

Paper H2

Accreditations (CRCW & SCM) sub-committee – Change of name to the Accreditations sub-committee

Ministries Committee

Basic information

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Action required	Decision.
Draft resolution(s)	Resolution 19 General Assembly agrees to the change of name of the Accreditations (CRCW & SCM) sub-committee to the Accreditations sub-committee.

Summary of content

Subject and aim(s)	To appropriate rename the Accreditations (CRCW & SCM) Sub-Committee to reflect its role.
Main points	The Accreditations (CRCW & SCM) sub-committee accredits people and posts not just limited to Church Related Community workers and Special Category Ministry. Its name, therefore, does not describe its full role. The removal of the initials in brackets does.
Previous relevant documents	Paper H1 2019 (Mission Council).
Consultation has taken place with...	

Summary of impact

Financial	None.
External (eg ecumenical)	

1. In 2019, Mission Council agreed to dissolve the Accreditations Committee of the Ministries Committee to form a new committee with the CRCW Programme sub-committee, namely the Accreditations (CRCW & SCM) Sub-Committee (ASC).

2. In 2023, the ASC asked to review the committee as part of its due diligence, and at its meeting in March 2024 concluded the initials in brackets do not describe the full remit of the committee.
3. The ASC is also involved in the interviewing and granting of Certificates of Eligibility and Certificates for Limited Service to ministers outside of the URC, as well as maintaining the Roll of ministers of the Word and Sacraments (MWS), Church Related Community Workers (CRCWs), Assembly Accredited Lay Preachers, Assembly Accredited Lay Pioneers and Elders.
4. The committee feels it is now well established, and does not need the initials in brackets.