

PRESBYTERY OF EDINBURGH
BASIS OF PARISH GROUPING
CHURCHES IN SOUTH EAST EDINBURGH

The congregations of Gilmerton New Charge, Kaimes Lockhart Memorial, Liberton, Liberton Northfield and Tron Kirk Moredun shall form a Parish Grouping for a period of five years from a date to be determined by the Presbytery of Edinburgh, which shall be no later than the date of induction of a minister to the charge of Tron Kirk Moredun, and that on the following terms and conditions:

1. Name:

The name of the Parish Grouping shall be *Churches in South East Edinburgh*.

2. Territorial Responsibility:

The bounds to be served by the Parish Grouping shall be the parishes of Gilmerton New Charge, Kaimes Lockhart Memorial, Liberton, Liberton Northfield and Tron Kirk Moredun or as the Presbytery may determine.

3. Property and Funds:

The property and funds belonging to or held on behalf of each congregation shall remain the property and funds of each congregation as at present.

4. Kirk Sessions and Corresponding Bodies in other Churches:

The minister of each charge within the Parish Grouping will continue to be Moderator of each Kirk Session.

Representatives appointed by the Kirk Sessions, by Gilmerton New Charge Commission and by corresponding bodies in other congregations shall meet together at least twice each year to discuss partnership in ministry, mission, pastoral care, and work with young people and such other areas of work as may be identified by the ministers, Kirk Sessions and corresponding bodies in other congregations.

Such meetings will be chaired as agreed by local parties.

5. Congregational Management:

The temporal affairs of each congregation shall be administered as at present, and if there are appointments other than Parish Ministers as part of the Parish Grouping the office-bearers of the congregations shall meet together annually to decide on the financial arrangements of such appointments.

6. Areas of Co-operation:

The congregations, in conjunction with other churches, shall co-operate in such areas of work as may be identified and agreed by the leadership of these churches.

7. Power to Adjust:

While the articles and terms shall form the Basis of Parish Grouping for the congregations now agreeing, the congregations shall be free like any other congregation, to adjust arrangements under the authority of the Presbytery as need may arise.