

Report from Ministries Committee 17.07.19**NSM model 4**

Two papers were circulated giving the discerning of a call and the course standards expected. This revised model does not require the candidate to obtain a Higher Diploma. It was thought LCLs might study for this NSM qualification. There are already some candidates for the Assessment Conference in October.

Strategic Safeguarding Plan Paper R2

The paper went to Mission Council in May and was amended to be a draft plan with further consultation with the Synods. A Synod meeting in September will ascertain what additional resources might be needed.

There was a discussion with concerns raised whether Elders would be able to do online training and exactly who needed to have a DBS in the local church. Further clarity about LEPs is needed.

Pastoral Supervision

The Moderator explained that URC Ministries Committee had established a working group to investigate the feasibility of requiring ministers of the URC to have regular pastoral supervision. Paul Dean described the Methodist scheme. The meeting generally supported the idea although some expressed reservations about it being compulsory. The Moderator will take the views forward.

Training and Development

The Committee affirmed the transition of Martin Ferris and Bernard Fidler to become EM3 ministers.

The Committee agreed in principle the applications for sabbatical leave from the Revds Kim Plumpton, Wendy Swan, Julian Thomas, Paul Dean and Russell and Nicola Furley-Smith.

London Institute for Contemporary Christianity Day: 72 people attended the vision day which represented 27 churches in the Synod. At the time of the meeting 7 churches with several other possibles had registered to be part of the Learning Hub which will meet in September.

Next meeting is 13/11/19

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