

## LEARNING PROGRAMME 2020

Learning to Grow: Ministry of All Talents

### IF YOU ARE A...

*Minister; Reader; Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, Bible Class or Prayer Leader; Youth Leader; Involved in House Groups; member of the Guild; member of the church or simply a Christian who wants to grow:-*

*...then the Presbytery Learning Programme offers audio-visual and reading resources, shared ideas and an annual learning programme, access to information on national and other courses and to Church of Scotland resources.*

### COURSES OF STUDY

#### Assessors:

November/December 2019 and 2020

#### Worship Leaders:

March/May/June:: August, September, October 2020

#### Moderating Kirk Sessions/Interim Moderator:

February 2020

#### Conducting Funerals:

March 2020

#### The Role of the Elder:

Creating and Developing Discipleship.

March 2020 and June 'Away Day' Conference



#### Developing Ministry with Children and Young People:

October 2020

#### School Chaplaincy:

November 2020

#### Finance and Administration:

May and September 2020

#### Pastoral Care and Leading and Managing Change

October 2020 – 'Away Day' Conference

#### Safeguarding: - to be confirmed



## PURPOSE

- To reach out with the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- To engage in mission beyond our walls.
- To engage with and within communities as motivated Christians.
- To lobby on moral, ethical, cultural and political issues in support of community spiritual Health and Well-Being
- To embrace World Mission and international partnerships.
- To be effective in missionary calling and faithful in participation through the one ministry of Jesus Christ.
- To resource God's people in the Presbytery of Melrose and Peebles in their worship, witness, mission and discipleship.
- To enable ministries within the Bounds, through the recruitment, training and support of recognised ministries of the Church and the assessment and monitoring of patterns of deployment of those ministries.
- To offer a strategic lead in the development of collaborative ministry that promotes the service of the Church of Scotland.
- To recognise, support and benefit from talent within the Bounds.
- To promote ecumenical relations.

## The Presbytery of Melrose and Peebles



### MISSION and SERVICE COMMITTEE

#### Remit

To support, encourage, stimulate and promote Mission and Service within the Presbytery Bounds; with a bias to the poorest and most marginalised.

2020 - 2023

## **MISSION and SERVICE**

Welcome to the Mission and Service Committee. The Committee meets twice a year in October and in February – to agree project work, consider progress in meeting its purpose and attend to remits from the General Assembly and from Presbytery - reporting to Presbytery in November and in March.

Presbyters are invited to identify an area of related work of personal interest and to inform the Convener of your ideas to develop that work. You can offer to lead a project which reflects that interest and is supported by the Committee.

There is no requirement on committee members to be part of any project group. The Convener may approach members of the Committee with an invitation to lead or work alongside current projects

Project co-ordinators have delegated powers to invite those with relevant talents and experiences to join the project group, some of whom may not be members of Presbytery.

The Committee will maintain contact with congregations on matters associated with the work of the Mission and Service Committee.

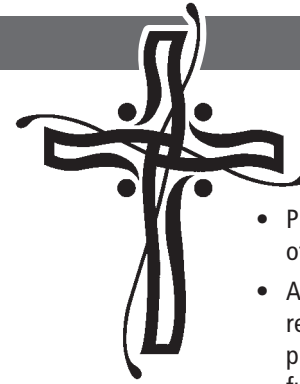
### Membership 2016/17

Christine Brotherston; Dr Fiona Burnett; Tom Burnham;  
Chris Carroll; Patsy Campbell; Graeme Donald;  
Rev Malcolm Jefferson; Dr David Habeshaw;  
Dr Margaret Habeshaw; Rev Elspeth Harley;  
Rev Bruce Lawrie; Susan McDonald; Rev Miller Milloy;  
Ros Pyatt; Ann Smith; Fran Selkirk;  
Rev Margaret Steele; Rev Pamela Strachan.

■ Please contact the Convener should you seek to join in the work of the Mission and Service Committee.

## **PROJECTS 2020 - 2023**

### **World Mission/Parish Twinning Learning Opportunities Creating and Developing Discipleship Work with Young Adults Project Plans**



#### **WORLD MISSION:**

- Oversee and develop the Presbytery Partnership with Zomba, Malawi;
- Arrange exchange visits with an international perspective to God's work;
- Encourage congregations to adopt an international dimension to their mission;
- Promote parish twinning.

#### **LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:**

##### *General*

- Seek to establish a Presbytery Centre for Learning which accommodates access to courses and conversations and to resources at a central point but also through digital means.
- Promote elearning to accommodate local access to learning.
- Consider the appointment of a part time Learning and Discipleship Officer.
- Publish an annual programme of learning opportunities.

##### *Recognised Ministries*

- Supervise Readers and students for ministry, make recommendations on the admission of new candidates and organise an annual lunch for students and Readers hosted by the Moderator.
- Maintain contact with students on a regular basis, provide pastoral support as needed, and attend review meetings during training.
- Appoint and arrange training for a Presbytery assessor in support of each person who enters the discernment process.

- Recommend ministers to train to be local assessors, Presbytery assessors, or national assessors and maintain a record of assessors.
- Present students and Readers at the December meeting of Presbytery
- Administer the Presbytery Study Leave Scheme by responding to requests for local study leave and processing all applications. Liaise with treasurer on funds available for each applicant.
- Coordinate requests for national study leave and inform Presbytery. (an extract minute to be sent to the Ministries Council)
- Support Professional Practice and Good Conduct.

#### **ELDERS AND MEMBERS**

- Offer training opportunities in Conducting Worship, Interim Moderators; The Role of the Elder; Creating and Developing Discipleship; Pastoral Care; Bereavement Care; Conducting Funerals; Developing Ministry with Children and Young People; School Chaplaincy; Finance and Administration; Property and Fabric; Safeguarding.
- Establish a register of assessors in accordance with the Presbytery Scheme for Worship Leaders and other aspects of ministry where appropriate.

#### **LOCAL MISSION**

- Gather information on local mission and examples of interesting practice. Distribute such information to churches from time to time.
- Share information and practice through learning opportunities and regular communication with churches within the bounds.
- Suggest to Presbytery ways of supporting local initiatives which promote contact with community groups and social care services to spread the Gospel.
- Work with other Presbyteries, through a joint co-ordinated approach to reach out to those in need in the Borders and to develop church and chaplaincy presence in schools.