

Why a Leadership Course?

The Churches in the UK are going through a period of intense upheaval and change. In the midst of this turbulent time we have to meet the challenge of trying to do what we already do effectively and, at the same time, working towards fresh expressions of Church. Finding new understandings and energy for leadership becomes an essential ingredient for the Church. All ministers and clergy are key people in sharing this challenge with the whole Church.

As a minister you are expected to be a person of prayer, a specialist in worship, pastor, teacher and preacher, and administrator, as well as a leader. This programme concentrates on the leadership aspect of your ministry.

What will you get out of it?

If you come on this programme you can expect to:

- Learn more about yourself as a Christian leader
- Strengthen connections between your vocation, theologies of leadership and your own practice
- Develop and deepen your wisdom and skill in the following areas:
 - * Vision and purpose
 - * Inspiring and encouraging people
 - * Working well with people and with teams
 - * Developing strategies and priorities
 - * Achieving change in an environment which is resistant to change
 - * Problem solving and action planning
 - * Reviewing progress against vision and purpose
 - * Personal
 - * Personal qualities of courage, compassion, risk taking and tenacity.

What have previous participants said?

- “A valuable & thought-provoking time.”
- “Radical and thought-provoking.”

- “Our Action Learning Set feels like a safe place to think and reflect.”
- “A good programme, which was balanced and not over-full.”
- “ a well-balanced programme – with space for worship, good input, Bible study and group work.”

What is involved?

1. *An introductory consultation with a course leader. A half-day introduction will be held at Offa House, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, on 27 June 2007.*
2. A leadership questionnaire that you will complete and ask a few members of your church to fill in honestly about you.
3. *Two three-day residential conferences (16 - 18 October 2007 and 10 - 12 June 2008) based on a foundation of worship, prayer and Bible study at Offa House, Coventry Diocese's Conference & Retreat Centre. Full-time residence is necessary on these conferences.*
4. A leadership project chosen by you in your place of ministry - a practical project with peer support and mentoring facilitated by course staff.

Who resources this programme?

The core team will be drawn from the CME Advisers and staff of the West Midlands Dioceses, assisted by visiting speakers with secular and church experience in leadership.

What will it cost you?

The cost will be £350 per head inclusive of accommodation, tuition and materials. Your contribution will be travel only. The rest of the cost is borne by the participant's Diocese.

What Do you Do Now?

Complete the enrolling slip and send it to your diocesan or local representative. Further details will then be sent to you.

Developing Leadership in a Changing Church



A project-based course for clergy and ministers of the West Midlands who want to develop their leadership in changing situations



27 June 2007

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at **Offa House**, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire