



INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

NAME OF STANDING COMMITTEE/AGENCY:
Faith Impact Forum
REMIT:
<p>Fundamental Aims for the Work of the Faith Impact and Faith Nurture Forums <i>(Schedule 1 of Appendix 2 of Report of Assembly Trustees to the General Assembly, 3 Oct 2020)</i></p> <p>To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Inspire the whole church – including individuals, congregations, presbyteries – to make known that Christ came so that every person may have life in all its fullness, which includes a particular concern - a bias - for the least in our world, especially the poor and oppressed. o Build relationships with Churches and Christian organisations at home and across the world, as a demonstration of Christ’s prayer that we may all be one. <p>To teach, baptise and nurture new believers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Work with congregations and presbyteries so that the life of the Church is relevant, real and authentic. o Support the development of the Church’s life of worship, prayer and study to help individuals and congregations explore and discover faith and deepen their understanding of and involvement in God’s mission in the world. o Build and maintain partnerships with other churches, civic society and faith groups in ways that enrich and enliven our congregations. o Enable congregations and presbyteries to create and maintain relationships with local and global partners to share stories, pray together, and walk alongside one another to achieve solutions to our shared and individual challenges. <p>To respond to human need by loving service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Promote action on issues of need, marginalisation and exclusion for people living in Scotland and around the world, bringing good news to the poor, liberty to the captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed. o Help others to see and know the love of God through the witness and actions of the Church. <p>To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and pursue peace and reconciliation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Listen to those struggling with poverty and marginalisation, the silenced, and the powerless, and enable the Church to speak out on their behalf. o Enable theological, ethical and spiritual contributions to public policy and decision-making on issues of societal, economic, and political significance. o Encourage the whole church to address issues of violence, in the home, the church, the community, the nation and the world, and to pursue justice and fullness of life for all. o Amplify the Church of Scotland’s concerns on matters of national and international peace and justice, and support all parts of the church to join in speaking out. o Enhance the Church’s understanding of and relationships with other faith traditions, and other areas of society. <p>To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Engage on the urgent issues of environmental protection and sustainability o Lead the Church, and help individuals, congregations, and presbyteries in responding to the climate crisis with prayer, advocacy, and action.



Priorities & Key Areas of Work

(Schedule 2 of Appendix 2 of Report of Assembly Trustees, GA, Oct 2020)

Congregational Engagement

Mobilising and enabling flourishing congregational life with churches as anchor organisations in communities where the whole church can join together to learn from and support each other

- Pilgrim Journeys-helping people encounter people in different situations
- Twinning of congregations/Presbyteries/ bodies
- Engagement with under 40s
- Campaigns and advocacy
- Communication
- Events / conferences
- Christian Aid cooperation

Global Justice

Building and sustaining relationships with churches and organisations and pursuing justice, peace, inclusion, neighbourliness, and mutual accountability at home and internationally.

- International accompaniment
- Peace-making and peace-building
- Displacement
- Inclusion - local and international
- Interfaith Relationships

Public Witness

Sharing the ideas and experience of the Church with decision-makers by building and sustaining relationships with government, parliamentarians, ecumenical partners, faith groups, and civil society; supporting the exchange of information and opinions between national institutions and presbyteries and congregations in the pursuit of justice, peace, and the integrity of creation.

- Public policy development, promotion and advocacy:
- Creation Care
- Political and Parliamentary relationships
- Future policy research and planning

Oversight of Directly Managed Organisations in Israel

To ensure that the organisations in Israel:

- Support the Church’s vision of seeking a just peace for all in Israel and Palestine
- Operate to the highest Christian standards in employment, service, witness, and finance
- Maximise the financial return to support the Church’s mission

CONVENER: Very Rev Dr Susan Brown

VICE-CONVENER(S): Rev Alan Miller

HEAD: Rev Ian Alexander

MEMBERSHIP:

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

15 Members appointed by the General Assembly.



FREQUENCY, TIMING AND VENUE OF MEETINGS:

include mention of any particular day(s) of the week when meetings would fall

Meetings have been every two months, with some additional ones because the Forum was new and it was necessary to develop working methods together.

DETAILS OF SUB-COMMITTEES/GROUPS:

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

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

EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS:

To fully participate in meetings and engage with taking forward particular issues.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE SOUGHT AT THIS TIME:

Lived experience as BAME
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.

FURTHER DETAILS:

Include any useful web links

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/about-us/councils-committees-and-departments/forums/faith-impact-forum>