**DRAFT BASIS OF UNION WITH LOCAL MISSION CHURCH**
**West Fife St Mungo's Church of Scotland**

The congregation of Cairneyhill Parish Church of Scotland (SC012892) the congregation of Culross & Torryburn Church of Scotland (SC015149) and the congregation of Limekilns Church of Scotland (SC002435) shall be united on _____, or from a date to be determined by Presbytery, and that on the following terms and conditions:

1. **Name:** The name of the united charge shall be West Fife St Mungo's Church of Scotland and SC002435 will be retained.

2. **Transference of Property and Funds:** The property and funds belonging to or held on behalf of each congregation shall belong to or be held on behalf of the united charge and any transference necessary shall be duly effected.

3. **Local Mission Church:** The Presbytery shall establish a Local Mission Church in the High Valleyfield area of the parish of Culross and Torryburn. This shall be in terms of Regulation II, 2021 and the Basis of Local Mission Church attached to this Basis of Union.

4. **Places of Worship:** The churches at present used and occupied by the congregations of Cairneyhill and Limekilns shall be the places of worship of the united charge.

   The church located in the area of High Valleyfield in the parish of Culross and Torryburn shall be a Local Mission Church.

5. **Territorial Responsibility:** The bounds to be served by the united charge shall be designated as the bounds of the parishes of Cairneyhill, Culross and Torryburn, and Limekilns, or as the Presbytery shall determine.

6. **Kirk Session:** The elders of each Kirk Session shall form with the minister the Kirk Session of the united charge.

7. **Congregational Management:** The temporal affairs of the united congregation shall be administered by the Kirk Session in terms of the Unitary Constitution, the Delegation of Assembly being authorised to issue the appropriate Deed of Constitution to the said congregation.

8. **Minister:** All charges being vacant, the united charge shall proceed to the appointment of a minister in terms of the Call, Election and Appointment of Ministers of Word and Sacrament Act (Act XI, 2025). The minister shall be called on a Basis of Reviewable Charge in terms of section 9.1.1 of the Presbytery Mission Plan Act (Act VIII, 2021).

9. **Manse:** The manse of the congregation of Limekilns Parish Church shall be sold and another property shall be procured which will then serve as the said manse.
   The manse of the congregation of Limekilns shall be sold, subject to the titles on which it is held, and subject to the approval of the Presbytery and, if necessary, of the General Trustees or the General Assembly. The free proceeds of any such sale or let shall: (a) if falling within the scope of the Church of Scotland General Trustees (Properties, Funds and Endowments) Act (Act V 2024), be credited to the benefit of the congregation in the Consolidated Fabric Fund; or (b) if not falling within the scope of the said Act, be held and applied for fabric purposes in connection with the properties of the congregation.

10. **Ministerial Support:** The stipend of the charge shall be paid in accordance with the terms of the National Stipend Scheme.

11. **Power to Readjust:** While the articles and terms shall form the Basis of Union for the congregations now uniting, the united charge shall be free, like other congregations, to adjust arrangements under the authority of Presbytery as need may arise.