

Project Violet Requests for Change – R44

Short title	A theology of disability that enables local churches, Colleges, and Associations to reflect upon their practice
Identifying number	R44
Request for action by	Theological Reflection Group of the Core Leadership Team. Local Churches; Colleges; Associations, Faith & Society
Text of request	<p>Women with life-long or acquired disabilities and chronic illnesses reported experiencing unwanted language and behaviour such as touching without consent, prayer without consent, and expectations that they are unable to minister. This suggests an underlying theology that is unable to accept these women on their own terms.</p> <p>There is now theology written by people with a disability and drawing upon the lived experience of people with a disability.</p> <p>The requests for change are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLT commission their Theological Reflection Group to develop a ‘Theology of disability’ which draws upon lived experience and a range of theological perspectives • That from this Faith and Society team produce a resource that enables local churches and Associations to reflect upon their practice in enabling the full participation of people with a disability
Relevant co-researcher reports	<p>How do caring responsibilities, across the life cycle, shape and impact the ministry and experiences of women in Baptist chaplaincy and church ministry roles?</p> <p>The experiences of Deaf women Ministers</p>
Relevant Theological Reflections	Group 4
Location on Requests Map	Vocational pathway - Phase III

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