

SEVERANCE OF LINKAGE: BEARSDEN: NORTH FROM BEARSDEN: BALJAFFRAY

BASIS OF UNION: CONGREGATIONS OF BEARSDEN NORTH AND BEARSDEN SOUTH CHURCHES

Upon receipt of and acceptance by Presbytery of The demission of The Rev. Keith Blackwood from the Church and Parish of Bearsden: North (as created in the Basis of Erection of the Parish of Bearsden: Baljaffray and Basis of Linkage of Bearsden: Baljaffray with Bearsden North approved by Presbytery on 4 October 2005) the linkage between the congregations of Bearsden: Baljaffray and Bearsden: North shall be severed: and the congregation of Bearsden: North and the congregation of Bearsden: South shall be united on 3 December 2006 (or on a subsequent date to be agreed by Presbytery) and that on the following terms and conditions:

1. Name: The name of the united congregation shall be Bearsden Cross Parish Church.
2. Transference of Property and Funds: The property and funds belonging to or held on behalf of each congregation shall belong to or be held on behalf of the united congregation and any transference necessary shall be duly effected.
3. Place of Worship: The church at present used and occupied by the congregation of Bearsden : North shall be the sole place of worship of the united congregation. The church at present used by the congregation of Bearsden: South shall be used as the place of worship for an interim period, as decided by Presbytery, and, if possible, while the Bearsden North Church site is developed. Thereafter it will be used, sold, let or otherwise disposed of subject to the titles on which it is held, subject to the approval of the Presbytery, and, if necessary, the General Trustees or the General Assembly. The free proceeds of any such sale or let shall (a) if falling within the scope of Act VII 1995, be credited to the benefit of the congregation in the Consolidated Fabric Fund or (b) if not falling within the scope of the said Act, be held and applied for fabric purposes in connection with the properties of the congregation.
4. Territorial Responsibility: The bounds to be served shall be the present parishes of the two congregations.
5. Kirk Session: The elders of both Kirk Sessions shall form with the minister the Kirk Session of the united congregation.
6. Congregational Management: The temporal affairs of the united congregation shall be administered by a Congregational Board in terms of the Model Constitution
7. Minister: The Rev. John Harris, presently minister of Bearsden : South shall be minister of the united charge, in terms of Section 11 (1) (b) of Act VII, 2003
6. Manse: The manse of the Bearsden : South congregation shall become the manse of the united congregation. The manse of The Bearsden : North congregation, shall become the manse of the Bearsden Baljaffray congregation, subject to the approval of the Presbytery, and, if necessary, of the General Trustees or the General Assembly.
9. Ministerial Support: The stipend shall be such as is sanctioned by the Ministries Council.
10. Power to Readjust: While the articles and terms shall form the Basis of Union for the two congregations now uniting, the united congregation shall be free like other congregations, to adjust arrangements under the authority of Presbytery as need may arise."

On 1st September 2009 Presbytery approve the application from the Kirk Session of Bearsden: Cross to alter Article 3 of the Basis and Plan of Union between Bearsden; South and Bearsden: North agreed by Presbytery on 13 June 2006, so that Article 3 of that Basis and Plan of union now read as follows –

3. Place of Worship – The congregation shall make its permanent home in the former South Church buildings, seeking to develop the buildings on the North site for community or other uses, possibly in partnership with others, failing which to sell them, subject to the titles on which it is held, subject to the approval of the Presbytery, and, if necessary, the General Trustees or the General Assembly. The proceeds of any such sale or let shall (a) if falling within the scope of Act VII 1995, be credited to the benefit of the congregation in the Consolidated Fabric fund or (b) if not falling within the scope of the said Act, be held and applied for fabric purposes in connection with the properties of the congregation.