

Lanark, on Tuesday 19 June 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 – 12 Ministers, 17 Elders, 1 Corresponding member and 32 visitors.

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Revs M Fucella and P Grant, Ministers; G Chapman, H Chekansky and D Waters, Elders, and D Wiseman, Corresponding Member.

Welcome to Visitors

The Moderator welcomed visitors attending the Presbytery meeting, especially from the cited congregations of Carluke: St. Andrews, Carluke: St. John's and Upper Clyde.

Approval of the Order of Business

The Order of Business as circulated was approved.

Minutes of meeting on 1 May 2018

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1 May 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 thanked members of Presbytery who were attending their last meeting and wished them God's blessing in the future. The Presbytery also wished Rev Iain Cunningham well as his time as World Mission Convener for the Church of Scotland reached an end. Presbytery expressed a wish that Mr Cunningham address the Presbytery on his term of office in due course.

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.

Catch the Light Presentation

The Moderator invited Ian McDonald from Catch the Light who is helping to lead a number of congregations through the Local Church Review Process, to address the Presbytery. Mr McDonald spoke of the insights he was gaining from around the Presbytery as he met with congregations during the LCR process and that a number of common issues were being raised. Mr McDonald spoke of the possibility of Presbytery establishing a Youth hub which would aim to bring a more co-ordinated approach to youth work within the churches. As part of the LCR process Mr McDonald was facilitating a 'Hopes and Fears' event at Symington recognising the need to meet with and understand young people where they are. Mr McDonald stated that our churches could be the place that share the message that young people need to hear as well as being places that were assisting the young people to be a part of what we do. Mr McDonald encouraged the Presbytery to consider this approach during the coming months. The Moderator thanked Mr McDonald for his presentation.

Table Discussion with congregations on Future Planning

The Moderator invited the Clerk to lead the Presbytery and members of the congregations who gathered in a discussion on future planning. The Clerk invited groups to discuss five key questions which focussed on the hopes and visions of congregations in mission and life together.

1. Something that you have done where you see God, can celebrate, achieved in the past year within the congregation or parish.

2. Priorities for worship, discipleship, prayer and service within the church family in the next year.
3. Priorities for mission (parish, community and world) in the next year.
4. What would you like to see Presbytery achieve in the next year?
5. What does your church plan to do for young people in the coming year?

Unedited responses to the questions are appended to the minute in Appendix I

Report of the Presbytery Support Committee

The Report of the Presbytery Support Committee was presented by the Convener, Mr Bill Love.

Parties were called.

The Clerk informed Presbytery that citations had been served to the congregations of Carluke: St. Andrews, Carluke: St. John's and Upper Clyde and had been returned duly signed.

Representatives from the cited congregation of Upper Clyde were invited to make representations in respect of section 6 of the deliverance.

Representatives from the cited congregations of Carluke: St. Andrews and Carluke: St. John's were invited to make representations in respect of section 8 of the deliverance.

Parties were removed.

The Convener then moved the following deliverance, which was seconded:

The Presbytery:

