

## ADMISSION OF MINISTERS COMMITTEE MANDATE

**Responsible to:** The Standing Committee

**Reporting arrangements:** The Standing Committee

**Mission statement:** To fulfil the Assembly's responsibilities in relation to the admission of ministers from other denominations as stated in Constitution clause 38(a) and Regulations 2.5.1 - 2.5.3.

**Mandate:** [Regulation 2.5.1 - 2.5.3]

The Committee shall:

1. establish guidelines to be applied by the Synods for ordained ministers of other denominations to serve and be admitted as a Minister of the Word or Deacon, including the requirements for the education and ministry formation of the applicant
2. provide oversight of the process of the application, assessment and admission
3. maintain a list of ordained ministries of denominations of the church catholic that are recognised for the purposes of Regulation 2.5.1(e), and if such ordination is not so listed determine the matter
4. on the advice of the Synod in which the application is made, issue a certificate of completion of requirements for admission of an ordained minister of another denomination as a Minister of the Word or Deacon

**General:**

The responsibilities of every agency include:

- focusing the activities of the agency on the vision of the Assembly as a whole;
- advising the Assembly and/or the Standing Committee on policy matters within their area of responsibility;
- making policy decisions where the Assembly or the Standing Committee has delegated authority for certain policy areas, either through the agency mandate or by resolution;
- participating in cross-agency projects and teams established from time to time by the Assembly or the Standing Committee.

**Power to appoint:**

- To establish working groups for special tasks related specifically to the mandate.
- To make recommendations to the Standing Committee to establish other working groups for special tasks related to but not part of the mandate.

**Membership of the Reference Committee:**

- A chairperson and up to 10 members from within one Synod area, appointed by the Standing Committee;
- Power to co-opt up to two additional persons to ensure appropriate competencies, representation and development of new leadership.

*Approved by Standing Committee March 2015*