

# **Basis of Parish Grouping**

**(drafted by Presbytery and approved by both congregations)**

The congregations of Barclay and Viewforth shall form a Parish Grouping for a period of five years from a date to be determined by the Presbytery of Edinburgh, which shall be no later than the date of the Induction of a minister to the charge of Barclay, and that on the following terms and conditions:

**1 Name**

The name of the Parish Grouping shall be *Barclay/Viewforth*.

**2 Territorial Responsibility**

The bounds to be served by the Parish Grouping shall be the parishes of Barclay and Viewforth, or as the 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 at present.

**4 Kirk Sessions**

The minister of each charge within the Parish Grouping will continue to be Moderator of each Kirk Session.

**5 Congregational Management**

The temporal affairs of each congregation shall be administered as at present, and if there are appointments other than Parish Ministers as part of the Parish Grouping the office-bearers of the congregations shall meet together annually to decide on the financial arrangements of such appointments.

**6 Areas of Co-operation (as defined and described in the Barclay/Viewforth Parish Grouping Constitution)**

6.1 The congregations shall co-operate in such areas of work as may be identified and incorporated in a five year Vision and Strategic Plan to be developed by a Joint Strategy Group and approved by both Kirk Sessions.

6.2 The Joint Strategy Group shall comprise a total of ten members, being the Minister, Session Clerk and three other Elders from each Congregation.

6.3 Delivery Groups will be set up to implement the approved Plan.

**7 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 adjust arrangements under the authority of the Presbytery as need may arise.