBURGH, EH17 8QJ and purchase a replacement.
 - 1.8 concur in the decision of the congregation of Livingston Old Parish Church to adopt the Unitary Constitution and to transmit their application for the issue of a Unitary Constitution to the Delegation of Assembly.
 - 1.9 note that the Unitary Deed has now been issued by the Delegation of Assembly to the congregations of Whitburn South.
 - 1.10 approve the implementation of a summer internship scheme, awarding at most 14 grants of £1000, such funds to be drawn from the Mission Resourcing Fund.
 - 1.11 remit to the Faith Nurture Committee to promote the scheme, review applications and decide on grant awards.
 - 1.12 appoint the Rev Derek R Henderson as Interim Moderator of Abercorn linked with Pardovan, Kingscavil and Winchburgh.
 - 1.13 note that Derek R Henderson will continue as Interim Moderator of Broxburn until the 26 June 2022.
 - 1.14 grant permission to the Rev Erick Du Toit to host a family from Ukraine in the manse at 43 Main Street, KIRKLISTON, EH29 9AF, noting that the Kirk Session gave approval on 6th April 2022.
 - 1.15 concur in the decision of the congregation of Edinburgh:St Michael's Parish Church to adopt the Unitary Constitution and to transmit their application for the issue of a Unitary Constitution to the Delegation of Assembly.
2. note that Mr Iain McKay has been appointed as Safeguarding Officer commencing on 20th June 2022.
3. note that Katie Dunbar has been appointed as Buildings Officer commencing on 20th June 2022.
4. note that the post of Presbytery Officer currently held by Mr David McColl will cease on 20th July 2022.
5. agree the proposed meeting dates of Presbytery for 2023:
7th February, 20 June, 12 September, 7 November.
28 March and 25 April as possibilities if required.

Report

Presbytery expresses its thanks to Mr David McColl who served as Presbytery Officer for 18 years. David was a well-known face at Presbytery meetings, Ordinations and Inductions. We wish him well.

FAITH NURTURE

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. note the appointment of Rev Bill Taylor as a Presbytery Chaplain.
2. encourage ministers and deacons to access pastoral support through Presbytery Chaplains and Pastoral Supervision groups.
3. note the progress on securing temporary posts for Candidates finishing probation.
4. nominate Elaine Hogan, member at Edinburgh: Barclay Viewforth, as a Candidate in Training for Ordained Local Ministry and appoint her as a Corresponding Member.
5. nominate Michael McMullin, member at Edinburgh: Priestfield, as a Candidate in Training for Full-Time Ministry of Word and Sacrament and appoint him as a Corresponding Member.
6. nominate Jamie Sutherland, member at Edinburgh: Greyfriars Kirk, as a Candidate in Training for Full-Time Ministry of Word and Sacrament and appoint him as a Corresponding Member.
7. nominate Alex Johnson, member at Edinburgh: Stockbridge, as a Candidate in Training for Full-Time Ministry of Word and Sacrament and appoint him as a Corresponding Member.
8. encourage members of Presbytery to consider offering service as a Formation Partner.
9. note the grants awarded from the Mission Grants Fund and Summer Internship Scheme.
10. agree to the recruitment of a full-time Mission Co-ordinator at a salary of £28,865 - £31,940, on the terms set out in the job description.
11. approve study leave of two weeks in July 2022 and July 2023 for the Rev Keith Graham, Murrayfield, to undertake theological reading.
12. note that all ministers with a Category R Registration have been contacted as per Act II 2017 Registration of Ministries.
13. note the requests from the Rev Ronald Blakey, Rev Neil Buchanan, Rev Elizabeth Curran, Rev William John Macdonald, Rev Graham Monteith, Rev Jayne Scott, Rev Donald Stephen to change their registration category from **R** to **I** from 1 July 2022.
14. approve the renewal of category **R** to ministers already with this category from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.
15. note that the Rev Dr George Whyte on his retiral as Principal Clerk of the General Assembly changes from category E to category R and retains his seat in Presbytery.

Registration of Ministries

(meaning of R status: Retaining status as a minister and authorised to perform the functions of ministry out with an appointment covered by Category O or Category E.)

