

# Education For Ministry Fact Sheet

- Coverage:** Primary lay educational programme in the US Episcopal Church  
Primary lay educational programme in the Canadian Episcopal Church  
Widely used in New Zealand and Australia  
Growing during the past 10 years in the UK  
Small presence in Europe
- Cost:** £180 weekend residential to train new mentors  
£145 for ongoing training of mentors (every 12-18 mths)  
£195 annual registration fee for basic students or  
£270 annual registration for student seeking university accreditation
- Mentors:** Attend weekend accreditation process  
Responsible for group maintenance and administration  
Undertake training every 12-18 months to remain accredited  
Provided with an annual start up grant of £25  
Paid £55 per annum for each student attending the group
- Groups:** 6 - 12 student in any group - ecumenical diversity encouraged  
Meet 36 (2.5 hrs) sessions a year  
Each student leads regularly worship  
Theological Reflection is central to the life of a group  
Students discuss their week's study and support one another's learning
- Course:** Year 1 Old Testament  
Year 2 New Testament  
Year 3 Church History  
Year 4 Theological choices - ethics and doctrine
- Uniqueness:** A four source theological reflection model is practised in the group  
Spiritual awareness and development encouraged  
An openness to hear differing theological views encouraged  
Learning is both individual and seminar based  
Provides rigorous and extensive programme of theological study  
Provides choice - student can study one specific year, seek academic accreditation or just enjoy learning!  
Students encouraged to discern their ministry in the world and in the church  
- ideal for vocational development.
- Oversight:** EFM UK Trustees oversee this non-profit making charity  
A Management Group organises day to day running  
Trainers oversee standards of mentoring skills  
Chester University College oversees accreditation process
- Benefits:** No ongoing financial cost to a Diocese  
Quality adult education from a proven provider  
A means to develop lay ministry and discipleship  
Ideally the programme works when ecumenical and across traditions

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