1. Receive the report.
2. Agree the guidelines for Ministry and Mission Presbytery Discretionary Allowance (Appendix 2).
3. Agree to make a Ministry and Mission Discretionary Variance Allowance of £4000 towards the Rainforest Cafe/ Self Help Sessions project at Forth: St Paul's.
4. Agree the appointment of the following as additional Elders for 2018-19: Mr Ewan Easton (Lanark: Greyfriars), Mr George Forbes (Kirkmuirhill), Mr Alan Grant (Carluke: St John's), Mr Bill Love (Lanark: St Nicholas) Mr Willie Macsween (Carluke: Kirkton), Mr Scott Paget (Lanark: Greyfriars), and thank Mrs Libby Muir for her service as an Additional Elder.
5. Thank Mr Bill Love for his term as Convener (pro tem) of the Presbytery Support Committee and appoint Mr Scott Paget as Convener from 20 June 2018 in line with the decision of Presbytery in February 2018.
6. Agree the appointment of four people to serve as Assessor Elders at Upper Clyde and instruct the Clerk, Depute Clerk and Convener to make the relevant appointments and report them to the September Presbytery meeting.
7. In respect of the Registration of Ministries Act
 - a. following requests from Rev Susan Cowell, Rev Roy Cowieson, Rev Jim Cutler, Rev Harry Findlay, Rev Bev Gauld, Rev Dr Graham Houston, Rev Jim Seath, Rev John Turnbull, Rev David Young to retain Category R status, agree that Category R Status be granted from 1st July 2018 to 30 June 2019.
 - b. Note that, having reached the three year anniversary of his demission and due to the fact he does not wish to become a communicant member of a Church of Scotland congregation, Rev Dr Cameron McPherson, has chosen not to request Category R or I status and instruct the Ministries Council to place Dr McPherson's name on Supplementary List G of the Register of Ministries with effect from 26 June 2018.
8. Note that separate meetings have been held between members of the Presbytery Support Committee and the Sessions of Carluke: St Andrew's and Carluke: St John's. In addition meetings have also taken place with Rev Elijah Obinna (Carluke: St John's) and Rev Helen Jamieson (Carluke: St Andrew's). The Presbytery Support Committee will bring a full report to Presbytery as soon as it is able to do so.

9. In respect of meeting dates for 2018/2019
 - a. Agree that the Presbytery will meet for ordinary business on the following dates, at 7pm in Lanark: Greyfriars during the 2018/2019 session: 4 September (in Cairngryffe Church), 2 October, 6 November, 4 December, 5 February, 5 March, 7 May, 18 June.
 - b. Agree that the Worship & Discipleship and Relationship & Context committees will meet on the following dates, at 7pm in Lanark: Greyfriars during the 2018/2019 session: 21 August, 18 September, 23 October, 20 November, 22 January, 19 February, 19 March, 23 April, 4 June.
 - c. Agree that the Presbytery Support Committee will meet on the following dates, at 7pm in Lanark: Greyfriars during the 2018/2019 session: 22 August, 19 September, 24 October, 21 November, 23 January, 20 February, 20 March, 24 April, 5 June.
10. Grant powers during the summer recess to the Convener, Moderator, Clerk and Depute Clerk.

The Deliverance was approved

Parties were recalled and the decision of Presbytery intimated to them.

The Clerk informed Parties that, should they wish to appeal the decision, they should do so, in writing within 14 days.

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. Invite all congregations to participate in the National Prayer Day on 3rd November 2018 between 9am and 9pm.
3. Instruct all members of Presbytery to note in their diaries Saturday 2nd March, and prayerfully consider attending the Presbytery Retreat on that date in Braehead House.
4. Instruct all congregations to prayerfully consider appointing a prayer promoter if they do not already have one.
5. Invite all prayer promoters to the next meeting on Saturday 1st September 2018 10.30-12 at Braehead House.

The Deliverance was approved

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. Commend the ongoing exploration on Farming ministry by the committee and instruct the committee to present a detailed report in a future Presbytery meeting.
3. Encourage members and congregations to engage with the World Mission Council: Special Report on Lessons for Scotland from Christian Faith in Africa.
4. Note and encourage congregations to participate in the Presbytery Mission conference proposed for Saturday, 6th October 2018.

The Deliverance was approved

Intimations

Intimations were called for

Adjournment:

The Presbytery adjourned to meet for the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Tuesday 4 September 2018 at 7 pm and thereafter for Ordinary Business in Cairngryffe Parish Church, Carmichael.

Closure

The Moderator closed the meeting with the benediction.

