



**INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS**

<b>NAME OF STANDING COMMITTEE/AGENCY:</b>	
Registration of Ministries Committee	
<b>REMIT:</b>	
<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.</p> <p>The Committee's decisions may be appealed to the Ministries Appeal Panel.</p>	
<b>CONVENER/CHAIR:</b>	Rev Neil Dougall
<b>VICE-CONVENER(S):</b>	Dr Hazel Hastie
<b>SECRETARY/CLERK:</b>	Rev Angus Mathieson
<b>MEMBERSHIP:</b>	
<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            Rev Adam Dillon - member appointed by the Legal Questions Committee            Rev Alan Hamilton - member by the Faith Nurture Forum</p>	
<b>FREQUENCY, TIMING AND VENUE OF MEETINGS:</b>	
<b>include mention of any particular day(s) of the week when meetings would fall</b>	
<p>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 are held in the Church Offices in George Street, Edinburgh on a week-day.</p>	



**DETAILS OF SUB-COMMITTEES/GROUPS:**

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

None

**EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS:**

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.

**SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE SOUGHT AT THIS TIME:**

**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](#)

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

[RegistrationofMinistries@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:RegistrationofMinistries@churchofscotland.org.uk)