

MAP-ping takes off

As reported in the last edition of DNS, the summer has been spent working on the trellis-work upon which the vines will be trained; in other words, reshaping the diocesan structures to be able to respond to the new shoots - requests for educational and financial resources, ideas about new ways of enabling mission and configuring ministry - that will emerge as congregations begin work on their Mission Action Plans (MAPs).

The following eight congregations/clusters have already requested a Facilitator from the diocesan pool - St James, Bishopbriggs, St Mary, Gatehouse of Fleet, Greyfriars, Kirkcudbright, St Mary Bridge of Weir, St Oswald Kings Park, the North Ayrshire Team, St Columba, Largs and St Mungo, Alexandria – and so far Facilitators have been assigned to six of those. Three further congregations – St Augustine, Dumbarton, St John the Evangelist, Dumfries and St Aidan, Clarkston – are grafting their existing mission audit work onto the diocesan scheme with the help of such external facilitation.

Please pray for these congregations as they begin the work, and for the diocesan pool of Facilitators as they likewise pick up their gardening kit-bags and enter the various vineyards. Their names are listed below under their Region of origin – but they well may be assigned inter-Regionally where transport allows.

GLASGOW NW

Maggie Sheen, Helen Ball and Jonathan Sedgwick

GLASGOW NE

Andrew Morgan, Gill Young and Lorraine Darlow

GLASGOW SOUTH

Sue Cowling and Jenny Whelan

RENFREWSHIRE

Liz O’Ryan, Angela McLean, Maureen Russell, Carol Lovett, Drew Sheridan, Gill Reynolds, Donald Orr and Ian Milne

AYRSHIRE

Betty Matheson and Anthea Clarke

LANARKSHIRE

Ian Wilkins

GALLOWAY

Roger Cutler, John Stevenson, Gordon Mursell, Edith Thorp, Anne McWilliam and Laura Durling