

Readers' Ministry

Extract from the Bishop's Regulations

The process of selection should include adequate contact between the candidate and the Warden of Readers' Ministry, sufficient interviews with diocesan selectors and consultation with referees.

References should be supplied by several referees who know the candidate well, including the incumbent.

The Parochial Church Council (or equivalent) in the place where the candidate would serve must express its approval and a copy of the minutes should be made available by the PCC Secretary.

A selection report should be written for each candidate. In the case of those selected for training, a copy of the report should be sent to those overseeing their training.

Birmingham Diocesan Synod resolution:

This Synod agrees:

1. That any parish wishing to sponsor a candidate for Reader Ministry is expected to show that there is a strategy for ministry for which the Candidate is part.
2. That before a Reader Candidate appears before a selection conference the following is required: a) A PCC resolution about a parish strategy for using the candidate during training and after licensing and the candidate's acceptability b) A report on the candidate's performance at the 3D Course.