

THEOLOGY, MINISTRY & MISSION

# EXPLORING YOUR CALL TO MINISTRY

HIGHER EDUCATION

EQUIPPING  
CHRISTIAN  
DISCIPLES FOR  
MINISTRY

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But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

1 Peter 2:9

The Exploring Your Call Programme is designed for those who are in the process of discerning and testing a call to Lay or Ordained ministry within the Church of England. You may be very early in this process, having tentative conversations with your incumbent, or be some way along the journey towards a selection conference.

The programme enables you to:

- develop your knowledge and understanding of key aspects of higher education biblical and theological study
- develop study skills and habits
- meet and learn with others who are discerning a call or beginning formation for ministry
- gain academic credits which demonstrate that you have the ability to study at the required level

The programme runs over one or two years and is taught via termly modules, each 12 weeks in length comprising online and face to face sessions. Subjects include: New Testament, Old Testament, Doctrine, Ethics, Theological Reflection, Worship and Mission & Evangelism. For more information please see the Higher Education Certificate leaflet or our website.

Students at an early stage of discernment will be encouraged to meet with a Vocations Advisor.

Students studying on the programme are normally expected to use their 'home' church or benefice as an ongoing context for reflection, although opportunities for placements and fieldwork in other churches or ministry environments may be included.

**Cost:**

The Exploring Your Call programme runs as part of the Higher Education Certificate in Theology, Mission and Ministry, accredited by Durham University through the Common Awards Scheme. The programme costs £210 per academic year and includes access to taught modules and assessment for credit. Please speak to your Vocations Advisor or Incumbent about support with these fees if they present a problem, or contact us by email [ysom@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:ysom@yorkdiocese.org) or call 01904 699525.

**Entry Requirements:**

The course is accessible to a wide range of people from those with no formal academic qualifications to post graduates. Students studying with YSOM come from many different church traditions, social backgrounds and with a wide variety of academic and life experience and ability. This diversity of Christian experience makes for a stimulating learning environment where all, staff and students alike, can learn from each other.

**Technical Requirements:**

Our courses require access to our Virtual Learning Environment (Moodle) as well as web-based video conferencing. If you are unsure about the technical requirements needed to participate online please contact us and we can talk it through with you.

**Future pathways:**

For students progressing to Formation for Reader Ministry, credits gained will be acknowledged as part of your training programme. You will also be encouraged to meet with your Deanery Reader Sub Warden and Deputy Wardens and can expect support to complete the application process and prepare for a Selection Panel.

For those going forward for ordination training, you will continue your work with the Diocesan Director of Ordinands and they will advise you about carrying forward your credits.



York School of Ministry (YSOM) offers  
online and face to face courses for  
lay and ordained ministries that are  
biblically-based and mission-focused.

Our specific focus within the wider range of training opportunities offered  
by the diocese is to provide ministerial formation rooted in both sound  
theological learning and practical ministerial experience in local  
churches and mission contexts, so that people are equipped for ministry  
in the contemporary world.



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