

Summary of Education and Learning Committee, 8 April 2024, 2-5pm, on Zoom

✓ Decisions

E&L reporting to General Assembly. A draft report for General Assembly will be sent to committee members for their feedback. E and L reports every other year.

RCL funding update. The Committee had received the figures requested from the three Resource Centres for Learning. The next step is to meet with the previous Convenor of E and L to discuss the findings. It is unlikely that we can get a paper to GA 2024 about RCL funding. This issue is closely tied up with the discussions around E and L changes and governance, all related to the RCLs.

◆ Directions

URC requirements of EM1. These have been agreed, by collaborative discussion, as the guidelines for content for EM1 formation. The EM1 Requirements will be included in the 2024 'Information About EM1' booklet.

Terms of Reference. Jenny Mills will send the final draft of the ToR to the Committee for feedback, after which the revised ToR will go to General Assembly.

Stepwise streams: One new and one revised Stepwise streams are being developed and should be ready for early 2025 at the latest.

🔗 Developments

New Stepwise stream: Faith-Filled Environment. A 10-session stream has been drafted. The aim is to promote this at the autumn synods in readiness for a launch in early 2025, dependent on the appointment of an instructional designer. E&L will alert the Synod Moderators and the Green Apostles' Network. Marion Brown and Jenny Mills are working with Stepwise participants on a promotional video.

The Joint Residential Trainers' Gathering will take place on 14-16 January 2025. **Theme:** 'Conversations at the Crossroads'. Invited: TD/O+ Network, CYDO+ Network, Mission Enablers, Special Category Ministers, and a variety of contributors from each synod.

💬 Debate

E&L Future. Building on the 2006 commitment, the Committee agreed that more learning will be offered through the RCLs in cooperation with the T/DO+ Network, with oversight and management taking place through Church House. The Committee will focus, in future meetings, on the areas of E&L work that are to be shared and hear about the processes that will be put in place, working more closely with the RCLs.

And also ... Jenny Mills will be leaving the role of Secretary for Education and Learning, having been appointed to the role of Deputy General Secretary (Discipleship) and this will mean more changes within the E and L Team.

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