

DRAFT BASIS OF UNION AND FORMATION OF PARISH

The congregations of Inverness East SC016866 and Inverness Inshes SC005553 shall be united as from a date to be determined by the Presbytery under their Mission Plan implementation for Mission District B–Inverness South and East, subject to agreement by Rev David Scott, the incumbent minister, and that on the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Name:** The name of the united charge shall be **Inverness Inshes East Church of Scotland** (SC005553).
- 2. Property and Funds:** The property and funds belonging to or held on behalf of both Inverness East and Inverness Inshes congregations shall belong to or be held on behalf of the united charge/congregation and any transference necessary shall be duly effected.
- 3. Buildings and Land:** The church at present used and occupied by the congregation of Inshes shall be the place of worship of the united charge. The church at present used by the congregation of Inverness East 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 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. Manse:** The manse of the congregation of Inshes shall be the manse of the united charge. The manse of the congregation of Inverness East shall be sold, let or otherwise disposed of, subject to the titles on which it is held, and subject to the approval of the Presbytery and, if necessary, of 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.
- 5. Territorial Responsibility:** The bounds to be served by the united congregation shall be those as the Presbytery shall determine. The parish boundaries will incorporate the Inverness East Church boundaries, except for the Raigmore Estate and Longman Industrial Estate, and the Inverness Inshes parish, with the addition of the UHI Campus and other parts of the A96 corridor and parts of the Cradlehall and Westhill area close to the Highland mainline railway. These boundaries shall be reviewed prior to the date of the union being effected.
- 6. Kirk Session:** The elders of both Kirk Sessions shall form with the minister the Kirk Session of the united charge.
- 7. 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 congregation.
- 8. Ministerial Support:** The Rev David Scott currently minister at Inshes shall be the minister of the united charge in terms of Section 8.2 of Act 8, 2021, as amended.
- 9. Power to Adjust:** While the articles and terms shall form the Basis of Union for the two congregations now uniting, the united charge shall be free, like other congregations, to adjust arrangements under the authority of Presbytery as need may arise.