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Aberdour and Dalgety News

"The Co-ordinated Appeal"

From January of this year an entirely new system of congregational giving has come into being. It is called the Co-ordinated Appeal. It is not a sudden or unpremeditated stunt. It is the result of a great deal of thought and has taken shape only after prolonged and extensive consultation lasting some fifteen years.

It is in essence a practical way of enabling congregations, to see at a glance each year what minimum financial support they ought to give to ensure the maintenance of the wider work of the Church.

It embraces all Committees, Associations and other Bodies appealing to congregations for financial support, with the EXCEPTION OF the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee and the Aged and Infirm Minister's Fund. These two important Funds are NOT within the Co-ordinated Appeal Scheme—all other Committees are.

It is not primarily a Scheme to increase givings, but it is hoped that the new Scheme will help in this urgent matter, and at the same time provide a more efficient means of doing so.

First let us see how the Co-ordinated Appeal will affect the Assembly Committees, such as the Foreign Mission Committee, or the Home Board, or the Social Service Committee. These Committees now SURRENDER THE RIGHT TO APPEAL SEPARATELY AND INDIVIDUALLY to congregations for funds. As a congregation we shall no longer be asked to give so much to this Committee and so much to that as has been the case in the past.

The total need of the Church for the work of all its Committees is known. That total sum will be apportioned

throughout the eighty Presbyteries. Each Presbytery will then know the total minimum amount which ought to be given in any one year to the Schemes of the Church by the congregations within its bounds. The Presbytery will then apportion and allocate that total sum among the congregations within its bounds and will also be responsible for encouraging the congregations in the attainment of the allocation.

The congregation, then, will now receive one target only. They will be informed by the Presbytery each October of what their total allocation is for the ensuing year (always excepting the Maintenance of the Ministry and the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund). This means that each congregation will know in advance what it ought to aim at during the year as its minimum contribution if it is to play its due part in maintaining the wider work of the Church.

It means that congregations will be better able to appreciate the "whole-

ness" or "one-ness" of their congregational life and responsibility; e.g., they will be able to set aside (a) the estimated amount required for local needs and (b) the amount that ought to be given to the support of the wider work of the Church. The two-fold obligation of the congregation—to maintain itself and to act as a "passing-on" agency—will then be seen in its proportionate unity.

The giving of the Woman's Guild, of the Sunday School and Youth Organisations and other congregational associations will all be brought into this one co-ordinated appeal.

This year the allocation for Aberdour and Dalgety is £577. This of course is for the Schemes of the Church only. There is besides the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund, the Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund, and our own ever increasing needs for running and upkeep of our local Church life. We shall all have to do some serious thinking in order to make sure we allocate ourselves a proper share of this total congregational levy, and be satisfied that we are playing our due part in maintaining the wider work of the Church.

Marriage Guidance

A Marriage Guidance Council has been formed in Fife. Its aims are:—

- (1) to promote true happiness in marriage and family life.
- (2) to provide a marriage counselling service, with competent counsellors to advise and assist persons with problems arising from marriage and family life.

It may be that you know of some person who needs such advice and assistance. If so, you should tell them of the Counselling Centre which has been set up in Kirkcaldy. Sympathetic Counsellors are in attendance in the W.V.S. Rooms, Adam Smith Halls, on Thursday from 7 p.m. Many married couples have been greatly helped by expert advice from the Marriage Guidance Council.

MINISTERIAL NOTELETS

I have not been able to discover any other occasion when a member of this congregation became a Minister of the Gospel, while still a member of the congregation. It gives us all great pleasure that Mr Gordon Gilmour, one of our elders, should have completed his course at New College, Edinburgh, and been licensed by the Presbytery of Dunfermline and Kinross in Dunfermline Abbey on April 12th. We look forward to the day when he will be ordained and inducted to a charge of his own.

Sunday 5th March was a very happy Sunday. It was the day Dr Wilkinson visited us. Dr Wilkinson is our own missionary, at least we call him that, though we do not provide the whole of his salary—only £130. Still, he is our own. At both morning services he spoke of the work in Kenya and in the evening in the Hall showed some fine coloured slides of the country and the mission work. His home leave has been taken up with deputation work, but he has had time to study and complete the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, adding two others to the long list of letters after his name.

Usually the only mention of members leaving the congregation for other districts is in the "Disjunctions", but I could scarcely omit reference to the departure of Mr and Mrs W. Forbes of Inverkeithing to take up residence with their son and his family in British Columbia. They had both been associated with Dalgety Church for over fifty years, Mr Forbes as a faithful elder; Mrs Forbes in her work amongst the young in the Sunday School and the Choir. Such was our regard for them both that on the Sunday prior to their departure Mr Forbes was presented with a wallet of notes and Mrs Forbes with a fountain pen. They arrived safely and our good wishes follow them.

