



The Church of Scotland

Kintore Parish Church
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Dear Members

Proposed Union: Bennachie Parish Church of Scotland

As mentioned in my letter in February, at the **Stated Annual Meeting** of our congregation to be held directly **after 10am worship on Sunday, 23rd of April, 2023**, in Kintore Church, the congregation will be asked to vote on the proposed **Basis of Union** with five other churches in our area to form the **Bennachie Parish Church of Scotland**, and to vote on the accompanying **Basis of Team Ministry** which will establish a team of ministers to serve the new parish.

Since you received the Union Prospectus booklet, the draft Basis of Union document has been finalised in consultation with the legal committees of the Church of Scotland and is included in this mailing in its final form. Most of the changes are of a legal and technical nature. The only material changes are that the Ministers to form the Team Ministry are named (Clause 8), structural changes to the new Kirk Session have been removed and references to the Presbytery Mission Plan have been removed. The Basis of Team Ministry (which was not available at the time the booklet was published) is also included in this mailing.

At the meeting on the 23rd, the voting about the proposed Union will be by secret ballot. Only members and adherents present will be eligible to vote, including those present on Zoom. Two votes will be held: The first vote is for the acceptance of the Basis of Union in general (i.e. to accept the union in principle); The second vote is for Clause 8 of the document which lists the four current Ministers by name and establishes the initial Team Ministry.

Finally, we have also included in this mailing a summary of the questions and answers posed and answered at several public meetings and by mail over the past year. We hope that these questions and answers will answer many of your questions but please note that there will be an opportunity again at the meeting on the 23rd of April for anyone to ask questions or make comments about the proposals.

With much love,

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