Moderator

Clerk

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Question	Answer
<u>Highlights in congregations over the past year</u>	<p><i>Kirkmuirhill</i> Survival of Kirkmuirhill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good number of Sunday school, GB &BB's at 200+ - 3 candidates going into the ministry - 2 young people training for the ministry - Family growing - Messy church brings in families into church, whole families - 150-year anniversary - Opp. for a new minister - Opp. for renewed spiritual leadership - There is a growing fellowship with the congregation - Steady number of young people - Despite vacancy things are still happening <p>Messy church –parents come to church as a result of them coming to messy church</p> <p><i>Upper Clyde</i> Inspired by the work of the minister in schools the children bring what they have been doing to the church in special services. -often involving the church minister -involvement with send a cow – make a cow in whatever material</p> <p>Excellent relationships with 5 schools Resilience</p> <p>Digibox for singing Hymns</p> <p><i>Lanark: Greyfriars</i> Changing the Physicality of the church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Taking out pews - Making the church more welcoming - Missional – bringing in members of the community - People have responded to the flexible space - People can still sit in pews upstairs <p><i>Carnwath l/w Carstairs</i> Night Kirk in church - evening worship with food encouraging different people to attend - different forms of worship</p> <p><i>Carluke: St Andrews</i> Visit of the Lord High Commissioner - Playlist for life and Drip In</p> <p><i>Forth: St Paul's</i> Stewardship campaign – good attendance</p> <p><i>Cairngryffe</i> More accredited worship leaders</p> <p><i>Carluke: St Johns</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christmas community lunch (power of internet) - Youth ministry <p>Choir of 12-14 young people "Grace Notes" who sang at 'Heart and Soul'</p> <p><i>Lesmahagow Old</i> 2 members and christening</p> <p><i>Coalburn</i></p>

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	<p>Wednesday Crafts group – not big numbers</p> <p>Carluke: Kirkton</p> <p>Youth worker appointed (Full time)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Easy access to local schools - Works with workers from local Baptist church - Fully trained to lead worship <p>Mainly Music (Mother and Toddler group)</p>
	<p>Unnamed church</p> <p>Messy church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - parents come to church as a result of them coming to messy church - 15 minutes of worship and prayer in each event - 70/80 people coming - Advertised on social media - Worship and a communal meal - 20 people on the Help & kitchen team
	<p>Unnamed church</p> <p>Encourage Youth Fellowship to come to Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thinking about ideas for this
	<p>Unnamed church</p> <p>Christianity explored course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 20 people attended
	<p>Carluke Youth Praise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Churches - Primary schools - Singing groups - Extend to High schools? (via Grace Notes?) - Extend to presbytery?

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<p><u>Priorities for worship, Discipleship, Prayer and Service</u></p>	<p>Priority Fellowship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Praise – Prayer - Worship - Meet on a common group - Example annual outreach – invite speakers to lead service, Key the word of God - 7/8 days to visit everyone - Leadhills and Wanlochhead alternative weeks - Fellowship meeting - Tables for children to link activities to topic <p>2 types of worship each Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Traditional - Evening service with various preachers - Informal and more direct <p>Prayer life central of church life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Look at developing prayer life - How do we do that? - Partnership in prayer between elders and ministers <p>Exploring different styles of worship</p> <p>Holding on to Hope</p> <p>Being Prayerful</p>
	<p>Priority to get people through the door in a massive rural parish & keeping the doors open. Doing good work in communities but [ed. it is] hard to get them through the doors with small group of elders.</p> <p>‘Cake and Blether’ to engage with older people to take the place of pensioner clubs that close down over the summer</p> <p>Problem getting evening out with competition with teenage organisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - poor public transport available - “what else can we do?” but also “How do we keep this ship on the road?” <p>Debate about how difficult it would be to have a single plan that would be right to churches in different situations with different aspirations & difficult issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing transport issues in a number of different rural locations.
	<p>Carlisle: St Johns 175th anniversary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Healing Service - Evening Praise Service
	<p>Go beyond Church Walls</p> <p>Embrace social media – used by young people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facebook. Expertise across presbytery for campaign. <p>Use youth organisations plus social media to contact young people and <u>ask</u> what their points of view are</p>
	<p><i>St Pauls</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth Focused Hogmanay Service