Report

Pastoral Care

Presbytery has a team of Chaplains who are available to offer pastoral support to those in ministry. Rev Bill Taylor was appointed as a Chaplain at the beginning of May, bringing the number of Chaplains at present to four. Those ministers and deacons who do not currently have contact with a Presbytery Chaplain or a Pastoral Supervision group can contact the Presbytery Office to access one. The Committee explored a number of options for the provision of counselling services for ministers and has concluded that the quickest way to access an independent, confidential counsellor is through Ascend, by emailing pastoralsupport@churchofscotland.org.uk.

Probationer Candidates

A question was raised at the February meeting of Presbytery about roles available to Candidates finishing their probation while Presbytery plans are largely cisted. A small group consisting of the Acting Clerk and the Conveners and Vice-conveners of the Faith Nurture Committee and the Deployment Group has met with each of our Candidates who will be finishing probation this year and is currently working through the process of creating 18-month Assistant Minister posts which will both provide certainty to the Candidate and assist mission within the Presbytery. These posts will be paid at Point 1 of the National Stipend Scale, with the costs being paid by the Faith Nurture Forum, and will be subject to a one-month notice period.

Nomination of Candidates for Training

The following have been accepted at a National Assessment Conference, and the Committee recommends that they be nominated as Candidates in Training and appointed as Corresponding Members of the Court:

- Elaine Hogan, member at Edinburgh: Barclay Viewforth, Ordained Local Ministry.
- Michael McMullin, member at Edinburgh: Priestfield, Full-Time Ministry of Word & Sacrament.
- Jamie Sutherland, member at Edinburgh: Greyfriars Kirk, Full-Time Ministry of Word & Sacrament.
- Alex Johnson, member at Edinburgh: Stockbridge, Full-Time Ministry of Word & Sacrament.

Formation Partners

Candidates in training are not offered a 'Formation Partner' who acts as a critical friend throughout their training. They are appointed by Presbytery and would agree to meet the candidate monthly to offer pastoral support and a safe space to reflect on all aspects of their formation process. The role is open to anyone in Presbytery and full training is given by the Faith Nurture Forum. Anyone interested in serving as a Formation Partner should contact the Faith Nurture Committee.

Mission Grants

The Committee has a Mission Grant Fund, offering grants up to a maximum of £500 to assist congregations in establishing a new missional initiative. Application forms are available from the Convener or Presbytery Office. The following grants have been awarded this year:

- Edinburgh: St Stephen's Comely Bank - £500 for Easter holiday club
- Polbeth Harwood linked with West Kirk of Calder - £500 for Summer holiday club
- Livingston: United - £500 for Messy Church

Summer Internships

The Committee offered grants of £1000 to employ an intern over the summer months to assist with a missional initiative. To date, the following twelve congregations have been awarded a grant:

- Blackburn & Seafield, for a hospitality project
- Edinburgh: Davidson's Mains, for a programme of storytelling, arts and music
- Edinburgh: Granton, for a hospitality project
- Edinburgh: Greyfriars Kirk, to support Grassmarket Community Project
- Edinburgh: Kirkliston, to support children's and youth programmes
- Edinburgh: Marchmont St Giles, for community IT engagement
- Edinburgh: Mayfield Salisbury, to explore the creative adaptation of buildings
- Edinburgh: Queensferry, to re-engage primary school aged children
- Edinburgh: St Cuthbert's, to support Ukrainian refugees
- Edinburgh: St Michael's, for intergenerational events
- Edinburgh: Stockbridge, to review and improve communications
- Livingston: United, for a hospitality project

Funding remains available for a further two posts. The Committee will deal with any late applications on a first-come, first-served basis.

Mission Co-ordinator

A job description for the post of Mission Co-ordinator has been compiled and funding arrangements are in place, so the Committee asks Presbytery's permission to proceed with recruitment. The requirements of the post were benchmarked by the Church of Scotland's HR department at Grade 5 on the Central Services Committee's grading scale, and the salary proposed is in line with that.

FAITH IMPACT

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. receive the report.
2. invite members of Presbytery to submit to the Nomination Committee the name of a young person, aged 18–25, for co-option to serve on the Faith Impact Committee.
3. a) Condemn the Russian invasion of Ukraine.
b) call the congregations of the Presbytery to prayer:
 - for the people of Ukraine suffering under war.
 - for wisdom among the leaders of the nations and all who work for justice and truth, and who keep open the horizon of reconciliation and peace.
 - for the generosity of the Church in supporting the spiritual and humanitarian efforts of the local partner churches for those afflicted by war.
 - to strengthen all those working in response to human need in Ukraine and other places around the world afflicted by war and violence, and for those working to welcome refugees.c) Condemn any Russophobia and discrimination against Russian citizens living and working in Scotland.

