

Paper D3

Education and learning committee

Training for authorised elders

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Basic Information

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| Action required | For information |
| Draft resolution(s) | None |

Summary of Content

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| Subject and aim(s) | Reporting on the completion of a remit from General Assembly. |
| Main points | Training material for authorised elders is now available on the URC website. |
| Previous documents | General Assembly papers 2016: Reports pages 90-107, and in particular Resolution 18. |
| Consultation has taken place with... | |

Summary of Impact

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| Financial | No impact on central budget. |
| External (e.g. ecumenical) | Structured and supportive training is likely to give this pattern of Christian service greater respect among ecumenical partners. |

Training for authorised elders

1. Important decisions were taken at General Assembly in 2016 about the ministry of elders in our churches, with particular regard to their presiding at sacramental services. One of these decisions, Resolution 18, directed the education and learning committee to prepare training material, so that people who are asked to become authorised elders may take up this responsibility confidently and effectively.
2. The material is now available on the URC website, and may be used by synods according to the needs of their churches. Go down the menu headed 'Ministers and Office-Holders', to 'Education and Training'.
3. The education and learning committee reports that it has fulfilled the remit of this Assembly resolution.