

Paper R4

Curtailment of a pastoral tie or appointment

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Basic information

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Action required	Adoption of resolution.
Draft resolution(s)	<p>33. General Assembly, noting that the Structure [paragraph 2 (6)] recognises that:</p> <p>The General Assembly which shall embody the unity of the United Reformed Church and act as the central organ of its life and the final authority, under the Word of God and the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit, in all matters of doctrine and order and in all other concerns of its common life...</p> <p>And acting under function (xxix)</p> <p>to do such other things as may be necessary in pursuance of its responsibility for the common life of the church,</p> <p>resolves that an Assembly Commission for Discipline, acting on behalf of General Assembly, may, as part of its decision-making within the Ministerial Disciplinary Process, and with the minister's name remaining on the Roll of ministers of the United Reformed Church, curtail their pastoral tie or appointment .</p> <p>34. Where such a decision is made, the General Assembly, through its Pastoral and Welfare Committee shall grant a period of, normally, between three and six months , from the conclusion of the disciplinary case, for a new Call to be found by the minister.</p> <p>35. General Assembly notes that an Assembly Commission for Discipline may further direct that the minister whose pastoral tie or appointment has been curtailed shall not engage with the pastorate/project , save for the purposes of handover and farewell I, despite any suspension being lifted at the conclusion of the case.</p>

36. Further to paragraphs 1 -3 ,General Assembly amends the Ministerial Disciplinary process (Section O) as follows:

a) Change section 6:5 to read

At the conclusion of the hearing the Assembly Commission for Discipline is to determine, on the balance of probabilities, whether any or all of the allegations made against the minister have been proved.

In respect of any proven allegation, it must decide either to impose no sanction, or that the accused minister should receive a written warning, **or that any pastoral tie or appointment should be cTw 0.2B s any proven allT 1 setermine, on tT 1**