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- d) encourage members of the Church who wish to host refugees to register with the Homes for Ukraine scheme run by the UK Government, under the aegis of the Scottish Government as a 'super sponsor'.
 - e) encourage all congregations in the Presbytery to take all opportunities to support refugees from Ukraine now living in our parishes.
4. thank the Rev Dr Ken Ross for his mission partner visit to congregations in West Lothian and commend the report on this visit, especially the prayer requests and request for laptops, to the Presbytery.

Report

1. The Faith Impact Committee recognise the value there would be in having young people engage in our work. We are sad to note the small number of Youth Delegates at the General Assembly in 2022 and that there were no Youth Delegates appointed from the Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian. We would like to co-opt at least one young person to our committee and would be grateful if members of Presbytery would submit any names for co-option to the Nomination Committee.

2. The continuing tragedy of the war in Ukraine has rightly been condemned. We would encourage one another that we do not grow weary in praying for an end to all the violence of war in Ukraine and for the people of Ukraine and the governments of the world seeking to end this time of war.

The response of congregations and members to the suffering of the people of Ukraine has been generous and loving. We would encourage all congregations to continue to support appeals for aid in Ukraine and to do what they can to support and welcome any Ukrainian refugees now living in our parishes.

3. We record with thanks the mission partner visit of Ken Ross to congregations in the West Lothian part of our Presbytery. The report below outlines this visit which includes prayer requests and a request for laptops to be used with theological students in Malawi.

Report on the visit to West Lothian by Rev. Dr. Ken Ross, mission prayer partner to the former West Lothian Presbytery.

Ken is currently on assignment at Zomba Theological College, Malawi, where he is developing courses of advanced theological education. Before the pandemic he was also helping to develop theological education in Mozambique and South Sudan. On his visit to West Lothian in June 2022, he took part in services in Strathbrock, Harthill, and Blackridge. The service in Strathbrock was the Pentecost service organised by the Uphall and Broxburn Council of Churches and was attended by members of other churches in West Lothian's Mission District 1.

Before the service in Strathbrock, Ken shared a video of worship led by students on the MTh. in Contextual Theology course. This is a new course with 21 students. During the sermon Ken drew on his experiences in Malawi when talking about the Pentecost experience of hearing the gospel preached in your own native language. He also spoke about the realities of the ongoing war in Ukraine and the effect it has on the economy and grain supplies to Malawi. After the service Ken chatted to members of the congregation. On the following Sunday Ken preached in Harthill and Blackridge as part of morning worship.

During his visit Ken spoke about the different backgrounds of the students at the theological college. Although some of them come from relatively well-off urban backgrounds, some come from much poorer rural backgrounds, and are completing their coursework using mobile phones instead of computers.

Request: Ken asked that if anyone has a working laptop that they have replaced by a more up to date model, Ken would be very grateful for any donations that can be used by the students. The laptops do not need to be up to date, as they are only required for basic word processing and students would be able to use free word processing software.

Ken greatly appreciates the warmth of the welcome, and the prayerful support and interest in his work in Zomba. A few prayer requests from Ken for us all include:

- Malawi's economy struggling after being hit by Covid-19, Cyclone Ana, and the Ukraine War.
- The new MTh in Contextual Theology at Zomba Theological College and its first 21 students.
- The new Theological Society of Malawi as it seeks to advance theological education nationwide.
- The churches that they may grow in depth of faith as well as in numbers.

It has been a blessing to us to have Ken with us.

Mr. Peter Kershaw and Rev. Hanneke Janse van Vuren

RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. note the AMBA summary scores. (PDF Document)
2. thank the Property Committee and the auditors for the work undertaken.

Report

Introduction: Since the Presbytery meeting in Feb. of 2022, members of the Resources Committee (RC) have met several times (28 Feb., 25 April, 9 and 30 May), with a short discussion on 1 June. Also, some members met with representatives of the General Trustees (GTs) on 1 June. Most of the latter meetings have focused on the AMBA reports.

AMBA Reports: The final AMBA report was only received and processed w/c 16 May. The RC were reminded that the reports and the summary scores are only a baseline from which to proceed. Final designations of buildings as 'A' (retain) or 'B' (release) depend on mission. Initial conversations centered on previous knowledge of the buildings and AMBA information. After some discussion, including input from the Deployment Group (DG), it was agreed that the summary scores would be provided.

