

Update to the training of Worship Leaders

Whilst would still want to commend Worship: Leading & Preaching modules 1-4, with a submission of a portfolio for marking and moderation, as our “gold standard” for the training of Worship Leaders, it is becoming increasingly obvious that for many churches across the connexion this requirement is not appropriate or helpful.

Worship leaders are a local appointment, commissioned to take a leading and significant role in the conduct of worship in a local church. We recognise that local churches will make different demands on their worship leaders requiring different amounts of training. The accredited standard is modules 1-4 of Worship: Leading and Preaching. On the successful submission of a portfolio to the required standard a certificate is issued by the Ministry Team. However in some contexts a Church Council may deem that this amount of training will not be beneficial to the worship leader or congregation. In these situations the local tutor should recommend to the Local Preachers’ Meeting selected parts of modules 1-4 to be studied. These should be selected to best meet the needs of the potential worship leader and local congregation. In these cases it is still the responsibility of the Local Preachers’ meeting to monitor the candidates progress in and completion of training and probation and the assessment of their suitability for appointment (SO680 (1)(iii)).

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