INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS IN 2027

NAME OF STANDING COMMITTEE/AGENCY: Ethical Oversight Committee	
CONVENER/CHAIR:	Mrs Val Brown
SECRETARY/STAFF:	Rev Ian Alexander

REMIT:
The Ethical Oversight Committee (EOC) is an advisory group to help all those working with investments in any part of the Church of Scotland, and in particular the Church of Scotland Investors Trust (COSIT), to give consideration to the theological and ethical issues around investing, the complexities of the investment options, and to be a space for intelligent conversations that can support the COSIT to provide the investment managers with specific briefs, in line with the Church's values.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE SOUGHT AT THIS TIME:
The Committee looks for people with an active interest in either:
Investment practice or
Ethical and social justice issues and how they pertain to the church locally and internationally

EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS:
It is envisaged that the EOC will meet 4-6 times a year, mostly online but occasionally in person. Members will be expected to read papers in advance of the meeting and be prepared to engage in the discussions.

The EOC does not have powers to compel any part of the Church to take a particular line. The EOC might, for example, discuss and make recommendations on whether an energy company has adequately switched the majority of its business towards renewables to warrant consideration for investment.

MEMBERSHIP AND ANTICIPATED VACANCIES:
The EOC is made up of nine people, each of whom serve no more than two 3-year terms, populated as follows:

(i) three persons who are trustees of the Investors Trust
(ii) one person from the General Trustees
(iii) five appointed by the General Assembly through the Nomination process; of these five, three will have a social justice and/or world church background; one will be a parish minister; and one will be 30 years of age or under at first appointment

It is anticipated that there will be a vacancy for Convener to be filled with a start date of June 2027. There may also be a further member vacancy, therefore the Committee would welcome all applications.

FREQUENCY, TIMING AND VENUE OF MEETINGS:
4-6 times a year, mostly online via Zoom, but occasionally in person in Edinburgh. Dates will normally be decided by doodle poll, unless we are meeting specific people and need to accommodate their availability.

DETAILS OF SUB-COMMITTEES/GROUPS:
It is not envisaged that any sub groups would be meeting very regularly and again these meetings would be likely to take place online via Zoom.