

## APPENDIX II

### ASPIRATIONS FOR MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (SUMMARY)

#### **Made in God's Image**

We affirm that being made in the image of God each child and young person is precious and valued in God's sight and that we were made to live in community together. We therefore seek to be a church that is relational, desiring deep relationships with God and one another regardless of age.

#### **Body of Christ**

We affirm the place of children and young people as important parts of the Body of Christ and the gifts that they bring to the whole worshipping community. We therefore seek to be a church that involves children and young people in worship enabling them to use their gifts and talents.

#### **Community of Faith**

We affirm the responsibility of the whole church to be involved in passing on faith to children and young people and in particular the role of parents and carers. We therefore seek to be a church that functions as a community of faith continually passing on the faith to the next generations.

#### **Hospitality**

We affirm that offering hospitality is central to the identity of the Church of Jesus Christ; our doors and hearts must always be open, enabling people to discover community and find belonging in God's family. We therefore seek to be a church that is hospitable, offering a safe and welcoming community of faith to all children and young people.

#### **Faith Formation**

We affirm that children and young people are fellow pilgrims on the journey of faith. We therefore seek to be a church that encourages children and young people to live life in all its fullness, encountering God through being actively involved in all aspects of discipleship.

#### **Inclusive Participation**

We affirm the radical inclusivity of the Gospel and that all children and young people, no matter their abilities or stage of spiritual development, are part of that. We therefore seek to be a church that enables full participation of all children and young people in the life of faith.

#### **Service and Justice**

We affirm that we live in a broken and hurting world and that God calls us all to be the means of healing and reconciliation. We therefore seek to be a church that empowers children and young people to live a life of service and seek justice.

#### **Excellence**

We seek to be a church that ensures appropriate training and support for all ministering with children and young people.