

22. **MISSION COMMITTEE**, given by the Rev N McNaught, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-

1. **REV DOUGLAS MOORE.**
The Presbytery note the indefinite leave of absence granted to the Rev Douglas Moore, auxiliary minister at Ayr: Castlehill.
2. **REV BILL McCORIE.**
The Presbytery note the pending resignation of the Rev Bill McCrorie on the 30th November as a part-time Pastoral Care Chaplain (*East Area*). The Presbytery thank the Rev Bill McCrorie for his work and refer his letter to the Education Committee for further consideration.
2. **PRISON WEEK.**
The Presbytery note that 21st -28th Nov 2010 is Prisoner week and commend in prayer: prisoners, their families, victims of offenders, prison staff and all those who care for them.
23. **CORRESPONDENCE.**
All Correspondence had been forwarded to the relevant Committees.

ADJOURNMENT. The Presbytery rose at **9.18pm**

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery of Ayr will be held within Alloway Parish Church Hall on Tuesday 7th December, 2010, at 7pm.

The Committees will meet in Ayr: the Auld Kirk Halls on Thursday 25th November, 2010, at 7pm.

MODERATOR

PRESBYTERY CLERK

Scottish Charity Number SC020676

ALLOWAY, 2nd November, 2010.

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

13. **SEDERUNT.** The Rev B Mayes, Moderator, and others as per Sederunt Sheets in rententis. Ministers, 34; Elders, 44; Deacon, 1; Corresponding Members, 2; Total 81. Apologies were received from 6 Ministers and 8 Elders.

14. **MINUTES.** The Minutes of the Meetings held 5th October 2010, being in the hands of Members, were taken as read and approved.

15. **ORDER OF BUSINESS.**
The Order of Business was approved.

16. **INTIMATIONS.**

1. Holy City Publicity (*Wild Goose Resource Group*). **For Distribution.**
2. Spirituality and the Spirit (*Scottish Church Theology Society*). Crieff Hydro 10th – 14th January 2011.
3. General Trustees Department - Letting It Happen Booklet and Maintain Your Church CD. **For Distribution.**
4. The Society for the Benefit of Sons and Daughters of the Clergy of The Church of Scotland.
5. **Ayrshire Children's Ministry.** Scripture Union is holding a meeting in Alloway Church on Saturday 6th November 2010 between 1pm & 5pm - this is open to anyone working with children.
6. **Ministerial Anniversary.** Congratulations to the Rev Gerald Jones who recently celebrated 25 years as Minister at Kirkmichael linked with Straiton.
7. **Moderator's Visits.** During 2010 / 2011 the Rev Bob Mayes will visit the following Congregations:

Crosshill l/w Maybole.

Monkton & Prestwick North.

Muirkirk l/w Old Cumnock: Trinity.

New Cumnock.

Ochiltree l/w Stair.

8. **Religious Broadcasting.** Congratulations to the Rev Kenneth Elliott for his recent Nomination for a National Radio Award – presentations held in London.
9. Presbytery Business 12th - 26th November will be dealt with by the Rev Robert McCrum.
10. 2020 Vision – **Regional Consultations.**

17. ORDER OF THE DAY - 8.00pm.

1. **PRESBYTERY PLAN**, given in by the Rev N McNaught, Mission Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-
 - a. The Presbytery instruct representatives of the Mission Committee to liaise with the Central and South Groupings and their Area Conveners, to further consider the reduction of three posts by 2014 and to report back to the Presbytery by March 2011. The Presbytery instruct Congregational Representatives to attend these meetings and engage in the process.
 - b. The Presbytery note that the next meeting of the Central Area Group will be on 2nd December within Alloway Church Halls.

The Presbytery note that the next meeting of the South Area Group will be on 9th December in Girvan North Parish Church.
 - c. The Presbytery grant permission to Troon: Portland to call a Minister without restriction.

A Counter Motion was moved and seconded that:

1. *The Presbytery instruct the North Area Group to produce proposals for the future to reduce ministerial posts by one before Troon: Portland is permitted to call a Minister.*

The suggested date is 9th January 2011, but congregations are free to do what they wish. Amounts raised should be notified to the Convener, at arrick@clergy.net, and the money should be sent to **Church of Scotland HIV/AIDS Project, 121 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4YN**, with cheques being made payable to the Church of Scotland or Church of Scotland HIV/AIDS Project.

A form will be provided in the February billet to be sent with this remittance.

**2. WORLD MISSION REGIONAL CONFERENCE:-
27th November 2010.**

- a. The Presbytery encourage congregations engaged in World Mission projects to consider taking a table-top at this conference, to show what they are accomplishing.
- b. The Presbytery encourage all World Mission reps within the bounds to attend this conference and to make the information available to anyone in their congregations who wish to attend.

21. EDUCATION COMMITTEE, given by the Rev Alex Shuttleworth, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-

**1. SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL:-
SCOTTISH QUALIFICATION EXAMINATIONS.**

- a. The Presbytery congratulate the Pupils and Teachers of South Ayrshire Council on the standards achieved by teachers and pupils in this year's Scottish Qualification Examinations.
- b. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to Harry Garland, Executive Director for Children and Community.

