

At Acharacle, within Acharacle Resource Centre, on Tuesday 19th July 2005, at 7.00 pm, the Presbytery of Lochaber met *pro re nata* and was constituted with prayer.

- 1. TRIBUTE** The Moderator paid tribute to Mr Mike Dixon, former Presbytery Elder and Session Clerk of Ardgour Church, who died last week.
- 2. APPROVAL** Presbytery APPROVED the action of the Moderator in calling the *pro re nata* meeting to deal with the demission of the Rev Ian Pittendreigh from the charge of Acharacle linked with Ardnamurchan and matters relating to this.
- 3. EDICTS** The Edicts citing the congregations of Acharacle and Ardnamurchan to attend, which had been read to both congregations on Sunday 17th July 2005, were laid on the table.
- 4. SEDERUNT** Present were the Rev Archie Speirs, Moderator, the Rev David M. Anderson, Clerk and 18 full members of the Presbytery. Apologies as per sederunt sheet.
- 5. CALL**
 5.1 The Clerk laid on the table a Call dated 17th April 2005 to the Rev. Ian Pittendreigh from the Office Bearers and Members of Flagstaff Union Parish Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.
 5.2 The Clerk laid on the table a letter from the Dunedin Presbytery Clerk in which she confirmed that on 7th June 2005 Dunedin Presbytery sustained the Call.
- 6. STATEMENT** The Rev Ian Pittendreigh made a statement outlining his reasons for requesting that Presbytery should release him from his charge.
- 7. PARTIES** Parties were called and invited to speak. Mrs Margaret Green from the Acharacle Congregation and Mrs Eilidh MacPhail from the Ardnamurchan Congregation thanked Mr & Mrs Pittendreigh for their work in the charge.
- 8. REPORT FROM THE VACANCY PROCEDURE COMMITTEE (ACT VIII 2003)**
 The Presbytery Clerk intimated that in the light of exceptional circumstances, which justify releasing the Rev Ian Pittendreigh from his charge, the committee proposed:
 8.1 The date of the vacancy to be Monday 5th September 2005;
 8.2 The Rev Richard Corbett to be Interim Moderator from 5th September 2005;
 8.3 The question of permission to call be referred to the Presbytery for procedure in terms of Act IV 1984;
 8.4 The Advisory Committee to be the Rev Alan Ramsay, Mr Melville Paton and Mr Alex Sandilands;
 8.5 Intimation of these proposals to be made to both congregations on Sunday 24th July 2005.
- 9. PRACTISING CERTIFICATE**
 9.1 Presbytery approved the issue by the Clerk of a Practising Certificate to Mr Pittendreigh.
 9.2 Presbytery agreed to the request by the Presbytery of Dunedin to hand to Mr Pittendreigh their Call Certificate.
- 10. COMMENTS** The Moderator invited comments to be made to Mr Pittendreigh. These were made by the Rev A. Ann Winning, the Rev James Carmichael, the Rev Dr Adrian Varwell, the Presbytery Clerk and the Moderator.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 7.55pm

.....Moderator

.....Clerk