



## ministers in training fund information

**Please read these notes carefully before completing the enclosed application form, and retain them for future reference.**

CPAS makes grants from its **Ministers in Training Fund** to those training for authorised ministry in the Anglican Churches of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. The Fund is made up almost entirely of direct giving from evangelical parishes and individuals.

Historically, CPAS has given grants for "*purposes tending to promote true religion in England and Wales consistently with the discipline and order of the Church of England, and with her distinctly Protestant and Evangelical doctrine and principles, as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer and in the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion.*" (from the Synopsis of CPAS)

Therefore, grants are given to those fulfilling three conditions:

1. They are evangelical Anglican Christians. Those applying are asked to signify their agreement with the principles upon which the ministry of CPAS is based (given in the quotation from the Synopsis above) and their full assent to the CPAS Basis of Faith, a contemporary evangelical Anglican statement of doctrine (reproduced on the reverse of this sheet).
2. They have been recommended for training for ordained ministry in the Anglican Church following a Bishops' Advisory Panel (organised by the Ministry Division of the Archbishops' Council) or national equivalent e.g. Provincial Selection Conference. Applicants must be contemplating parochial or ordained pioneer ministry in the United Kingdom or Ireland for at least three years after ordination. *Under certain circumstances, those in Church Army training may also be eligible for a grant.*
3. They are in genuine need of financial support. Grants are given for personal or family support only: **this fund is not able to give book grants or cover for academic fees.**

The making of a grant does not involve any condition as to where a man or woman should serve their first post after training. However, bearing in mind the source of the funds from which grants are made, it is hoped that grantees will seek to serve in a parish whose incumbent is in full sympathy with the principles upon which CPAS bases its ministry.

### Completing the forms

**Grants are considered three times a year and applications must be submitted by the end of September, January or, (for students who are not in their final year), April.** Please give answers as fully as possible to the questions on the application form. Return this in good time so that we can take up references. The budget form needs to be as accurate as possible with a realistic amount for expenditure, given that there may have to be some readjustments to lifestyle when training starts! We do realise that unexpected expenses may occur during training, and exceptional circumstances will be considered sympathetically.

If you do not yet have figures from LEA/CFMT/diocese etc. PLEASE DO NOT SEND THE BUDGET FORM in until these are known. Please note that if details are missing there may be a delay before decisions can be made.

We are sometimes asked where 'giving' should be included on the budget form, and we suggest that it is included within 'Housekeeping'. On the income side, please give your spouse's income net of tax and National Insurance contributions, if applicable..

**All grants are given at the discretion of CPAS.** We only have a limited amount to award each year so there may be fluctuations in the size of grants year by year. Diocesan guidelines may limit total amounts allowed from charities.

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