A letter recently received from the Rev. Richard Heaton, who until May of this year assisted us here, tells of his appointment to the Religion Department of the Hobart and William Smith Colleges, New York. This is an Epis-

Those members of the congregation who noticed the reference in the newspapers to the death of the Rev. J. W. Kerr, would remember the help he gave to the congregation some years ago, when he came across from Edinburgh to assist in the worship. He was beloved by everyone, and commanded a tremendous respect from both young and old. I always associated him in my mind with the virtue of Humility and I was interested to hear the minister who conducted his funeral service say that he remembered him for his Courtesy. These two great qualities are both the outcome of a deep spiritual life. Mr Kerr throughout his long life had a wide experience of the work of the Church both at home and abroad. I imagine he was the last living person who could claim to have known and worked with Mary Slessor in Calabar.

copal School. As he is a Congregationalist and has had good experience in Aberdour of Presbyterianism his appointment should help Church Unity.

After thirteen years or more we are glad to welcome a Scotsman to help with the work on a Sunday. We have had the assistance of an Australian, an Irishman, three Canadians, and at least half-a-dozen ministers from the States. We have been none the worse of that and have benefitted as a congregation through these wider contacts. Mr Andrew Ireland, though now living in Dunfermline, comes from Lochore. He is well equipped for the work of the ministry. His service in Her Majesty's Forces and his work with the National Coal Board have been a good preparation and we look forward to his conduct of our worship and his work amongst the young people. He is married and has two children.

It was the Apostle Paul who wrote: "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." I had only to remark that I had not missed a Sunday in over twelve years, when illness overtook me and I missed twelve in succession. I am glad to be back and fit again and I cannot say how much I appreciated the many kindnesses from members and friends in Aberdour and Dalgety.

During my illness we were most fortunate in securing the services of the Rev. R. J. V. Martin, who recently retired from the parish of Alvah. He showed boundless energy and his services were very much appreciated. It was a great relief to know that the

work was in such capable hands, and that with the help given by Mr Heaton and Mr Ireland the work was going on normally. It was a tribute to them that the attendances and finances were maintained. Our thanks is also due to Mr Walker, our Session Clerk and to Mr Macfarlane, our Treasurer for the extra work which my absence placed on them.

THE TRAVEL INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING

Under this high-sounding title one might have difficulty in recognising the small group of American teen-agers Dr and Mrs Lawrence conduct each year on a visit to Europe. This year they visited a number of centres in Britain before going on a fifteen day tour of Scandinavia. It has become an essential part of their tour, that amongst all the wonderful places they visit, that they should see Aberdour, St Fillan's Church, and cross to the Abbey on the island. They were able to do so again this year, though the visit to the island was made in very stormy conditions. They invited our own Fellowship to join them in a 'bus outing to Dunfermline and Culross with tea in the Glen. Such contacts, fleeting as they are, do help to promote international understanding, and to break down the barriers which in our ignorance we are apt to raise. Dr Lawrence is Associate Minister in the First Congregational Church, Burlington Vermont, and was our first American assistant here in Aberdour and Dalgety.

FLOWERS

Flowers add to the beauty of any building and particularly to the beauty of a Church. We are very much indebted to those who take a Sunday and either decorate the church themselves or pay for the decoration. Mrs Kerr, Flock House, Seaside Place, has arranged the rota in the past and would be glad to arrange for other members to share in this service. Miss Wilkie, Park Lane, arranges the flowers at Dalgety Church.

THE HALL HEATING

In the last News Letter mention was made of the need for a new heating system in the Church Hall. At a meeting of the Congregational Board in June it was decided to install electrical heating similar to that which has been so successful in St. Fillan's Church. It is not expensive to install and should prove very economical besides being much cleaner than the old boiler, which needed so much attention. It is hoped to have the work completed before the winter activities commence.

A NEW PULPIT FALL

We wish to express our thanks to the anonymous donor who gave the new Fall for the Pulpit in St. Fillan's Church. It is heavily embroidered and of the same material as the new curtains at the door. It adds to the beauty of the Sanctuary.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Annual General Meeting was postponed on account of the Minister's illness. It did not take place until Friday 23rd June. There was no social, only the business being transacted, but

there was a good attendance considering the circumstances. Reports were given of the work of the various organisations and six new members were elected to serve for three years on the Congregational Board.

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

May 7 Yvonne McCallum Colman.

May 21 Kenneth Ramsay Sinclair.

June 25 Ann Hynd.

Aug. 13 Jane Robertson Cuthill.

Aug. 13 Kenneth Milne Harper.

Aug. 13 Irene Harvie Kerr.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**"It is of the essence of Christianity
to touch the untouchable,
to love the unlovable,
to forgive the unforgivable."**

—Dr. Wm. Barclay.

