



PPPE Property Committee

26th June, 2023

Dear Secretaries of all PPE congregations,

Recently, mention was made of an Annual Property Review in all congregations in the Weekly Presbytery Newsletter.

The Property Committee has devised a simple form which we hope will assist 'property people' in all congregations to respond to this request.

I wish to respond both with the form and also our thinking behind the request.

For the good governance of the Church, Reg 4.4.3 invites Church Councils to receive an Annual Report on a variety of different issues relating to all the properties for which they hold Responsible Body Status.

The Presbytery Property Committee thinks that it is a good idea to remind Church Councils of that responsibility.

Implicit is the hope that all Church Councils will think it is wise to share that report with the congregational AGM.

The Property Committee, in its responsibilities of providing helpful oversight to all congregations in all issues relating to property, wishes to receive a copy of these reports.

Reg 4.3.1 invites this Committee to regularly inspect all congregational property across the Presbytery. This has not been done recently, if ever, as it takes a huge commitment of time and specialist personnel to achieve. In the meantime, receiving individual reports from congregations goes part way to providing knowledge across the Presbytery to enable the Committee to fulfill its duties.

I hope that this will help people to understand our motives.

Best wishes,

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