

## FES Information - Ministry Candidates

Candidates are normally assigned, for at least three years concurrent with their studies, to an experienced parish minister or other suitable supervisor, who will work in co-operation with the Faculty (through the Supervisor of Field Education at the PTC) in giving candidates guidance and practical experience in the various aspects of the ministry. Such experience is for all candidates an assessable component of the Course of Training and a satisfactory record in a wide range of areas of ministry is required.

This practical training is designed to be achieved by the candidate working in a supervised situation in a parish either:

- a) for 6 – 8 hours per week for a minimum of 3 academic years (March to November) of the course, OR
- b) for a minimum of 16 weeks full-time.

It will be the prerogative of the Faculty to direct a candidate to one or other of these alternatives, to require attendance at any seminars and workshops convened in conjunction with the scheme, and to assign such additional practical experience as may be deemed necessary.

Candidates in their fourth year are required to undertake an extended F.E.S. appointment, such an appointment to include at least two days per week parish work (March to November) and attendance at seminars in connection with this field work

All appointments are negotiated by the F.E.S. Supervisor at the PTC. There is normally an allowance paid to the candidate by the parish.

Candidates are to contact the F.E.S. Supervisor at the PTC as soon as possible prior to commencing their Theological Course, and to give attention to any instructions he or she may give.