# BASIS OF UNION

The congregations of

**Edinburgh: Granton Parish Church of Scotland (SC011985), and**
**Edinburgh: Newhaven Church of Scotland (SC019117)**

shall be united from a date to be determined by Presbytery**.**

1. **Name**

The name of the united charge shall be
**Edinburgh: Harbours Church of Scotland**, and **Scottish Charity Number (SC019117)** 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 congregation, and any transference necessary shall be duly effected.

3. **Places of Worship**
The churches and halls at present used and occupied by **Granton Parish Church of Scotland** and **Newhaven Church of Scotland,** shall be the two places of worship of the united charge. Services shall be conducted at the Granton and at the Newhaven Campuses each Sunday or at other times as decided by the ministers and Kirk Session with the approval of the presbytery (where necessary).

4. **Territorial Responsibility**
The bounds to be served by the united charge shall be designated as the bounds of the parishes of **Granton Parish Church of Scotland and Newhaven Church of Scotland.**

5. **Kirk Session**
All the elders of the two constituent Kirk Sessions shall form, with the current minister of Newhaven Church of Scotland and another minister to be appointed by the united congregation (FTWS), the Kirk Session of the **united** charge.

6. **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.

7. **Ministry**
Ministry in the charge shall be supplied by a **Team Ministry** comprised of two (2) Full Time Ministers of Word and Sacrament (FTWS), as described in the **Edinburgh and West Lothian Presbytery Mission Plan**. The roles, responsibilities and other relevant provisions applying to the Team Ministry, are set out in the accompanying Basis of Team Ministry.

The **Rev Peter Bluett** currently minister of **Edinburgh Newhaven Church of Scotland** and another minister to be appointed by the united congregation in terms of the Call, Election and Appointment of Ministers of Word and Sacrament Act (Act XI 2025). shall be the ministers of the united charge operating under a **Basis of Team Ministry** in terms of section 7 (10) of the Presbytery Mission Plan Act (Act 8 2021)

8. **Manse(s):**
   The manses of **Granton Parish Church of Scotland** and **Newhaven Church of Scotland** shall be the manses of the united congregation.

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

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

* ***In 2008 the General Assembly agreed a 'formula' for the name of a congregation. The formula for the names of congregations of the Church of Scotland is that every congregation's name should comprise:***

1) ***A geographical name, i.e., a city, town, or village.***
2) ***An additional name identifying the congregation if there is more than one congregation at that geographical location, e.g., Anytown: St Mary's, Anytown: St Margaret's, etc.***
3) ***The words 'Church of Scotland'. The word 'Parish' or 'Kirk' is optional and, if preferred, the words 'Church of Scotland' may appear in brackets, e.g., Anytown St George's (Church of Scotland).***