

DIOCESE OF EXETER



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
IN DEVON

Do you feel you would like to serve the Church more, but are not sure of the direction?

Are you interested in preaching, or pastoral care, or evangelism, and feel the need for more training?

Would you like to work with others in a group, praying and learning together for a year while listening for God speaking about your vocation?

More information can be obtained from
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FOUNDATIONS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

The Diocese is offering up to 25 people a year of lay formation. This might lead into:

- **Training to be a Reader, over two further years**
- **Training to be a pastoral assistant**
- **Training to be an evangelist**

This opportunity is mainly for those exploring a lay vocation, though you may also be recommended to do this year by the Diocesan Director of Ordinands.

The first step is to talk to your parish priest and explore whether he or she would like to sponsor you for this year.

The basic commitment will be six Saturday study days, plus involvement in courses in your local mission community.

The costs are met by the Diocese through its contract with South West Ministry Training Course, though you would still be responsible for your own costs for travel and books.

Interviews for the year will take place in March and May and the programme itself will start in September.

The Lord's rich blessings as you consider how to respond to this.