# BASIS FOR LOCAL MISSION CHURCH

As agreed in the Basis of Union for Parish Church, the Presbytery of **XXX** shall establish a Local Mission Church in terms of Regulation II 2021 from a date to be set by Presbytery.

## GEOGRAPHICAL SETTING

The Local Mission Church shall be located in the area of **XXX** within the parish of **XXX**.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE KIRK SESSION

All legal and governance matters affecting **XXX** Local Mission Church shall be the responsibility of the Kirk Session of **XXX** Church of Scotland, **XXX** (Presbytery), with Charity number **SCxxx xxx**.

In particular, the Kirk Session shall:

(a) ensure that all requirements of the law of the Church of Scotland and of civil law are fulfilled in relation to the Local Mission Church;

(b) be the owner/title-holder/tenant of all property whether heritable or moveable, used by or within the possession of the Local Mission Church;

(c) enter any contracts relating to the activities of the Local Mission Church;

(d) administer all offerings and other monies collected at or in relation to the Local Mission Church;

(e) apply such monies in the first instance to meet the costs of the Local Mission Church for as long as it exists, after discussion with the Leadership Team, and thereafter as the Kirk Session determines.

## 3. OVERSIGHT BY PRESBYTERY

The Local Mission Church shall be subject to the oversight of the Presbytery, through the Kirk Session. The Presbytery shall review the Local Mission Church and its place in the Presbytery Mission Plan five years after the establishment of the Local Mission Church and at least once every five years thereafter all without prejudice to the annual evaluation and development of the Mission Plan.

## 4. LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Local Mission Church shall have a Leadership Team consisting of between three and seven communicant members of **XXX** Parish Church at least one of whom shall be a member of the Kirk Session.

The Presbytery shall also appoint a member of the Team as their representative.

The life and witness of the Local Mission Church shall be co-ordinated by its Leadership Team, subject to the oversight of the Kirk Session and the Presbytery. Without prejudice to this generality,

the Leadership Team shall be responsible for:

(a) developing appropriate expressions of worship, witness and service;

(b) ensuring that the Local Mission Church is adequately organised;

(c) ensuring good communication with the Kirk Session; and

(d) assisting with the upkeep of buildings (if any), subject always to strict adherence to

sections 5(a) and (b) below.

## 5. FURTHER PROVISIONS

(a) Neither the Leadership Team nor any person acting on behalf of the Local Mission Church

shall have any authority or power to enter into contracts or to incur liabilities on behalf

of the Kirk Session.

(b) Neither the Leadership Team nor any person acting on behalf of the Local Mission Church

shall conduct themselves in such a way (including silence) that might cause an inference

contrary to section 5(a) to be drawn by any person.

## 6. POWER TO READJUST

While these provisions shall form a Basis of Local Mission Church, the Presbytery shall be free to adjust arrangements as Presbytery may determine.

\*This Basis should be read and effected in conjunction with an amended Basis of Union

***Note:*** *Where there is a Local Mission Church, the Basis of Union should be amended to be named “Basis of Union When Establishing a Local Mission Church” and the following wording should be added:*

*Add a new section:*

## 3. Local Mission Church

The Presbytery shall establish a Local Mission Church in the **XXX** area of parish **XXX**. This shall be in terms of Regulation II 2021 and the Basis of Local Mission Church attached to this Basis of Union.

*Then at the end of the section on Places of Worship add:*

4.[4] The church located in the area of **XXX** in the parish of **XXX** shall be a Local Mission Church.