Purpose: AMBA was introduced by the General Trustees (GTs) in order to ascertain the state of fabric in presbyteries. The summary scores in particular are not seen to be deciding factors in decisions about buildings as 'A' (retain) or 'B' (release). Instead, they are a baseline from which to work. More information can be found in the table.

Process: The forms created by the GTs were used by volunteer auditors in Presbytery who, after training, visited the relevant buildings. The forms were filled in and sent to the GTs. They, in turn, were processed and scores produced. It is hoped they are as objective as possible.

Summary Scores: These are provided. As described in the table, they are formed from a 'minimum standards' score and a 'location assessment' score. The minimum standards score includes these areas: wind and water tight; safety; security; accessibility; and facilities. The location assessment includes the following: streetscape/setting; viability; adjacencies/location; identity and belonging; travel; cluster situations; partnership opportunities; and development potential.

Comment: The table provided by the Resources Committee includes the summary scores and space for notes. It is an iterative document and thus further information and insights will undoubtedly be gained as the process for Presbytery planning continues. This point reiterates the purpose of this exercise: to provide a baseline from which to work. These scores are one of many inputs that will contribute to decisions on buildings. Mission will be the driving factor.

Questions or Comments: Should you wish, please do share the table and this report with other relevant parties in your congregation. If a congregation has any question or comment about the score for their own building, please do get in touch with the Convener. Working in conjunction with the Property Group, a response will be provided to questions as soon as practicable.

Next Steps: This table and scores will contribute to the ongoing conversations and work currently underway. They will be a part of a process that will be looking at the way forward for mission in each area and in the Presbytery as a whole. Ultimately, it is Presbytery in conversation with the congregations and GTs who will decide which buildings are the right spaces in the right places.

DEPLOYMENT GROUP

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. agree the timeline, noting the tight timeframe in which to agree a Presbytery Mission Plan.
2. agree to cooperate timeously and willingly with the Deployment Group in order to create a Presbytery Mission Plan.

Report

1. Introduction:

It is hoped that the letter from the Deployment Group (DG) sent out on 25 May has been read by Presbyters. This letter provided a summary of the work of the DG up until that time. Since 25 May, the DG have met on 31 May and, by the Presbytery meeting of 21 June, will have met on 13 June and will have taken part in a day away on 18 June.

2. AMBA Reports:

Like the Resources Committee (RC), the DG have spent a significant amount of time discussing the summary numbers and the best manner in which they could and should be used.

Questions have arisen regarding the ownership of the AMBA summaries and reports: do they belong to DG or RC? The AMBA information will contribute to the decisions on building designations ('A' for retain or 'B' for release) and these designations are to be made according to the principle of 'the right space in the right place' and the mission narrative. But, since not every congregation has yet been visited and because the mission narratives will only begin to take shape after the visits are completed, designations are premature.

Thus, it was felt that, at this stage, the AMBA information should be the preserve of the RC, which includes input from Deployment, Finance and Property. As the process for Presbytery planning unfolds, communication between DG and RC will be vital.

3. Timeline:

The tight timeframe for the completion of the Presbytery Mission Plan has been widely acknowledged. Presbyters have thus requested an indication of the timeline and the stepping stones along the way to eventual agreement.

A proposed timeline has been provided to Presbyters. Most importantly, it attempts to balance two items. Firstly, the engagement of congregations is crucial: time and space for this process to continue has been sought insofar as possible. Secondly, there are some important building blocks that will inform the construction of the Presbytery plan which need to be included. These are as follows:

- congregational collaborations (unions, team ministries, etc.);
- allocation of ministries posts;
- designation of buildings as 'A' or 'B';
- delineation of Mission District boundaries;
- mission narratives.

Most conversations thus far have focused on possible collaborations, with due acknowledgment of the other areas of significance. The DG are grateful for the willing participation of Congregations, Kirk Sessions and ministers. The timeline from July onwards thus begins with collaborations and allocations, two areas of primary interest. Mission narratives, so important for drawing the threads together and especially for building designations, follows. It is hoped that, in crafting these mission narratives, opportunities for creative use of ministry posts may be found. Mission Districts can be more fully delineated once there is more indication of the possible collaborations and allocations.

