

Project Violet Requests for Change – R36

Short title	Theology of bi-vocational ministry
Identifying number	R36
Request for action by	Theological Reflection Group of the Core Leadership Team
Text of request	<p>With the growing number of churches seeking part-time ministry, there are growing opportunities for bi-vocational ministry.</p> <p>These requests sit alongside R27 but have a distinctive focus and are a precursor to further action.</p> <p>The requests for change are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop a Baptist theology of bi-vocational ministry. This should attend to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How a calling to bi-vocational ministry is discerned ○ Training pathways that enable part-time training and encourage theological engagement with both vocations ○ How local churches can honour and support both vocations • A booklet that can be used by local churches and those discerning a call.
Relevant co-researcher reports	Experiences of accredited ordained women Baptist Ministers leaving, seconded or on long-term sabbatical within the Baptist Union
Relevant Theological Reflections	Group 3
Location on Requests Map	Types of ministry

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