

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH
BASIS OF UNION: BROUGHTY FERRY

Introduction:

The congregations of Barnhill St Margaret's Parish Church of Scotland (SC011017); St James Church of Scotland: Broughty Ferry (SC005210); St. Luke's and Queen Street Church of Scotland: Broughty Ferry (SC000088); and Broughty Ferry New Kirk (Church of Scotland) (SC007031) shall be united on xxxx (or on such other date as may be determined by Presbytery) and that on the undernoted terms and conditions ("Terms and Conditions").

Terms and Conditions:

1. **Name:** The name of the United Charge shall be Dundee: Broughty Ferry Parish Church (Church of Scotland) and SC007031 will be retained.
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 Charge and any transference necessary shall be duly effected.
3. **Places of Worship:** The churches at present used and occupied by the congregation of Barnhill St Margaret's (Church of Scotland) and Broughty Ferry New Kirk (Church of Scotland) shall be the principal places of worship or worship centres of the United Charge. The church at present used by the congregation of St. James' Church of Scotland: Broughty Ferry, along with the St. Aidan's Centre, shall be used for missional purposes and other services of worship, as determined by the Ministers and Kirk Session. The church at present used by the congregation of St. Luke's and Queen Street Church of Scotland: Broughty Ferry, shall 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 net 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 United Charge 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 United Charge or for such other purposes as may be agreed with the General Trustees or the General Assembly.
4. **Territorial Responsibility:** The bounds to be served by the United Charge shall be designated as the bounds of the parishes of Barnhill St Margaret's Church of Scotland, St. Luke's and Queen Street Church of Scotland: Broughty Ferry, St. James Church of Scotland: Broughty Ferry and Broughty Ferry New Kirk (Church of Scotland), or as the Presbytery shall adjust or otherwise determine.
5. **Nominating Committee:** A Nominating Committee will be elected with representatives from the United Charge and St Stephen's and West Parish Church of Scotland: Broughty Ferry (SC003714), the latter being in Deferred Union with the United Charge. The numerical composition of the Nominating Committee shall be determined by the Vacancy Procedure Committee of the Presbytery of Perth in terms of Act VIII, 2003 section 14, as amended.
6. **Kirk Session:** The elders of all four Kirk Sessions shall initially form with the Ministers the Kirk Session of the United Charge until otherwise decided. The objective would be for there to be a reduced number of Elders /Trustees on the Kirk Session of the United Charge with a rotational system initiated in accordance with the principles of good governance.

7. **Congregational Management:** The temporal affairs of the United Charge shall be administered by the Kirk Session in terms of the Unitary Constitution, the Delegation of Assembly being authorised to issue the appropriate Deed of Constitution to the said United Charge.
8. **Ministry:** The Ministerial support for the United Charge shall comprise of two Ministers of Word and Sacrament and one MDS appointment (which may be split into two part-time posts) working in a team ministry (see Basis). The MDS post shall be centrally funded until the end of 2027. The Ministers of Word and Sacrament shall be elected by the congregation of the United Charge.
9. **Manses:** The manses of the congregations of Barnhill St Margaret`s (Church of Scotland) and Broughty Ferry New Kirk (Church of Scotland) shall be the manses of the United Charge. The manses of the congregations of St. James` Church of Scotland: Broughty Ferry and St. Luke`s and Queen Street Church of Scotland: Broughty Ferry may be subject to an application for use for other such purposes that may be deemed necessary for the mission of the United Charge or may be sold, let or otherwise disposed of, subject to the titles on which they are held, and subject to the approval of the Presbytery and, if necessary, of the General Trustees or the General Assembly. The net 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 United Charge or for such other purposes as may be agreed with the General Trustees or the General Assembly.
10. **Ministerial Support:** The stipend of the United Charge shall be paid in accordance with the terms of the National Stipend Scheme.
11. **Power to Readjust:** While the Terms and Conditions shall form the Basis of Union for the four congregations now uniting, the United Charge shall be free, like other congregations, to adjust arrangements under the authority of Presbytery as need may arise.