

III. ACT ANENT ORDINATIONS BY PRESBYTERIES

Edinburgh, 15 May 2004, Session 1

The General Assembly enact and declare as follows:

Conduct of Ordinations

1. The ordination of a minister shall be led by a minister who shall, if the Moderator of the Presbytery be not a minister, be appointed by the Presbytery from among its ministerial members.
2. The ordination of a deacon shall be led by a minister or deacon who shall, if the Moderator of the Presbytery be an elder, be appointed by the Presbytery from among its ministerial or diaconal members.

Laying-on of Hands in Ordinations

3. At the ordination of ministers and deacons, all ministers, deacons and elders who are members of the ordaining Presbytery are eligible, with others who may be associated with the Presbytery, to take part in the laying-on of hands. Without prejudice to this general eligibility, the Presbytery may, in the interests of good order, determine which of these shall do so at any particular ordination.

Repeals etc

4. Act III 1999 is hereby repealed.
5. Act I 1929 is hereby amended by deleting 'by the Presbyters to whom it doth belong' from the Preamble.
6. Act VII 2002 anent Ordination of Deacons is hereby amended by the deletion of the second sentence of section 2.
7. Acts VIII 1998 (section 5) and VIII 2003 (section 29(3)) shall be construed in conformity with this Act.