APPENDIX A

Report to the Northern SSC
March 2026

News from the faculty at UP

- The DRC group consists of 83 students, including 30 students in the residential full-time lane, 39 auxiliary ministers, and 14 auxiliary articulating ministers.
- Prof. Minitza Kotze has been appointed as associate professor in Systematic Theology, starting 1 April.

How does one apply for theological studies?

1. Congregation (membership)
2. Presbytery
3. Recommended to the Curatorium (church-specific training)
4. Annual referral
5. Mentored over 6 years

How does theological training work?

Minister:

1. BDiv (UP, US, UOFS): 4 years
2. MDiv (UP/US) / MTh (UOFS): 1 year
3. BTh (Hons) Congregational Ministry (UP): 1 year
4. 6 years of Ecclesial Training (6 hours per theme)

Auxiliary Minister

1. BTh (UP, US, UOFS, Hugenote): 3 years
2. 3 years Ecclesial Training (every 2nd Tuesday online; 2 retreats per year.)
   - Later applications: 1 additional year of ecclesial training
   - Other qualifications: PGDip Theol (US/UOFS): 2 years

Articulation (Auxiliary Minister to Minister):

1. BTh (Hons) (UP)
2. MDiv of MTh (UP/US/UOFS)
3. Foundational Languages (UP or UP Enterprise online)
4. BTh (Hons) Congregational Ministry (UP): 1 year
5. 3 years of Ecclesial Training

Minister

- Church-accredited Certificate in Theology (Hugenote: KAST): 2 years
- Synods/presbyteries manage the process, and competency is linked to a congregation.

Role of the curatorium

- Ecclesial Training
- Psychological Guidance
- Admission to further ecclesiastical training to B Div
- Legitimisation: Recommendation by the Commission for Candidate Ministers, approval by the Curatorium, legitimisation by the GTTMA (General Task Team Minister Affairs)

Process for Colloquium Doctum

1. Regulation 11(9)
2. Application at presbytery (form)
3. Recommendation by the Synod
4. GTTMA
5. Commission for Candidate Ministers
6. Exam (1 year)
7. Legitimisation