55. Presbyteral and Diaconal Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committees

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- 1. The 2014 Conference received a report from the Chairs of the Diaconal and Presbyteral Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committees reporting on work to combine the work of those two bodies. That work has now been completed; subject to the Conference's adoption of the revision of Standing Order 321, the Ministerial Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee will be appointed by the Council in October and begin its work immediately.
- 2. This therefore is a moment of transition in the oversight of candidates, students and probationers. The Conference is asked to record its thanks to those who have chaired the Diaconal Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee (Mrs Rosemary Harrison and the Revd Jenny Impey) and the Presbyteral Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee (the Revd Dr Andrew Wood) in recent years.
- 3. Under SO 321(4), the Presbyteral Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee (in consultation with the Diaconal Candidates' and Probationers' Oversight Committee) has appointed local oversight committees to provide more proximate oversight of our students. Members of those committees meet regularly with those in training and offer their own perspective on the reports of the oversight tutors. This piece of work is a vital part of our formational programmes.
- 4. From September 2015, all accepted candidates will be the responsibility of the oversight committees of the Queen's Foundation. This means an end to the work of several local oversight committees. The Conference is asked to record its thanks to those who have chaired and served on oversight committees serving students at the Wales Training Network, Hartley Victoria College, the Southern Theological Education and Training Scheme, the South West Ministry Training Course, the Wesley Study Centre in Durham, and the York Institute for Community Theology, and on the South-East Region Oversight Committee (which oversaw students at the South East Institute for Theological Education and Wesley House, Cambridge).

***RESOLUTIONS

- 55/1. The Conference recorded its thanks to Mrs Rosemary Harrison, the Revd Jenny Impey and the Revd Dr Andrew Wood for the work they have undertaken in chairing connexional oversight committees.
- 55/2. The Conference recorded its thanks to those who have chaired and served on oversight committees serving students at the Wales Training Network, Hartley Victoria College, the Southern Theological Education and Training Scheme, the South West Ministry Training Course, the Wesley Study Centre in Durham, and the York Institute for Community Theology, and on the South-East Region Oversight Committee.