



REPORTS AND DELIVERANCES FOR 16 JUNE 2020

LOCAL MISSION IN CONTEXT

Presbyterial Guild

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. note the report.

Report

Edinburgh Guilds Together.

Guild Report to Edinburgh Presbytery: 2019/20 - Mrs Kay Coull, Convener.

As Convener of Edinburgh Guilds Together I bring you the report of the Guild and the greetings of its members.

This session has been the second in the Guild's three-year strategy under the overall title '**One Journey, Many Roads**'.

The annual theme for 2019-20 has been '**Companions on the Road**' and this was launched at the Annual Gathering in the Caird Hall, Dundee, in September 2019.

Over 1800 members and guests attended the Gathering and heard a superb talk by Carolyn Boyd Tomasovic about her work in Eastern Europe with the Ecumenical Women's Initiative. Our past National Convener, Patricia Robertson, spoke of a visit she made to Malawi and the current National Convener, Marian McIntyre, shared her hopes for the future of the Guild.

Over the year the branch Guilds have focussed on the theme for the session: 'Companions on the Road'.

The Edinburgh Guilds Together Syllabus featured a wide range of 'companions' including Sanctuary First, The Prison Service, and The Vine Trust as well as organisations who featured at our 'Extra Mile' Resource Day; Fresh Start, The Bethany Christian Trust, Christians against Poverty and the work of the Church's Integrity Strategy. We also had the pleasure of journeying with the Moderator of Edinburgh Presbytery, The Rev Dr Richard Frazer, 'On the road to Santiago' at our AGM and Valentine's Tea in February 2020.

Due to the Covid-19 Health Emergency, and the subsequent Lockdown we were unable to host our Spring Rally in April or join the Big Sing event during the General Assembly in May.

Several national Conferences were cancelled, but we hope to reconvene the National Visioning Conference in March 2021, where we will focus on the role of the Guild in light of the Church of Scotland's Radical Action Plan: considering the changing presbytery boundaries, the new national forums and the new ways of governance.

Since Lockdown we have maintained regular contact with our membership, mainly through email, text messages and telephone calls. The National Guild has also had a presence online and on social media which has ensured continuing fellowship.

The Guild family has remained strong and many have been busy looking to the future and planning their syllabus for next session, when our theme will be the 'Extra Mile', something that we have all had to embrace over the past few months.

The branch Guilds have continued to support our national **Guild Projects** under the 'One Journey, Many Roads' strategy.

Crossreach and their project 'Join the Dots'; addressing loneliness, isolation and mental health issues.

Sailors' Society and their project 'A Chaplain for our Ports'; aiming to provide a chaplaincy service in every port in Scotland.

The Boys' Brigade and their Project 'Faith in Young People'; looking to support young leaders, encourage membership and developing Christian Education within the BB.

Malawi Fruits and their Project 'Growing the Future'; a scheme to encourage, support and train young farmers.

The Free to Live Trust and their Project 'Seema's Project'; working to support sex workers and their children in Pune, India.

World Mission Council and their Project 'Journeying Together, Empowering Teenage Mothers in Zambia'; working with young mothers in Zambia.

Presbytery will be interested to know that the total raised to date for the projects has now reached over £345,000.

There remain 22 Guild branches in Edinburgh and many individual members.

I would be grateful if Presbytery members could encourage the fellowship groups and individuals within their Churches to consider being part of this dynamic movement; a movement open to all that invites everyone to commit their lives to Christ and enables them to express their faith in worship, prayer, and action.

Due to Covid-19 the Guild Annual Gathering for 2020 will not take place in September but we will be back in 2021. If restrictions allow, Guild week will take place from the 6th of September 2020 and Guild branches will hopefully resume soon after.

I would like to acknowledge the support that the branch Guilds receive from the members of Presbytery. The support of Ministers and congregations is very much appreciated. Without you as our 'Companions on the Road' the faith Journey with its many roads would be exceedingly difficult. As we 'look forward in faith' to a new session and our new theme, 'The Extra Mile', may we indeed go that bit further to support those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

The coming year promises to be another exciting and rewarding time to be part of this great organisation.

