

**Lanark**, on Tuesday 1 May 2018 the **Presbytery of Lanark** met in Lanark: Greyfriars Parish Church and was constituted in prayer.

**Sederunt:** Mr Alan Grant, Moderator and Rev Bryan Kerr, Clerk along with others as in the Sederunt Book – 7 Ministers, 18 Elders, 1 Corresponding member and 3 visitors.

**Apologies** for absence were intimated on behalf of Revs P Grant, L Mackay, G Shand and D Young, Ministers; A McPhee, and L Muir Elders, and M McGillivray, Corresponding Member.

### **Welcome to Visitors**

The Moderator welcomed visitors attending the Presbytery meeting, especially the commissioners to the General Assembly of 2018.

### **Approval of the Order of Business**

The Order of Business as circulated was approved.

### **Minutes of meeting on 13 March 2018**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2018 were held as read and approved.

### **Decisions taken under delegated powers**

The Clerk informed Presbytery that no decisions had been taken under powers.

### **Roll of Presbytery**

The Moderator invited Presbytery to remember Rev Paul Grant and his family in prayer following the death of his mother in April. The Clerk informed Presbytery that Rev Jim Seath has bene moved into Orchard House, Crossford and stated that his family would be pleased if members of Presbytery were able to pay him a visit.

### **Correspondence**

The Clerk informed members that all items of correspondence had been notified via email and that a number of pieces of correspondence had been received and remitted to appropriate Committee Conveners or passed on by e-mail to Ministers, Session Clerks and members of Presbytery.

The clerk referred to a number of items of note that had previously been circulated.

### **Good News Stories**

There were no stories shared.

### **Report of the Presbytery Support Committee**

The Report of the Presbytery Support Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Bill Love. It was moved and seconded:

#### **The Presbytery:**

1. Receive the report
2. Homologate Mr Ian Conn (Forth: St Paul's) replacing Mrs Lynn Cochrane (Upper Clyde) as an elder commissioner at this year's General Assembly following Mrs Cochrane's work commitments stopping her attending and Mr Conn's previous expression of interest to attend.
3. Instruct all Kirk Sessions and Congregational Boards to discuss topics sent out by the Presbytery Clerk to inform future planning for the session 2018-2019 and to send representatives to the June meeting of Presbytery.
4. Note that the clerk has begun the process of annual review of Registration of Ministries as laid out in Act 2, 2017 and that a report will be brought to the June meeting.

### **The Deliverance was approved**

### **Report on the attestation of records**

The Report on the attestation of records was presented by the Clerk. It was moved and seconded:

#### **The Presbytery:**

1. Receive the report
2. Note that in all but one congregation records have been adequately attested.
3. Note that in the one congregation where only the Safeguarding register was found to be in order the Clerk is working with the office bearers to rectify the situation and that a report will be made to the Presbytery Support Committee at its next meeting.
4. Note that all but one ministerial travel log books for 2017-2018 have been attested and found to be in order and instruct the Clerk to ensure the remaining log book is presented to him for attestation no later than 9 May 2018.
5. Note that the Presbytery Minutes have been inspected and were found to be in order.
6. Thank all who keep records on behalf of the congregations for their diligence and professionalism to the task.
7. Thank all members of Presbytery who gave of their time and skill to attest congregational records on 17 April 2018.

#### **The Deliverance was approved**

### **Presbyterial Council of Guild**

The Report of the Presbyterial Council of the Guild was given by Convener, Mrs Dorothy Wiseman. Mrs Wiseman spoke of 39 new members across guilds within the Presbytery area. It had been a difficult winter with many guilds having to cancel meetings but despite that they were looking forward to exploring the new themes presented by the national committee. Mrs Wiseman spoke of the real challenge and difficulty facing many Guild's in respect of leadership roles and conveners and urged Presbytery to support their Guild in whatever way they could in easing the burden of leadership. She spoke of Guilds who have embraced the challenges and taken the opportunity to share responsibilities amongst the committee and wider membership. Mrs Wiseman thanked the Presbytery for their support and asked for continuing prayers for the Guild. The Moderator thanked Mrs Wiseman for her report.

### **Report of the Relationships & Context Committee**

The Report of the Relationships & Context Committee was presented by the Convener, Rev Dr Elijah Obinna. It was moved and seconded:

#### **The Presbytery:**

1. Receive the report.
2. Note that the next World Mission Presbytery Conveners Conference will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> September.
3. Encourage congregations to promotion and observe Souper Sunday.
4. Encourage the continuing support for Fairtrade.
5. Note and encourage congregations to share thoughts on ongoing local initiatives and resources at their reach.

#### **The Deliverance was approved**

### **Report of the Worship & Discipleship Committee**

The Report of the Worship & Discipleship Committee was presented by the Convener, Rev Elspeth MacLean. It was moved and seconded:

#### **The Presbytery:**

1. Receive the report.
2. Note the plans for the Praise Services for Year of Young People within the Presbytery and encourage congregations to get involved.

3. Welcome the work of the subgroup on Prayer and encourage congregations to begin to consider appointing a Prayer Co-ordinator in due course, if not already appointed.
4. Note that a meeting has taken place to develop plans in the joint initiative of training elders in conducting funerals with the Presbytery of Hamilton and that a report will be brought to a future meeting.

**The Deliverance was approved**

**Intimations**

Intimations were called for

**Adjournment:**

**The Presbytery adjourned to meet for Ordinary Business on Tuesday 19 June 2018 at 7 pm in Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark.**

**Closure**

The Moderator closed the meeting with the benediction.

**Moderator**

**Clerk**