

At Saltcoats, and within Saltcoats New Trinity Church, on Tuesday the 1st of February 2005, which place and date the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer.

SEDERUNT: WF Turner, Moderator, Revds JR McKay (Clerk) I W Benzie, J A S Boag, M S Cameron, N Cruikshank, J Ewing, K Fisher, R J Grahame, D J H Harbison, D J Hebenton, M L K Howie, W R Johnston, J M M Lafferty, R Leask, M H Mackay, Dr I MacLeod, A D McCallum, A M McCance, Dr G A McCracken, A F McGurk, D R Mitchell, A B Noble, B H Oxburgh, D S Paterson, F C Ross, I M Roy, S J Smith, A Taylor, M Thomson, E Watson, Ministers; A Buick, J Cameron, G Cunningham, D S Douglas, H B Gibson, E S H Glen, D Hamilton, E Hinde, P Hinde, R Jarvie, M G Kellock, J Laurie, R Lavalette, A MacDonald, V Macdonald, J F Martin, E McArthur, G K McConnell, J McSwan, R Mumford, M Paton, J Porter, R A Richardson, G Ross, J Scott, J S Scott, E Sillars, F J Smith, N Smith, E Stevenson, EV Taylor, W Thomson, A Tomlinson, A C Watt, C Welch, K S Welch, R F Welch, I Whiteford; M A Broster, S Darroch, J C Q Hunter, B H Mackay, M Massie, R U McCool, M Nimmo, D Young, Corresponding Members.

APOLOGIES were received from Revds Dr G A McCracken, J Selfridge, Ministers; J Forsyth, J Jenkins, R Kelso, J T McGill, S McLellan, C J E Mills, T A Muston, J Porter, A K Saunderson, Elders; K Galloway, Revd A Montgomerie, M M B Ross, Corresponding Members

MINUTES The Minute of the meetings of 7th December, 2004 pp 31-33, having been circulated, was approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS The Order of Business was approved with the deletion of the item regarding the appointment of Revd A Noble as Interim Moderator at Lamlash linked with Shiskine linked with Lochranza & Pirnmill, and a correction to the effect that Revd Douglas Paterson's study leave would be spent with the United Church of Australia.

ROLL OF PRESBYTERY Miss Alison Buick paid tribute to Mrs Betty Drury, an additional elder from Ardrossan: Barony St John's who had died suddenly on Monday 10th January. The Moderator led the Presbytery in prayer and the Clerk was instructed to send a copy of the tribute to Mrs Drury's daughters Anne and Elizabeth.

There was laid on the table a Presbyterian Certificate in respect of Revd John Gisbey of the Presbytery of Argyll, who has requested that he transfer his membership to the Presbytery of Ardrossan. Mr Gisbey was asked by the Moderator if he adhered to the vows which he took at his ordination and having answered in the affirmative, signed the formula and was welcomed to membership of the Presbytery

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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

- i. Note that the Vacancy Procedure Committee in the vacancy at Saltcoats: New Trinity has nominated Revd Fiona Ross to be Interim Moderator in the vacancy, and since no presbytery plan has been agreed with the General Assembly's Committee, has proposed that the question of readjustment should be raised.

Appoint a committee drawn from Revd A McGurk (Convener), Revds N Cruikshank, Dr G McCracken, P Hinde, R A Richardson and E Sillars to be an appraisal committee in the case of Saltcoats: New Trinity.

- ii. Note that the Vacancy Procedure committee in the vacancy at Beith: High linked with Beith: Trinity has agreed to the resignation of Revd Brian Oxburgh as Interim Moderator and has appointed Revd Martin Thomson in his place.

Express the thanks of the Presbytery to the Revd Brian Oxburgh for his long and dedicated service as Interim Moderator at Beith: High linked with Beith: Trinity.

- iii. Note that the Vacancy Procedure Committee in the vacancy at Lamlash linked with Shiskine linked with Lochranza & Pirnmill, in response to a request from the/

/request from the Kirk Session of Shiskine that an Interim Moderator be appointed to care for their spiritual needs on a temporary basis, had appointed the Revd Dr Ian MacLeod.

The Convener further gave notice that at the March meeting of Presbytery he would move "That at its next meeting, the Presbytery will elect seven ministers and seven elders as commissioners to the forthcoming General Assembly."

MINISTRY

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

- i. Homologate the decision of the Convener of the Ministry Committee and the Clerk, approving a period of study leave for the Revd D Ross Mitchell from 9th January 2005 to 14th January 2005 at the Reformed Theological College, Jackson, Mississippi
- ii. Approve an application from Revd Douglas Paterson for study leave from 13th March to 5th April 2005, in Australia

COMMUNICATIONS AND DOCTRINE

For the Committee, the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery note arrangements in connection with the visit of the Moderator of Presbytery to the Garnock Valley.

WORLD MISSION

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

- i. Encourage the congregations within the bounds to participate in the "Make Poverty History" campaign which is being sponsored by Christian Aid
- ii. Instruct the Clerk to write to HM Government inviting them to make full use of the opportunity in this year of the UK's presidency of the EU and the G* to put global poverty at the top of the international agenda.

PRESBYTERIAL SUPERINTENDENCE

For the Committee the Convener moved and it was seconded and agreed that Presbytery note that in terms of Act III 2000 the Presbytery Minute Book had been examined and found to be in order.

PARISH EDUCATION

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

- i. Approve Fiona McDowall, Largs: Clark Memorial and Hazel Ramage, Lamlash as Children's Ambassadors to the General Assembly.
- ii. Invite members of Presbytery to suggest to the Convener names of anyone between the ages of 18-25 who would be interested in being a youth representative to the General Assembly. Further details can be obtained from the Convener

NEXT ORDINARY MEETING Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place on Tuesday March 1st 2005 at 7.30pm for the conduct of ordinary business, the Business Committee to meet at 0945 on Tuesday February 22nd 2005

CLOSED WITH PRAYER

Moderator

Clerk