

SORN CHURCH, 31st August, 2010.

At Sorn Church on Tuesday the Thirty First Day of August, Two Thousand and Ten Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted.

973. SEDERUNT. Dr D Lewis, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 12; Elders, 17; Deacons 1 Corresponding Members 1; Total, 31. Apologies were received from 4 Ministers and 4 Elders.

974. LINKAGE OF SORN AND MAUCLINE.

All relevant matters being in order, the Presbytery proceeded to the Linkage of Sorn and Mauchline.

Public Worship was conducted by Mr Iain Jamieson, Reader from Prestwick South, who preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion.

The Narrative and Preamble having been delivered, the Moderator, with prayer, did link the Congregations of Sorn and Mauchline.

The Moderator put to the Congregations the required Question which was answered satisfactorily and gave a Charge.

Public Worship being concluded, the Presbytery instructed the Clerk to inform all interested parties.

Those taking part were thanked and the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

MODERATOR

PRESBYTERY CLERK

ALLOWAY, 6th September, 2010.

At Alloway Church on Tuesday the Sixth Day of September, Two Thousand and Ten Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted.

975. SEDERUNT. Dr D Lewis, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 31; Elders, 45; Deacon, 1; Corresponding Members, 1; Total 78. Apologies were received from 9 Ministers and 7 Elders.

976. ROLL OF PRESBYTERY. 61 Ministers; 55 Elders; 2 Deacons; 8 Corresponding Members. Total 128.

977. TRIBUTE Mrs Effie Campbell.

Mr Fraser Aitken, Minister at Ayr: St. Columba paid fitting tribute to the colourful, caring and compassionate ministry of Mrs Effie Campbell. Evangelical in the true sense of the word, Mrs Campbell had exercised a ministry with Christ always at the centre. Sympathy was expressed to the family and the Moderator led in prayer.

978. WELCOME.

The Moderator welcomed all new members to the Presbytery. This welcome included Mr David Clarkson, Minister at Monkton and Prestwick North.

979. ADMISSION TO THE SEAT OF PRESBYTERY.

Rev Samuel Harris, Minister emeritus Rothesay: Trinity.
Rev Iain Laing, Minister emeritus Bishopbriggs: Kenmuir.
Rev Eddie Simpson, Minister emeritus Giffnock: South.

Having applied for a Seat in the Presbytery, the Moderator called on Mr Harris, Mr Laing and Mr Simpson to affirm the vows taken on their Ordination. Mr Harris, Mr Laing and Mr Simpson made affirmation and signed the Formula. The Moderator admitted Mr Harris, Mr Laing and Mr Simpson to a Seat in the Presbytery and gave them the right hand of Fellowship.

MAYBOLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 28th September, 2010. At Maybole Baptist Church, on the Twenty Eighth Day of September, Two Thousand and Ten Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met, and was constituted in prayer.

995. SEDERUNT. Dr D Lewis, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 13; Elders, 15; Corresponding Members, 2; Total 30. Apologies were received from 8 Ministers and 7 Elders and were similarly recorded. 1 other was associated with the Presbytery.

996. INDUCTION OF MR BRIAN HENDRIE TO MAYBOLE PARISH CHURCH LINKED WITH CROSSHILL PARISH CHURCH.

All relevant matters being in order and the Clerk having laid on the Table the prescribed Edict duly executed, no one having appeared to object to the life or doctrine of the said Mr Brian Hendrie, the Presbytery resolved to proceed to the Induction of Mr Hendrie to the Pastoral Charge of Maybole linked with Crosshill.

Public Worship was conducted by Mr Sam Harris, Minister emeritus Rothesay: Trinity, who preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion. The Narrative and Preamble having been delivered and the prescribed Questions asked and answered satisfactorily, Mr Hendrie signed the Formula.

The Moderator, with prayer, did induct Mr Hendrie and admit him to the Pastoral Charge of Maybole linked with Crosshill. With other Presbyters, the Moderator gave him the Right Hand of Fellowship. Thereafter, the Moderator put to the Congregations the required Questions which were answered satisfactorily, and gave the Charges. Public Worship being concluded, the Presbytery instructed the Clerk to confirm Mr Hendrie's name on the Roll of Presbytery and inform all interested parties. Those taking part were thanked and the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

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MUIRKIRK CHURCH, 21st September, 2010.

At Muirkirk Church on Tuesday the Twenty First Day of September, Two Thousand and Ten Years, the Presbytery of Ayr met and was constituted.

