

# What does Encounter involve?

The core part of Encounter revolves around monthly meetings of 8-12 explorers usually held on an evening over a period up to a year. Sessions involve prayer, engagement with the Bible, discussion, guest speakers and time for reflection.

Between meetings you will complete various individual activities of your own choosing. These will include practical experiences of Christian service or ministry and some type of structured learning, such as a short course, a study day or guided reading.

During the programme you will also meet regularly with an Encounter Accompanist to discuss and reflect on how you are growing in your relationship with God and discerning your unique calling in the world.

The cost of the programme is £90, with £30 being paid by each explorer, their Circuit and the District.

# How can I find out more?

For more information about Encounter or to express an interest in joining an Encounter programme, please contact either your District Office, a member of your local Discipleship Ministries Learning Network (DMLN) team, or your District Encounter contact.

You can also find out more about Encounter on the Encounter website. Details of the District Encounter contacts can be found on the Contacts page of the website.

On the Contacts page of the Encounter website there is also a Message facility, which can be used to submit general queries about Encounter or to request more information about Encounter programmes in your local area.

[www.methodistencounter.org.uk](http://www.methodistencounter.org.uk)



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AN OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN WITH A GROUP OF CHRISTIANS TO

REFLECT ON CHRISTIAN LIVING AND TO DISCERN WHAT GOD MAY BE CALLING YOU TO DO.

ENCOUNTER AIMS TO DEEPEN UNDERSTANDING OF VOCATION IN A BROAD SENSE, EXPLORING CALLING IN YOUR HOME AND WORK CONTEXT AS WELL AS SERVICE IN CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SETTINGS.



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## What is Encounter?

Encounter is a programme of exploration into discipleship and vocation developed and run by the Methodist Church.

It aims to help people to know themselves better, develop a deeper relationship with God, identify their gifts and discern who and how they are to be in the world, including exploring various possibilities for service.

Together with others you will reflect on what you already do as a follower of Christ, share and reflect on some new experiences and learn more about the Christian faith.

## What are the aims of Encounter?

Encounter is designed to help you to develop a deeper understanding of the call from Jesus to follow Him. It provides an opportunity to consider the following questions:

- What gifts and skills are God-given?
- What does it mean for me to follow Jesus today?
- What is my calling?
- How does my church tradition help me to serve God today?
- How am I Christian within and beyond my local church?
- What part do I play in God's mission?

## Who is Encounter for?

Encounter is for Christians who have a desire to deepen their faith and increase their awareness of what being a Christian disciple means for their everyday lives and what God is calling them to be and do.

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