

Project Violet Requests for Change – R27

Short title	Theology of ministry
Identifying number	R27
Request for action by	Theological Reflection Group of the Core Leadership Team (CLT)
Text of request	<p>A number of the co-researcher and theological reflection reports show a need to restate a Baptist theology of ministry in a way that can shape college training, and association and local church policies. Such a theology needs to engage with the issues raised by Project Violet.</p> <p>The request for change is: Reflection and engagement from the Theological Reflection group of CLT on a Baptist theology of ministry.</p> <p>Issues we would like included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That responsibility for funding the training of ministry lies with the Baptist community who will benefit from that ministry • That whilst ministers occupy particular appointments, they provide a resource for the whole Baptist community and so ownership of their wellbeing and development needs to be part of the covenant relationship between the various entities that make up Baptist life • The nature of the covenant relationship between ministers in particular where those relationships contain a power differential
Relevant co-researcher reports	<p>Understanding the financial barriers to training and accreditation for women whose calling is recognised</p> <p>Ministering Through the Menopause</p>
Relevant Theological Reflections	Group 3
Location on Requests Map	Vocational pathway

Agreed at the Project Violet Co-researchers conference on 17 April 2024.