

Suggested questions for studying Remit 3 – Transfer and Settlement to be Optional

- 1) What are the strengths of the proposed new process for Transfer and Settlement?
- 2) What are the weaknesses of the proposed new process?
- 3) Historically, in the creation of pastoral relationships, the United Church has attempted to balance the theology and practice of congregational self-determination (call) with denominational scope and identity (settlement). The remit is an attempt to honour these values in a way that is fair to individuals, congregations, community ministries, and the wider church. Will these changes likely result in a fairer, more balanced process for placing newly ordered ministers?
- 4) One of the anticipated benefits of the proposed Transfer and Settlement process is the ability to accommodate the family and social needs of an older population of new ordained and diaconal ministers. Do you think changing the process will likely achieve that goal?
- 5) An anticipated benefit for pastoral charges is the continued ministry leadership at the conclusion of field-based programs, and the ability of a pastoral charge to call a newly ordered minister. Will this change benefit pastoral charges in general?