

PROCEDURE 3: ORDINATION

- 3.1 The Assembly authorises the ordination of a ministerial intern provided:
 - 3.1.1 the final assessment of such ministerial intern has been done by the Assembly Training for Ministry Committee before the Pre-Assembly meeting of Ministerial Committee;
 - 3.1.2 the ministerial internship has been completed to the satisfaction of the Assembly Ministerial Committee;
 - 3.1.3 the ministerial intern concerned has accepted a call or has been appointed to a local church.
- 3.2 The Regional Council, through the Synod, sustaining the call or making the appointment in respect of a ministerial intern informs the General Secretary of the Church of such action. Subject to 3.1 above the General Secretary addresses a letter to the Regional Council/Synod concerned authorising it to proceed with the arrangements for the ordination. It is not competent for the local church or the minister to make these arrangements.
- 3.3 The Moderator of the Region/Synod or his/her appointed deputy presides at the Ordination and Induction of a minister in that Region. Wherever possible, the General Secretary shall attend the ordination services of ministers, in which case he/she shall participate in the ceremony in a manner befitting the office.
- 3.4 The Ordinand is presented with a Certificate of Ordination on the occasion of the Ordination, signed by the President and General Secretary of the Church, the Presiding Minister and all other ministers sharing in the Act of Ordination.
- 3.5 At the time of Ordination the ordinand signs an undertaking to serve the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa or one of its partner Churches for a period of not less than three years and in addition signs a copy of the Ethical Affirmation for the Ordained Minister document.
- 3.6 A minister=s name is placed on the roll of Ministers in terms of Chapter 8 of the Constitution of the UCCSA as from the date of such minister=s ordination.