

INTER-CHURCH CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

1. The Committee met in October 2003 and February 2004. Its members are:

Church of Ireland

Rev Wm Ritchie
Rev I J E Knox
Rev Canon John Mayes
Rev Canon G A McCamley

Methodist

Rev Dr E T I Mawhinney
Rev Des Bain
Rev T M Kingston
Mrs H O'Neill

Presbyterian

Rev Dr D J Watts
Rev A D Davidson
Rev A V Martin
Rev J H Robinson
Mrs C Poynton

Reviews

2. Strathfoyle: 40-50 families, a few of whom are Presbyterian, continue to worship in a building requiring considerable renovation. It was agreed that while no major decisions should be taken at present the situation should continue to be monitored.

Shannon: This charge continues to struggle with isolation, an inappropriate site and a transitory population. It was agreed to review the situation in late 2004/early 2005, since the Rev Peter McDowell had only recently been inducted.

Chairmanship of Committee

3. The resignation of Rev Des Bain after his stated 3 year term was noted. He was warmly thanked for his services, and is to be succeeded by a Presbyterian nominee (Rev A V Martin).

Future Roles of CCC

4. A discussion paper drafted by the Rev Tom Kingston generated considerable discussion regarding possible future roles for the Committee. Some suggestions included a co-ordinating and strategic planning function embracing the Covenant Council and Alternating Ministries Committee and the defining and developing of relationships with new churches.

Membership

5. Rev William Ritchie, Rev Edmund Mawhinney and Mrs Heather O'Neill tendered their resignations, with regret. The Rev Winston Graham has been appointed to replace Dr Mawhinney, while the names of other nominees will be forwarded in due course.