- A reduction of £1410 in the contribution to be paid by St Colmon (Arnshean Barrhill and Colmonell) Parish Church. The intention is that there will be an overpayment of £1410 in 2011 by the Congregation of St Colmon which will fully repay the previous years' shortfall.
- b.** The Presbytery remind the Financial Courts of Congregations that the contributions due for 2011 must be paid in equal monthly instalments.
- c.** The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the Stewardship and Finance Department of the Church of Scotland.
- 7. MUIRKIRK L/W OLD CUMNOCK TRINITY.**
The Presbytery approve the Vacancy Schedule, as discussed with the Interim Moderator and instruct the Clerk to forward this to Miss Elizabeth Dailly, Finance Supervisor, Ministries Council, along with an Extract Minute.
- 20. COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONCERNS COMMITTEE,** given by the Rev A Wilkinson, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-
- 1. SOUPER SUNDAY.**
The Presbytery remind congregations that a target was set to raise £12,000 by the end of October 2011 for the Church of Scotland HIV/AIDS project, as our response to the Moderator's Challenge of 2 years ago. *(At the date of writing, the total stands at £6106.02 – nearly 51% of our target.)*
The Presbytery therefore urge congregations to have another "Souper Sunday" in 2011.

Delete **a.**, **b.** and **c.** and replace with:

2. *The Presbytery instruct representatives of the Mission Committee to liaise with the Central Area Group to give further consideration to the reduction of posts in the Central Area.*
3. *The Presbytery instruct the Mission Committee to report on the outcome of these discussions at the March meeting.*
4. *The Presbytery consider that further reduction in posts in the South Area is not advisable at the present time.*

For the Motion **42.** For the Counter Motion **22.**

The Motion carried.

2. JOINT SERVICE OF WORSHIP

The Presbytery note that on Sunday 14th November a joint Service of Worship will take place within Dalmilling Church commencing at 10am. Auchincruive Church will be closed on Remembrance Sunday.

- 18. BUSINESS AND NOMINATION COMMITTEE,** given in by Mrs I Montgomerie, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance, which was adopted:-

1. NOMINATION FOR AD HOC CONVENER.

The Presbytery accept the resignation of the Rev John Paterson as Ad Hoc Convener for Doctrine / Ecumenical affairs, with regret, and thank him for the service given during his Conventership. This enforced resignation relates to the recent addendum to Standing Order 4e that:

"No one may serve on the Business Committee for more than 6 consecutive years."

Nominations and expressions of interest in the Conventership should be sent to the Business and Nominations Committee Convener, Mrs Isabell Montgomerie, from whom further information can be sought.

2. PRESBYTERY REVIEW AND REFORM.

- a. The Presbytery affirm that it should be represented as an observer in exploratory talks with Dumfries & Kirkcudbright and Wigton & Stranraer Presbyteries, and as potential participators in exploratory talks with Irvine & Kilmarnock and Ardrossan Presbyteries on the matter of Presbytery Review and Reform.
- b. The Presbytery appoint Dr David Lewis, the Rev Liz Crumlish and the Rev Robert McCrum as representatives.

19. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, given in by Mr C Cameron, Convener, who moved the following Deliverance which was adopted:-**1. LISTED PLACES OF WORSHIP SCHEME.**

The Presbytery note that changes to the scheme have been brought forward and will come into effect from 4th January 2011. This will particularly apply to clocks, pews, bells, organs and professional services which will be excluded. Claims must be made by 31st December 2010. The Scheme for buildings will, however, continue.

2. RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE.

The Presbytery approve the documentation prepared in accordance with the 'Instruction from the General Assembly, 2009' regarding 'Each Presbytery to produce a plan for each congregation within their bounds'. The information gathered in the approved documentation shall be entered on the approved form and included within each charge's Property Register for annual attestation.

3. MINISTRIES AND MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CONGREGATIONS.

The Presbytery remind all congregations that, in accordance with the Regulations for Ministries and Mission Contributions:

- a. All contributions due for the current financial year must be received by the General Treasurer's Department by 31st December; and
- b. Congregations that do not meet this timescale are required to be named in the Minutes of the Presbytery, regardless of the reason for non-compliance.

4. CONGREGATIONAL ACCOUNTS.

The Presbytery instruct all congregations that no copy of accounts can be submitted to the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator until the accounts have been attested by the Presbytery in accordance with the Regulations for Congregational Finance.

5. ST COLMON.

- a. The Presbytery homologate the actions of the Administration Committee Vice Convener (Finance) to reduce the Ministries and Mission Contributions to be paid by St Colmon (Arnshean Barrhill and Colmonell) Parish Church by £8366.32. The resultant overpayment by the Congregation is to be allocated against the total previous years' shortfall of £9776.32
- b. The Presbytery instruct the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the Stewardship and Finance Department of the Church of Scotland.

6. MINISTRIES AND MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS 2011.

- a. The Presbytery approve the Ministries and Mission Contributions to be paid by Congregations in 2011 per the Schedule issued to the Stewardship and Finance Department held in retentis, as amended by:
- The reduction by £6000 to the contribution to be paid by Maybole in 2011 as approved by Minute 11 (2) of the meeting of 5th October 2011.