

CANDIDATING FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY

G.11 GUIDANCE FOR PLACEMENT SUPERVISORS 2020-2021

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Thank you for agreeing to offer a placement to a candidate for ministry in the Methodist Church and to contributing to their portfolio. This is a vital role in the process.
- 1.2. Candidates should undertake their placement with a minister of the order of ministry for which they are candidating.
- 1.3. The candidate is expected to spend about 30 hours with you, which includes 10 hours writing up time. The more 'realistic' picture they get of ministry, the better.
- 1.4. For presbyteral candidates, please ensure that they have the opportunity to discuss the sacramental role of the presbyter and to be present at a service of Holy Communion (where possible).
- 1.5. The candidate is asked to write a reflective observation on their time with you, of not more than 2,000 words. They may wish to discuss this with you.
- 1.6. You are asked to write about the candidate's engagement with the situations met during their placement with you, and your view of their candidating for ministry, in not more than 400 words. Your report becomes part of their portfolio, so please provide this report soon after the completion of the placement so that the candidate can meet the deadline date for their portfolio.
- 1.7. Due to the impact of the coronavirus, placements in their usual form may not be possible for this year. The situation is being closely monitored and advice will be given when possible via the District Candidates Secretaries. You may be asked to be creative in thinking of ways for a candidate to gain the experience of a placement even if physical presence is restricted. Please see additional guidance note G.20.

2. YOUR ROLE

- 2.1. The candidate's portfolio, including your contribution to it, will be assessed against a set of nine criteria approved by Conference. This document can be found on the website: G.4 Selection Criteria for Ordained Ministry.

2.2. In helping you write your report your comments on the following selected criteria will be valuable. Please offer evidence for your comments. (The numbers refer to the relevant criteria).

1 Vocation (Call and Commitment)

What evidence was there that the placement has confirmed the candidate's sense of call?

2 Vocation (Ministry in the Methodist Church in Britain)

What evidence was there that the candidate demonstrated an enthusiastic commitment to, and desire to, serve the Methodist Church in Britain, and in this particular order of ministry?

4 Personality and Character

How has the candidate demonstrated:

- Self awareness?
- Honesty and integrity?
- Appropriate self confidence and humility?
- Potential for self confidence and growth?

5 Being in relationship with others

How has the candidate demonstrated:

- An ability to relate to a wide variety of people?
- Potential to exercise effective pastoral care?

2.3. At the end of your report please grade your overall experience of the candidate, in terms of their being a candidate for ordained ministry, as one of:

- 1: exceeds the criteria
- 2 : meets the criteria
- 3 : does not yet meet the criteria
- 4 : does not meet the criteria

Any final comments on the reasons for your judgement will be very helpful in the process of discernment. In particular, please offer evidence for your judgement.

2.4. When you have written your assessment and shared it with the candidate please let them have it in electronic form so they can include it in their portfolio.