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Presbytery of Fife

Cluster: Aberdour: St Fillan's, Dalgety, Inverkeithing I/w North Queenferry and Rosyth

Facilitator: Alan Kimmitt (and his "pal", Margaret Kimmitt)

Date of meeting: 15th December 2021 (By Zoom)

Summary of Discussion Points

Representatives from each congregation contributed updates and questions since the last meeting. Most of the discussion was around the possibility of having a Team Ministry.

The discussion was productive, creative and positive.

There was widespread agreement that coming together under a single Kirk Session with a ministry team and multiple places of worship might be a constructive way forward.

There was some discussion about the possibility of structuring a Kirk Session into groups with different responsibilities, including local groups for specific buildings/worshipping communities. There might then only be limited number of trustees with representatives from each of the groups.

It was noted that whatever happens, we will need to be clear about how this will enhance mission.

It was agreed that it would be helpful to hear from someone working in a Team Ministry. Colin Alston offered to speak about his previous experience, but it might be helpful to hear from someone else.

Collectively, we are assuming that this cluster discussion is separate from the review of buildings which is being conducted by the Board of Management and the General Trustees. However, we acknowledged that both buildings and a worshipping presence in communities are important to congregations.

Nothing we are discussing at the moment is yet at the point where formal Kirk Session decisions are required.

Actions from meeting (What/Who)

Alan & Margaret – To write summary note

Alan – To resend a description of the options available in the Presbytery Mission Plan Act, so that we can all be clear about the terminology.

Alan – To send an expanded summary of what a Team Ministry (as introduced by the General Assembly in May) might look like in practice.

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All – To respect the confidentiality of the discussion and to circulate the summary note to keep the Kirk Sessions and congregations informed on the process

All – to reflect on the discussion and the documents being circulated with a view to taking the discussion further at our next meeting.

Agreed goals

The agreements made at the last meeting remain in place as guiding principles for our future meetings.

To meet again at 2pm on Wednesday 18th January at Rosyth Parish Church (or, if necessary, on Zoom) with roughly the same number of representatives. If people are unable to attend, they are encouraged to find someone else.

Anyone who has comments or questions can contact Alan between meetings on 01592 742233 or alan.kimmitt@churchofscotland.org.uk

Any Questions for Mission Strategy & Planning Group

Out of the 44.5 ministries allocated to the presbytery, can we get some idea of what would be the “fair share” for this cluster. The previous Dunfermline plan mentioned 2.5 for the Forth cluster, not including Rosyth.

Is there someone already working in a Team Ministry who might be able to speak at our next meeting?

Any Support required

Not at the moment

Any other notes / matters arising

Previous items for cooperation (“Quick wins”, Boys’ Brigade, Shared Pizza group for teenagers, Sharing of recorded services, Pulpit swaps etc.) are unlikely to be progressed between now and our next meeting. However, there is ongoing support between the congregations.

Date of next meeting

2pm on Wednesday 18th January at Rosyth Parish Church (or on Zoom), venues to rotate thereafter.