

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH
BASIS OF DEFERRED UNION: BROUGHTY FERRY

The Congregation of Dundee: Broughty Ferry Parish Church (Church of Scotland) (SC007031) and the congregation of St. Stephen's and West Parish Church of Scotland: Broughty Ferry (SC003714) shall be united on the date of the congregation of St Stephen's and West falling vacant and on the following terms and conditions:

1. **NAME:** The name of the united congregation shall be Dundee: Broughty Ferry Parish Church (Church of Scotland) and Scottish Charity Number 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 congregation and any transference necessary shall be duly effected.
3. **PLACES OF WORSHIP:** The church buildings used and occupied by Dundee: Broughty Ferry Parish Church (Church of Scotland) shall be the places of worship of the united congregation. The buildings currently occupied by St. Stephen's and West Parish Church of Scotland 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 the bounds at present served by both congregations, or as the Presbytery shall determine.
5. **KIRK SESSION:** The elders of both Kirk Sessions shall form with the minister or ministers the Kirk Session of the united congregation.
6. **CONGREGATIONAL MANAGEMENT:** The temporal affairs of the united congregation 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.
7. **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, who shall be inducted on in the first instance as ministers of the vacant congregation, and on the termination of the other minister's interest, the Union shall immediately be effective under the ministers so elected and inducted. The ministers shall be inducted on a Basis of Reviewable Tenure. Members of the Kirk Session of St Stephen's and West shall also form part of the Nominating Committee to elect the said ministers. 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.

8. **MANSES:** The manses of the congregation of Broughty Ferry Parish Church shall be the manses of the united congregation.
9. **MINISTERIAL SUPPORT:** The stipend of the Charge shall be paid in accordance with the terms of the National Stipend Scheme.
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.