

## **II CONGREGATIONS OF DEAF PEOPLE REGULATIONS (REGS II 2017)**

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1. There shall be Church of Scotland congregations of deaf people in the following areas:
  - Aberdeen: St John's Church for the Deaf;
  - Edinburgh: Presbytery Mission Initiative within St Andrew's and St George's West Church, and
  - Glasgow: John Ross Memorial and Ayrshire Mission to the Deaf acting as one congregation.
2. These shall individually be referred to in these Regulations as a "congregation" and together as the "congregations".
3. Each shall have the status of a "congregation" rather than a "charge".
4. In respect of each congregation, the Presbytery and the Ministries Council shall confer in making the appointment of the minister in terms of the Ministry and Deaf Congregations Act (Act IX 2017). The appointee shall be employed by the Ministries Council and shall be introduced by the Presbytery.
5. Each appointee shall be entitled to membership of the appropriate Presbytery and shall, where one exists, moderate the Kirk Session.
6. The congregations shall be entitled to appoint representative Elders to the Presbytery within whose bounds the congregation is situated. If there is more than one place of worship in different Presbytery areas, the appointee shall be subject to one Presbytery only.
7. It shall be open to the congregations to apply to the Presbytery of the bounds to be regarded as a Presbytery Mission Initiative in terms of the Presbytery Mission Initiatives Act (Act V 2016).
8. Presbyteries which have among them members from the congregations shall employ a suitably qualified interpreter as required and shall not rely on the appointee being him/herself a member of Presbytery, to fulfil this additional function at meetings. The cost of the interpreter shall be shared between the Presbytery and the Ministries Council.
9. The stipend/salary and related ministry costs of the appointee shall be met from the budget of the Ministries Council.
10. The Presbytery shall consult with the Ministries Council and the congregation as to contributions to be made to the Mission and Renewal Fund.
11. The appointee and the congregation shall be subject to the superintendence of the Presbytery and the law and practice of the Church of Scotland.
12. The Congregations of Deaf People Regulations (Regs III 1998) are hereby repealed.