

## **BASIS OF UNION**

### **Kilmacolm Parish Church of Scotland**

The Congregations of Kilmacolm Old Kirk (Church of Scotland) (Scottish Charity Number SC009291) and St. Columba Church of Scotland Kilmacolm (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 charge shall be Kilmacolm Parish Church of Scotland and charity number SC009291 will be retained.
2. **Transference of Property and Funds:** The property and funds belonging to or held on behalf of each congregation shall belong to or be held on behalf of the united charge and any transference necessary shall be duly effected.
3. **Places of Worship:**  
The church at present used and occupied by the congregation of Kilmacolm Old Kirk shall be the place of worship of the united charge. The church at present used by the congregation of St Columba's shall be sold, let or otherwise disposed of subject to the titles on which it is held, subject to the approval of the Presbytery and, if necessary, the General Trustees or the General Assembly. The free proceeds of any such sale or let shall: (a) if falling within the scope of the General Trustees (Delegated Powers) Act (Act 7, 1995) be credited to the benefit of the congregation in the Consolidated Fabric Fund; or (b) if not falling within the scope of the said Act, be held and applied for fabric purposes in connection with the properties of the congregation.
4. **Territorial Responsibility:** The bounds to be served by the united charge shall be designated as the bounds of the parishes of Kilmacolm Old Kirk and St Columba Church of Scotland Kilmacolm or as the Presbytery shall determine.
5. **Kirk Session:** The elders of both Kirk Sessions shall form with the minister the Kirk Session of the united charge.
6. **Congregational Management:** The temporal affairs of the united congregation shall be administered by the Kirk Session in terms of the Unitary Constitution, the Delegation of Assembly being authorised to issue the appropriate Deed of Constitution to the said congregation.
7. **Minister:** Both charges being vacant, the united charge shall proceed to the appointment of a minister in terms of the Vacancy Procedure Act (Act 8, 2003).
8. **Manse:** The manses from both charges shall be sold to enable another property to be purchased which will then serve as the said manse.
9. **Ministerial Support:** The stipend of the charge shall be paid in accordance with the terms of the National Stipend Scheme.
10. **Power to Readjust:** While the articles and terms shall form the Basis of Union for the two congregations now uniting, the united charge shall be free, like other congregations, to adjust arrangements under the authority of Presbytery as need may arise.