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Understanding the Basis of Union Paragraph 24

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Acceptance of

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The Committee, mindful of the old maxim *plus ça change, plus ça change*, thought that the long-standing practice in the Church of Scotland of requiring a public affirmation of faith and behaviour from those who are called to various forms of ministry was a good one. Those whom the church has discerned a call to various forms of ministry Assembly Accredited Lay Preachers, Locally Recognised Worship Leaders, Assembly Accredited Lay Pioneers and new ministries which may emerge, eg youth and family workers, should have parity of esteem. To prescribe a public affirmation of faith and behaviour is to ensure that no existing or new ministry is diminished by having different requirements for their public recognition.