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General report

Ministries Committee

Basic information

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Action required	For information.
Draft resolution(s)	None.

Summary of content

Subject and aim(s)	To update on the work of two sub-committees: Accreditations Sub-Committee (CRCW&SCM) and the Assessment Board.
Main points	To update General Assembly on the ministry statistics of both sub-committees.
Previous relevant documents	Ministries Report to General Assembly 2022.
Consultation has taken place with...	Ongoing consultation across the denomination.

Summary of impact

Financial	None.
External (e.g. ecumenical)	None.

General report

The committee is responsible for the Ministry of Word and Sacraments, Church Related Community Work, lay preaching and eldership. It is concerned with central care and conditions of service, chaplaincies in industry, higher and further education, prisons and in the armed forces and 'special category' ministry. It has concern for the pastoral support of ministers, Church Related Community Workers and lay preachers, including supervision, appraisal, self-evaluation and counselling. It oversees the Assessment Board and is assisted by four sub-committees.

Membership:

Convenor: Mary Thomas

Secretary: Nicola Furley-Smith

Nominated members:

Gill Bates, Lesley Moseley, Stuart Scott, Sally Willett

Convenor of the Accreditations sub-committee:

Paul Dean

Convenor of the Assessment Board:

Bill Gould

Convenor of the MOM sub-committee:

David Coote

Convenor of RMHS sub-committee:

Paul Whittle

Leadership in worship advocate:

Vacant

Synod Moderator:

Jamie Kissack

1. We continue to be blessed to have Ministers of Word and Sacraments, Church Related Community Workers, Elders, Lay preachers and Lay pioneers who serve faithfully.
2. Ministries Committee wishes to update the denomination with the following sub-committee reports which indicate the health of the breadth of ministries across the denomination.

Accreditations (CRCW&SCM) sub-committee

Maintaining the roll of ministers, this sub-committee accredits those applying for inclusion after training, and those coming from other denominations. It is concerned with numbers and recruitment. It also deals with applications for special category ministries. It supports the work of CRCW ministry.

Convenor:

Paul Dean

Secretaries:

Nicola Furley-Smith and Steve Summers

Members:

Jacob Bali (SCM post holder), Bill Gould (convenor of the assessment board), Alison Micklem, Joanne Patterson (CRCW post holder), Dave Herbert (synod moderator), Mary Thomas (convenor of Ministries Committee)

1. The Accreditations sub-committee has been asked to update the denomination on ministry statistics. This report does not deal with the wider work of the committee on CRCW & SCM, as this will be reported to General Assembly in 2024.

2. **Certificates of Limited Service**

- 2.1. Certificates of Limited Service allow a minister of another denomination to serve in, and be paid by, the URC, in a specified post only and for a limited period of time. They provide a flexible way of responding to particular local ministry needs and opportunities.
- 2.2. No new certificates have been issued in the last year, and one has been renewed or extended (Jonathan Soyars), and no certificates have been closed due to retirement.
- 2.3. For a period of three years, part-time certificates of limited service will not be counted against a Synod's deployment target.

3. **Certificates of Eligibility**

- 3.1. Seven Certificates of Eligibility have been issued in the last 12 months to ministers from the Methodist Church (1), Église Réformée (1), United Church of Christ (1), Uniting Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa (1), Uniting Presbyterian Church of Cameroon (1), Presbyterian Church of Nigeria (1), and Presbyterian Church of Zambia (1); and one certificate has been withdrawn.

4. **The Roll of Ministers of Word and Sacraments**

4.1 **Admission to the roll of Ministers of Word and Sacraments (from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023)**

By ordination and induction:

Solomon Aryee-Brown, Adam James Earle, Mark Hayes, Katherine Rachel Hunt, Nicola Anne Robinson, Lisa Wilson.

By transfer from other Churches:

Ruth Lucy Armstrong (Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa), Brian Charles Buschkill (United Church of Christ, USA), Robert Paul Hoch (Presbyterian Church, USA), Noel Irwin (Methodist Church) and Kurauone Mutimwii (Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa, Zimbabwe Presbytery).

By changes within the Roll of Ministers:

There have been no changes within the Roll of Ministers.

4.2 **Deletions from the Roll of Ministers**

By resignation:

Andrew Herbert McLuskey, Donald L Pines.

By transfer to another denomination:

James Edward Church, Timothy Peter Samuel Mullings.

