**DECLARATION – NEW MINISTER**

***If you wish to train for the ministry, you should read and complete this section carefully.***

1. I (name in full) desire to offer myself as a candidate for recognition as a minister of the General Assembly.

2. If my application is approved, I am prepared to undertake either a full course of study at one of the colleges; or such a course of study or period of training as shall be determined by the Ministry Commission. As a condition of my recognition as a minister, I agree:

1. to seek the view of the Ministry Commission in making any ministry settlement
2. that I will be provided with the guidance of an experienced minister or exceptionally a suitable lay person of considerable experience (appointed by the Ministry Commission and acceptable to me) during my period as a student and the first two years of my active ministry. I understand that I will be in a probationary position during those two years
3. to consider seriously becoming a member of the Ministerial Fellowship and accepting the obligations which such membership involves
4. to consider seriously undertaking further professional education during my ministry
5. Should I by my own independent decision leave my course of training, or after training leave ministerial employment with a congregation(s) or other recognised post within 5 years of my initial appointment (including two probationary years), I acknowledge my moral obligation to discuss with the college where I trained arrangements for the repayment of a proportion not exceeding 50% of the costs of my training, and agree that the amount of the repayment may be deducted from any stipend, salary, wages or other remuneration payable to me.

Signature: Date:

Note: A candidate should understand that it is accepted practice that a minister should be willing to consider moving as and when desirable, or serving as a member of a team in a Group Ministry, or assuming an additional charge or charges under a Joint Ministry

**DECLARATION – MINISTER FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION**

***If you wish to be granted ministerial status by the General Assembly, you should read and complete this section carefully.***

1. I (name in full) desire to offer myself as a candidate for recognition as a minister of the General Assembly.

2. If my application is approved, I agree to undertake any such further training as the Ministry Commission may consider necessary, and as a condition of my recognition as minister, I agree:

1. to seek the view of the Ministry Commission in making any ministry settlement
2. that I will be provided with the guidance of an experienced minister or exceptionally a suitable lay person of considerable experience (appointed by the Ministry Commission and acceptable to me) during my period as a student and the first two years of my active ministry. I understand that I will be in a probationary position during those two years
3. to consider seriously becoming a member of the Ministerial Fellowship and accepting the obligations which such membership involves
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