

Mission Office Missive



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During the Session Clerks' chats I've been holding over the last number of months, some of you have thought it would be helpful to have some background information about Presbytery—although remember that all this will change at the beginning of next year as we unite with Lanark Presbytery. Some of these are available on the Presbytery website, but at the moment they're not available to those who are not members of Presbytery—like Session Clerks for example. I have put together some slides to cover "An introduction to Presbytery" as some of you had asked for something like this and if you want the actual presentation to share at a Kirk Session meeting in the autumn, just ask.

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Adapt and be flexible: the mission continues

This research partnership between Action of Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS), Brendan Research, and the Scottish Church Leaders' Forum (SCLF) sought to understand how congregations across the nation had responded to the first lockdown, when change was most sudden. Over 350 leaders from 27 denominations from every part of Scotland took part in the research. The report demonstrates that the Scottish Church has been faithful to its calling, at a time of unprecedented disruption and suffering.

To find out more, check out the website where you'll find a summary report as well as the full report.
<https://www.brendanresearch.com/projects/sclf-acts-covid19>



Records Retention
Guidelines to
Remember During
Spring Cleaning

Clearing out cupboards over the summer? Trying to free up more space? About to throw out old documents? Check out this list for how long you need to keep things—and then make sure you have a lockable metal filing cabinet in which to keep them!
<https://bit.ly/3xofSko>

ACORN



At the General Assembly in May, ACORN was mentioned in the Faith Nurture Forum report and the following deliverance was passed: *Urge congregations to adopt the ACORN Programme as a means to help members practise mission at grass roots level, and through support in small groups, to gain confidence in effective discipleship.*

Want to know more about ACORN? Watch this 8 min intro by Dr Michael Harvey:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lcw16Z_yk0&feature=youtu.be

If I can help in any way with this, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



Booking is open now for Conversations in Pastoral Care being run by the Faith Nurture Forum, but with dates for groups of Presbyteries to give a more local feel. Monday 20th September for Hamilton Presbytery, with Lanark, Falkirk and Fife
<https://bit.ly/3ymR4JE>