Moderator,

It is pretty much obligatory for me to answer the question “What is the Iona Community Board?” especially for the benefit of new commissioners.

The Iona Community is managed by the Council of the Iona Community, which is elected by the members.

The Iona Community Board was established by the General Assembly when the Community was founded to keep an eye on this radical new experiment.

The Community is now less new and more ecumenical, but hopefully still radical.

The role of the Board is now to meet with the leadership team and to provide a line of communication between the Community, the Church of Scotland and other the five other denominations represented on the Board.

Our report this year highlights changes in the Island Centres, especially the Abbey. The Island of Iona has played an important part of spiritual lives of many Christians and we urge you to consider contributing to the Capital Appeal, so that others can benefit in the future.

However, the report also highlights the wider work of the Community. Most of the activity of the community happens from the Glasgow Office or through the distributed Members, Friends or Associates of the Community. In particular, this year we are highlighting the work with young people, Iona Prayer Circle, Wee WONDERBOX and other activities of the Wild Goose Resource Group and Wild Goose Publications.

Moderator, in previous years, the Assembly has been kind enough to invite the Leader of the Community to address the Assembly. This year I would like to ask if Kathy Galloway might be invited to speak on behalf of the Leadership Team.

Thank you.

Alan Kimmitt