

35 Committee for Discipline

<i>Chairperson</i>	Rev Ken Devereux
<i>Convenor</i>	Rev Ruth Vertigan
<i>Members elected by Synod</i>	Dr Neville Barber
	Rev Dr Alan Stubbs
	Rev John McKane
	Rev Alan Thompson (Vic/Tas Synod)

The rationale and the practices for the Committee for Discipline are set out in Regulation 5.7. Thankfully it has not been necessary for the committee to deal with a case during the last year. All the other endeavours to promote constructive learning and appropriate compassionate and professional behaviour among ministers through continuing education, ministerial ethics training and various other supports are acknowledged with appreciation.

During the year Michael Hodgkins and Jean Mackenzie indicated they were no longer available to the committee. Rev Dr Alan Stubbs participated actively in a training session earlier this year that was held for this and related committees. He also attended a meeting of the committee and provided resources for the future work of the committee which drew on his valued experience as an advocate among defence veterans and elsewhere. His death has brought his involvement to a close, but we acknowledge with gratitude his support for this committee over past years.

The committee is grateful to Rev Alan Thompson being willing to share in the work of the committee out of his eastern experience, if needed.

Further lay people with appropriate experience in the life of the church and human relations or professional ethics are sought for nomination.

It is planned to hold occasional committee meetings to facilitate appropriate learning and team work in the event that we should be called upon to address any future case(s) that might be referred by the Committee for Counselling or the Synod Sexual Misconduct Complaints Committee or a member of the Church at the direction of the Synod Standing Committee.

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