

At Saltcoats, and within Saltcoats New Trinity Church, on Tuesday the second of February 2004, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrrossan met and was constituted with prayer.

SEDERUNT: Revd S W Smith, Moderator; Revd J R McKay, Clerk; J A S Boag, N Cruikshank, J Ewing, R J Grahame, D J H Harbison, D J Hebenton, M L K Howie, W R Johnston, B Knight, M H Mackay, A D McCallum, A M McCance, A F McGurk, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, B H Oxburgh, D S Paterson, F C Ross, I M Roy, E R L Watson, Ministers; A Buick, J Cumming, G Cunningham, D S Douglas, J Forsyth, H B Gibson, E S H Glen, D Hamilton, E Hinde, P Hinde, R Jarvie, J Jenkins, M G Kellock, T Knox, J Laurie, R Lavalette, A MacDonald, H MacLeod, S McLellan, J McSwan, R Mumford, T A Muston, W Parker, R A Richardson, W Ross, G Ross, R Scott, J S Scott, E Sillars, F J Smith, E Stevenson, E Taylor, W Thomson, A Tomlinson, E Trevena, W F Turner, R F Welch, K S Welsh, C Welsh, Elders; Rev A Montgomery, M A Broster, A Henderson, B H Mackay, M McGeoch, D Young, Corresponding Members.

APOLOGIES were received from I W Benzie, M S Cameron, J M M Lafferty, A Taylor, R J Thorburn, Ministers; E Drury, E H McArthur, J T McGill, C J E Mills, J Porter, J Scott, A C Watt, Elders; S Darroch, J C Q Hunter, Corresponding Members.

PRESBYTERY CLERK: following the appointment of Revd Johnston McKay as clerk at the last meeting of Presbytery, the Moderator administered to Mr McKay the oath *de fidei*.

REVD BARRIE KNIGHT The Moderator welcomed Mr Knight to the first meeting of Presbytery he had been able to attend following his illness and expressed the pleasure of Presbytery that he had been able to return to his duties.

MINUTE pages 2003: 31 to 2003;33, having been circulated, were approved

NAN STEVENSON TRUST: The Clerk intimated that the AGM of the Nan Stevenson Charitable Trust would take place within Saltcoats: New Trinity Church on Tuesday 2 March at 7.00pm

ORDER OF BUSINESS: The Order of Business was approved with the addition to the Report of the Business Committee of an item in connection with Kilwinning: Erskine and to the Report of the Committee on Word Mission of an item on Local Government Conferences It was agreed that item k in the report of the Business Committee would be taken in private.

PRESENTATION OF STUDENTS On behalf of the Ministry Committee the Convener presented the following students to the Moderator: R A Adamson, G Caldwell, M McWilliams, G Sproat, D Young. Mr A Adamson addressed the Presbytery. The Moderator expressed the Presbytery's support of students in training from within the Presbytery bounds and led the Presbytery in prayer for them.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

a. For the Committee, the Convener gave notice that at the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery he would move "That Presbytery appoint seven ministers and seven elders as commissioners to this year's General Assembly."

b. Beith High linked with Beith Trinity It was moved, seconded and agreed that the Presbytery

1 Note that the congregations of Beith High and Beith Trinity have approved a Basis of Continued Linkage by 98 votes to 5, with 5 abstentions, and by 61 votes to 5 with 3 abstentions respectively.

2 Resolve to approve the Basis of Continued Linkage and invite the General Assembly's Committee on Parish Appraisal to concur.

c. General Assembly Expenses Rate. It was moved, seconded and agreed that the Presbytery

Note that the General Assembly expenses are paid at the rate of car mileage, 22p per mile; overnight accommodation at £40.00 and out of pocket expenses at £9.00 and that Presbytery mileage remains at 25p per mile.

