

## Project Violet Requests for Change – R26

Short title	<b>Improve access to funds for ministerial training</b>
Identifying number	R26
Request for action by	Ministries Team in consultation with Colleges, Associations, and Urban Expression
Text of request	<p>Not all women are in a position to take out personal loans to pay for their training and not all churches are in a position to help with the training costs of Ministers-in-Training on placement with them. The vision is that training is fully funded so ‘that Ministers-in-Training can thrive, can stop worrying about paying for childcare, not having enough time and trying to work and train. So that no one who is training for ministry ever has to visit a food bank again.’</p> <p>The requests for change are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find out the extent to which the current bursary system meets needs and the resources available in each college</li> <li>• Ensure that information about bursaries at each college is available in one place online</li> <li>• Find out the extent to which Ministers-in-Training are being supported by local churches and the role the Associations play in encouraging that</li> <li>• Monitor the effectiveness of recent changes working with Kingdom Bank and inviting donations</li> <li>• Commission a working group to look at the feasibility of fully funding training</li> <li>• Review the means by which those seeking training are matched to funds</li> </ul>
Relevant co-researcher reports	<p>Enabling women to prepare for ministerial training so they engage and flourish as Ministers-in-Training</p> <p>Understanding the financial barriers to training and accreditation for women whose calling is recognised</p>
Relevant Theological Reflections	<p>Group 3</p> <p>See also R27</p>
Location on Requests Map	Vocational pathway - Phase II - Accessing training

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