

Paper C11

Revised Terms of Reference for the Accreditations sub-committee of the Ministries Committee

Ministries Committee

Basic information

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Action required	Decision
Draft resolution(s)	Resolution 18 General Assembly adopts the revised Terms of Reference for the Accreditations sub-committee of the Ministries Committee.

Summary of content

Subject and aim(s)	The Extraordinary General Assembly Resolution 39a asked for revised Terms of Reference for the Accreditations sub-committee to accommodate the proposed application and review model, and to bring updated Terms of Reference to General Assembly in July 2026.
Main points	The revised Terms of Reference includes the accreditation, monitoring and review of new Christian Communities.
Previous relevant documents	Paper A5 Terms of Reference for Ministries Committee
Consultation has taken place with...	N/A

Summary of impact

Financial	N/A
External (eg ecumenical)	N/A

Terms of Reference

1. Membership

Convenor
Convenor of Ministries Committee
Convenor of the Assessment Board
Synod Moderator
CRCW post-holder
Pioneer practitioner
Three members

Secretary: Deputy General Secretary (Ministries)

Working in collaboration with the Secretary to the Church Life Fund Committee when relating to Church Life Fund new communities.

The Committee may co-opt practitioners, as required, to assist in the accreditation, monitoring and review of new Christian communities.

Functions of the Committee

- 1.1 the approval, monitoring and review of Church Related Community Work projects;
 - 1.2 the monitoring of Special Category Ministry projects;
 - 1.3 the approval, monitoring and review of the 13 new pioneering posts;
 - 1.4 the consideration and management of Certificates of Eligibility;
 - 1.5 the consideration and management of Certificates for Limited Service;
 - 1.6 the maintenance of the Roll of Ministers of the Word and Sacraments, and Church Related Community Workers;
 - 1.7 maintenance of the Roll of Assembly Accredited Lay Preachers;
 - 1.8 maintenance of the Roll of Assembly Accredited Lay Pioneers;
 - 1.9 maintenance of the Roll of Elders;
 - 1.10 to assess new Christian communities applications made to the Church Life Fund in accordance with the processes and criteria agreed by General Assembly (November 2025);
 - 1.11 to advise the Church Life Fund Committee on which applications meet the agreed criteria and whether they should be supported for funding;
 - 1.12 to accredit, monitor and review funded new Christian communities in line with the agreed processes, and to advise the Church Life Fund Committee on the continuation, modification or cessation of funding;
 - 1.13 any such other matters as may, from time to time, be allocated by the Ministries Committee.
2. Meets four or five times per year (at least one in-person meeting)
 3. Reports to Ministries Committee four times a year.
 4. Reports on all matters relating to accreditation, monitoring and reviewing new Christian communities applications made to the Church Life Fund. Reporting to take place before each meeting of Church Life Fund Committee, through coordination between the Secretaries and Convenors.