

Project Violet Requests for Change – R21

Short title	Complementarianism and headship – holding these theologies in the translocal space
Identifying number	R21
Request for action by	Theological Reflection Group of the Core Leadership Team
Text of request	<p>For over 100 years Baptists have affirmed the ordained ministry of women.</p> <p>The Project Violet Podcast Season 1, Episode 1, describes the process that led to that affirmation - see The Project Violet Podcast - Episode 1 - The story so far Free Listening on Podbean App</p> <p>However, local Baptist churches retain the freedom under the Declaration of Principle to interpret Scripture under the guidance of the Holy Spirit (see The Baptist Union of Great Britain : Declaration of Principle). For some local churches this freedom means adopting a complementarian and headship theology that restricts the ministry roles women can undertake. We encourage such churches to engage with the Project Violet website, in particular the film ‘A name to live up to’ and the Podcasts as a way of reflecting upon their position.</p> <p>In the translocal space, Baptists associate with each other whilst holding different theologies. This holding of difference needs to be done well so that women can participate fully in translocal activities, knowing their ministry is affirmed and recognised.</p> <p>The request for change is: Alongside R16 which asks for a statement of expectations of ministry in the translocal space, we request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Theological Reflection Group of the Core Leadership Team commission a theological statement on holding theological differences well • The aim being that such a statement can inform the ethos statement of those Baptist groups and organisations that operate in the translocal space
Relevant co-researcher reports	Reflections on developing a London Baptist Women’s Justice Hub
Relevant Theological Reflections	Group 2
Location on Requests Map	Types of ministry - Regional ministry and Theological educators Ways of working - Moderation

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