Ministries Committee

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. nominate Dawn Westwood, as a Candidate for Ordained National Ministry and elect as a Corresponding Member.
2. note that all ministers with a Category R Registration have been contacted as per Act II 2017 Registration of Ministries.
3. note the request from the Rev John Cameron, Rev Murray Chalmers, Rev Mary Dilbey and Rev Peter Millar to change their registration category from **R** to **I** from 1 July 2020.
4. approve the renewal of category **R** to ministers already with this category from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

Registration of Ministries

(meaning of R status: Retaining status as a minister and authorised to perform the functions of ministry outwith an appointment covered by Category O or Category E.)

Resourcing Mission Committee

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. note the following Mission Grants:
 - Blackhall St. Columba's - £400 to cover expenses for an Alpha Course,
 - Carrick Knowe Parish Church - £1600 to cover a funding gap in salary costs.
2. note the cost of banners for every congregation within the bounds of Presbytery at £1439.30, the building of www.thekirkonline.info at £55.54, and encouragement of congregations to display their banner in a prominent place on or near their building.
3. note the Presbytery Mission Conference on *Mission in a time of Crisis* took place on 14th May, and thank the contributors, Lesley Hamilton-Messer and David Williams.

Report

The church is not closed – the church is deployed. This message has been widely shared on social media, and in conversation throughout the time in which we have found ourselves unable to meet for public worship. Individual congregations have been heavily involved in their local communities responding to needs as they arise – from shopping and picking up prescriptions for the vulnerable, to navigating meeting online and hosting worship services in new contexts, including the leading of funerals for reduced numbers.

The Resourcing Mission Committee wishes to encourage and commend congregations for the way in which they have risen to the challenge that Covid-19 has brought. As Lockdown was extended, the Resourcing Mission Committee met to discuss ways to help resource congregations in this time and approved two projects.

The first was to order a banner for every charge in the bounds of Presbytery with a simple message: “Our buildings may be closed, but our work continues.” As part of this project a new website was set up, www.thekirkonline.info to act as a landing page and link to the website of every congregation in the Presbytery. This allows congregations to keep parishioners updated on the work they are undertaking while buildings are closed. While not all congregations are able to maintain a website, or update it regularly, it was felt by the Committee that this would be a useful and helpful tool for congregations as a whole. It was also recognised that not every congregation may have a suitable place to display a banner – but it was felt that the overall benefit of communicating to parishioners that the work of the church is ongoing and continuing, twinned with the need to respond quickly during Lockdown, was sufficient to justify ordering a banner on behalf of all congregations. This decision was taken in conjunction with the Presbytery Clerk and Convener of the Business Committee. It has been encouraging to see a number of congregations display their banner, and we would encourage those congregations who have not been able to display their banner, to do so at their earliest convenience.

The second project was to organise a conference, aimed particularly at ministers, on the theme of “Mission in a time of Crisis”. This conference took place on Zoom on the 14th May and featured contributions from Lesley Hamilton-Messer, Church Without Walls Team Leader for the Faith Nurture Forum, who spoke on *Maximising Mission in the New Normal* and from David Williams, the Go for It Fund Manager, who spoke on *Innovation in a Time of Change*. The conference was opened in worship by the Moderator, Rev. Richard Frazer and closed in prayer by the Presbytery Clerk. The Committee is enormously grateful to all who participated, and feedback received from those who attended has been positive.

The Committee has also been continuing its normal practice of reviewing mission grants received by congregations. The Committee had received a request from Blackhall St. Columba’s before Lockdown took place to help cover expenses for an Alpha course, which it approved. The Committee also received a request from Carrick Knowe Parish Church to cover a gap in funding for their children and families worker. In usual circumstances the Mission Fund would not resource salary costs for local workers as the funds available are too small to be utilized fairly for this purpose. However, in light of the extraordinary circumstances in which we find ourselves the Resourcing Mission Committee decided that exceptional circumstances prevail and agreed to approve this request without committing itself to fund similar requests in the future.

The Committee has also been working closely with the Finance Committee in awarding money from the newly set up Presbytery COVID-19 Fund.

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY INTERESTS

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. encourage congregations to submit to the Social and Community Interests Committee Convener details of the work they are doing in church and community as a specific response to needs created by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Report

During these unprecedented times for our nation, our world, and our church we in the Social & Community Interests Committee are keen to acknowledge that although our buildings are closed the church is very much still open and working in our communities. There are many examples of churches using technology for pastoral care, meetings, services and even virtual coffee mornings. Churches are also at the centre of the 'relief effort', helping to provide food and other services to those self-isolated or cut off from the usual sources of help.

