## BISHOP’S STAFF GROUP - DIGEST

## Meeting held on 6th June 2014

### Present:The Bishop, the Dean, the Synod Clerk, Diocesan Treasurer, Diocesan Secretary, Ministry Development Officer.

**Vacancies**

**Cambuslang / Uddingston** – The Dean and the Bishop to meet (July 8) with the joint vestries to consider a possible appointment.

**Port Glasgow / Kilmalcolm / Bridge of Weir** – Interview for Assistant Priest to be held in July.

**Stewartry** – Individual congregations consulting on new pattern of Ministry and Mission for Castle Douglas and Dalbeattie, Gatehouse and Kirkcudbright

**Staff Moves** – The Diocesan Treasurer, Dr. Terry Lillie, has resigned his position and will demit office on 31st July 2014.  On behalf of Diocesan Synod, Bishop Gregor thanks Terry for his stewardship of the Diocesan finances over the past eight years, and notes that he leaves them in very good health.

This is a key post in the Diocese and should anyone like to recommend a potential candidate to replace Terry, please let me know as soon as possible.  A job description will shortly be available.

**Episcopal Ministry**

Bishop Gregor noted that he had attended an interesting meeting along with our key Growth Strategy staff with those involved in the Diocese of St. Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane’s Casting the Net initiative. The two Dioceses were able to compare approaches and learn from each other. Secondly, he had attended a very uplifting Trinity Sunday service organised by the Glasgow South Regional Council and held at St. Ninian’s Pollokshields.

**Property**

**Holy Trinity Kilmarnock** – Diocesan Council will examine a presentation of costs and proposals for upgrading the Rectory at their September meeting.

**Provincial Finance Committee** – have distributed a survey to assess the state of the property estate and ask all clergy to complete and return it as soon as possible.

**Holy Cross Knightswood** – the church has now been emptied bar the organ which is being advertised nationally. The new tenants, Unity Enterprise have taken up their license for use of the building, which includes tending the Garden of Remembrance.

**Finance**

Work continues on calculating Provincial and Diocesan stipend support for next year.

**Other**

* Bishop Gregor has prepared a new document on Interim Rector’s Tasks. It can be found on the Diocesan Website
* The Diocesan Centre has had its communications and networking infrastructure refreshed, and an office server has been installed
* It is intended to hold a Post-Referendum Discussion on November 08, at which all of the Diocese will be invited to review the outcome, the effects on the SEC and what contribution we can make to Post-Referendum Scotland. Further details will be sent out as arrangements are confirmed.

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