

**SWMTC Reader Training  
Reader Development Module III  
Pastoral placement**

**18<sup>th</sup> October 2009 – 16<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

The third year module will focus on introducing students to a series of areas in Pastoral Ministry where they may expect to find themselves to be ministering, or where they may already discover themselves to be ministering. Both the teaching sessions and the pastoral placement will be concerned with developing good and reflective practice for licensed ministers.

The pastoral placement consists of four pre-arranged pastoral contacts, which will ordinarily occur in the parish context. The visits are to be organised in conversation between you and your incumbent. The expectation is that these visits are accompanied visits with your incumbent or any other agreed licensed minister.

The contacts could include areas like, for example, funeral visiting with attendance at funeral and follow-up, school assemblies and visit(s) to the school staff room, baptism preparations with attendance at baptism(s), house communions and services in residential care homes, general pastoral visiting at home or in hospital or other areas of pastoral involvement in the parish context. It is advisable to focus on one area of pastoral work.

The contacts should be agreed and arranged with the supervising minister beforehand and debriefed afterwards.

One of these four contacts could, with the agreement of the Director of Reader Training, occur in another (sector) context. It is also possible to spend the entire pastoral placement in a sector context. For example, a drop-in centre, hospital, hospice, prison or school chaplaincy. Again, this needs to be agreed with the Director of Reader Training.

You should journal these encounters, especially as you will then be able to refer to your notes for the assignment 'Theological Reflection', which is based on one or more of your pastoral contacts or placement experiences.