



WELCOME

Preparation for Stationing – 2

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Stationing is a process through which we are attempting to discern what the Holy Spirit is saying to:

- ❖ the presbyters
- ❖ the circuits

The Current Situation

What are people feeling about

- ❖ what you have just heard?
- ❖ the coming process of matching?
- ❖ the visits that will follow?

Dates

- ❖ ***After 14th October - circulation of profiles of ordained presbyters***
- ❖ ***1-4 November- Station Matching Group 1, followed by visits***
- ❖ ***29-30 November - Station Matching Group 2, followed by visits***
- ❖ ***10 January 2022 - Station Matching Group 3, followed by visits***



Before the visit

Stationing Conversation

- ❖ ***Thursday 21st October at District Office***
- ❖ ***Looking at Circuit Profiles***
- ❖ ***Profile Checklist for Circuits***

By the end of the last day of each Stationing Matching Group Meeting

- ❖ Chairs notify each presbyter and circuit about the match (if any) that has been made
- ❖ Circuit Stewards telephone the Minister after 9.00 am the following day to arrange a visit

The minister's profile should be copied for

- ❖ members of the Circuit Invitation Committee
- ❖ the superintendent
- ❖ the relevant church stewards

After the visit has been arranged but before it takes place further information should be exchanged

- ❖ What will Circuits send?
- ❖ How will it be sent?
- ❖ Refer to CoP page 27, section I 6

Purpose of visit for presbyteral appointments

- ❖ to explore the prospects for the match
- ❖ for both sides to verify whether it is a sensible one for them



The Visit

Where a physical visit is arranged

- ❖ ***Consider current Covid-19 advice***
- ❖ ***Check the availability and suitability of premises to be visited***
- ❖ ***Consider hospitality arrangements***
- ❖ ***To reduce travel, consider videoing churches***

- ❖ Agree a time to start and a time to finish.
- ❖ Offer overnight hospitality if necessary.

Circuits are responsible for expenses, including overnight accommodation, and these should be agreed on the day of the visit.

- ❖ Give the presbyter some time to themselves
- ❖ Give circuit stewards time to absorb and reflect

***Too much can be packed into one day.
The watchword should be
sensitivity for all involved.***

Essentials

- ❖ Visit the manse and surrounding area
- ❖ Visit the churches and meet some church stewards.
- ❖ Meet members of the Circuit Invitation Committee

- ❖ Have a conversation with the superintendent
- ❖ Have suitable arrangements in hand for accompanying family members

Stationing Visits – Additional Guidance

- ❖ ***Code of Practice page 70***
- ❖ ***This guidance was pertinent last year***
- ❖ ***It has been included again for 2022, where Covid-19 restrictions may still apply***
- ❖ ***Ascertain the situation at the 9.00am phone call***



Meetings

Should be . . .

***opportunities for conversation
with questions that draw out
the presbyter's experiences,
style and approach***

Do . . .

- ❖ prepare questions in advance and decide who will ask them
- ❖ allow the presbyter time to ask own questions
- ❖ refer to the letter of understanding
- ❖ consider a tea-table meeting

**How will you
shape the
visit?**

After the Visit

After a presbyter's visit

Both parties allow time for prayer and reflection as to whether this match is God's will for them

- ❖ Circuit Invitation Committee consults with church stewards
- ❖ Circuit stewards and ministers may also wish to consult with Chair and Lay Stationing Representative
- ❖ Final decision rests with Circuit Invitation Committee

- ❖ Within two days circuit stewards and the presbyter should be in touch with each other to express their minds.
- ❖ The respective District Chairs are informed of the outcome
- ❖ The outcome of the visit should be confirmed in writing to the presbyter

Should an invitation not be offered or accepted

- ❖ *The District Chair and the Lay Stationing Rep should receive reasons for this in writing, to inform the next stage of the stationing process*
- ❖ *Use the proforma Appendix 8(a) CoP page 66, for this*
- ❖ *Issues around Equality Diversity and Inclusion will be robustly challenged*



Letter of Understanding

must be agreed between

- ✓ circuit stewards
- ✓ Presbyter

must be approved by

- ✓ Chair
- ✓ Lay Stationing Representative

- * Should be signed by**
 - ✓ **the senior circuit steward**
 - ✓ **the presbyter**

- * Copies must be sent to**
 - ✓ **District Chair**
 - ✓ **Lay Stationing Rep**

Preparing the Letter of Understanding

- ❖ *CoP section I17 page 29*
- ❖ *Sample letter Appendix 1 page 45*

**Is there
anything else
we need to talk
about?**

**Thank you for
being here this
evening and for
participating**