



Ministry Training Scheme

Thank you for your interest in the Ministry Trainee Scheme at Union Hall Evangelical Church in Manchester. We hope the details provided below will give you enough information to enable you to decide if Union Hall is the place for you to train for ministry. If you have any questions that are not covered in this document please feel free to get in touch; contact details at the end of this document.

About us

Founded in 1894, Union Hall Evangelical Church is within walking distance of the city centre, the University of Manchester campuses, the Royal Northern College of Music and the Commonwealth Pool. Our desire is to reach out to the local community and to be a support to the student population.

We are brought together by our faith in Jesus Christ. We believe Him to be God's only Son, and our personal Saviour and Lord, and through Him we have found not only a new relationship with God, but also strength and real purpose for daily living. Teaching from the Word of God is the central focus of our Sunday worship which includes a mix of old and new hymns and worship songs. We have a multi-cultural, all-ages congregation with family friendly Sunday morning services which include Sunday School and a crèche. Midweek children's clubs are provided along with student hospitality, opportunity for midweek prayer and group Bible study.

Becoming better servants of Jesus Christ

A training program that aims to train excellent Bible students & teachers.
Built around ministry & service in a gospel centred church.

What is its purpose?

To see our city reached for Christ means that the gospel must first spread through us as a church, and then into our community and to the city.

For this to happen godly leaders are important; leaders who will serve God and His people, either full-time or in a lay capacity. These servant-leaders will be people who have a genuine relationship with God characterized by: a passion for His glory, a love for His word and a genuine desire to see people come to know Him.

The purpose of the Ministry Training Scheme is to help to develop the next generation of gospel-centred servant-leaders. We seek to train and equip Ministry Trainees in the different areas in which they need to grow if they are to be good servants of Jesus Christ. Ministry Trainees are helped to grow in Christian discipleship; in theology and knowledge of the Bible; in how to study the Bible for themselves and how to teach it to others; and in being servant-hearted and ministry-minded. This is all built round and focused on gospel ministry, which is the heart of the Scheme.

Who is it for?

The Ministry Training Scheme is designed to prepare and equip people for Bible teaching ministry. It will, however, also be of great value to those who go on to serve God in other capacities, and it will help Trainees decide whether full-time Bible teaching ministry is the best way for them to serve in the long term. Ministry Trainees are initially appointed for one year, but may stay on for longer.

It should be noted that applicants must be citizens of, or have rights of residence in, the United Kingdom.

What does it consist of?

1. Training through being taught

Ministry Trainees spend about a quarter of their time (10 or so hours a week) being taught the Bible and how to study it for themselves.

The teaching program consists of:

- A day a week at the North West Partnership <http://northwestpartnership.com/>
- Pre-time for personal study and for writing talks and Bible Studies.
- Supervision time each week

2. Training through involvement in Christian ministry

Ministry trainees spend at least half their time involved in Christian ministry (at least 20 hours a week).

The best way to learn how to do Christian ministry is actually to do it in a supportive environment where there is lots of guidance and advice. Ministry Trainees, therefore, are given a significant amount of hands on experience of some of the key areas of Christian ministry. As they do this they have training and feedback from those with more experience in ministry than them and the benefit of working as a team.

The ministry a trainee does will depend on their experience and gifts, but this could include:

- having an area of the church's ministry to develop
- studying the Bible 1-2-1 with several individuals
- leading a Bible Study group

3. Training through doing practical tasks

Ministry Trainees spend the other quarter of their time (about 10 hours a week) involved in practical tasks around the church. These include setting up rooms and buildings for meetings, serving tea and coffee and performing administrative tasks for the church office. This enables Ministry Trainees to work as part of a team, develop a servant heart and see what's involved in running a church.

The people we are looking for

We are looking for Christians, male and female, who want to serve God and the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. In particular, we are looking for:

- a commitment to the authority of Scripture
- the Christian maturity and gifts to be able to teach the Bible in groups and one-to-one
- an eagerness to learn and serve and a willingness to take on a variety of responsibilities and tasks around the church
- the desire and ability to work as part of a team, both with the other Ministry Trainees and with the rest of the church staff and congregation.



Funding

This is a voluntary scheme and applicants are expected to fund it themselves apart from Union Hall providing financial support for approved expenses, along with costs associated with participation in the North West Partnership Ministry Training Course.

How to apply

Complete the application form which is available on request, or contact the Church Office as below for more information.

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