We would like to hear your stories in order to build a picture of how churches in our Presbytery are meeting the need in this time of trial and how we are preparing for the "New Normal", however that may look.

Over the next few weeks, before the next meeting of Presbytery, please get in touch with our Convener, Bill Wishart, bwishart@churchofscotland.org.uk and let us know the wonderful work your church is doing in the face of Covid-19. How are you reaching out into your parish & community, meeting the needs of vulnerable members and parishioners, conducting meetings, carrying out pastoral care and so on? We hope to hear of the work you are doing in order to keep a faithful account of the congregations' response to the current crisis.

BUSINESS

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. receive the report.
2. grant powers to the Moderator, the Conveners of Business Committee, Superintendence Committee, Property Committee, Finance Committee, Deployment of Resources Committee, the Clerk, Depute Clerk and Mrs Pauline Weibye to deal with any urgent business arising between Presbytery meetings from 17 June 2020 to 14 June 2021.

Report

Responses to the Coronavirus Pandemic

Over the last couple of months the Business Committee has continued to oversee the life of Presbytery in conjunction with the office staff to ensure as far as possible that the life of Presbytery continues to operate.

The office staff acted quickly, basing themselves at home, using technology to keep connected with each other and the wider Presbytery. This has allowed for the functions of Presbytery to continue including holding Inductions, having online meetings of Committees, responding to queries, and sharing information.

The Committee also gave consideration to placing staff on the furlough scheme. The outcome was that we placed 4 people on furlough: The Community Development worker and Cleaner at St Andrew's Clermiston, The Project Leader Arts and Entertainment at Greenside and the Presbytery Officer. The period of such furlough will be reviewed in July.

As we move through the easing of restrictions across Scotland, work is under way to assist congregations in how to respond to the changes. The central offices, we understand, are planning to provide information before the potential move to Phase 2 of *Scotland's route map through and out of the crisis* published by the Scottish Government. Such documentation will be similar to that produced by The United Reformed Church in their booklet called *The New Normal*.

Presbytery Meetings and Committee Structures

Given the fulsome discussion around the restructuring of the Presbytery meetings and committees, the Committee has addressed many of the concerns expressed and it is our hope to bring the revised proposals to a meeting of the full Presbytery before the end of the year. Given that our June Presbytery meeting will be using technology in a way as never before, we thought to wait to see how effective this approach was before setting before the Presbytery a matter that will require full engagement.

DEPLOYMENT OF RESOURCES

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. agree to extend the contract of Mr David Todd, Project Leader, Arts and Entertainment until June 2021, in line with the Basis of Guardianship.

Report

Greenside – Project Leader, Arts and Entertainment

The congregation of Greenside Parish Church requested an extension to the post of the Project Leader, Arts and Entertainment, Mr David Todd. Greenside has a Basis of Guardianship that is in place until the end of June 2021 and the Committee proposes extending the contract until that date in order to bring it into line with the Guardianship timetable. This does not preclude a further extension being agreed at a later date.

PRESBYTERY PLANNING STRATEGY TEAM

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. receive the report.

Report

Report of the Presbytery Planning Strategy Team

The Presbytery Conference the Strategy Team organised for 14th March was regrettably, but understandably, cancelled at the last moment when the first indications for the need for social distancing became apparent. Shortly thereafter all church buildings were closed and congregations began to worship and exercise pastoral care in Lockdown. At that time the Team planned to delay the conference and the beginning of the cluster groups meeting in the hope that the Lockdown would not be for long and a conference would be possible after the summer.

However the picture has changed since then and more recently the impact of the Lockdown on the whole institution of the Church of Scotland, that included the cancellation of the General Assembly, has been keenly felt, especially financially. A fresh urgency from the Assembly Trustees and the General Trustees for robust and realistic Presbytery Plans to be completed has led to the Strategy Team meeting again by video conferencing to map the way forward.