993. SEDERUNT. Dr D Lewis, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 16; Elders, 10; Corresponding Members 2; Total 28. Apologies were received from 4 Ministers and 11 Elders. 1 other was associated with the Presbytery.

994. LINKAGE OF MUIRKIRK AND OLD CUMNOCK: TRINITY AND INTRODUCTION OF MR S RAE AS THE MINISTER OF THE LINKED CHARGE.

All relevant matters being in order, the Presbytery proceeded to the Linkage of Muirkirk and Old Cumnock: Trinity and the Introduction of Mr Scott Rae.

Public Worship was conducted by Mr David Clarkson, Minister at Monkton and Prestwick North, who preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion.

The prescribed Question being asked and answered satisfactorily, Mr Rae signed the Formula. The Moderator, with prayer, introduced him to the Linked Charge.

With the Presbyters, the Moderator gave Mr Rae the Right Hand of Fellowship.

Thereafter, the Moderator put to the Congregations the required Question, which was answered satisfactorily, and gave a Charge.

Public Worship being concluded, the Presbytery instructed the Clerk to inform all interested parties.

Those taking part were thanked and the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

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980. CERTIFICATE LODGED

The Presbytery agree to accept the Practising Certificate of the Rev Gordon Macpherson, retired Associate Minister.

981. MINISTERIAL ANNIVERSARY. 50 years: Mr Ian Macdonald, Minister emeritus Tarbolton Parish Church.

Mr Jim Crichton, Minister emeritus Crosshill linked with Dalrymple paid fitting tribute to Ian Macdonald who had served so faithfully as a Minister of the Gospel and continues to serve. Mr Macdonald had carried out his duties showing parish ministry at its best. The Moderator expressed the good wishes of the Presbytery and flowers were presented to Mrs Ella Macdonald.

982. MINUTES. The Minutes of the Meetings 22nd June and 6th July 2010, being in the hands of Members, were taken as read and approved.

983. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Order of Business was approved.

984. INTIMATIONS.

1. The Presbytery Yearbook. Special thanks were expressed to the Presbytery Secretary, Dorothy McPherson for all her hard work.
2. The Church And The Community Conference – 29th September.
3. The Scottish Reformation – 3rd November. Marking the Legacy, Imagining the Future. The Storytelling Centre, 43 – 45 High Street, Edinburgh.
<http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/councils/ecumenical/ernews.htm>
4. World Mission Regional Conference – Saturday 27th November.
5. Education Committee. Certificates of attendance for Coordinators who attended the meetings in June are available for collection.
6. Day Conference for people wishing to develop Pastoral Skills – Saturday 9th October at Cross House, Linlithgow.

985. RECEPTION OF PROBATIONERS, STUDENTS, READERS, READERS IN TRAINING, ELDER TRAINERS, ADVISERS.

Introduced by Mr A Shuttleworth, Convener of Education Committee. The Moderator conveyed the grateful appreciation of the Presbytery to all the above.

986. ORDER OF THE DAY - 8.00pm.

1. VACANCY BUSINESS.

- a. Destruction of Vacancy Papers.
In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Clerk reported that the Vacancy Papers for Monkton and Prestwick North had been destroyed.
- b. The Presbytery note that the Crave from Mr RMH Boyd to demit from Troon: Portland has now been granted.
- c. The Presbytery note the appointment of Mr Dick McAlpine, Minister emeritus Lochgoilhead and Kilmorich, as locum at Troon: Portland.
- d. Call to Mr Brian Hendrie from Maybole linked with Crosshill. Congregation Representatives welcomed.

Mr AH Symington reported on behalf of the Vacancy Procedure Committee: In terms of Act VIII, 2003, the Presbytery note that the Call to Mr B Hendrie, Minister Ordiquhill and Cornhill linked with Whitehills, has been sustained.

The Presbytery note the following arrangements for the Induction of Mr B Hendrie:

The Presbytery will meet in hunc affectum for Induction at 6.45pm on Tuesday 28th September, 2010, within Maybole Baptist Church:

992. CORRESPONDENCE.

All Correspondence has been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

ADJOURNMENT. The Presbytery rose at **9.30pm**

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Dundonald Church on **Tuesday 5th October**, 2010, at 7pm.

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for a Service of Linking at 6.45pm on **21st September**, 2010, within Muirkirk Parish Church: Mr David Clarkson, Minister at Monkton and Prestwick North, to conduct Worship and preach, the Moderator to give the Charges.

