

## **PROCEDURE 9: POST-ORDINATION TRAINING**

### **9.1 MINISTERS DESIRING TO STUDY PART-TIME**

- 9.1.1 A minister serving a local church in a full-time capacity must consult with the local church if he/she wishes to study part-time to improve his/her qualifications.
- 9.1.2 The local church meets under the chairmanship of a minister appointed by the Region to discuss the implications of such application. The Region makes its appropriate recommendations to the Synod Ministerial Committee in this matter.
- 9.1.3 An annual assessment of the ministry of the applicant is made by the Regional Ministerial Committee.

### **9.2 MINISTERS DESIRING TO STUDY FULL-TIME**

- 9.2.1 A minister desiring to study full-time at any university or theological institution may apply for leave to do so only after having served the Church in a full-time capacity for at least three years after Ordination.
- 9.2.2 In a written application for study leave addressed to the Regional Council the following information is to be given:
  - 9.2.2.1 the intended course of study;
  - 9.2.2.2 the duration of the course;
  - 9.2.2.3 the name and address of the institution of intended study.
- 9.2.3 The Regional Council remits its recommendations to the Synod.
- 9.2.4 If the application is approved, the minister resigns from the charge being served.