

Potential Ministry Experiences for Ministers-in-training

One of the objectives in any Field Education placement is to gain as much ministry experience as possible. It is important to find ways for the minister-in-training to experience aspects of congregational life beyond those encountered in the normal course of his/her duties. Use the following outline to:

- a. identify congregational learning opportunities
- b. declare Minister-in-training areas of interest
 x = available or interest (xx = high interest)
 0 = not available or no interest

This form is being filled out for : ? ?Ministry Formation (part-time school year experience)
 ? ?Ministry Formation Elective (full-time summer experience)

Ministers-in-training and supervisors are encouraged to review the list periodically to assure that ministry opportunities are not being overlooked.

Minister-in-training

Supervisor

Administration

1. Provide administrative oversight for one program area.

Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

2. Discuss preparation of annual church reports.

Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

3. Provide information and/or responsibility for property maintenance.

Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

4. Examine budget building and financial campaign procedures.

Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

5. Maintaining church membership, baptismal and marriage records.

Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

6. Discuss time and task management within the local congregation.

Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

7. Reflect on the variety of leadership styles and their appropriateness to various ministry tasks.

Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

8. Reflect on group dynamics as experienced in various settings.
Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____
9. Participate in exposure to leadership recruitment.
Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____
10. Participate church goal setting and long range planning.
Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____
11. Create strategy on the introduction of peace issues in the local congregation.
Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____
12. Discuss the role of administration in the minister's responsibilities.
Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

Christian Education

1. Take complete responsibility for teaching a class and/or leading one event.
Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____
2. Become familiar with curriculum resources, including ordering.
Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____
3. Investigate the theory behind curriculum choice.
Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____
4. Provide teacher training and/or recruitment.
Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____
5. Assist church school teachers and leaders.
Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____
6. Become aware of the needs of different age levels within the church school.
Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____
7. Participate in inter-generational education.
Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____
8. Participate in special education events (retreats, church workshops, ongoing educational groups, etc.)
Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

Ministerial Support

1. Participate in staff meetings.
Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____
2. Participate in church committee working with congregation's staff.
Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____
3. Participate in area ministerial association.
Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

Mission

1. Discuss the mission strategy of the congregation.
Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____
2. Participate in setting mission goals within the congregation.
Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____
3. Visit or participate in a mission site.
Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____
4. Reflect on the place of mission within the congregation.
Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

Pastoral Care

1. Make home visits (non-crisis).
Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____
2. Make hospital visits.
Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____
3. Make nursing home and shut-in visits.
Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____
4. Discuss the pastoral care strategy for the total congregation.
Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____
5. Participate in an ongoing pastoral care group within the congregation.
Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

6. Discuss on the difference between formal counseling and informal pastoral counseling.

Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

7. Participate in or facilitate counseling situations.

Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

Program Functions

1. Participate in congregational program board or committee.

Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

2. Participate in programs for:

Minister-in-training Ranking		Site Ranking
------------------------------	--	--------------

_____	Children	_____
_____	Youth	_____
_____	Young Single Adults	_____
_____	Young Married Couples	_____
_____	Single Again	_____
_____	Families	_____
_____	Women's groups	_____
_____	Men's groups	_____
_____	Older adults	_____

Social Action

1. Gain knowledge of injustice concerns of the congregation.

Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

2. Gain knowledge of justice concerns of the local area.

Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

3. Discuss the social involvement of the congregation.

Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

4. Participate in work for peace issues.

Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

5. Develop strategies for social involvement within the congregation.

Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

6. Gain knowledge the denomination's concerns for peace and justice.

Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

Worship/Liturgical Life

1. Plan worship.

Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

2. Preach at least once a quarter, sharing resources, providing feedback, and feedback from congregational participants.

Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

3. Participate in non-traditional and special services.

Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

4. Participate in ecumenical co-operative services.

Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

5. Gain knowledge of planning for the church year.

Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

6. Gain knowledge of the rites and sacraments/ordinances - examine the theology, opportunity to observe, discuss and participate in, share resources, look at techniques and nitty gritty details of the following:

Minister-in-training Ranking		Site Ranking
_____	Confirmation/New Members	_____
_____	Love Feast and Feetwashing	_____
_____	Bread and Cup Communion	_____
_____	Baptisms	_____
_____	Weddings	_____
_____	Funerals	_____

7. Discuss the theology of worship, the church year, components of worship, historical roots of worship practices.

Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

8. Organize and conduct worship services.

Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____

9. Develop a strategy for sustaining a vital worship in the life of the congregation.

Minister-in-training Ranking _____ Site Ranking _____