MARRIAGES

**"What God hath joined together,
let not man put asunder."**

Jan. 14 John D. A. Duncan and Jeananne R. Bone.

Feb. 10 John E. F. Whyte and Christina Murray.

Mar. 8 John D. Llewellyn and Janet H. Hunter.

Mar. 21 Noel A. Coburn and Audrey P. Baker.

May 31 Arthur J. Dobbs and Mary Scott.

June 7 John R. Brook and Christine Carnochan.

Aug. 9 Andrew Buchanan and Janet S. C. Grant.

DEATHS

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

Feb. 12 Miss Miller, 16 Main Street.

Feb. 18 Mrs Webster, 48 Grange Road, Burntisland.

Mar 15 Mr Webster, 48 Grange Road,

Apr. 24 Mrs Wright, High Street.

May 1 Mr Little, Humble Terrace.

May 17 Mrs McAndie, Rose Cottage.

May 26 Mrs Christie, Moss Cottages.

June 1 Mrs G. Lyon, Rosebank.

June 4 Mrs Meikle, Donibristle.

June 6 Mrs Caskey, Corriemar.

June 12 Mrs Sim, Station House.

May 27 Miss Livingstone, High Street.

July 5 Mr Blair, Morayvale.

July 19 Mr Kirkham, Moraybank.

ACCESSIONS—By Certificate

Mr and Mrs D. Calder, 17 Dovecot Park.

Mr and Mrs H. R. Cunningham, 13 Dovecot Park.

Mr and Mrs A. C. Gardiner, 2 Inch Ave.

Mr A. Ireland, 75 Tweed St., Dunfermline.

Mrs I. Millar, 7 Home Park.

Mr and Mrs K. Sinclair, The Lodge, Whitehill.

DISJUNCTIONS

Miss E. C. Macgregor, The Schoolhouse, to Edinburgh.

Mrs C. T. Macgregor, The Schoolhouse, to Edinburgh.

Mr Meikle, Croftgarry Cottages, to Crossgates.

Mrs Whytock, "Craigie", Manse Street, to Edinburgh.

Mr and Mrs R. Scott, Burnside, Kirkton, to Burntisland.

Mr A. Scott, Burnside, Kirkton, to Burntisland.

Mrs Little, Humble Terrace, to Arbroath.

Mr and Mrs W. Forbes., Inverkeithing, to Canada.

Mr M. Todd, Dalgety Cottage, to Methil.

Mr and Mrs L. Wall, "Craigrowan", to Stirling.

The Organisations and Services of the Church

- SUNDAY.** 10.00 a.m. Aberdour Senior Sunday School, 8-13-year-olds—The Church Hall.
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship in St. Fillan's Church.
11.30 a.m. Dalgety Sunday School and Bible Class.
12.20 a.m. Aberdour Primary Sunday School, up to 8 years—The Church Hall.
12.30 p.m. Worship in Dalgety Church.
5.30 p.m. Aberdour Bible Class, 13½ to 16-year-olds—The Small Hall.
6.30 p.m. Evening Worship in St. Fillan's Church.
8.00 p.m. Young People's Fellowship, 16 years upwards—The Small Hall.
- MONDAY.** The Congregational Board meets on the second Monday of each month.
The Badminton Club.
- TUESDAY.** The Woman's Guild meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, October to March, at 2.30 p.m.
The Brownies at 5.45 p.m.
The Girl Guides at 7.15 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY.** The Badminton Club.
- THURSDAY.** The St. Fillan's Church Choir in St. Colme's Session Room at 7.30 p.m.
The Drama Club.
- FRIDAY.** The Wolf Cubs at 6.00 p.m.
The Boy Scouts at 7.30 p.m.
- SATURDAY.** Junior Badminton.

Aberdour and Dalgety Parish Church

Dear Member,

The more fully operative Free Will Offering Scheme was first introduced for the year 1958 when the Congregational Board decided that members should not be asked to complete Promise Cards every year — as is envisaged in a fully operative Scheme — but that fresh Promise Cards should be called for at intervals of three to four years. 1962 will see the fifth year of operation of the Scheme and the Board have decided to call for fresh Promise Cards for that year.

In accordance with the Board's decision, therefore members who have already adopted the Scheme or other members who wish to adopt the Scheme for 1962 are asked to complete the enclosed Offering and Address Cards, place them in their respective envelopes and seal down the envelopes. Thereafter the envelopes should be handed to any Office-Bearer or may be sent through the post.

The following points should be noted by members:—

1. Amount to be entered on Offering Card.

While it is desirable for budgeting purposes to have an amount entered on the Offering Card, members who do not wish to state a fixed weekly contribution amount should enter the words "Amount not specified" on the Card.

