**Probationer Reports for Synod**

After reading Samantha’s reports, as a Regional Probationer’s Committee met with Samantha on 6th March. Samantha spoke about the joys of working ecumenically, she spoke passionately about transformative leadership, and listening to all the voices. The Committee felt that Samantha is adequately formed to the role of a Presbyter, as a representative person and to perform the tasks necessary for this role/vocation. They wanted her to know that they commend her for her determination and the way she takes responsibility. They wanted to encourage her to take the time she needs to work through issues and to relax into the role. The recommendation of the committee is that Samantha is received into full Connexion and ordained.

After reading Rachael’s reports, as a Regional Probationer's Committee met with Rachael on 7th March. Rachael spoke of the joys of seeing relationships develop and seeing the churches moving forward, the challenge of leading people through difficult circumstances and the privilege of being in a representative role. The Committee felt that Rachael is adequately formed to the role of a Presbyter, as a representative person and to perform the tasks necessary for this committee wanted Rachael to know that they could see development since last year, she has a gentle inciteful presence, she is pragmatic and a problem solver. They wanted to encourage her to develop Spiritual Direction in the future, and to continue to be a blessing. The recommendation of the committee is that Rachael is received into Full Connexion and is ordained.

After reading Sue’s reports, the Regional Probationer’s Committee met with Sue on 6th March. Sue spoke about the joys of getting to hear people’s stories and building relationships. She has seen how relationships have flourished during pastoral care opportunities. The committee felt that Sue meets all the competencies for a Year One probationer. They wanted Sue to know that she needs to think about long term sustainability Of a representative role, they would encourage her to balance her vocation and personal life. Sue has a enthusiastic and outgoing personality and they wanted to encourage her, not to lose her joy. The committee recommendation is that Sue continues onto year 2 of probation.

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