4. Correspondence from Faith Nurture Committee (FNC): The DG have, at the time of writing (12 June), just been made aware of significant concerns raised with FNC regarding the process as it has unfolded thus far. Contact will be made with FNC in order to understand more fully the concerns raised, the basis for these concerns and the best means to respond. More information will be provided to Presbytery on 21 June.

5. Significant Issues Related to Presbytery Planning:

A number of significant issues have arisen in the course of the conversations with congregations. These include the following:

- reviewable charges;
- unrestricted tenure;
- larger congregations subsuming smaller congregations;
- theological differences/same sex relationships;

- right to call;
- Mission District boundaries and ways of working;
- support for probationers;
- support from DG, RC and Presbytery in a time of change.

These will be addressed at the DG meeting of 13 June.

Draft Timeline June-Dec 2022

9 June Business Committee

13 June Deployment Group

Presbytery report + deliverances
 Difficult questions
 Reviewable charges;
 unrestricted tenures;
 larger congregations subsuming smaller congregations;
 theological differences/same sex relationships;
 right to call;
 boundaries for Mission Districts;
 uncertainty on what MDs are;
 General Assembly decisions;
 how can Presbytery assist in changes?

18 June Deployment Group Away Day

Maps
 Congregational collaborations
 Allocations
 Mission narratives and buildings
 Mission Districts

21 June PRESBYTERY MEETING

AMBA table (comes from Resources Committee)
 Agree timeline
 Deliverances
 Corstorphine Old (from Resources);
 Blackridge/Harthill severance;
 Greenside Guardianship extended.

July Work on collaborations, allocations and mission narratives in light of away day and 21 June Presbytery.

August **Re-engage congregations** (congregational engagement assumed between Aug-Dec)
 Finesse collaborations and discuss allocations
 Discuss mission narratives
 Continue to consider Mission District boundaries
 Initiate building discussions in light of AMBA and developing mission narratives

1 Sept Business Committee

13 Sept PRESBYTERY MEETING

Initial congregational collaborations and allocations recommended
Initial mission narratives presented
Emphasise yearly reviews

4 Oct PRESBYTERY MEETING (If Approved)

Congregational collaborations and allocations decided
MD boundaries recommended
Mission narratives presented with proposed building designations

3 Nov Business Committee

15 Nov PRESBYTERY MEETING

Presentation and discussion of draft plan

6 Dec PRESBYTERY MEETING (If Approved)

Plan to Presbytery for Approval

PROPERTY GROUP

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. grant permission to Corstorphine Old to accept a grant for essential roof repair work from Historic Environment Scotland subject to a condition that the building should continue in ecclesiastical use for 15 years, while recognising that an absolute guarantee cannot be given at this stage in the preparation of the Presbytery Mission Plan.

Report

On **23 April 2020**, Edinburgh Presbytery:

1. granted permission to Corstorphine Old to proceed with repairs to the building, subject to the finance being available; and
2. commended the Corstorphine Old grant application to HES, cognisant that, if a grant was received, this may have implications for Presbytery planning.

The repairs in question are to the main roof, which consists of stone (or granolithic) slabs. The repair work is costed at £365,142, and HES has offered a grant of half this amount (£182,571) subject to a condition that the church shall continue to be used for ecclesiastical purposes, which shall include use as a place of worship, for 15 years from the completion of the work. The building must also be open to the public on at least 40 occasions a year. Should ecclesiastical use cease, the grant would be repayable in proportion to the part of the 15 year period remaining.

Fabric repairs that are essential to keep a church building wind and watertight can proceed during the period of preparation of Presbytery Mission Plans. The difficulty lies in giving HES an undertaking that Corstorphine Old will continue to be used for ecclesiastical purposes for 15 years. Certainty on the future of this, or any other, building cannot be achieved until the draft plan has been approved by Presbytery and signed off by the Faith Nurture Forum and General Trustees.

Recent invasive tests to the stone slabs of the chancel roof confirmed that the state of the bedding of the slabs is very soft and mobile, the mortar joints between the slabs are mainly failed, the applied over-pointing has broken down, and where still present is directing water into the roof core, making the problem more severe. The situation is progressively getting worse, with the water ingress causing further breakdown and increasing the rate of failure. The roofs may now be approaching a critical stage, with a risk to the church structure and safety. The congregation, who are advised by a conservation architect, consider that the need for the roof repairs has now become urgent and cannot be put off until the PMP is finalised. With the completion of the restoration work supported by work already carried out, the church would in their view become a building with a high level of repair and with costs that can be managed by the congregation into the foreseeable future.

