

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION REGULATIONS

A8.01 Name There shall be a Standing Committee of the General Assembly on theological education named the Theological Education Committee.

A8.02 Membership of the Committee The Committee shall consist of six ministers and six elders, elected by the Assembly, together with the Principal of the Presbyterian Theological Centre.

A8.03 Function The Committee shall:

- (a) have general responsibility for the provision of training for candidates for the ministry, subject to the requirements of the General Assembly of Australia, and have financial responsibility for such training under the General Assembly of New South Wales.
- (b) have general oversight of the operation of the Presbyterian Theological Centre under the Assembly.

PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL CENTRE

A8.04 Presbyterian Theological Centre There shall be a body known as the Presbyterian Theological Centre of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of New South Wales. It may be called for convenience the Presbyterian Theological Centre or the PTC.

A8.05 The Presbyterian Theological Centre of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of New South Wales is the same Theological Hall as "The Theological Hall in St. Andrew's College, Sydney", referred to in the Articles of Agreement.

A8.06 Management of the PTC The governing body of the PTC shall be, under the Assembly, the Theological Education Committee.

A8.07 Aims of the PTC The aims of the PTC shall be:

- (a) the continuation of the Theological Hall of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of New South Wales, which Hall shall administer the course of training for candidates for the ministry in accordance with the Articles of Agreement and in conformity with the General Assembly of Australia regulations for the College Committee, and under the oversight of the General Assembly of Australia and its College Committee;
- (b)
 - (ii) to provide appropriate courses of training for elders, deaconesses and others engaged in diaconal ministries, Christian education workers, other congregational leaders, home missionaries and other missionary workers;
 - (ii) to provide in-service courses for ministers, elders, deaconesses, home missionaries and other Christian leaders;

- (iii) to provide courses in a broad range of subjects, presented according to the standards of the Presbyterian Church of Australia and
- (iv) to promote research in the fields of theological studies, Christian education and the Christian world view.

A8.08 Relationship to Other Committees In any case where the work of the PTC affects the area of responsibility of any other Assembly committee, the Theological Education Committee shall proceed in consultation with such committee.

THE FACULTY OF THE PTC

A8.09 The Faculty of the PTC The Faculty of the PTC. shall be the Faculty of the Theological Hall, and shall:

- (a) administer the course of training in the Theological Hall within the PTC. as determined by the GAA College Committee,
- (b) administer funds specifically held for use by the Theological Hall Faculty, and
- (c) administer the Library and Resource Centre of the PTC.

A8.10 Membership of the Faculty The Faculty of the PTC shall consist of:

- (a) The Principal;
- (b) The Convener of the Theological Education Committee;
- (c) The Professors or full-time lecturers appointed by the Assembly, who shall hold a chair or lectureship in one of the following areas: Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis; Greek and New Testament Exegesis; Systematic Theology and Apologetics; Church History; Pastoral Theology and Training; Christian Studies;
- (d) two additional part-time lecturers appointed annually by the executive of the Theological Education Committee.
- (e) the Dean of Women as appointed from time to time by the executive of the Theological Education Committee.

A8.11 Appointments of Professors and Full-time Lecturers All appointments of Professors and Full-time lecturers shall be made by the Assembly, which shall approve their terms and conditions of appointment.

A8.12 Length of Appointments for full-time staff The Principal and full-time lecturers (if not Professors) shall be appointed for terms of up to six years, renewable.

A8.13 Other Lecturers Appointments to other lecturing positions (the need for which shall be determined by the Faculty) together with the terms of such appointments shall be determined by the Theological Education Committee.

A8.14 Vacancy on Faculty In the event of a vacancy in any position on the Faculty, the Theological Education Committee may appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the next meeting of the Assembly.

A8.15 Relationship of the Faculty to GAA College Committee The Theological Hall Faculty shall be responsible (subject to the regulations and the oversight of the College Committee) for all aspects of curriculum planning and development, for the allocation of lecturing staff (Faculty and non-Faculty) to specific courses, or sections of courses, for recommending to the College Committee the admission of candidates to the course of study and their grading (including the granting of credit for previous studies), and for the planning and direction of research.

FIELD EDUCATION SCHEME

A8.16 Field Education Scheme The Faculty shall conduct a program to be known as the Field Education Scheme, for the training of candidates in the work of pastoral ministry, as part of the course of training.

A8.17 Placement of Candidates in Field Appointments The Faculty shall, normally at the commencement of each year, ensure that each candidate enrolled in the Field Education Scheme is related to a minister of a pastoral charge, moderator of a home mission station or other appropriate supervisor who undertakes to co-operate in this scheme.

Allowance to Candidates in Field Appointments Where the candidate is not otherwise employed in the parish or home mission station, the congregation related to the minister supervising the candidate, or any other congregation supporting the candidate may pay allowances to the candidate in accordance with recommended rates to be determined by the Theological Education Committee prior to the commencement of each year.

A8.19 Direction of Candidates in Field Appointments Each student related to a minister under the Field Education Scheme shall be required to work under the direction of that minister in accordance with the recommendations as determined by the Faculty prior to the commencement of each year.

A8.20 Relationship of Faculty to Field Appointments In addition to issuing general guidelines for all candidates involved in the Field Education Scheme, the Faculty may, in respect of any candidate, specify requirements relating to that candidate's involvement in the Field Education Scheme, which requirements may supplement or vary the general guidelines.

A8.21 Variation of Appointment of Candidate The Faculty may, during the year, vary the period of appointment of a candidate to a minister.