

Pastoral Assistants' Training

STAGE ONE

STAGE TWO

STAGE THREE

STAGE FOUR

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Journey Into Faith (JIF) OR Discovery OR Approved Prior Experiential Learning (APEL)
2. Incumbent / PCC recommendation
3. Selection Panel acceptance

OPTIONAL MODULES (M) & WORKSHOPS *may* include:

1. Community Life 2
2. Community Life 3
3. Wholeness & Healing
4. Understanding Personal Development
5. Safeguarding Children (*also part of Community Life 1*)
6. Counselling Theory
7. Understanding Depression
8. Creative Spirituality
9. Tight Corners & Dilemmas
10. Caring for the Carers
11. Personal Retreat day
12. Therapeutic Relationships
13. Leadership in Christian Community

PROBATIONARY LICENCE

For One Year (Licensed at 'Called Together' in October)

During which the Probationary Pastoral Assistant undertakes THREE COMPULSORY MODULES and identifies a PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN that is agreed for Year Two.

COMPULSORY MODULES:

1. Listening Skills
2. Understanding Loss
3. Community Life 1

Each Module includes:

- TWO WORKSHOPS (two full days per Module)
- Membership of a Local TRIAD (meeting weekly)
- A written PROJECT (per Module)
- Completion of a WORKBOOK and a PERSONAL JOURNAL demonstrating Practice, Learning & Personal Spirituality (per Module)

FULL LICENCE

For Two Years (Licensed at 'Called Together' in October)

During which the Pastoral Assistant undertakes CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD):

CPD includes:

- ONE OPTIONAL MODULE (M) (with written/attendance requirements as per compulsory Modules)
- Membership of the Pastoral Assistants' Group (meeting Bi-monthly?)
- A PERSONAL JOURNAL (over the year)
- Completion of a WORKBOOK reflecting practice (over the year)
- Satisfactory Completion of the PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN identified at the end of Year One

FULL LICENCE

For Three Years, renewable every three years, on satisfactory completion of requirements:

1. CPD of no less than 20-30 HOURS ANNUALLY – to include at least ONE FULL DAY OR TWO HALF DAYS on a relevant Workshop; relevant reading; some allowance for attendance at Pastoral Assistants' Meetings; other relevant training (as agreed with School for Ministry)
2. Satisfactory Supervisor's or Incumbents report.
3. Satisfactory Completion of the PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN identified annually

Local Triads dependant upon numbers. Full Day events run from 10 – 4, at St Martins House, Leicester., on either a Saturday or a Sunday.

NB: Where a Module has a full day Workshop this may be opened to other attendees, e.g. Counselling Theory may include a day on Complicated Grief.