In the event that the finally approved plan did not retain Corstorphine Old, means of disposal would fall to be considered. As a Category 'A' listed building in a graveyard with difficult road access, it would be unlikely to attract a residential or commercial purchaser. The probable successor would be either another religious denomination or a national or local charity with conservation and/or community purposes. In the latter case it should not be difficult to secure a commitment from such a body to allow the church to be used for occasional worship, thus preserving use for ecclesiastical (among other) purposes, and to open it to the public on at least 40 occasions annually.

Presbytery could therefore say to HES that it intends to, and will use its best endeavours to, ensure continued ecclesiastical use for at least 15 years. In the unlikely event that those endeavours proved unsuccessful, a proportion of the grant would need to be repaid.

FINANCE GROUP

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. approve the 2021 Presbytery Accounts for the former Presbytery of Edinburgh.
2. approve the 2021 Presbytery Accounts for the former Presbytery of West Lothian.
3. appoint the Auditor: Jeffrey Crawford & Co, Castle Terrace.
4. thank the Treasurers, Jim Byers and David Gilchrist, for their work and commitment to the many tasks they undertake.
5. note that the Presbytery is now in receipt of £120,000 from Stewardship and Finance.
6. note that The Finance Committee will consider reducing the Presbytery dues next year.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. Deployment Group

note the following co-opts:

Ian Alexander, Faith Impact Forum; Nelu Balaj, Minister, Livingston Old; Ian Graham, Equalising Elder, Palmerston Place; Jamie Griggs, Minister, St Anne's; and Tricia Kingston, Equalising Elder, Gorgie Dalry Stenhouse.

2. Staffing Group

note the co-option of Richard Henderson, Elder, Balerno (non-Presbytery member).

3. Faith Impact Committee

note the co-option of Kate Brannan from the Guild.

4. Health & Safety

agree the appointment of Linda Farrer, Commissioned Elder, Reid Memorial as Health & Safety Coordinator for the Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian.

5. Data Protection Officer

note that David Gilchrist will continue as Data Protection Officer for the Presbytery.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. note that the Records Committee has met on four separate occasions during March and has examined the records of all congregations within the bounds.
2. note that the general standard of record keeping remains high although it was necessary to make comment in some areas which fell below that standard.
3. direct the attention of those responsible for maintaining the records to the comments made by examiners and trust that these will be assimilated in the records for 2021.
4. appreciate the work done by Clerks, Treasurers and record keepers and record thanks to all those responsible for maintaining Congregational records.
5. to facilitate the review arrangements, encourage Session Clerks to ensure that for the March 2023 examination, all requested records are deposited at the date and time specified.
6. record appreciation to Davidson's Mains, Fairmilehead, Inverleith St Serf's and Linlithgow St Michael's Parish Churches who provided accommodation for the purposes of the examination.
7. report accordingly to the Legal Questions Committee.

Note that the examination of the 2021 records will take place from Monday 13 March to Friday 17 March 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS FROM THE CLERK

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. re-elect to serve as Equalising Elders as set out below.
2. note that Mrs Felicity Murrie, Broxburn, Mrs June Kemp, Cramond, Mrs Patricia McEwan, Linlithgow St Ninian's Craigmillen, Mrs Betty McLean, Willowbrae, Mr Jack Watson, Strathbrock and Mrs Marion Millar, Strathbrock have resigned from the office of Equalising Elder and thank them for their service.
3. elect as an Equalising Elder Mr George Dickson, St David's Broomhouse.
4. sustain the Elders' Commissions as set out on page 15 & 16.
5. note that the Unitary Deed has now been issued by the Delegation of Assembly to the congregation of Breich Valley.
6. appoint the Rev Scott Raby as the Interim Moderator of Harthill St Andrew's.
7. appoint the Rev Andre Groenewald as Interim Moderator of Liberton Northfield and thank the Rev David Cameron for his time as Interim Moderator.
8. appoint the Rev Iain May as Interim Moderator of Drylaw.
9. grant permission to the Rev Jenny Williams to continue to reside in the manse of Drylaw, a caretaking agreement with the congregation is in place.
10. grant permission to the Rev Christopher Galbraith to continue to reside in the manse of Bathgate Boghall, a caretaking agreement with the congregation is in place.
11. note that the Very Rev Prof Iain Torrance Kt has resigned his seat in Presbytery.