By deletion under the disciplinary process:

Brian Stephen Jolly.

4.3 **Re-admission to the Roll**

There have been no re-admissions to the Roll.

4.4 Jubilee Ministers

Celebrating 70 years of ordained ministry in 2023:

Bernard Swain Holt, Howard John, Mark Wilson.

Celebrating 60 years of ordained ministry in 2023:

Brian Alfred Bowyer, J Charles Brock, Valerie Jean Dinning, Geoffrey Christopher Dunstan, Richard Henry Hambly, Daphne Hull, Donald Norman Macarthur, James Martin, Ian Norman McPherson, Arnold Christopher Mellor, Peter Cedric Moth, Peter Roland Page, Charles Edward Lammond Price, Eric Ripplingham, Peter David Scotland, Robert Gerald Scribbins, Paul Robert Smith, Robert John Way, Alan Luther Willcocks.

Celebrating 50 years of ordained ministry in 2023:

William Raymond Pryde Adams, Angus Wilkieson Allan, Elizabeth June Caswell, Kenneth Chippindale, Kah Geh Chong, Malcolm Bernard Clarke, Geoffrey N Collins, Kenneth Brian Charles Fear, Geoffrey Arthur Harmer, John Brian Jenkinson, John Richard Landon, Allen Ross Morton, Gerald Roy Muttram, John Henry Oldershaw, David Holt Roberts, Reginald William Rooke, John Raymond Smith, Bruce Douglas Drew Stuart.

4.5 Ministers who have retired from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023:

Robert James Bushby, Susan Joy Chapman, Tod Gobledale, Ana Karen Gobledale, Martin Thomas Hazell, Michele Susan Jarmany, Robert John Maloney, Mhari McLintock, Andrew Christopher Mills, Kristin Ofstad, John Frederick Potter, Duncan Leroy Tuck, Alan James Wickens, Anthea Josey Wickens.

4.6 Ministers who have died from 4 July 2021 to 14 April 2022

Listed elsewhere.

5. The Roll of Church Related Community Workers

Admissions to the Roll of Church Related Community Workers (from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023)

By commissioning:

Felicity Mary Barker.

Deletions from the Roll by resignation and/or transfer to another denomination or by the disciplinary process:

There have been no deletions to the Roll.

CRCWs who have retired from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023:

Rosemary Buxton.

6. The Roll of Assembly-Accredited Lay Preachers

The following have received Assembly accreditation between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023 as a result of having completed a URC course of study or having prior accreditation from another denomination:

Yorkshire Synod – Caroline Pathak

The following have received Assembly re-accreditation between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023:

Claire Louise Nutt

Deletions from the Roll of Assembly Accredited Lay Preachers by resignation, removal and/or transfer to other Churches from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023:

Sheila Rosemary Ashmore, Paul Andrew Duncan, Brian Edmund Heeley, Derek Roger Marsh, Margery Dawn Jane Powell.

Lay Preachers Retired from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023:

Gerald Leslie Gibbs, Kevin Hogan, Andrew Robert Jeens, David Colin Meatcher, Brynmoor Iven Newman, George Bernard Thomas, Mary Catherine Whittle.

Assessment Board

Membership:

Convenor: Bill Gould

Secretary: Nicola Furley-Smith

Members: Liz Mullen (2), Keith Reading (3), Jamie Kissak (4), Dan Morrell (4), Samuel Silungwe (5), Mark Tubby (7), Faith Paulding (7), Gerald England (8), Bridget Akinyombo (10), John Danso (10), Sue McCoan (10), Jan Adamson (13).

Flow of candidates

Date of Conference		No. of candidates	Number accepted
Nov-22	CRCW	0	0
	Stipendiary Ministry	3	3
	Non-Stipendiary Ministry	2	2
	Non-Stipendiary Ministry 4	2	2
TOTAL		7	7
Mar-23	CRCW	2	1
	Stipendiary Ministry	1	1
	Non-Stipendiary Ministry	2	2
	Non-Stipendiary Ministry 4	2	2
TOTAL		7	6
GRAND TOTAL		14	13

