

CANDIDATING FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY

G.9 THE COSTS OF CANDIDATING 2020/2021

1. THE COST OF CANDIDATING

- 1.1. The journey of candidating itself can involve expenditure which is both financial and of your time. Those candidates who are able to do so are expected and asked to carry these costs themselves. A frank and open discussion about costs needs to be part of the 4-way mapping conversation at the beginning of the candidating process.

- 1.2. Many of the costs will be for travel. Candidates will need to travel for:
 - 1.2.1. Meetings of the candidate support group;
 - 1.2.2. Visiting the Queen's Foundation for the Candidates' Open Day;
 - 1.2.3. Travel to the placement required as part of the portfolio
 - 1.2.4. The circuit meeting, district candidates' committee, and Connexional candidates' committee;
 - 1.2.5. Conversation with the Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order (for Diaconal candidates) though the Order often support the costs for this;
 - 1.2.6. The meeting with the psychologist – for most candidates this will be by video conferencing, but either the candidate or the psychologist can request a face-face meeting;
 - 1.2.7. Meeting the appeals panels (if applicable);
 - 1.2.8. Pre-allocations meeting.

- 1.3. There may also be expenditure on books though this can be reduced by buying secondhand or borrowing. There are also costs in the process of producing the C.2 Portfolio, including production and postage. Depending on what you chose to do, you might find yourself spending money on the D.5 DCC Candidate's Creative Presentation at the District Candidates' Committee and/ or on the presentation at the Connexional committee.

- 1.4. The Methodist Church in Britain wishes to encourage all who feel called to do so to offer as candidates and therefore will endeavour to ensure than no-one is discouraged by a lack of funds. Candidates who are struggling to meet the costs of candidating should be asked to contact the Ministries: Vocations and Worship Team at Methodist Church House, email: mvw@methodistchurch.org.uk to discuss what help might be available.

2. THE COST OF TRAINING

Candidates also need to consider the costs if they are accepted. They will be allocated (rather than choose) the pathway on which they train:

1. If full-time, they will receive a bursary (details of which are listed in the G.16 Training Pathways document) but will be expected to pay for their own accommodation and travel;
2. If part-time, they will receive travel and other expenses and a book grant but no bursary;
3. If allocated to the circuit based learning pathway (CBLP), they will receive a bursary and reimbursement of costs incurred on the circuit's behalf. They will also pay an allowance for accommodation as well as paying for travel costs not incurred within the CBLP circuit.

Finally, candidates need to be able to plan to live on a stipend. Information about the current level of basic stipend can be found [here](#).