Having now shared in the Assembly Trustees webinar held on Friday 22nd May, the Team remains committed to the creation of a new Plan that should be shaped by a vision for the future mission of the Church to the City of Edinburgh and its environs. It is expected that the experience of and opportunities for ministry and congregational life during the long months of the Lockdown have offered new perspectives on what that future can be. Much of the material that was to be presented at the conference is still pertinent in shaping conversations by local groupings of ministers, Kirk Sessions, and congregations.

What is apparent is that, as with all other sectors of society, this interruption of regular life by the Lockdown offers the Church a space to view the future through a different lens. For such a transformation to take place, however, it is also necessary that the Church – its ministers, Kirk Sessions, and congregations – look beyond what is local to the wider needs of the City, its surrounds, and to the Church at a national level.

Therefore, the next step is to gather suitable material together to offer as online seminars/discussion starters for Kirk Sessions and congregations that will facilitate conversations in the area groupings over the summer about the future shape for mission of the Church to Edinburgh. Such material will provide information on the reality that the Church now faces, the models and mechanisms for ministry and congregational life, and the expectations about the retention and disposal of buildings.

PROPERTY

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. grant permission to St Michael's to install replacement audio equipment at a cost of £24k, to be funded locally, subject to resolving outstanding issues with CARTA.
2. note the purchases being made for all congregations through the Covid-19 Fund.

Report

St Michael's

St Michael's is seeking permission to install replacement audio equipment at a cost of £24k, to be funded locally. Since this takes the spending on the building over the threshold requiring permission, it has come to Presbytery. Some of the equipment in place is 25 years old, and CARTA have been involved to give guidance on replacement and aesthetics. Some issues remain to be resolved but need not preclude approval of the overall project. A donation of £10k has been given towards this specific project and there are ample funds held locally to cover the rest.

Covid-19 Supplies

As the Covid-19 lockdown begins to ease, a small group of the Business Committee is reflecting on what congregations will need in order to open the doors, **when allowed**, in a way that is safe and responsible. Brian Auld, of 121 George Street, is putting together advice on this, which will be circulated to every congregation.

In the meantime, it is clear that signage, sanitiser and dispensers will be required and, in order to have that available immediately it's needed, this will be bulk ordered locally in the first instance and paid for from the Presbytery's Covid-19 Fund. Utilising money from the Presbytery Covid-19 Fund, we will purchase 2 dispensers and 10L of hand sanitizer for every congregation (some may need additional dispensers and ordinary 'household' pump action ones will do, at least to begin with). We will also purchase some basic signage. These will be able to be collected from a central point, to be notified later, but it would be helpful to know in advance of ordering what signage would be useful. It is recognised that there is a variety of building layouts and therefore the same signs will not suit every congregation. Please give thought to what your congregation may need initially as soon as possible and email Jared Hay at jaredhay3010@gmail.com.

This is going to be a long and developing situation and a longer-term strategy will be required in due course and placed before Presbytery for approval, but this first step is being taken to let congregations know that they are not facing the issues alone, and that help is available to begin the process.

The following websites illustrate the nature of the signage available. What is envisaged is wall and floor signs, so barriers, for example, are not included.

<https://www.nettlofedinburgh.co.uk/covid-19-essentials/>

<https://fantasyprints.co.uk/product-category/printing-cat/covid-19-signage/>

<https://www.marlerhaley.co.uk/coronavirus-information-signs-and-displays/>

<https://www.printdesigns.com/printing/coronavirus-social-distancing-signage-and-floor-graphics/>

<http://www.dondirect.org/>

FINANCE

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. approve the amalgamation of all funds (restricted and unrestricted) into one fund.

Report

The Finance Committee has met regularly since the Lockdown and carried out contingency planning to ensure the good financial working of the Presbytery should certain office bearers become incapacitated.

We are also keeping close contact with office bearers in 121 to ensure good communication as we move to the next stage of Lockdown.

The Finance Committee believes that it makes good financial sense to combine the various funds held by Presbytery into one fund. We will work in conjunction with 121 and OSCR towards releasing restricted funds so that they will be released to work in a more flexible way for the Presbytery. This may not be straightforward but we believe it makes sense in the long term. This would facilitate a more responsive and flexible approach to budgeting for the different areas of the Presbytery's work, particularly as we move into the challenging post Covid-19 future and Presbytery Reform.