Students in Training, by Synod as of 31 March 2023

Synod	Name	
01 Northern		
Non-Stipendiary Ministry		
	Roberta	Ritson
Stipendiary Ministry		
	Louise	Sanders
02 North Western		
CRCW		
	Katy	Ollerenshaw
Non-Stipendiary Ministry		
	Walt	Johnson
03 Mersey		
Stipendiary Ministry		
	Karen	Jones
05 East Midlands		
Stipendiary Ministry		
	Simon	Cross
06 West Midlands		
Non-Stipendiary Ministry 4		
	Julie	Jefferies
Stipendiary Ministry		
	Steph	Atkins
	Edward	Lyne
	Clare	Nutbrown-Hughes
	Johnny	O'Hanlon
07 Eastern		
Stipendiary Ministry		
	David	Cumbers
	Maria	Lee
	Tina	Wilson
08 South Western		
Non-Stipendiary Ministry		
	Rachel	Leach
09 Wessex		
CRCW		
	Alice	Gilbert
Non-Stipendiary Ministry 4		
	Gill	Bailey
Stipendiary Ministry		
	Siobhan	Antoniou

Ruth Dewis
 Abigail Perrow
 Simon Peters

10 Thames North

CRCW

Rachel Harvey

Stipendiary Ministry

Joseph Amoah
 Azeem Bakhsh
 Carolina Davey

11 Southern

CRCW

Carol Clack

Non-Stipendiary Ministry

Josephine Osei

Stipendiary Ministry

Maurice Omorojie

12 Wales

Stipendiary Ministry

Mark Rodgers
 Kate Wolsey

13 Scotland

Non-Stipendiary Ministry 4

Margaret Higon
 Derek McDonald
 David Townsend
 Eilidh Young

Stipendiary Ministry

Lesley Thomson

Students in Training statistics as of 31 March 2023

	Students in training	Anticipated entry into URC service			
	Mar-23	2023	2024	2025	2026
STIPENDIARY					
Northern College (RCL) CRCW	3	1	1	1	
Northern College (RCL) MWS	9	2	3	1	3
Scottish College (RCL)	2	2			

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Westminster College (RCL)	10	3	3	2	2
Subtotal	24	8	7	4	5
NON-STIPENDIARY					
Northern College (RCL)	2	1			1
Scottish College (RCL)	1	1			
Westminster College (RCL)	1				1
Subtotal	4	2			2
NON-STIPENDIARY 4					
Northern College (RCL)					
Scottish College (RCL)	4	2	1		
Westminster College (RCL)	3	1	1		
Subtotal	5	3	2		
GRAND TOTAL	33	13	9	4	7

MWS: Ministry of Word and Sacraments

CRCW: Church Related Community Worker

RCL: Resource Centre for Learning

Ordinations and Commissions

		Type of Ministry	Date of ordination	Date into URC	History for Yearbook
Ruth	Armstrong	Stipendiary Minister		14/07/2022	Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa (UPCSA) -2002; The Vale, Hardres Street and Southern Synod directed 2022-
Solomon	Aryee-Brown	Stipendiary Minister	04/09/2022		North Nottinghamshire Area: Hucknall; & Sutton in Ashfield; & Sherwood; & Arnold; & Bulwell 2022-
Felicity	Barker	CRCW	23/07/2022		Wooler URC CRCW Project 2022-
Brian	Buschkill	Stipendiary Minister	22/11/2009	18/09/2022	United Church of Christ, USA -2009; Chadwell Heath, Hornchurch Nelves & Trinity Upminster 2022-
Adam	Earle	Stipendiary Minister	24/07/2022		Castle Hill Ipswich, St John's Ipswich, Felixstowe, Leiston, Saxmundham 2022-
Mark	Hayes	Non-Stipendiary Minister	23/07/2022		Thaxted 2022-
Robert	Hoch	Stipendiary Minister	01/09/1995	14/11/2022	02 North Western Synod, Training and Learning Mentor 2022-
Katherine	Hunt	Stipendiary Minister	20/08/2022		Cumbria Missional Partnership 2022-
Noel	Irwin	Stipendiary Minister		24/01/2023	Northern College Tutor 2023-
Kurauone	Mutimwii	Stipendiary Minister	13/06/2013	13/10/2022	Presbyterian Church of Zimbabwe -2013; Greater Manchester South and Cheshire Missional Partnership 2022-
Nicola	Robinson	Stipendiary Minister	03/09/2022		Leeds Partnership 2022-
Lisa	Wilson	Stipendiary Minister	30/07/2022		Cumbria Missional Partnership 2022-