

**IV PARISH MINISTRIES FUND REGULATIONS (REGULATIONS IV 2016)
(REPLACING REGULATIONS I 2005)**

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1. The Parish Ministries Fund will be funded by an annual budget, the total amount of which will be approved by the General Assembly.
2. It will be the responsibility of the Council of Assembly to recommend to the General Assembly the amount of the total Parish Ministries Fund budget for the following calendar year, as part of the Church of Scotland's Co-ordinated Budget process.
3. The Parish Ministries Fund's total budget, as approved by the General Assembly, will be collected from congregations in accordance with the Ministries and Mission Contribution Regulations (Regs I 2012).
4. The Parish Ministries Fund will meet the costs of:
 - (a) the National Stipend Fund;
 - (b) ordained parish ministry support and development;
 - (c) the salaries and other costs of Ministries Development Staff, as defined in paragraph 6 below;
 - (d) new, alternative and emerging forms of ministry costs;
 - (e) readership costs;
 - (f) recruitment and education for ministries, including Ordained Local Ministers and the training of Probationers;
 - (g) parish appraisal costs;
 - (h) properties costs;
 - (i) a share of Ministries Council support and administration costs.
5. The Ministries Council will be responsible for apportioning the total Parish Ministries Fund budget among the relevant budget headings in its management accounts.
6. The Ministries Development Staff referred to in paragraph 4(c) shall be all Ministries Development Staff posts on agreed Presbytery Plans, employed or appointed by the Ministries Council and including (though not exclusively) Ordained Deacons, Associate Ministers, and Team Leaders. For the avoidance of doubt, any parish staff engaged locally by congregations (and not designated on Presbytery Plans) in terms of paragraph 16(2)(b) of Act VII 2003 as amended will not be funded by the Parish Ministries Fund.
7. These Regulations will come into force on 1 June 2016.
8. Regulations I 2005 as amended are hereby repealed.