Equalising Elders

John Ballantine
Ken Bisset
Margaret Bisset
James R Byers
Rachel Cadell
Patricia Chapman
Andrena Crawford
Michael Cunliffe
Allan Gordon
G Grant Gordon
Ian Graham
David Grant
Helen Hannan

Hazel Hastie
Margaret Henderson
Caroline Kehoe
Herbert A Kerrigan
Peter Kershaw
Patricia Kingston
Helen Kneale
David P H MacLennan
Morag J Mason
Hugh McDiarmid
Lynne McEwen
Karen McKay
Elizabeth McLean

Ian Musgrave
Anne Noble
Daren Philip
James Robertson
Richard A Smith
Rodger Thom
Shona Walker
Pauline Weibye
David Wilkie
J Ross Wilkinson
Rachel Wright

Abercorn	TBC	Liberton	TBC
Armadale	TBC	Liberton Northfield	Marie Sneddon
Balerno	TBC	Linlithgow St Ninian's Craigmailen	Sandy Hunter
Bathgate Boghall	TBC	Livingston United	Russell Browning
Bathgate High	James Wilson	Livingston Old	Sarah Elliott
Bathgate St John's	Elan Simpson	Marchmont St Giles'	Sandy Wake
Barclay Viewforth	Andrew Stephenson	Mayfield Salisbury	Anne Steele
Blackhall St Columba's	Eddie Thorn	Meadowbank	Fiona Beveridge
Blackburn & Seafield	Carne McCulloch	Morningside	TBC
Blackridge	Aileen Borrowman	Morningside United	TBC
Boghall	Diane Samuel	Murrayfield	Jane Smart
Breich Valley	TBC	Newhaven	Brian Souness
Bristo Memorial Craigmillar	TBC	The Old Kirk and Muihouse	TBC
Broughton St Mary's	Graham Rodgers	Palmerston Place	John Duncan
Broxburn	James Borland	Pardovan, Kingscavil & Winchburgh	Jean Kershaw
Canongate	TBC	Pilrig St Paul's	TBC
Carrick Knowe	George Goodall	Polwarth	Audrey Downie
Colinton	Brian Falla	Portobello and Joppa	
Corstorphine Craigsbank	Carol Turnbull	Priestfield	Andrew Stevens
Corstorphine old	Catherine Andrews	Queensferry	Norma Falconer
Corstorphine St Anne's	Nigel Hicks	Ratho	Patricia Fraser
Corstorphine St Ninian's	TBC	Reid Memorial	Linda Farrer
Craiglockhart	TBC	Richmond Craigmillar	Liz Rattray
Craigmillar Park	Christopher McLeod	Slateford Longstone	Suzanne Riddoch
Cramond	Lesley Hoyle	St Andrew's & St George's west	Barbara Finlayson
Currie	Kyrs Hume	St Andrew's Clermiston	TBC
Dalmeny	TBC	St Catherine's Argyle	Calum Martin
Davidson's Mains	TBC	St Cuthbert's	
Drylaw	TBC	St David's Broomhouse	Andrew Davidson
Duddingston	Doreen Jones	St John's Colinton Mains	TBC
Fairmilehead	Norma Wilson	St Margaret's	Bill Johnston
Fauldhouse St Andrew's	TBC	St Martin's	TBC
Gorgie Dalry Stenhouse	TBC	St Michael's	Douglas Bannatyne
Gracemount	TBC	St Nicholas Sighthill	TBC
Granton	Dan Docwra	St Stephen's Comely Bank	Timothy Pitt
Greenbank	Lyndsay Kennedy	Stockbridge	TBC
Greenside	TBC	Strathbrock	TBC

Greyfriars Kirk		Torphichen	Keith Stirling
Harthill St Andrew's		Tron Kirk Moredun	Alice Bertram
High St Giles'		Uphall South	Alison Hunter
Holy Trinity		Wardie	TBC
Inverleith St Serf's	Sandy Pratt	West Kirk of Calder	Douglas Horn
Juniper Green	John Sharp	Whitburn Brucefield	Edith Ross
Kirk of Calder		Whitburn South	John McFadzean
Kirkliston		Willowbrae	Margaret Nimmo
Kirknewton & East Calder	David Gilchrist		
Leith North	Tim Bell		
Leith St Andrew's	Jean Aldred		
Leith South			