

**THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
PRESBYTERY OF ABERNETHY
BASIS OF REVIEWABLE CHARGE: ABERNETHY linked with BOAT OF GARTEN,
CARRBRIDGE, AND KINCARDINE**

By decision of the Presbytery of Abernethy permission is granted to the congregations of **ABERNETHY (SC003652) linked with BOAT OF GARTEN, CARRBRIDGE, AND KINCARDINE (SC008346)**, to call a minister on a Basis of 7 year Reviewable Charge in terms of Act VII 2003, section 12 (2) (a), and that on the following conditions:

- (1) The Presbytery shall review the appointment no later than six and a half years from the date of induction of the minister.
- (2) At the review the Presbytery shall consider with the Kirk Sessions:
 - (a) whether the life of the congregations exhibits the five purposes of the church, i.e. worship, service, discipleship, fellowship and evangelism and whether these are in a healthy balance;
 - (b) the extent to which local leadership, that is reflective of both the gifting within the congregations and parishes, has been further developed;
 - (c) how they have understood their contexts for mission, taking account of the different needs and opportunities of the parishes, particularly as new developments arise;
 - (d) the extent to which they have embraced ecumenical opportunities, and sought to develop links, that reach out to the wider communities;
 - (e) the ways in which they have developed a pastoral care ministry for the parishes that takes note of the demographics, and found ways of engaging both with those who live in the parishes and those who spend only a short time there, either for work or leisure; and
 - (f) whether links within the northern part of the Presbytery have been developed and strengthened, building a Hub as envisaged in the current and any future Presbytery Plans.
- (3) Following such review, the Presbytery shall take a further decision on the future arrangements for ministry to the congregations and parishes of **ABERNETHY linked with BOAT OF GARTEN, CARRBRIDGE, AND KINCARDINE** recognising that one of the options available to it is the termination of the tenure of the charge on giving the minister six months' notice in writing.

The minister shall be free to seek to demit or to be translated as in the ordinary case of any minister inducted to a charge, provided that, if this Reviewable Charge is his or her first charge, the Presbytery hereby agree that these conditions constitute exceptional circumstances in terms of Section 4 of Act VIII 2003, and will accordingly issue the necessary Certificate if he or she seeks to be translated within five years.