

Presbytery of Argyll (June 2014)

Guidelines for payment and reclaiming of expenses

The fees for pulpit supply and travelling expenses are set by the General Assembly each year.

Pulpit Supply

The 2014 Fees are £55 for one service and £15 for any additional services. Travel expenses are paid at 25p per mile.

For those charges requiring ferry fares and overnight accommodation Presbytery recommends passenger fares and any bus, taxi, car hire and necessary overnight accommodation are paid.

Local Ministry Support

The normal rates for pulpit supply apply.

Congregations with an allocation for local ministry support should keep a note of the number of Sundays on which pulpit supply is used and the total amount spent.

In 2014 the budget allows for an average pulpit supply of £85 per week. (see 'notes on pulpit supply' below). The congregation's Ministry and Mission contribution will be reduced to allow for Local Ministry Support. (The Augusta Lamont Bequest meets the cost of the Cowal charges).

Gaelic Support

The normal rates for pulpit supply apply.

Congregations with an allocation for Gaelic support should keep a note of the number of Sundays used and the total amount spent. Expenses are reclaimed from the Presbytery treasurer.

In 2014 the budget allows for an average pulpit supply of £85 per week (see 'notes on pulpit supply' below). Those congregations who anticipate costs in excess of the budget should seek advice from the Presbytery treasurer.

Ordained Local Ministry (OLM)

Ordained local ministers are contracted to a congregation or Presbytery for a number of Sundays per month (normally 2) for which no pulpit supply fee is due. Any additional Pulpit Supply should be paid at the normal rate.

Travelling expenses are paid at the normal rate for ministers:

Pulpit Supply: 25p per mile.

Pastoral Work: 45p per mile for the first 10,000 miles then 25p per mile.

Notes on Pulpit Supply

It is recognised that for some congregations the pulpit supply fees will on occasions exceed the average figure of £85 used by Presbytery especially where ferry fares, and overnight accommodation are required. Congregations using Local Ministry Support and Gaelic Support are encouraged to use a combination of local worship leaders, readers and ministers, this would allow for paying more for pulpit supply on some occasions while remaining within the overall budget for the year.