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	<p><i>Upper Clyde</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - engage community - 9 villages - Biscuits & Blethers - Annual event <p><i>Cairngryffe</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prayer & praise <p><i>Carlisle: St Johns</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth alpha - Supporting young people as they go through school exams/ university and college - 'Praise the Lord' service – involving local school choirs & parents in November <p><u><i>Carlisle: St Andrews</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Musical Teas - "Inviting church" – Engage with community <hr/> <p>Preaching Word of God Foundational.</p> <p>Finding a minister that God's hand is on.</p> <p>Bible study once a month for youth.</p> <p>Weeks of prayer – 24 hours a day. Preaching prayer and pastoral</p> <p>Crossford church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 40 primary school aged on a Friday night - God Slot - 15 young people P7-S1
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Mission how do you want to reach out into the community	Congregational <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reach out - Community Issues Youth Alpha <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Using Café Holiday Club Saturday Night Young Club Arch [ed. centenary marking installation] Circle of Care
	Keep monthly services going Support Orphanage and school in Kenya <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Friend of Kenya fundraiser & some sponsor children Looking into twinning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Liaising with 121 George Street [ed. Church of Scotland national councils and offices location] - Already have a connection with Malawi & mission partners Holiday Club Paying for education of children in Nigeria Jaffa club + Jaffa 2 Listening program Youth Café Food Bank
	Carluke: St. John's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Twinning - Staying in contact with members (Pastoral team) Carluke: St Andrew's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Services at Hiltongrange Care Home - Peoples Bicycle project - Faith in Older People - trial with 'inviting' church' - New houses in Carluke – a welcome Pack and church magazine
	Knitting squares – Donated to Beechgrove Invitation to householders re. church Work with the Community Council – concerns re. banking (bank closed), disabled parking.

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	<p>St John's Christmas lunch</p> <p>Website: Should be a "what is on in Lanark Presbytery"</p> <hr/> <p>Gillespie Centre – vestry Hour</p> <p>Rainforest Café (Forth)</p> <p>Twining in Europe - Trip</p> <hr/> <p>Should be more midweek services for people that can't attend at weekends. Being beyond Sunday mornings for worship.</p> <p>How do people on the street understand what churches can do for them?</p> <p>People sometimes need to have courage to share their Christian connections with strangers. Do we compartmentalize Faith/everyday life/ family rather than have them in a single place?</p> <p>TRANSPORT</p> <hr/> <p>Set up visitation committee. Challenge is the capacity to deliver.</p> <p>Volunteering for young people</p> <p>A communications strategy</p> <hr/> <p>Christ shop – a way of making contact with people. Information about church activities. Donation of a new mattress. NOT ONE SIZE FITS ALL</p> <p>Bereavement groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sense of friendship - Support - Hear for You – suicide prevention - Presentation in schools <p>Need for highlighting of issues in each area</p> <p>Need to encourage smaller congregations to think about being missional</p> <p>Intergenerational work</p>
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Question	Answer
<p>Presbytery tasks What would you like presbytery to do in the next year?</p>	Supporting Parishes that struggle by intentionally sharing within other congregations to support others.
	Action needs to be taken to consolidate churches where possible.
	A mission team set up to promote mission within the parish
	Relationships
	We want presbytery to be proactive and support us to deal with some of the very real problems
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How do we get that practical help where it is needed?
	Lots of churches could do with a bit of advice from time to time
	Presbytery needs to recognise the very real differences between parishes – not one set of questions for every congregation
	Churches need to feel it IS their [local church] review and not a tick box exercise.
	Prayer for Congregations
	Practical Help and advice
	Poor Communication
	Youth praise run by presbytery
Less admin demands	
More collaborative (?) working between churches – sharing expertise – advisors	
More Pastoral presbytery	
Presbytery Listen	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training offered - Encouragement - Let congregations have freedom to try their ideas. - Less stopping Congregations from moving forward. - Not the referee but instead the Coach. 	
Much improved Communication – reply and acknowledge	
Support and guidance, shared resources – assist so we don't all re-invent wheel.	
Presbytery event along lines of Carluke Praise.	

