

Law, on Tuesday 16 January 2018, the **Presbytery of Lanark** met *pro re nata* at Law Parish Church to induct Rev Paul G R Grant BD MTh UKBHC to the charge of Law and was constituted with prayer.

Sederunt: Mr Alan Grant, Moderator; The Reverend Bryan Kerr, Presbytery Clerk; and others as in the Sederunt Book – in all 3 ministers and 4 Elders.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Rev E Clelland, H Findlay, N Macdonald, M MacDougall, E MacLean, E Obinna and G Shand Ministers; J Austin, G Chapman, H Chekansky, A Cochrane, L Cochrane, E Easton, G Forbes, E McLachlan, A McPhee, R Mitchell, M Morris, S Paget, A Reid, H Stewart, D Waters and J Watt, Elders; M McGillivray Corresponding Member.

Induction of Rev Paul G R Grant BD MTh UKBHC

The appropriate papers being laid before the court and no one having appeared to object to the life or doctrine of Rev Paul G R Grant, the Presbytery resolved to proceed. Mr Alan Grant, Moderator, conducted worship and Mr Bill Love preached the sermon. After answering the appropriate questions and signing the formula, Rev Paul G R Grant was inducted to the charge of Law Parish Church on the Basis of a five year Reviewable Charge (Appendix I) by the Moderator, who then delivered charges to both minister and members of the congregations. Rev Paul G R Grant duly signed a copy of the Basis of Reviewable Charge.

After the service the call, approved Vacancy Schedule, Map of the Parish Boundary and a signed copy of the Basis of Reviewable Charge was presented to Rev Paul G R Grant. The Clerk was instructed to add the name of Rev Paul G R Grant to the Roll of Presbytery and to send certification of the Induction of Rev Paul G R Grant to the Kirk Session of Law Parish Church, the Presbytery of Hamilton and the Ministries Council.

Thanks were recorded to Mr Alan Grant and Mrs Libby Muir for their respective service as Interim Moderator and Mrs Muir was discharged. Thanks were also expressed to Mr Grant and Mr Bill Love who had acted as locum tenens throughout the vacancy.

Rev Louise MacKay expressed the thanks of the Presbytery to the Moderator, and Mr Love for their conduct of the service of Induction, as well as to the members of Presbytery who were able to attend despite the challenging snowy conditions. Thanks were also expressed to the Clerk for arrangements.

Adjournment:

The Presbytery adjourned to meet for Ordinary Business in the Lanark: Greyfriars Parish Church on Tuesday 6 February 2018.

Closure

The Moderator closed the meeting with the benediction.

Moderator

Clerk

The Presbytery of Lanark
BASIS OF REVIEWABLE CHARGE LAW PARISH CHURCH

By decision of the Presbytery of Lanark the congregation of Law Parish Church (Church of Scotland) (SC013217) shall continue on a Basis of Reviewable Charge and that on the following conditions:

- 1) Permission to call a minister shall be on the basis of a reviewable charge;
- 2) The Presbytery shall review the position five years following the date of induction of the new minister of the charge;
- 3) At the review the Presbytery shall consider with the Kirk Session:
 - a) whether the life of the congregation exhibits the five purposes of the church, i.e. worship, service, discipleship, fellowship and evangelism and whether these are in a healthy balance;
 - b) the extent to which Law Parish Church has been able to develop and deliver a strategy for establishing links with the local communities, encouraging their involvement in the life of the church; and encouraging more community engagement with the life of the Church throughout the parish.
 - c) the success or otherwise of a focussed programme of Stewardship to encourage the time, talents, money and commitment of members of the congregation in relation to the work of the Church;
 - d) the extent to which the societal trends in the parish of Law are having an impact on the life, witness, ministry and health of Law Parish Church;
 - e) such other matters as may be relevant by that time.
- 4) Following such review, the Presbytery shall take a further decision on the future arrangements for ministry to the congregation and parish of Law Parish Church recognising that one of the options available to it is the termination of the tenure of the minister on giving him or her six months' notice in writing.

Approved by the Presbytery of Lanark on 3 May 2016
with concurrence from Ministries Council intimated on 21 June 2016

Signed: Paul Grant
Rev Paul G R Grant BD MTh BCHCC
Minister, Law Parish Church

Signed: Bryan Kerr
Rev Bryan Kerr BA BD
Presbytery Clerk

Date: 16 January 2018, the occasion of Mr Grant's induction to the Congregation and Parish of Law