THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

PANEL ON REVIEW AND REFORM

MINUTE of the MEETING of the PANEL ON REVIEW AND REFORM held in 121 George Street, Edinburgh on 4 December 2013

The sederunt and apologies are attached to this minute as Appendix 1.

WELCOME AND CONSTITUTION
The meeting was constituted with worship led by Rev Bryan Kerr.

23 APOLOGIES
Apologies were noted.

24 ANY OTHER AGENDA ITEMS
Additional items were added to the agenda: 10(b) Ministries Council, Presbytery Conference (2-3 October), 10(c) Mission Forum (5 December).

25 DRAFT MINUTE OF 2 OCTOBER 2013
The minute was approved.

26 MATTERS ARISING
19(b) Mr Campbell would contact the Convener of the Mission and Discipleship Council to ascertain how the work of the Statistical Commission could be used in an ongoing fashion and in conjunction with those produced annually for the General Assembly.

19(c) Mr Kerr would speak to the issue of the sharing of information across the Church at the Panel’s January plenary.

27 CONSULTATIONS
(a) Consensus and Communication: Dr Ferguson intimated that the Group had engaged the services of Professor Charlie Irvine, Visiting Professor at Strathclyde Law School, as the project’s consultant.

The timetable for consultation, the proposed questions and practical details were outlined.

The Group would meet on 20 January.

(b) Scenario Planning: Mr Holt indicated that a weekend scenario planning consultation had been arranged for 25-26 January in Dundee. Currently, the majority of those to whom invitations had been extended had indicated a willingness to participate. The practicalities of both the weekend and the process were described in detail.

(c) Vision: Mr Duffin summarised the progress of the consultations to date. Seventeen had been carried out across Scotland with 250 congregations being represented. The final two would take place the following week. He reflected on the material gathered and the overall pattern of responses
28 BUDGET 2014
A budget request for 2014 had been submitted for consideration by the Council of Assembly’s Finance Group.

29 ANY OTHER BUSINESS
(a) Study leave summary: Dr McCracken had spent two weeks undertaking a scenario planning training exercise as part of his study leave. He described the benefits of the process in helping organisations to understand and plan for the future. His study leave report was ready for submission and he hoped to develop the tool for congregational use.

(b) Ministries Council, Presbytery Conference (2-3 October): Mr Holt summarised the content of the conference which had focused on encouraging a flourishing ministry.

(c) Mission Forum: Mr Holt would attend a meeting of the Mission Forum the following day.

30 NEXT MEETING DATE
The next meeting of the Panel would take place on 8 January 2014 in 121 George Street, beginning at 10:30 am.

CLOSURE
The meeting was closed with all saying the Grace.

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Convener

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Minute Secretary
APPENDIX 1

Sederunt:
Rev Donald Campbell
Rev Graham Duffin
Dr Marshall Halliday
Rev Jack Holt
Rev Bryan Kerr
Rev Dr Gordon McCracken
Rev David Rankin
Rev Christopher Rowe
Rev Allan Vint
Ms Nicola Whyte

Apologies
Rev Dr John Ferguson
Rev Dr Janet Foggie
Very Rev Dr Sheilagh Kesting
Rev Dr Caroline Lockerbie