- d. Readmission of a Minister in terms of Act IX, 2002: There was laid on the table an application from a minister.
- e. Church without Walls It was moved, seconded and agreed that Presbytery note that a copy of the video "Church without Walls" was available from the Clerk.
- f. Kilbirnie: St Columba: It was moved, seconded and agreed that the Presbytery
 Note that an extract minute had been received from the General Assembly's Committee on Parish Appraisal concurring with the Presbytery's decision not to raise the question of readjustment in the case of Kilbirnie: St Columba
- g. Electoral Registers: It was moved, seconded and agreed that the Presbytery
 Note that the Clerk had attested the Electoral Registers of Kilbirnie St Columba with the names of 611 members; Beith: High with the names of 932 members and 10 adherents; and Beith Trinity, with the names of 256 members and 7 adherents
- h. Presbytery Minutes: It was moved, seconded and agreed that the Clerk be instructed to lodge the Minutes of the Presbytery of Ardrossan, 1940-1994, in 8 volumes, with the Principal Clerk for inclusion in the national archives.
- i. Pastoral Care Scheme: It was moved, seconded and agreed to instruct ministers in charges to inform the Clerk by 29 February of their pastoral adviser.
- j. Committee Appointments It was moved, seconded and agreed that the following appointments be made to convenerships and vice-convenerships from June 2004:
 Conveners: Ministry Committee, Revd Norman Cruikshank; National Mission Committee, Revd John Lafferty
 Vice-Conveners: Business Committee, Revd Stephen Smith; Ministry Committee, Revd Brian Oxburgh; National Mission Committee, Revd Scott Cameron
- k. Property Survey Reports It was moved, seconded and agreed that the Presbytery express considerable concern at the standard of Property Survey Reports and instruct the Clerk to write to the firm concerned requesting a modification of the fees paid.
- l. Kilwinning: Erskine: It was moved, seconded and agreed that the Presbytery appoint the Revd Brian Oxburgh, Revd D Ross Mitchell and Mr W.F. Turner to attend a congregational meeting to be held in Kilwinning; Erskine on Sunday February 8th at 1.15pm

WORLD MISSION COMMITTEE

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

- a. Note a one day conference, "Losing Ground" on issues affecting people living in Israel/Palestine in Queen's Park Baptist Church, Glasgow on 13 March 2004.
- b. Note and commend Fairtrade Fortnight from March 1st to 13th
- c. Note that The Board of World, ACTS and Christian Aid host a new Faithshare Partner, Myrna Bajo from the Philippines who is available to visit congregations.
- d. Note and commend to members of congregations a Local Involvement Conference Day to be held in Irvine Fullarton Church on February 21st 2004
- e. Note that under the auspices of Scottish Palestinian Forum, Marc Ellis will speak at a meeting on 13th March 2004 in Wellington Church, Glasgow.

The Convener of the World Mission Committee drew attention to the presence of the Presbytery's Mission Partner, Helen Scott, and Faithshare Partner, Josephine Mate-Kole. Both addressed the Presbytery and were warmly thanked by the Moderator.

MINISTRY COMMITTEE

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

- a. Note that an extract minute had been received from the Committee on Ministry Finance Implementation, recommending allocation of endowments as follows:

Dalry Trinity, Congregations's Endowments £450, Dalry St Margaret's Endowments £216, Total £666.

It was moved and seconded that the Presbytery

- b. Receive the Report on New forms of Non-Stipendiary Ministry and instruct the Clerk to transmit it to the Board of Ministry's Working Party on New Forms of Non-Stipendiary Ministry as representing the Presbytery's response to the consultative document, explaining that the Report had been prepared on the assumption that the remit to consider "new" forms of Non-Stipendiary Ministry excluded consideration of the Auxiliary Ministry.

It was moved and seconded as an amendment

"following the words "transmit it" to add "with the exception of Section 3, Celebrate the Sacraments"

On a vote being taken, the motion carried and the Presbytery resolved accordingly

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

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

- a. Ardrossan: Park: Approve an application to the General Trustees for funding towards the cost of a feasibility study with regard to the future use and development of the church buildings
- b. Largs: Clark Memorial: Approve an application to construct an entrance ramp and modify two existing toilets to form one unisex toilet for use by the disabled to comply with the 2004 regulations, at a total cost of £30,500, subject to the approval of the General Trustees and planning permission being granted by North Ayrshire Council.
- c. Remind congregations of the legal requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act

PRESBYTERIAL SUPERINTENDENCE

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

Note that in terms of Act III, 2000, the Presbytery Minute Book has been examined and found to be in order.

PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

- a. A conference for those leading worship in congregations at the Gillois Centre, Edinburgh from 26th to 28th March

- b. That the annual Elders' Communion Service will take place at 11.00am on May 8 within Clark Memorial Church, Largs, and encourage elders to attend
- c. That Child Protection Courses will be held
 - For new volunteers on March 22 in Largs: St John's
 - A refresher course on May 17 in Largs: St John's
 - Open to all interested on February 28 in Saltcoats New Trinity.

NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place on Tuesday March 2nd 2004 for ordinary business.

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

.....Moderator

.....Clerk