

The Baptist Union of Scotland's commitment to Funding Christian Mission & Ministry

The Baptist Union of Scotland exists to encourage and support member churches to bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In this mission & ministry we seek to live under Christ's rule and to be unashamedly missional, intentionally relational and creatively rooted.

Effective Christian witness requires a commitment to being transformed by God into the likeness of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We recognise that God will lead us towards expressions of love and compassion through mission and ministry. This work of God, expressed in fruitful ministry towards others, is evidence of the Good News of the Kingdom of God come among us.

We are committed to working together in our Union, encouraging and assisting one another. God blesses us in order that we might be a blessing to others, expressing the generosity of His love. We will strive to be good stewards of funds that God has entrusted to us and seek to use them wisely. When approached for financial assistance from churches and church planters, we will explore together these questions in considering requests:

- In what way will this serve our mandate to bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and take part in the evangelisation of the world?
- How do you, in faith, look for this to develop over a period of time? Can the local church hope to sustain this in the future?
- Is this investment of resources furthering the pursuit of mission & ministry in Jesus' name?
- What difference will this make to you and to the community around you?
- In what way are you working with other local churches and how do other local Churches and community groups view this development?

Any request seeking to address these questions will be given serious and prayerful consideration. Both persons and churches gaining prayerful approval will be required to make themselves accountable in a way that expresses transparent integrity and commitment to mission & ministry in Jesus' name.

Financial support can be shared between us, through the Baptist Union of Scotland, in a number of ways, including by:

A loan which can be considered, on request through the Finance Director. Loans can be made available for small improvements and upgrades to facilities, or for more major projects in improving or acquiring premises.

A grant which would normally be made available for supporting people, put in place for the work of mission and ministry. Small grants may also be available for outreach resources. Again, a request should be addressed to the Finance Director.

Further details are available on request from the Baptist Union of Scotland office.