The Presbytery will meet in hunc effectum for a Service of Induction at 6.45pm on **28th September**, 2010, within Maybole Baptist Church: Mr Sam Harris, Minister emeritus Rothesay Trinity, to conduct Worship and preach, the Moderator to Induct and give the Charges, the Interim Moderator to be responsible for serving the Edict.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on Thursday **23rd September**, 2010, at 7pm.

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- d. The Presbytery also note with concern the remarks of the former Director of Public Prosecutions in Malawi about his perception of an increase in corruption in the Malawian Government.

It was moved and seconded as an addendum:

The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute to the Foreign Secretary.

The Presbytery resolved accordingly.

- e. The Presbytery commend the e-mail send by Rev George Fiddes to Ministers regarding the provision of clerical shirts and collars to the ministers of Bandawe Presbytery.

2. CHRISTIAN AID

- a. We urge members of congregations of the Presbytery to sign the letter to David Cameron from Christian Aid re: Green Issues. The letter can be found at: act.christianaid.org.uk
- b. The Presbytery urge those members of congregations of the Presbytery to take part in the Christian Aid Lobby in London on 20th October. Details can be found at: www.christianaid.org.uk

3. RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

The Presbytery note that Racial Justice Sunday is 12th September 2010 and that the theme is Migration: Building Bridges or Barriers? The resources, available at www.ctbi.org.uk/490, addresses the question in Luke 10:29 'Who is my neighbour?' and commend it to congregations.

Mr Sam Harris, Minister emeritus Rothesay Trinity, to conduct Worship and preach, the Moderator to Induct and give the Charges, the Interim Moderator to be responsible for serving the Edict.

The Moderator expressed the thanks of the Court to the Interim Moderator and Locum.

2. PRESBYTERY PLAN: Troon Portland.
 Congregational Representatives were welcomed.

Report by Mr NA McNaught, Convener, Mission Committee, who moved the following Deliverance:-

- a. In the matter of the vacancy at Troon: Portland, The Presbytery agree to set aside the Plan.
- b. *In the matter of the call at Troon: Portland, The Presbytery concur with the recommendation of the Vacancy Procedure Moderator that it shall be on the basis of a five-year conformable reviewable tenure.*
- c. The Presbytery adjust the plan accordingly.

It was moved and seconded as an amendment:

- b. The Presbytery express gratitude to members of the North Grouping having met to discuss the current situation and for planning to meet in the near future.

The Convener accepted the new **b.** and the Presbytery resolved accordingly.

It was moved and seconded as a Counter motion to the original **b.**

- c. The Presbytery invites Troon: Portland meantime to remain a continuing vacancy.

There voted for the motion, **23.**

There voted for the Counter motion, **45.**

The Presbytery resolved accordingly.

It was moved and seconded as an amendment:

- d. The Presbytery ask for a further report to the November meeting.

The Presbytery resolved accordingly

The amended deliverance thus became -

- a. In the matter of the vacancy at Troon: Portland, The Presbytery agree to set aside the Plan.
- b. The Presbytery express gratitude to members of the North Grouping having met to discuss the current situation and for planning to meet in the near future.
- c. The Presbytery invites Troon: Portland meantime to remain a continuing vacancy.
- d. The Presbytery ask for a further report to the November meeting.
- e. The Presbytery adjust the plan accordingly.

990. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, given in by Mr GH Kitcheman, Presbytery Treasurer, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-

1. CHARITIES REFERENCES.

The Presbytery note the latest Update 4 from the Law Department. (*In Mailing.*)

Reports were also given by Mr C Cameron relating to ‘**Oil Storage**’ and ‘**Church Letting to Outside Parties**’. Information to be uplifted.

991. COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONCERNS, given in by Mr I McLauchlan, Vice Convener. who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-

Report by David Geddes concerning Malwai.

1. MALAWI.

- a. The Presbytery welcomes the safe return of the party which visited Malawi earlier this year.
- b. In order to continue to develop the Malawi Partnership, the Presbytery is requested to approve the alteration of the composition of the committee to include two representatives from each church involved in twinning. This would add approximately 10 members to the currently approved number, and allow experiences of twinning to be shared.
- c. The Presbytery note with regret the arrest of the General Secretary of the Livingstonia Synod, for “alleged seditious words” at a funeral and instruct Dr Geddes to liaise on this matter with the Scottish Malawi Partnership.