JOINT REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND RESOURCING MISSION COMMITTEES

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. note that grants totalling £7,412 have been awarded from the newly established Presbytery Covid-19 Fund.
2. encourage congregations to make applications to the Fund, noting that the fund is multi-hit up to a limit of £500 per congregation.

Report

Throughout the period of Lockdown, congregations have been at the very centre of their communities providing much needed services; from delivering food parcels and medications, hosting online community gatherings to reduce social isolation, and ensuring the provision of online worship.

We should celebrate all that has been achieved in the last few months. There has been a steep learning curve for many, and new expenditure has been required to enable congregations to adapt appropriately. For this reason the Holiday Committee agreed the setting up of the Presbytery Covid-19 Fund to distribute grants to congregations to assist with expenditure directly related to activity which has arisen as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.

At the time of writing, grants have been issued to 16 congregations for a variety of purposes. The Fund is administered by the Conveners of the Finance Committee and the Resourcing Mission Committee who endeavour to provide a speedy response.

The Fund is multi-hit, so several applications from one congregation can be considered, up to a total limit of £500 per congregation. The Fund will remain open for the foreseeable future.

Looking to the future we will be considering, along with the Property Committee what might be required by churches as we begin to reopen. The Covid-19 Fund has enough funds, after congregations have applied, to release some funding for bulk ordering such things as, but not exclusively, hand sanitiser, signage, and screens. As each Church will have different needs and challenges, once we receive guidance from central offices about what will be required, we will consult each church as to what might be of use to them.

JOINT REPORT OF THEOLOGY AND WORSHIP AND RESOURCING MISSION COMMITTEES

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. note that the courses *An Introduction to Pioneer Ministry and Church Planting* and *Training for Leading Worship in a Local Context* ran successfully at New College in 2019/20, and will run again in 2020/21, in partnership with Presbytery.
2. commend those from Presbytery who took part.
3. instruct Worship & Theology and Resourcing Mission to consider and report back to Presbytery on how best to support 'graduates' of the courses, to give them opportunities to build on their learning and reflection.

Report

At the meeting of Presbytery on 2 April 2019, Theology and Worship and Resourcing Mission Committees presented a joint report on plans by New College to run two 'Short courses for Church people' in the academic year 2019/20, in partnership with the Presbytery of Edinburgh, the Church of Scotland's Faith Nurture Forum, and the Scottish Episcopal Institute. Now we report on the outcome and on plans for 2020/21.

Two short courses were launched in 2019/20, open to 'all-comers'. These were *An Introduction to Pioneer Ministry and Church Planting*, led by Rev Dr Sandy Forsyth, and *Training for Leading Worship in a Local Context*, led by Rev Dr Alison Jack and co-taught with Rev Prof Susan Hardman Moore. Both courses ran as pilots, on a 'not-for-credit' basis, but participants could submit work for informal feedback and received a certificate to show they had completed the course. Recruitment came mainly from Edinburgh and the Lothians, but also from the Borders, Dundee, Stirling, Kirkcaldy, Hamilton and Glasgow. Most were affiliated with the Church of Scotland. Around 23 people completed each course (with initial enrolment hitting the maximum of 25). The Presbytery of Edinburgh 'block-booked' places and paid the course fee of £200 for some people; others from Presbytery self-funded. *Pioneer Ministry and Church Planting* attracted a mixture of clergy and lay people; nine from this Presbytery (four ministers, five lay people). *Training for Leading Worship*, designed to allow lay people to explore the theology and practice of leading worship, attracted some entirely new to this and others with some experience; eight from this Presbytery. All the

participants are to be commended for their engagement and enthusiasm. The feedback on both courses has been extremely positive.

Worship & Theology and Resourcing Mission intend to consider how best to support the Presbytery 'graduates' of these short courses and give them opportunities to build on their learning and reflection. Some follow-up was initiated with those who took *Pioneer Ministry and Church Planting*, but obviously the Lockdown stalled this. Informally, participants in *Training for Leading Worship* reported that their parish ministers were inviting them to share in leading elements of worship, but Lockdown also halted follow-up on this front.

