

45. Presbyteral and Diaconal Candidates and Probationers Oversight Committees

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Subject and aims	To update the Conference on the proposed merger of the Presbyteral and Diaconal Candidates and Probationers Oversight Committees

1. The report of the Ministries Committee to the 2013 Conference identified the need for closer working between the Diaconal Candidates and Probationers Oversight Committee (DCPOC) and the Presbyteral Candidates and Probationers Oversight Committee (PCPOC) and the potential bringing together of the two committees. It is the recommendation of the Chairs of these two committees, and the small group established by the Ministries Committee to review matters relating to oversight, that these two Committees be formally merged as soon as practically possible. This proposal is in keeping with the forthcoming merger of the Presbyteral and Diaconal Candidates Selection Committees and the move to coordinate more fully presbyteral and diaconal processes.
2. The Ministries Committee has expressed its agreement to this decision in-principle and wishes to encourage the two committees to continue to work closely together for the present time.
3. Proposed amendments to Standing Orders to enable this change will be brought to the 2015 Conference, with a view to creating a single Ministerial Candidates and Probationers Oversight Committee (MCPOC) from 1 September 2015. In the meantime, the two committees will continue to work closely together, meeting jointly where possible for shared items of business and dividing into two committees for matters relating to individual candidates and probationers.

***RESOLUTION

45/1. The Conference received the Report.