

# Growing Church



**Congregational Learning Facilitator**

Presbytery of Aberdeen  
Congregational Support Committee



### **Liaise with and support**

ministers, elders and church members in the development and provision of congregational learning



### **Enable learning opportunities**

providing a flexible response to congregational needs identified through congregational or local church reviews in areas such as pastoral care, prayer, sharing faith



### **Resource and support elders**

before and after ordination, asking the question 'Why me?', exploring the roles of the elder as leader and pastor, looking at the development of the elder in leadership, faith sharing and leading worship, and offering team-building for an effective Kirk Session



### **Create and provide resources**

for interactive workshops on topics such as

- Pastoral Care: visiting, caring for, supporting the sick, the bereaved and the confused.
- Prayer: personal prayer, praying with others, leading prayers in worship, developing prayer in congregations
- Skills and gifts: exploring, encouraging and developing the spiritual gifts as well as natural skills such as effective listening

and for congregational/session conferences or away-days



### **Facilitate use of a variety of materials**

such as national resources 'LEARN' and 'Future Focus' and local resources such as 'Tell it Naturally'



### **Accompany congregations**

through exercises such as Local Church Review, if requested



### **Flexible**

the Congregational Learning Facilitator will tailor courses or resources to suit local needs, can work with one or more congregations on a particular task and can use various venues



### **Congregational Learning Facilitator Bio**

I have been part of the Church of Scotland since birth, a member for over 50 years, an elder for over 25 years, and a Presbytery Adult Trainer for 13 years. With wide experience in small group work and a background in Adult Learning as a tutor and tutor trainer, I have also received training to deliver 'Future Focus' and 'LEARN' material through the Mission and Discipleship Council as well as attending various training conferences on subjects such as 'Spirituality in Dementia'.

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