New College will run both courses again soon: *Training for Leading Worship* (Sept-Dec 2020); *Pioneer Ministry and Church Planting* (Jan-April 2021). They are now approved as SQA 10-credit Level 7 courses, but can still be taken on a 'not-for-credit' basis. In light of Covid-19, the plan is to teach by 'hybrid learning', with evening classes in person and/or online, and (if social distancing permits) two Saturday face-to-face gatherings. The addition of the online element has allowed the maximum enrolment on each course to rise from 25 to 50. Flyers will go to Presbyteries across the East of Scotland. To register interest or find out more, please email New.College@ed.ac.uk.

PASTORAL CARE

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. affirm Pastoral Supervision as a recognised model of pastoral care offered to those engaged in the ministries of the church.
2. agree that the current Pastoral Supervision Groups be extended over the summer period and agree to fund Pastoral Supervision Groups as part of the Presbytery's ongoing commitment to the pastoral care of those in ministry.
3. affirm the need for each of us to be cared for and nurtured and commend the Presbytery Chaplaincy Scheme.
4. commend the resources and materials developed by ASCEND, especially those in relation to COVID-19.

Report

The Committee, on behalf of Presbytery, seeks to develop and deliver pastoral care to those involved in the ministries of the Church. Since its last report the Committee has revised its remit and has undertaken significant work in relation to Pastoral Supervision and the Presbytery Chaplaincy Scheme.

Following the General Assembly of 2019, the Committee recognised that proposals within the Radical Action Plan could result in long-held patterns of ministry and service being questioned and changed. Within any organisation such questioning can be associated with "change and decay" rather than renewal. The Committee was in the midst of developing a series of events which would provide not only a "safe space" but also a "brave space" to support ministers to reflect on what has gone before and consider their journey forward. Unfortunately, these plans had to be abandoned due to COVID-19.

Through Pastoral Supervision, participants are supported to consider what gives them breath and what takes breath away and reflect on the joys, sorrows, struggles, and surprises of ministry;

allowing both the minister and their ministry to be supported and developed. For the past 3 years Presbytery has piloted Group Pastoral Supervision under the auspices of The Institute of Pastoral Supervision and Reflective Practice. At the end of 2019, this was brought “in house” and Presbytery issued new contracts to the Pastoral Supervisors. Currently there are 4 groups providing supervision for 13 individuals. Following positive feedback, the Committee feels that it is now time to embed Pastoral Supervision as one of the key sources of support offered to those who undertake ministries on behalf of the church. a number of the groups are due to finish in June and recommence in the autumn. However, in light of the current situation, the Committee believes that it is appropriate to extend these groups over the summer period. Presbytery should note that there are vacancies within the current system if new people wish to undertake Supervision from September.

The Presbytery Chaplains continue to provide a vital role in supporting members of Presbytery. The Committee would like to thank them for their ongoing care, especially during the current pandemic. In 2019 the Chaplains’ Supervisor retired after many years of faithful service. The Committee would like to record its thanks for the work undertaken by Mrs Cicely McCulloch. Following discussions the Committee decided to move to a new model offering individual supervision to each of the Chaplains. In November, the Committee welcomed Shirley Billes as a new Presbytery Chaplain.

Finally, COVID-19 has brought unprecedented challenges to ministry and to the work of the Church at all levels. The future, and what that future may look like, is difficult to imagine at times. Yet throughout this period Ministers, Deacons, OLMs, and Readers have continued to witness to the Gospel and to serve the people of God. The Committee recognises that we are all “wounded healers” and no more so than during the current pandemic. At such a time as this, we remind all those involved in ministry of the importance of self-care and would commend the services offered by Presbytery, and the excellent resources developed by ASCEND as sources of nurture and support.

RECORDS

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. note that the Records Committee has met on two separate occasions during March and has examined the records of all congregations scheduled to present on the days in question. Regrettably because of the onset of Government restrictions on movement occasioned by the spread of the Covid-19 virus, review of the remaining congregational records due on 17th March had to be cancelled, however it is intended that the situation will be swept up with the reviews in March 2021.
2. note that the general standard of record keeping remains high although it was necessary to make comment in some areas which fell below that standard.
3. instruct those responsible for maintaining the records to attend to the comments made by examiners and ensure that these will be assimilated in the records for 2020.
4. thank Session Clerks, Treasurers, Fabric Conveners, and Roll Keepers and all those responsible for maintaining Congregational records.
5. encourage Session Clerks to ensure that for the March 2021 examination, all requested records are deposited at the date and time specified.
6. thank Palmerston Place Church, who provided accommodation for the purposes of the examination.
7. note the Convener's appreciation of the assistance afforded by the Presbytery Administrator in arranging the examinations.
8. report accordingly to the Legal Questions Committee.

