



Edinburgh Mission District C: North

Geographical proximity, shared interests and complementary gifts and skills mark this mission district. Some congregations are set within areas of noticeable need whilst others are located in areas of abundance. Small parishes connect with larger parishes. There are congregations that have worked together for years and others that have only more recently begun to interact with each other. Some possess resources that welcome local groups; others have been looking to consolidate and focus their outreach to the Leith community; and others have used, and are planning to use, their buildings in new and creative ways. The combination of well-established relationships with new connections will create a mission dynamic.

1. **Summary:** Edinburgh Mission District C will be served by 7.5 FTE and local staff as necessary.

2. **Granton, Inverleith St. Serf's, Stockbridge and Wardie:** Granton, Inverleith St. Serf's and Stockbridge would move towards a three way Union served by 1 FTMWS and 1MDS (to new builds). This collaboration would then work initially within a Parish Grouping with Wardie, served by 1FTMWS, with a view towards greater integration. There would be a pooling of resources that would allow mission to continue through the facilities offered in the buildings but most especially through the shopfront on Raeburn Place and into the new builds in the Granton area.

Buildings: The mission work and possibilities notwithstanding, retaining all five buildings, though they are in good order, would not be the best use of resources. Therefore, in order to ensure that those buildings required for mission are retained, it is proposed that all of the buildings initially be designated 'B'. This approach should initiate in-depth discussions about fabric necessary to advance mission in the area. Proposals should be offered by 30 June 2024.

3. **Leith North, Leith South and Newhaven** will be served by 2 FTMWS and local staff as necessary working in a Union. Leith North and Leith South have been part of wider conversations regarding mission in Leith and have previous connections with Newhaven. These three congregations have been working well and the shared missional energy is palpable. They are encouraged to fulfil their commitment to 'serve those in need' in the local area and in particular 'the poor and disadvantaged.' The churches are encouraged to use their buildings not only for priority to the poor but to experiment with worship. This worship should build on the energy found in Newhaven's focus on discipleship and will contribute to the churches' emphasis on a 'people centric model'.

Buildings: The South Leith church and halls are centrally located in Leith. The halls in particular offer an excellent missional base. Both have thus been designated 'A'. Newhaven too is in good condition and offers another space from which and in which to pursue mission. It too has been designated 'A'. Given the number of churches in the area, concerns regarding the sustainability of North Leith itself and the difficulty of retaining the hall while releasing the church itself, it is proposed that both be designated 'B'. They should be released by 31 December 2024.

4. **Leith St. Andrew's, Pilrig St. Paul's and St. Margaret's** will be served by 2 FTMWS and 0.5 MDS (youth) working together in a Union. Leith St. Andrew's and Pilrig St. Paul's have been engaged in ongoing conversations regarding mission in Leith. St. Margaret's looks more naturally towards Leith and is situated in an area with similar needs. These congregations should make use of the possibilities inherent in St. Margaret's effective outreach and the historicity of its building in order to engage in mission. They too should grasp the possibilities inherent in the location of Pilrig St. Paul's, at the centre of Leith Walk, and its experience in providing cinema and cafe.

Buildings: Pilrig St. Paul's sits right on Leith Walk and provides a church presence and community space in what otherwise would be a significant geographical gap. St. Margaret's and its hall sits in a village area and is in a good missional context at some distance from Pilrig St. Paul's. By contrast, Leith St. Andrew's sits close to South Leith and its hall and thus retaining two buildings so close to each other is not the best use of missional resources. It is thus proposed that Pilrig St. Paul's and St. Margaret's church and hall are designated 'A'. Leith St. Andrew's should be a 'B', with a release by 31 December 2023.

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Inverleith St. Serf's (8131)	V				89%	B
Granton (12,793)	V	1 MDS			84%	B
Stockbridge (8611)	V				85% (ch); 76% (shop)	B (both)
			Union of Inverleith St. Serf's, Granton and Stockbridge	1 FTMWS 1 MDS (new build)		
Wardie (1703)	UT	1 FTMWS		1 FTMWS	83%	B
			Inverleith St. Serf's, Granton and Stockbridge in Parish Grouping with Wardie	2 FTMWS 1MDS (total)		Decide on bldgs. by 30 June 2024
Leith North (12,939)	V				74% (ch); 84% (halls); 74% (sess'n)	B (all) (release by 31 Dec. 2024)
Leith South (9281)	RC	1 FTMWS			79% (ch); 84% (halls)	A (both)
Newhaven (5945)	UT	1 FTMWS			84%	A
			Union of Leith North, Leith South, Newhaven	2 FTMWS		

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Leith St. Andrew's (7360)	RC	1 FTMWS			76% (ch); 78% (halls)	B (both) (release by 31 Dec. 2023)
Pilrig St. Paul's (15,594)	RC	1 FTMWS			74% (ch); 75% (hall)	A (both)
St. Margaret's (7554)	RC	1 FTMWS, 0.5 MDS			76% (ch); 74% (hall)	A (both)
			Union of Leith St. Andrew's, Pilrig St. Paul's and St. Margaret's	2 FTMWS 0.5 MDS (youth)		