

THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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FORM FOR AMENDMENTS AND ADDENDA

To be used by Commissioners when proposing Amendments/Addenda to Proposed Deliverances

Amendment to the Proposed Deliverance of the Board of Trustees

Proposed Motion: That paragraph 3 – 7 inclusive of the Proposed Deliverance be deleted, and that the following be inserted as paragraph 3, the remaining paragraphs to be re-numbered 4 and 5 respectively.

The General Assembly, recognising that there is lack of clarity in the provisions of Act V. 1932: Act anent Requirements at Ordinations and Inductions, hereby amend those provisions in the following manner:- By inserting after the words 'Purity of worship as presently practised in this Church' the following:-

“which expression is to be taken as meaning for each Congregation the services ordinarily held on the Lord’s Day and all the services of Communion Seasons, all of which are opened with a Call to Worship and closed with the pronouncement of a Benediction; “

Name of Proposer: Donald Jack

If passed by the General Assembly, the Act would then be passed down to Presbyteries under the Barrier Act , and would read:

“The General Assembly enact *ad interim* that at Ordinations and Inductions the presiding Minister shall, prior to putting the appointed questions to the Ordinand make the following intimation, namely: “It is my duty to explain to you, and also to the Congregation here present, with reference to that part of the question which will be put to you as to ‘Purity of Worship as presently practised in this Church’ which expression is to be taken as meaning for each Congregation the services ordinarily held on the Lord’s Day and all the services of Communion Seasons, all of which are opened with a Call to Worship and closed with the pronouncement of a Benediction; that in 1910 The General Assembly reaffirmed the legislation of the Church as to uniformity in public worship going back to the year 1707, and in accordance with that legislation, it is the present practice of the Free Church to avoid the use in public worship of uninspired materials of praise as also of instrumental music. Such present practice determines the purity of worship to the maintenance of which the Ordinand pledges himself.”