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Dear Friends,

The draft presbytery mission plan was issued on Wednesday 2nd November. It will be debated at the presbytery meeting on the 22nd November.

The plan for Bridge of Weir is to move to a single united congregation in the current Freeland buildings.

This will be a great disappointment to many of us.

We believe that our task is to work together to support people and to establish a new congregation which draws from the strengths and gifts in each church. What will emerge will not be St Machar's Ranfurly or Freeland lite but something bigger and better. We are both committed to working towards making that happen.

A constructive initial joint meeting of representatives of both congregations was held on the 2nd of November to explore relevant matters.

We expect that the union will not actually take place before October 2025 and both of us will do our best to create the framework for a union that creates a missional and outward looking congregation for the entire village of Bridge of Weir, which we will all be proud to be part of.

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Yours,

Hanneke and Kenneth