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<p>Young People What do you plan to do for Young People in the coming year?</p>	<p>Developing use of church Facebook Page & setting up new website.</p> <p>Continue Youth Praise events & develop them</p> <p>Develop use of Social Media</p> <p>Exploring different types of Services for youth</p> <p>Encourage young people to be involved in planning & leading worship</p> <p>Look for volunteers who have skills with young people to overcome generational gap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presbytery help? <p>Build links with youth groups in community</p> <p>Develop 'Night Kirk'</p> <p>Support young people to attend SU Camp</p> <p>Strive to get leaders for youth organisations.</p> <p>Forth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rainforest café - Youth services <p>Youth fellowship – Alex Kelly</p> <p>Prayer Partners for each child.</p> <p>Pray about it – Look to the Lord</p> <p>Develop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sunday school - A leadership award aimed at young people <p>Continue to encourage them to attend, even bringing them</p> <p>Continue to encourage uniformed organisations</p> <p>Encouraging children to be part of worship</p> <p>Youth Alpha</p> <p>Uniformed Organisations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More active role spiritually <p>Youth Café</p> <p>Youth Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sat night - Games - Epilogue - Nights away <p>Prayer partner</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Young Person with elderly person <p>Problem [ed. of] 'needing children'</p> <p>Building on links with primary schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working on intergenerational link with older people - Link with dementia - Link with another group that use the hall – potential link building with toddler group. <p>Rural areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Actual numbers of children in the area are dropping. Kids in the Sunday school are now older teenagers. Younger adults in churches have a lot of pressure put on them - Younger adults have run Sunday clubs or years.
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Appendix 2**Guidelines for Ministry and Mission Presbytery Discretionary Allowance**

Regulation 1, 2012 (as amended) allows Presbytery to allocate a sum for Presbytery and/or congregational purposes from a percentage of the total Ministry and Mission Contributions of congregations within the bounds. The percentage is determined annually by the Council of Assembly and any use of the fund is subject to the agreement of Presbytery. In respect of the Ministry and Mission Presbytery Discretionary Allowance, the Presbytery of Lanark agree the following guidelines:

1. The Presbytery Support Committee shall recommend an amount to Presbytery at the meeting following the approval of the proposed contributions (normally December) to cover any Presbytery staffing appointments or committed expenditure for ongoing Presbytery Projects.
2. At the December meeting of Presbytery the Presbytery Support Committee shall determine the amount of money to be available for congregational or Presbytery projects for the forthcoming year. This amount shall be split into two application periods (1st January – 30th April and 1st May – 31st August) with the amount available in the second period reviewable at the May meeting of Presbytery. Any underspend in the first period may be carried forward.
3. Kirk Sessions of Congregations and Committees of Presbytery may submit applications for funding to the Presbytery Support Committee between 1st January – 14th April and 1st May – 14th August.
4. Funding shall normally be for projects that
 - a. Develop Mission within a community
 - b. Develop gifts and skills of individuals within a congregational setting
 - c. Provide meaningful support to a parish or community
 - d. Explore and/or develop new forms of worship and/or church
5. Applications should include a description of the project, agreed aims and objectives, a budget, (in the case of a congregational application) details of the commitment of the congregation involved both in terms of people and finance.
6. Funding from the Discretionary Allowance will not normally be made available for congregational staffing or basic infrastructure (for example, fabric repairs, phone lines and internet access, office equipment)
7. Funding from the Discretionary Allowance will not normally meet 100% of costs for congregational projects and there is an expectation that the congregation will contribute financially.
8. Other sources of external funding can be sought for projects and is encouraged.
9. The Presbytery Support Committee will recommend the level of support for each project to Presbytery at meetings between February and September (inclusive)
10. A congregation will not be eligible to receive funding if a monthly standing order to pay Ministry and Mission Contributions is not in operation (unless permission to vary the payment method has been approved by Presbytery prior to 31 December in the preceding year).
11. Should a congregation not spend the sum awarded within one calendar year of the award a report outlining the reasons why must be submitted to Presbytery Support Committee along with proposals for how the remaining money will be used.
12. Every congregation receiving an award shall submit a written report on the project to Presbytery Support Committee as soon as possible after the project has been completed, or no later than 12 months following the award being made whichever date is sooner.
13. The Presbytery Support Committee shall recommend any other use of the remaining Discretionary Allowance to the September meeting of Presbytery, for example contributing to congregational shortfalls, funding for Presbytery projects or responding to changes in congregational circumstances.
14. These guidelines shall reviewed not less than once every three years.