



Church Leadership Programme

Building leadership from the inside out

Developing personal qualities, insights and skills for effective Christian leadership

2017 to 2018

The Programme

The residential elements of the programme are to be held on 9 - 13 October 2017 and 16-20 April 2018, at a location to be advertised.

What does it seek to achieve?

- to situate Christian leadership within the context of vocation and ministry within the United Reformed Church
- to equip participants with the habits of personal formation, knowledge and skills necessary for effective Christian leadership
- to develop leaders who enable United Reformed Churches to become communities of more faithful disciples, better equipped to share in the *Mission of God – Walking the Way of Jesus Today*

Who is it for?

People in public ministry as ministers of Word and sacraments, church-related community workers, and others in recognised church leadership roles. The course benefits those at any stage of Christian leadership. There are up to 20 places each time the programme runs.

What can I expect as a participant?

The Church Leadership Programme (CLP) takes place over two residential weeks, Monday to Friday, approximately 6 months apart. The first week concentrates on the personal qualities and skills which form a leader; the second focuses on how these are translated into public leadership.

Between the two parts there is a personal development project which is particular to each participant. It helps to put learning into practice and embeds the spiritual, emotional and intellectual changes engendered in the first week.

Each day in the residential weeks is structured to contain time for worship, development of community, and personal reflection as well as formal input by tutors, all of whom understand the United Reformed Church. Small group work and discussion encourage the growth of informal support networks among the participants, which often continue after completion of the programme.



What does it cost?

Each residential week costs £265, making the total £530. Each week is in a different calendar year, making it possible for grants to be sought more easily from various sources. Whether you are a lay or ordained leader, you are encouraged to discuss costs with your synod's training officer. Grants are available through usual EM3 routes, through the continuing studies fund, through a grant fund specifically for lay people, and sometimes directly from synods.

The Education & Learning Committee of the United Reformed Church has undertaken to ensure that no one for whom the programme would be helpful will be prevented from participation through lack of funds.

What have previous participants said about CLP?

- "A regaining of confidence and a new feeling of empowerment, real excitement at much of what I've seen and heard."
- "Space to have time to reflect on my journey, help in self-awareness building. It has opened up issues in social change and concepts in leadership."
- "A valuable course giving space and reflection, stimulating input and very comfortable surroundings. Besides the formal input, the informal contact with other course members is invaluable."
- "Lots of materials and tools which I hope to implement and other prompts to refocus my life and ministry."
- "This is the best, most challenging, most thought provoking and most inspirational course I have had the pleasure of attending."

How do I find out more?

If you would like to discuss any aspects of the programme, please send your email and telephone details to the contact below and someone directly involved with CLP will get in touch with you. To be accepted on the programme you will need a recommendation from an authorised person in your synod, usually the Training and Development Officer.

The deadline for initial expressions of interest is **Friday 30th June 2017**.

Please register your interest to Education & Learning via:

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