

At the end of January Fife Presbytery released a letter to be shared with congregations, to reassure them that plans are progressing towards a new Presbytery Mission Plan. The letter did not give much detail, which our Kirk Session/Team Leaders felt uncomfortable about. I have summarised what we think are the main points to be noted and will update the congregation as soon as we have concrete details.

Muriel Willoughby *Interim Moderator*

#### MISSION PLAN:

##### Cluster/Area/Group Conversations (14 clusters across Fife)

- Cluster meetings are currently taking place online and in-person across Fife.
- Representatives of all 9 Dunfermline congregations met twice in November and December, once in person, once online, and will be meeting again on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. The minister/locum/interim moderator for each congregation attends with a session clerk/elder to discuss the future of mission and ministry within Dunfermline.
- Each cluster will provide a report to the Mission Strategy & Planning Task Group, by mid-March, to help inform and influence the drafting of our Presbytery Mission Plan.

#### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Spring 22
  - Pioneering Ministry Ideas being discussed locally
  - Local grouping Reports (14<sup>th</sup> March)
  - Draft Mission Plan being drawn up
  - Draft Mission Plan circulated to Kirk Sessions by end of March 2022; Presbytery meetings with individual congregations are to be held on a cluster basis after Easter and into early May 2022.
- Summer 22
  - Presbytery Decision on Draft Plan (18<sup>th</sup> June 22)
  - Sent to Faith Nurture Forum (national body that has to approve the local plans)
  - Final Approval by Presbytery (hopefully 17<sup>th</sup> September 22)

PRAYER POINTS – something we can all contribute to the process of change in the local and national church.

- Pray for the Mission Director, Neil Campbell, and Presbytery Clerk, David Coulter, who are bearing a lot of responsibility for the execution of this process.
- Pray for the Mission Planning Task Group as they research and discern the best way to deploy staff and use buildings in Fife to enable the mission of the Church.
- Pray for all congregations in vacancy and guardianship which may be feeling particularly vulnerable during this process.
- Pray for all ministers and Interim Moderators as they seek to guide and support Kirk Sessions and congregations in such unsettling times.
- Pray for local churches in Dunfermline seeking a future model for mission in the area – meeting 22.2.22.

Finally .... A message from Neil Campbell, Mission Director Fife Presbytery

*As we start out in 2022, I look with hope to the year ahead: hope that we can build on what is good, hope for new ways of being church, and hope that our spirit is renewed for the journey ahead. Trusting that wherever our journey may lead, God is with us.*