

Basis of Parish Grouping – Blawarthill and Yoker

In accordance with The Presbytery Plan for Glasgow, the congregation of Blawarthill Parish Church (SC006410) and Yoker Parish Church (SC017408) shall form a Parish Grouping on Easter Day, 20th April, 2014 on the following terms and conditions:

- 1) **NAME:** The name of the Parish Grouping shall be Blawarthill and Yoker Parish Grouping.
- 2) **TERRITORIAL RESPONSIBILITY:** The bounds to be served by the Parish Grouping shall be the combined Parishes of the participating congregations or as 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 a general rule, contributions to the financial costs in regards to the work of the Parish Grouping shall be in proportion to the Central Allocation of each congregation.
- 4) **KIRK SESSIONS:** The Kirk Sessions shall continue their present status and authority. Each participating Kirk Session shall appoint two of its members, together with the ministry team, to form a Development Group. The Development Group shall be moderated by a member of the Ministry Team by rota and shall have the task of promoting and co-ordinating the common work of the Parish Grouping. The Kirk Sessions shall meet together at least twice in each calendar year.
- 5) **MINISTRY TEAM:** The ministry team shall consist of the Ministers of Blawarthill Parish Church and Yoker Parish Church.
- 6) **STIPENDS AND SALARIES:** The stipends and salaries shall be as sanctioned by the Presbytery in conjunction with the Ministries Council of the General Assembly.
- 7) **AREAS OF CO-OPERATION:** The Parish Grouping commits itself to working collaboratively in the following:
 - Worship and Prayer
 - Children, young people and families
 - Chaplaincy
 - Meeting community needs
 - Social occasions
 - Outreach and mission
 - Pastoral care
 - Administration
- 8) **VACANCY PROCEDURE:** This Parish Grouping constitutes a team ministry (in terms of Act VIII 2003 Section 14.3) and therefore in the event of a vacancy, up to two representatives will be appointed by Presbytery to serve on a Nominating Committee.
- 9) **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 agree to adjust arrangements under the authority of Presbytery as need may arise.