

## **PW CONSTITUTION**

### **SECTION III – PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CONSTITUTION**

**(1) Name:** The name of the organisation shall be Presbyterian Women, incorporating the former Presbyterian Women's Association and the former Young Women's Groups, and may also be referred to as PW.

**(2) Motto:** Women living for Jesus.

**(3) Aim:** Presbyterian Women exists to encourage, envision and equip effective ministry among women of the congregations of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, enabling women to:

- Grow in the knowledge and love of God;
- Care for one another;
- Reach others with the gospel;
- Use their gifts to serve the wider work of the local congregation;
- Support the mission of the wider church in Ireland and across the world.

**(4) Organising for ministry among women in congregational life:** Presbyterian Women encourages each congregation to shape a form of ministry among women which best suits local circumstances and serves the aims above, as well as accessing the benefits of the wider denominational network of Presbyterian Women. In every case the ministry should operate under the authority of the kirk session.

**(5) Encouraging ministry among women at presbytery level:**

**Encouraging ministry among women at presbytery level:** In each presbytery leaders of ministry among women in congregations should maintain a LINK group to coordinate the bringing together of women from congregations within its bounds for the purposes of fellowship, learning and mutual encouragement. LINK groups must appoint a treasurer to ensure financial accountability and a secretary to be responsible for effective communication. Other members of the group can be appointed as desired to deliver other aspects of the work. Appointments should be for not more than a 3-year term.

**(6) Presbyterian Women Panel:** A Presbyterian Women's Panel, reporting to the Council for Congregational Life and Witness, will oversee the development of strategy and coordination of the work of encouraging, envisioning, equipping and enabling effective ministry among women of the congregations of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

It will be responsible for the organisation's finances, including:

- the Mission Fund;
- allocation of grants;

- projects delivered in consultation with other finance raising bodies within PCI; • income and expenditure relating to publications

It will work on behalf of the organisation with other Councils and Committees of the General Assembly.

It will be consulted on Council staffing arrangements as they relate to Presbyterian Women.

Membership will comprise:

Moderator, Clerk, Convener of the Council for Congregational Life and Witness, Secretary of the Council for Congregational Life and Witness.

Panel Convener (serving for 5 years).

8 members (serving for 4 years, not serving for more than 2 consecutive terms)

President of PW, Home Vice President of PW, Overseas Vice President of PW (serving while they are office bearers).

Women's Ministry and Presbyterian Women's Development Officer (sit and deliberate)

**(7) Finance:** The financial year of PW shall end on 31st December. A statement of income and expenditure shall be submitted to the Annual Meeting of Presbyterian Women. A report and statement of annual accounts shall be submitted to the PW Panel, the Council for Congregational Life and Witness, the General Assembly and, if appropriate, other relevant Councils. Access to a copy of the accounts will be provided online and in hard copy to any member or group on request.