



ORDINATION MODULE

Equipped to Serve - Ordination to Christian Ministry

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY MINISTRY?

There are many kinds of ministry described in the New Testament. Some of these ministries are intended to serve the local church – for example Elders and Deacons. Other ministries can be shared with the wider church, for example, Pastors, Evangelists, Chaplains and Missionaries. Ministry is not a career but a calling – a vocation.

This is a short course with the intention of preparing candidates for ordination to a ministry either as a Pastor, an Evangelist, Chaplain or Missionary. It works alongside other training that will have taken place. This course works well with its sister course, Certificate in Missional Leadership. www.engageuk.org.uk/missionaltraining

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY ORDINATION?

To be ordained is to be set apart by the church for a particular ministry. Local churches ordain elders and deacons. Generally, the wider church (either denominations or networks) have processes by which individuals are recognised and ordained to particular ministries. This course is recognised by the Fellowship of Churches of Christ (FCC) as their ordination pathway.

To be recognised by a particular denomination or network means to be accountable to that denomination (in this case FCC). Beyond ordination a candidate is given ministry credentials indicating that they are a recognised minister of religion. Licences to function as a recognised minister are renewed every two years.



PROCESS FOR APPLICATION AND STUDY

Candidates are invited to an interview that is intended to explore their calling to ministry and to attempt to identify whether that call is to the work of a Pastor, an Evangelist, a Chaplain, or a Missionary. If it is felt appropriate to engage in the study process, a candidate will be invited to join the Ordination Module.

The module consists of classroom experience (20 hours) – either in a virtual learning environment or face to face, a ministry placement, and tutorials for personal development. Study support as well as guided self-study is available.

ORDINATION

Those who complete the course and who wish to serve within the FCC network will normally be invited to be ordained at an FCC National Conference. Ministry credentials are offered following ordination. For the first two years following ordination, a mentor will be appointed to assist the newly ordained candidate during the early years of their ministry.

COURSE CONTENT

The nature of Christian leadership and the responsibilities of a leader.
The spiritual health of a leader including a code of conduct.
Charity law, finance, and accountability.
Practicalities in relation to baptisms, weddings, and funerals.
History, beliefs, and practices of FCC.

COST

The Ordination Module costs £300.00 which can be paid over a period of 6 months. Please send your expression of interest in attending the Ordination Module to the FCC National Secretary: lynda.robinson@the-fcc.org