NOMINATIONS

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. appoint the Rev Norman Smith as Convener of Deployment of Resources Committee.
2. appoint the Rev Andrea Price as Convener of Superintendence Committee.
3. appoint for a further year Rev Dr Jared Hay as Convener of Property Committee.
4. appoint for a further year Mr George Goodall as Convener of Records Committee.
5. appoint for a further year Rev Dr Karen Campbell as Convener of Finance Committee.
6. thank the retiring Conveners of committees: Rev Dr James Jack, Deployment of Resources, and Rev Moira McDonald, Superintendence.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Deliverance

Presbytery:-

1. re-elect to serve as Equalising Elders as set out below.
2. note the following have resigned from the office of Equalising Elder and thank them for their service: Prof. Lyndsey Sawyer, St Giles' Cathedral.
3. sustain the Elders' Commissions as set out on page 15.
4. accept and concur with the decision of the Rev Philip Newell to resign his status as a minister of the Church of Scotland as of 16 June 2020.
5. appoint the Rev Dr Karen Campbell as Interim Moderator of Broughton St Mary's Parish Church.

John Ballantine
Ken Bisset
Margaret Bisset
James R Byers
Rachel Cadell
Andrena Crawford
Michael Cunliffe
Allan Gordon
G Grant Gordon
Ian Graham

Helen Hannan
Hazel Hastie
Dee Hunter
Caroline Kehoe
June Kemp
Herbert A Kerrigan
Patricia Kingston
Helen Kneale
David P H MacLennan
Morag J Mason

Hugh McDiarmid
Karen McKay
Elizabeth McLean
Chris McNeil
Richard A Smith
Rodger Thom
Pauline Weibye
J Ross Wilkinson
Rachel Wright

Balerno	TBC	Liberton Northfield	Margaret Padfield
Barclay Viewforth	TBC	Marchmont St Giles'	TBC
Blackhall St Columba's	TBC	Mayfield Salisbury	Anne Steele
Bristo Memorial Craigmillar	TBC	Meadowbank	Fiona Beveridge
Broughton St Mary's	TBC	Morningside	Robin Stimpson
Canongate	TBC	Morningside United	TBC
Carrick Knowe	George Goodall	Murrayfield	John Crispin
Colinton	Brian Falla	Newhaven	TBC
Corstorphine Craigsbank	Carol Turnbull	Old Kirk and Muihouse	TBC
Corstorphine old	John Hartil	Palmerston Place	John Duncan
Corstorphine St Anne's	TBC	Pilrig St Paul's	TBC
Corstorphine St Ninian's	TBC		
Craiglockhart	TBC	Polwarth	Audrey Downie
Craigmillar Park	Christopher McLeod	Portobello and Joppa	TBC
Cramond	Deirdre Shishodia	Priestfield	Andrew Stevens
Currie	David Connell	Queensferry	TBC
Dalmeny	TBC	Ratho	TBC
Davidson's Mains		Reid Memorial	TBC
Drylaw	Jill McIntosh	Richmond Craigmillar	TBC
Duddingston	TBC	St Andrew's & St George's west	TBC
Fairmilehead	Duncan Wilson	St Andrew's Clermiston	TBC
Gorgie Dalry Stenhouse	TBC	St Catherine's Argyle	TBC
Gracemount	Douglas Robertson	St Cuthbert's	James McLean
Granton	TBC	St David's Broomhouse	Andrew Davidson
Greenbank	Ian Thom	St John's Colinton Mains	TBC
Greenside	TBC	St Margaret's	TBC
Greyfriars Kirk	TBC	St Martin's	
High St Giles'	TBC	St Michael's	TBC
Holy Trinity	TBC	St Nicholas Sighthill	TBC
Inverleith St Serf's	Sandy Pratt	St Stephen's Comely Bank	TBC
Juniper Green	TBC	Slateford Longstone	
Kirkliston	Bill McKay	Stockbridge	TBC
Leith North	Tim Bell	Tron Kirk Moredun	TBC
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