



## MISSION STATEMENT

*The Mission and Discipleship Council  
resources Christ's mission, through the whole Church  
for witness, worship and discipleship*



Aithris Rùin

(Geàrr-iomradh air eadar-theangachadh ann an Gàidhlig)  
Tha Comhairle na Teachdaireachd agus na Deisiobalachd  
a ' cur air adhart teachdaireachd Chrìosd,  
tron Eaglais air fad airson fianais, adhradh agus deisciobalachd

## COUNCIL REMIT

The remit of the Mission and Discipleship Council is: -

- To take a lead role in developing and maintaining an overall focus for mission in Scotland, and to highlight its fundamental relationships with worship, service, doctrine, education and nurture.
- To take a lead role in developing strategies, resources and services in Christian education and nurture, recognising these as central to both mission and discipleship.
- To offer appropriate services and support nationally, regionally and locally in the promotion of nurturing, worshipping and witnessing communities of faith.
- To introduce policy on behalf of the Church in the following areas: adult education and elder training, church art and architecture, congregational mission and development, doctrine, resourcing youth and children's work and worship.
- To establish and support the Mission Forum with representatives of relevant Councils.
- To encourage appropriate awareness of, and response to, the requirements of people with particular needs, including physical, sensory and/or learning disabilities.
- To conduct an annual review of progress made in discharging the remit and provide a written report to the Council of Assembly.

## COUNCIL STRUCTURE

The detailed work of the Mission and Discipleship Council is taken forward by: -

- Three Task Groups
  - Education and Nurture Task Group
  - Mission and Evangelism Task Group
  - Worship and Doctrine Task Group
- Two Committees
  - Publishing Committee
  - Committee on Church Art and Architecture (CARTA)
- Four groups
  - Mission Forum
  - Scottish Storytelling Centre Council
  - Rural Strategy Team
  - 'Why Believe?' Ecumenical Group

All the work of the Council will be undertaken in a collaborative way to ensure that the opportunities and needs of local congregations are resourced as effectively as possible.

## MEMBERSHIP

- Convener
- 3 Vice Conveners
- 21 members appointed by the General Assembly (one of which will also be appointed to the Ecumenical Relations Committee)
- Director of Stewardship
- one member appointed from and by the General Trustees; the Guild; the Parish Development Fund; the 'Church Without Walls' Planning Group; the Scottish Churches Community Trust
- Convener or Vice Convener of the Advisory Committee on Church Art and Architecture, as that Committee shall determine

The Nominations Committee will ensure that the Council membership contains at least three individuals with specific expertise in each of the areas of Education and Nurture, Mission and Evangelism and Worship and Doctrine. The Council has invited the United Free Church of Scotland to appoint a representative to serve on the Council.