



INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS IN 2022

NAME OF STANDING COMMITTEE	
Registration of Ministries Committee	
CONVENER/CHAIR:	Dr Hazel Hastie
VICE-CONVENER(S):	Rev Fiona Smith
SECRETARY:	Rev Angus Mathieson
REMIT:	
<p>The Committee deals with the registration of ministers and deacons under the Registration of Ministries Act (Act II 2017). Such applications might be made by Ministers, Ordained Local Ministers, Auxiliary Ministers or Deacons, and will relate to changes in categories of registration. The applications might be for the right to be a parish or associate minister, or might come from individuals (i) who have been judicially suspended, (ii) who have entered into a legally binding agreement with their Presbytery, or (iii) who left a post for reasons of ill-health. The Committee’s decisions may be appealed to the Ministries Appeal Panel.</p>	
SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE SOUGHT AT THIS TIME:	
<p>HR Skills, Reflective Practice, Discernment, Pastoral Supervision, A broad knowledge of the Church, both locally and nationally. Also, a knowledge of Kirk Sessions, and how Congregational life has changed, and will develop, with the advent of the Presbytery Mission Plan Act. An understanding of safeguarding and governance issues is also helpful.</p>	
EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS:	
<p>Members are required to read applications in advance. Members assess applications against the criteria set out in sections 27 to 30 and in Schedule 2 of the Act and make decisions. Members may need to interview applicants and may require to specify programmes of training or mentoring or further development for applicants.</p>	
MEMBERSHIP AND ANTICIPATED VACANCIES:	
<p>Include confirmation of the number of vacancies to be filled NB: a completed Nomination Form must be submitted by all proposed nominees including anyone wishing to be put forward for proposed re-appointment</p> <p>Convener, Vice-Convener and 3 members. 1 member is appointed by the Legal Questions Committee, 1 member by the Faith Nurture Forum and 3 members by the General Assembly. The Convener and Vice-Convener are appointed by the General Assembly from the General Assembly appointees.</p> <p>Rev William McLaren - appointed by the General Assembly on the nomination of the Nomination Committee</p> <p>Rev Adam Dillon – member appointed by the Legal Questions Committee</p> <p>Rev Alan Hamilton – member appointed by the Faith Nurture Forum</p> <p>Rev William McLaren due to retire 2022</p>	



FREQUENCY, TIMING AND VENUE OF MEETINGS:

include mention of any particular day(s) of the week when meetings would fall and whether meetings will be attended online and/or in person

When required, the Committee sits to hear applications related to the Register of Ministry. Recently the Committee has been sitting bi-monthly, usually on a Wednesday but with dates agreed between members in advance. Meetings have been held on MS Teams since 2020, but may move to a mix of in-person and Teams.

DETAILS OF SUB-COMMITTEES/GROUPS:

include frequency, timings, venue and any particular day(s) of the week when meetings would fall

FURTHER DETAILS:

Include any useful web links

See the Registration of Ministries Committee webpage on the Church of Scotland website
See the Registration of Ministries Act (Act II 2017) and the Ministries Appeal Panel Act (Act VI 2007), both of which can be found on the Church of Scotland website alongside the other Acts of the General Assembly.

https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0013/72031/2017-Act-2-II-revised-to-October-2020.pdf

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/about-us/councils-committees-and-departments/committees/registration-of-ministries-committee>

Any queries may be directed to Dr Hazel Hastie, Convener, or the Rev Angus Mathieson, Clerk to the Committee, using the dedicated email address:

RegistrationofMinistries@churchofscotland.org.uk