

Registration Form

The Methodist Church is supporting this event and it is therefore offered free of charge to participants.

If you wish to register for "Exploring Ministry", please complete the booking slip overleaf and return it to us.

To enable us to cater for the day, we would be grateful to receive your registration before
Friday, 7th October 2011

Completed forms should be returned to:

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What next?

If you think that God may be calling you into ordained ministry don't leave it there. Continue to pray, and talk about it with others you trust, and who will speak with you honestly.

Speak with your own minister, who will want to think through your call with you, and who will be able to advise you on qualifications and the processes for candidating and training. You should also talk with the Superintendent minister on your circuit.

You may also wish to speak to others in the Methodist Church who can guide you, for example the Secretaries of the Board of Examiners or the Director of Ministry at Edgehill.

Naturally you will want to take close members of your family into your confidence. If you are married you should include your spouse in your discussions with your minister and Superintendent.



The Methodist Church in Ireland

EXPLORING MINISTRY

**An Invitation
To Examine
The Call
To Ordained
Ministry**

**Saturday 15th October 2011
Edgehill Theological College
10 am - 4 pm**



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Ordained Ministry

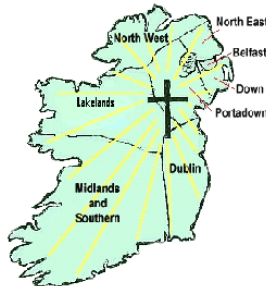
Every Christian is called to exercise a ministry of one sort or another, as they use the gifts and talents with which God has entrusted them and respond to God's call to discipleship. Within that understanding of the ministry of the whole people of God ordained ministry is but one form of service.

Ordained ministry is God's initiative. Since the beginning of the Church Christians have set apart those whom God has called to a ministry of word, sacrament and pastoral oversight.

Ordained ministry is therefore a vocation. It is an obedient response to the will and call of God and not primarily the outcome of one's own desires. That is why, if you believe that God is calling you to ordained ministry, the Church will rightly test that sense of call with you.

Forms of ordained ministry

God calls in different ways and at different times in life. The Methodist Church in Ireland recognises different ways in which ordained ministry can be exercised. Itinerant ministers can serve anywhere in Ireland and receive a stipend. Local ministers exercise ordained ministry alongside their other work and in a voluntary capacity. The stationing of local ministers is limited to circuits which are accessible from the minister's own home.



The ordained ministry is open on equal terms to men and women.

Training

Initial training normally takes 5 years; three years in College and two as a probationer on circuit before being ordained. We hope that you will continue to learn and grow throughout your ministry .

Every candidate is treated as an individual, and the best training pathway for the individual is developed with the staff at Edgehill. There are three strands to initial training for all students: theological understanding, the skills necessary for ordained ministry and relationship with God. It is hoped all of these will develop during initial training.

Exploring Ministry Programme

- 10.00 am Arrivals, welcome and Opening Worship
- 10.30 am What is Ordained Ministry?
- 11.30 am My Story: A panel of students and ministers tell their story
- 1.00 pm Lunch
- 2.00 pm Pathways: What happens in the candidating process and in training for ordained ministry
- 3.30 pm Closing Worship

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This is a special event which is run by the Methodist Church to help people think through their sense of call. If you are considering God's calling on your life, please do come along and share with us in this short course.

I hope to attend the "Exploring Ministry" event

Name

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Email

Church

Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements

Is God calling you to this form of ministry?

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