2. Altering the Amount Stated.

The amount entered on the Offering Card may be altered at any time by simply putting a note in the weekly envelope stating "From now onwards the amount in this envelope will be"

3. Secrecy.

The method of sending Address Cards to the F.W.O. Convener and Offering Cards to the F.W.O. Treasurer ensures secrecy, as the Convener deals only with names and numbers, and the Treasurer deals only with numbers and amounts.

4. Adoption Voluntary.

Adoption of the envelope system is entirely voluntary, and members and friends desiring to contribute to Congregational Funds by other means are free to do so.

A method of giving available to members who have adopted the Weekly Envelope System, or make regular contributions direct to the Church Treasurer, is by a BOND OF ANNUITY. This method of giving is of tremendous benefit to the Church. It enables the Covenantor to pay from his nett income as much as he feels impelled to give and permits the Church to recover from the Inland Revenue the appropriate tax.

The Covenantor agrees to pay a sum **after** deduction of Income Tax. He gives to the Church in the normal way and the Church claims from the Inland Revenue the tax already paid or payable to Inland Revenue by the Covenantor. Here is an example:—

EXAMPLE:

In terms of the Deed of Gift, the donor gives an annual donation, after deduction of Income Tax	£50 0 0
The Church recovers Income Tax at 7s 9d in every 12s 3d of the cash donation, viz. . . .	£31 12 8
The gross amount of the donation received by the Church is, therefore, at the present rate of	
Income Tax	£81 12 8
For small sums in like proportion:—	
e.g. £25 would yield	£43 16 4
£ 5 would yield	£8 15 3

If this method were adopted by all members whose incomes are subject to Income Tax at the full standard rate, it would give material extra benefit to the Church funds **without cost to the donor**. Those willing to give bonds should be liable to pay Income Tax at the standard rate:—at present 7s 9d per £—on an amount at least equivalent to the gross annual amount of their contribution under the bond.

The covenant is for 7 years, the minimum period allowed by law in respect of recovery of Income Tax, but if the donor is unable to maintain the payment, **it may be cancelled**, the Church, if required, refunding to the Inland Revenue any tax recovered.

To help you understand our financial problems, the Board each year submits a review of the financial position of the Church for the current year, and estimates of income and expenditure for the ensuing year. They take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to all those who, throughout the past months have contributed so regularly and generously.

CURRENT YEAR

The position relative to members and contributions for the nine months ending 30th September, 1961, was as follows:—

	Number of Members	Amount of Contributions
Open Plate	348	£406
Free Will Offering Scheme	318	£977
	<u>666</u>	<u>£1383</u>

The amount to be raised by the Weekly Free Will Offerings and Open Plate Collections during 1961, as set out in that year's Budget Statement, amounted to £2,264. Three-quarters of this sum amounts to £1,698, which figure can be used for a rough comparison with the figure of £1,383 stated overleaf. Such a comparison reveals a Budget Deficiency of £315 which the Board hopes might be reduced by the end of the year.

YEAR 1962

The Finance Committee have prepared a Budget Statement for 1962, a copy of which is attached to this letter. The sum to be raised by members and friends of the Congregation during 1962 by means of Weekly Free Will Offerings and Open Plate Collections amounts to £2,321.

On behalf of the Congregational Board,

ISABEL C. H. SIMMERS, Clerk.

J. DAWSON MACFARLANE, Treasurer.

ABERDOUR AND DALGETY PARISH CHURCH

BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1962

"FOR OURSELVES"

1961		
£920	Minister's Stipend (part of) and Salaries or Organists, Church Officers and Cleaners.	£920
180	Rent, Rates, Insurance and Feuduty.	190
200	Heating, Lighting and Cleaning.	200
150	Repairs and Upkeep (other than to Fabric).	125
150	Printing, Stationery and Publications.	130
120	Sundry Expenses including Communion Expenses, Telephone and Assembly, Synod and Presbytery Dues.	120
250	Repairs to Fabric.	250
<u>£1970</u>		<u>£1935</u>

"FOR OTHERS"

Assembly Funds.

£200	Maintenance of the Ministry	£200	
49	Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund	49	
	Co-ordinated Appeal	£653	
427	Less—Estimated Contributions from Organisations	120	533
<u>£676</u>			<u>£782</u>
35	Outside Organisations including National Bible Society, Mission to Lepers, etc.		35
25	Special Appeals arising throughout the year not provided for in the above allocation.		25
<u>736</u>			<u>842</u>
<u>£2706</u>			<u>£2777</u>
	<i>Less—</i>		
£160	Income from Trust Investments	£165	
28	Rents	28	
150	Miscellaneous Income	120	
104	Bonds of Annuity and Income Tax recovered.	143	
<u>442</u>			<u>456</u>
<u>£2264</u>	Leaving amount to be raised by Weekly Freewill Offerings & Collections		<u>£2321</u>