



## ACCREDITATION OF CONNEXION MINISTER

### Connexion Minister

We have been blessed by the ministry of many who have given their lives to serving the Lord in our churches. However, we have never in recent years had a formal system of accreditation of people as Connexional Minister. Larger denominations all seem to have the resources for their own training and even selection of ministers, who will be on a denominational list.

The Trustees are proposing the following procedure:

**A person is recommended by the local church and appointed by the Trustees as minister of such and such Chapel.**

They may have had considerable academic training at a theological college, or very limited preparation. They may have several years of ministerial service in another church or be new to the pastor's job.

**The first 3 years will be seen as probationary, unless already is a Connexional Minister.**

If they have limited background or experience they will be recommended to undertake further appropriate training as part of his work during the three years. They will also be linked with an established minister for support and encouragement.

**After 3 years, if all is going well, the minister can apply for the ministry to be reviewed by the Ministerial Committee<sup>1</sup>, who may recommend to the Trustees placing on the Connexional list. If not previously ordained this might be considered for the minister at this time.**

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