4. **QUINQUENNIAL VISITATIONS**

The Presbytery note that the following congregations will receive a Quinquennial visit and appoint the following visiting teams:

CHARGE	CONVENER	
Alloway	Rev David Harper	Rev Steven Ogston
Ayr: Auld Kirk	Rev William Johnston	Rev Ian McLachlan
Ayr: Castlehill,	Rev Alistair Symington	Rev David Clarkson
Ayr: Newton Wallacetown	Rev Alec Shuttleworth	Rev Stephen Clipston
Ayr: St Andrew's	Rev David Watson	Rev Gerald Jones
Ayr: St Columba	Rev Scott Rae	Rev Helen Cuthbert
Ayr: St James	Rev John Paterson	Rev David Whiteman
Ayr: St Quivox	Rev Arrick Wilkinson	Rev Glenda Keating
Ayr: St Leonard's linked with Dalrymple	Rev George Fiddes	Rev Nancy Jackson

Each Minister will be accompanied by a Ruling Elder.

An amendment was moved and seconded to delete **will** and replace with **must**.

There voted for the amendment **19**.

There voted against **32**.

The Presbytery resolved accordingly.

It is anticipated that the reports will be in the hands of the Convener by 1st February 2011 and fully discussed by interested parties at a meeting on Tues 8th February 2011 in the session house of Alloway Church.

3. **THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. REPORT OF DILIGENCE.**
Mr Stephen Ogston, Minister at Ballantrae linked with St Colmon, reported diligence and was thanked.

4. **ASSEMBLY PAPERS. ALLOCATION OF REMITS.**

Overture Under the Barrier Act.
Overture anent Local Church Review.
Business Committee. Report: December Meeting.

5. **NOTICE OF MOTION.**

The Presbytery approve the Notice of Motion to review the following Standing Orders at the October Meeting:

Addendum to Standing Order 4e (*From John Lochrie*).
At the end of the new sentence insert “*No one may serve on the Business Committee for more than 6 consecutive years.*”

Deletion to Standing Order 4b (*From the Business Committee*).
Delete “*together with three nominated Ruling Elders, such Ruling Elders to be appointed by the Presbytery for a period of three years.*”

987. BUSINESS AND NOMINATION COMMITTEE,
given in by Mr J Paterson, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-

1. **ARRANGEMENTS FOR OCTOBER MEETING.**
The Presbytery will meet at 7pm within Dundonald Parish Church. The Moderator designate, Mr R Mayes, Minister at Dundonald, will be installed. The Presbytery Communion Service will be conducted by Mr R Mayes. After refreshments, the Business will begin at 8pm.

2. C.K. MARR EDUCATIONAL TRUST.

The Presbytery appoints Mr AH Symington to serve as a Governor of the C.K. Marr Educational Trust for a period of four years from June 2010.

3. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTE TREASURER.

The Presbytery are currently seeking a suitably qualified person to become Depute Treasurer. For further information please speak to Mr G Kitcheman.

988. EDUCATION COMMITTEE, given in by Mr A Shuttleworth, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-

1. WORSHIP.

- a. The Presbytery note that Jim Liddle, Molly Sunter and Derek Sturgeon have been Assessed and are now individually recognised as being able to lead their Worship Team in conducting Worship in the absence of the Minister.
- b. The Presbytery note that the First Year Course for members of Worship Teams will be offered in Patna Parish Church commencing Wednesday, 22nd September at 7.30pm. All enquires about registering for the course should be made to Dr David Lewis.

2. PRESBYTERY CONFERENCE.

(Joint Education / Mission Deliverance).

The Presbytery encourage congregations to publicize the Presbytery Conference commemorating the 450th Anniversary of the Scottish Reformation to be held in Castlehill Church on 30th October 2010 at 9.30am.

989. MISSION COMMITTEE, given in by Mr NA McNaught, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-

1. PRAYER CO-ORDINATOR & PROMOTERS.

- a. The Presbytery appoints Joyce Pringle as Presbytery Prayer Co-ordinator for three years.
- b. The Presbytery encourages congregations to appoint Prayer Promoters to help develop the prayer life of individual members and congregations.

2. MINISTRIES COUNCIL QUESTIONNAIRE.

- a. The Presbytery agree the attached response to the Ministries Council questionnaire on classification of Presbyteries, and instruct the Clerk to send a copy to Mr John Jackson at the Ministries Council.
- b. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an extract minute of this Deliverance and a copy of the questionnaire response to the Convener of the Council of Assembly.

3. ST. ANDREW'S YOUTH WORKER.

The Presbytery note the appointment of additional locally funded youth worker at Ayr St Andrew's.