

**THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
CLYDE PRESBYTERY**

**Basis of Union of the Congregations of
Kilmacolm: Old and Kilmacolm: St Columba**

The Congregations of Kilmacolm: Old (Scottish Charity Number SC009291) and Kilmacolm: St. Columba (Scottish Charity Number SC007992) shall be united at a date to be determined by the Presbytery, and that on the following conditions:

1. **Name:**
The name of the united congregation shall be Kilmacolm Parish Church of Scotland.
2. **Charity Number:**
The charity number of the new congregation shall be that currently held by Kilmacolm: Old, SC009291.
3. **Transference of Property and Funds**
The property and funds belonging to or on behalf of each congregation shall belong to or be held on behalf of the united congregation and any transference necessary shall be duly effected.
The sanctuary, chapel, halls, offices of the Old Kirk shall be used by the united congregation.
The properties held by St. Columba shall be sold, let or otherwise disposed of subject to the approval of the Presbytery. The free proceeds of any such sale or let shall be held and applied for fabric purposes, or for such other legitimate purposes of the congregation as may otherwise be permitted by Presbytery.
4. **Place of Worship**
The sole place of worship of the united congregation for normal Sunday services shall be the Old Kirk.
5. **Territorial Responsibilities**
The bounds to be served by the united charge shall be the bounds of each of the congregations or as Presbytery shall determine.
6. **Kirk Session**
The elders of both congregations shall form with the Minister or Interim Moderator the Kirk Session of the united congregation.
7. **Congregational Management**
The temporal affairs of the congregation shall be administered in terms of the Unitary Constitution, the Delegation of Assembly being authorized to issue an appropriate deed of Constitution to the said congregation.
8. **Minister:** After the union has taken place, the united congregation shall proceed to the election of a minister, whose appointment shall be made on the basis of a five year reviewable charge, or as otherwise determined when Presbytery's Mission Plan is finalised and agreed.
9. **The Manse**
The manse of the Old Kirk shall be retained as the manse of the united church. The manse of St. Columba shall be sold, let or otherwise disposed of subject to the approval of the Presbytery. The free proceeds of any such sale or let shall be held and applied for fabric purposes, or for such other legitimate purposes of the congregation as may otherwise be permitted by Presbytery.
10. **Ministerial support**
The stipend of the charge shall be paid in accordance with the terms of the National Stipend Scheme.
11. **Power to Readjust**

While the above articles and terms shall form the Basis of Union for the two congregations now uniting, the united congregation shall be free, like other congregations, to adjust arrangements under the authority of Presbytery as need may arise.