



### **PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

From the UCA Constitution & Regulations (Section) 3.7.3

#### **Membership**

- a) The Pastoral Relations Committee shall consist of the Presbytery's representatives to the Placements Committee together with at least three other persons appointed by the Presbytery, provided that the membership shall include at least two Ministers and two lay persons.

#### **Responsibilities**

- b) The responsibilities of the Pastoral Relations Committee shall include:
- (i) overseeing on behalf of the Presbytery the pastoral relations between the Ministers, Lay Pastors, Youth Workers, Community Ministers and Pastors and Congregations within the Presbytery;
  - (ii) being accessible to Ministers, Lay Pastors, Youth Workers, Community Ministers and Pastors and Congregational representatives for the purpose of giving counsel on matters relating to pastoral relationships and responsibilities;
  - (iii) counselling Ministers, Lay Pastors, Youth Workers, Community Ministers and Pastors for their encouragement and enrichment in the fulfilment of their ministries, including reference to the Code of Ethics;
  - (iv) providing such reports as may be required by the Presbytery, with due regard to the confidentiality of information given to the Committee;
  - (v) conferring with Ministers, Lay Pastors, Youth Workers, Community Ministers, Pastors and Congregations to ascertain relevant information in all cases where changes in placement or appointment are involved and advising the Presbytery regarding those matters;
  - (vi) dealing with matters relating to the placement or appointment of Ministers, Lay Pastors, Youth Workers, Community Minister and Pastors as may be delegated to it;
  - (vii) dealing with complaints as set out in the Regulations on Church Discipline;
  - (viii) making provision for the appropriate pastoral support and accountability of Ministers, Lay Pastors, Youth Workers, Community Ministers and Pastors in active service who are not in approved placements;
  - (ix) reviewing the list of Ministers, Lay Pastors or Youth Workers under its care who are awaiting placement with a view to assisting them either to return to active service or to make other appropriate vocational decisions or suggesting to a Church Council that an invitation be extended to the Minister to become a Minister-in-Association;
  - (x) determining the manner of appointment of persons to preside at worship and preach in a Congregation during times when there is no Minister in placement.

#### **Chairperson**

- c) The Presbytery shall appoint one of its members to chair the Pastoral Relations Committee.