



**INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS IN 2022**

<b>NAME OF STANDING COMMITTEE/AGENCY:</b> Faith Impact Forum	
<b>CONVENER/CHAIR:</b>	Very Rev Dr Susan Brown
<b>VICE-CONVENER(S):</b>	Rev Alan Miller
<b>SECRETARY/STAFF:</b>	Rev Dr Scott Shackleton, Head of Faith Action Programme
<p><b>REMIT:</b> <i>(from Schedule 2 of Appendix 2 of Assembly Trustees to the General Assembly October 2020)</i></p> <p><b>Key Areas of Work</b></p> <p><b>Engaging with Congregations</b> Resource congregations in the work of campaigning and advocacy for justice, peace, inclusion, neighbourliness and the integrity of creation. Support and enable congregational engagement with the work of the Church outside Scotland and congregational involvement with Christian Aid.</p> <p><b>Engaging with the wider world</b> Develop and maintain mutually enriching relationships with partner churches at home and in the wider world. Review current partnership arrangements with bodies other than partner churches with a view to redrawing relationships in areas where partners are better placed to lead. Identify appropriate opportunities to engage with those displaced. Identify appropriate opportunities to support peace-making and peace-building. Build appropriate interfaith relationships which lead to mutual understanding and respect.</p> <p><b>Public Witness</b> Share the ideas and experience of the Church with government, parliamentarians, ecumenical partners, faith groups, and civil society and support the exchange of information and opinions between national institutions and presbyteries and congregations in the pursuit of justice, peace, and the integrity of creation. Speak truth to power on issues of poverty, marginalisation, violence, peace and justice, environmental protection and sustainability.</p> <p><b>Oversight of the Church's Organisations in Israel</b> Ensure that the directly managed organisations in Israel operate to the highest Christian standards and that they support the Church's vision of seeking a just peace for all in Israel and Palestine</p> <p><b>Communication</b> Engage with other agencies in a single, overall, communication strategy</p>	
<p><b>SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE SOUGHT AT THIS TIME:</b> Lived experience as person within a minority grouping Lived experience under 30 yrs old. Lived experience overseas / migrant (inter-cultural awareness) Priority area experience Creation Care engagement Interest in international engagement of Church and with ideas on how to engage in new ways.</p>	
<p><b>EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS:</b> To fully participate in meetings and engage with taking forward particular issues. Ability to access papers electronically and to meet online via video-conference, as well as attend committee meetings in person, if held. The Forum will meet 7 times per annum.</p>	



**MEMBERSHIP AND ANTICIPATED VACANCIES:**

**NB: a completed Nomination Form must be submitted by all proposed nominees including anyone wishing to be put forward for proposed re-appointment**

Convener, Vice-Convener and 13 members nominated by the Nomination Committee and appointed by the General Assembly.

Vacancies arising in 2022 will be the Vice-Convener plus 5 members.

**FREQUENCY, TIMING AND VENUE OF MEETINGS:**

**include mention of any particular day(s) of the week when meetings would fall and whether meetings will be attended online and/or in person**

The Forum will meet 7 times per year as a norm on a Thursday 1000-1230 hrs.

**DETAILS OF SUB-COMMITTEES/GROUPS:**

**include frequency, timings, venue and any particular day(s) of the week when meetings would fall**

The General Assembly allowed for the creation of Implementation Groups, and these are created from time to time to deal with specific issues.

The type and timing of committee meetings will vary depending on the context (Net Zero as an example) but as a norm they will be held in an evening and be set around the same regularity as the Forum.

**FURTHER DETAILS:**

**Include any useful web links:** <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/about-us/councils-committees-and-departments/forums/faith-impact-forum>

For details of forum remits and priorities, see the Assembly Trustees Report to the General Assembly October 2020 (pages 55-77 of [General Assembly Reports](#)).