

At Saltcoats, and within Saltcoats New Trinity Church, on Tuesday the 7th of December 2004, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer.

SEDERUNT: WF Turner, Moderator, Revds JR McKay (Clerk) JAS Boag, M Coogan, N Cruikshank, J Ewing, RJ Grahame, DJH Harbison, MLK Howie, WR Johnston, JMM Lafferty, R Leask, MH Mackay, AD McCallum, AM McCance, Dr GA McCracken, AF McGurk, DR Mitchell, AB Noble, FC Ross, IM Roy, A Taylor, Martin Thomson, ERL Watson, Ministers; J Cameron, G Cunningham, DS Douglas, ESH Glen, E Hinde, P Hinde, R Jarvie, J Jenkins, MG Kellock, J Laurie, R Klavalette, A MacDonald, V Macdonald, EH McArthur, GK McConnell, S McLellan, J McSwan, J Martin, CJE Mills, R Mumford, J Porter, RA Richardson, G Ross, AK Saunderson, J Scott, JS Scott, N Smith, E Stevenson, A Tomlinson, AC Watt, RF Welch, KS Welch, C Welch, I Whiteford, Elders; MA Broster, A Currie, A Henderson, JCQ Hunter, BH Mackay, R McCool, M McGeoch, A Montgomerie, M Nimmo, MMB Ross, D Young, Corresponding Members

APOLOGIES were received from Revds IW Benzie, MS Cameron, DR I MacLeod, DS Paterson, Ministers; A Buick, E Drury, M Duff, J Forsyth, HB Gibson, D Hamilton, R Kelso, JT MacGill, T A Muston, M Paton, E Sillars, FJ Smith, E Taylor, Elders.

MINUTES The Minute of the meetings of 2nd, 3rd and 10th November, having been circulated, was approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Order of Business was approved with the addition of the admission of Revd Melvyn Coogan to a seat in Presbytery, and deliverances in connection with Kilwinning: Erskine and an item under the Business Committee on the Interim Moderatorship at Lamlash lw Shiskine lw Lochranza & Pirmill (circulated)

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY There were laid on the table Presbyterial Certificates in respect of Revd Rebecca Leask and Revd Melvyn Coogan from the Presbyteries of Glasgow and Lanark respectively. Mrs Leask and Mr Coogan were asked by the Moderator if they adhered to the vows which they took at their ordination, and both answering in the affirmative signed the formula and were welcomed to membership of the Presbytery

FAIRLIE It was noted that the congregation of Fairlie had received the Church of Scotland Eco Congregation Award, and that the village of Fairlie had been designated Scotland's first Fair Trade village. The congratulations of the Presbytery were expressed to the congregation and the village by the Moderator, and the Clerk was instructed to convey these to the Session Clerk of Fairlie and the Community Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

For the Committee the Convener moved, and it was seconded that Presbytery

- i. Receive the report on the National Plan (Reports page 40) and resolve to transmit it to the Board of National Mission.

It was moved and seconded as an amendment

In Comment 1, delete "agrees" and substitute "note"

With the agreement of Presbytery the Convener agreed to accept the amendment.

It was moved and seconded as a counter-motion

That the Presbytery of Ardrossan does not support the National Plan

On a vote being taken between the motion and the counter-motion, the motion was carried overwhelmingly.

For the Committee the Convener further moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery

- ii. Note that a meeting has been arranged by the Presbytery of Irvine and Kilmarnock with a representative of the Housing and Loan Fund in the Chapel of Crosshouse Hospital on January 26th 2005 at 1000, to which ministers in the Presbytery are invited.

- iii. Kilwinning Erskine Welcome the agreement of those who have left the Church of Scotland that the hall remain the property of the Church of Scotland, that the church building be offered to those no longer members of the Church of Scotland, and that all other property and funds be divided equally, including the net sale proceeds of the manse after deduction of and payment over to the congregation of Fergushill of the proportion of the said net sale proceeds equivalent to the share met by the Fergushill congregation of the original purchase price, legal expenses and initial reconditioning costs.

Agree to the request from the Kirk Session and Congregation of Kilwinning: Erskine to worship in, and with the congregation of, Kilwinning Abbey from the beginning of January 2005 subject to the concurrence of the congregation of Kilwinning: Abbey

Express the thanks of the Presbytery to Miss J McSwan, Messrs R A Richardson, G Ross, A K Saunderson, for the invaluable support they have given to the worshipping congregation of Kilwinning: Erskine.

The Moderator expressed thanks to the Convener of the Business Committee, the Clerk and the Solicitor to the Church for their work in this matter and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Solicitor of the Church expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Presbytery

- iv. Authorise the Vacancy Procedure Committee in the vacancy at Lamlash lw Shiskine lw Lochranza & Pirnmill, in the event of a suitable Interim Moderator not being available, to take steps under Act V 2003 to invite the Board of Practice and Procedure to appoint an assessor.

NATIONAL MISSION

For the Committee it was moved, seconded and agreed that Presbytery

- i. Receive the report of those who attended the Emerging Church Conference and agree to make available to parish ministers and others interested copies of Michael Moynagh's *Emerging Church*.
- ii. Express support for the Prayer Contact Day in Largs: Clark Memorial on Sunday 27th February 2005, combining workshops with an event to mark the 75th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer.

MINISTRY

For the Committee it was moved, seconded and agreed that Presbytery

- i. Note the National Stipend scale for 2005
- ii. Receive the Report on Flexible Tenure and resolve to transmit it to the Board of National Mission

COMMUNICATION AND DOCTRINE

For the Committee it was moved, seconded and agreed that Presbytery note the request for workshop leaders in connection with the launch of CH4, and encourage Kirk Sessions to bring this request to the attention of members of congregations.

WORLD MISSION

For the Committee it was moved, seconded and agreed that Presbytery

- i. Note the response to the HIV/AIDS questionnaire (Reports page 42) sent to congregations and instruct the Clerk to forward the results of the questionnaire to the HIV/AIDS co-ordinator of the Board of World Mission.
- ii. Note further information on Christian Aid material for Advent and Christmas and that details would be provided to a future meeting of celebrations to mark 60 years of Christian Aid
- iii. Note details of the Annual Carol Service of the Scottish Palestinian Forum

PRESBYTERIAL SUPERINTENDENCE

For the Committee it was moved, seconded and agreed that Presbytery note the following dates for the inspection of rolls and records

Tuesday	8 th February 2005	7.30pm	Saltcoats: New Trinity
Wednesday	9 th February 2005	2.30pm	Largs: St Columba's
Wednesday	9 th February 2005	7.00pm	Dalry: St Margaret's
Thursday	10 th February 2005	11.00am approx	Brodick

PARISH EDUCATION

For the Committee it was moved, seconded and agreed

- i. Approve Mrs Margaret Nimmo's first placement as a Reader in Training with the Revd John Lafferty
- ii. Approve Mrs Nicky Smith's second placement as a Reader in Training with the Revd Marjory Mackay

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

.....Moderator

.....Clerk