

## REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2015

*“But you are chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.”  
(1 Peter 2.9)*

When the Christian Education and Evangelism Committee was formed in 2008, it was the conviction of its predecessors that as the Church was **Informed** and **Confirmed** in its faith, then it would be more able, and effective, in proclaiming that faith. Growing in our understanding as to who we are **in Christ**, gives us the **Confidence and Reason** to seek to make Him known. From the establishment of the **Living Room** in Drumchapel; through the various training and consultation events and in the Denominational Celebration held in August, the Committee has sought to see that conviction worked out not just in local areas, but through the whole Church.

### CHURCH PLANTING & REVITALISATION

Over the past three years, various meetings and gatherings have been held to consider how best to stimulate and encourage new initiatives in local congregations. A small group was set up in 2014 which included representatives of this committee along with those from the Administration & Finance Committee, Ministry Committee and General Trustees. Their report is separate to this one and we are very grateful to Dr David Miller for all his work in putting this report together. It includes some quite specific proposals and examples of Church **Revitalisation**. We also express appreciation to the members of the Church Planting and Revitalisation subcommittee for all their work.

### DRUMCHAPEL

New beginnings are sometimes accompanied by endings. This past year, the work of the **Living Room** ended after eleven years. With the retirement of Robert Owens at Drumchapel and notice from the Local Authority about the impending demolition of the building where it met, it seemed that it was time to end the present mission opportunity. However, the congregation remains committed to developing its community engagement and will be considering this during the period of vacancy. We give thanks to God for Robert and all his team (past and present) who have committed themselves to this work.

### DUNBLANE EVENT

Once again the Denomination met in August at Dunblane High School for its annual Celebration and Conference. The theme of **God’s Church and God’s Mission** has been a thread that has run through these special occasions and will continue to be so this year. Please note Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> August in your diary and plan to be part of a God-opportunity for your life and fellowship.

### VISITS TO CONGREGATIONS

During the year, a number of Congregations have been visited by the Convener and members of the Committee. The fruit of some of these visits will be seen in the report presented by David. The Convener thanks all those who have welcomed such visits and would remind fellowships that however large or small they may be, he and the Committee would be happy to come and simply have a “chat” about where they are and where they believe God would have them.

**THANKS**

As always we are thankful to God for the guidance of the Rev John Fulton in its work and the support of the office in its endeavour.

In the name of the Committee

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