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Stewardship and Finance

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- It all goes to help churches in poor areas
- It pays for the Minister



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## Let's look at this in more detail:

- **About £4.20** is kept by the local church for all sorts of costs including maintaining the building, mission, worship and supporting church groups
- **About £4.88** goes to the Parish Ministries Fund. This ensures we have ministries in every part of the country

We should also remember that each Presbytery can use 5% of its total Ministries and Mission contributions at its own discretion to assist congregations.

• **About 92p** supports congregations with services such as Safeguarding, Law Department, General Trustees, and Stewardship and Finance. Some of this money also ensures the mission of the Church is strengthened through the work of Councils.

- 8p Mission Discipleship
- 5p Church and Society
- 9p Social Care (Crossreach)
- 12p World Mission
- 45p Support Services (legal advice, accounting, safeguarding)
- 6p General Assembly and Moderator
- 7p Special Contributions

## Some discussion topics for the Kirk Session

- Does the Session know what your church pays in Ministries and Mission?
- Where does this money go?
- Does the congregation understand “Ministries and Mission” ?
- What is the cost of a Minister?
- What is stewardship?
- Does the Session set a good example and model of generosity?
- How is the offering uplifted and what is the significance of this?

## Some interesting facts

- In 2016, the cost of a Minister at the top of the stipend scale is £41,507.
- If your Ministries and Mission contribution is £49,413 or more, you are meeting your costs in full.
- If it is less than £49,413, you are receiving financial support from other congregations.
- In 2016 the Church of Scotland will spend £110 million.
- Congregations will contribute £46 million of this.

## Remember – help is at hand from the Stewardship Consultants

- **Kirk Session Conferences**  
Delivering a reflective conference to help your Session re-prioritise and establish a firm direction for the church.
- **Gift Aid/GASDS**  
How to maximise Gift Aid claims and how to ensure the church is gaining the most from GASDS

- **Stewardship Seasons**

A programme on time, gifts or money that focuses on teaching and encouragement

- **Fundraising**

Providing advice on Trusts and Grants and how to apply. Also, online fundraising and new ideas

- **Giving for Growth**

A financial programme that increases income.

- **Resources**

A wealth of material for Kirk Session meetings, worship and personal reflection.