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▲ The Scottish Episcopal Church is thinking now about its future leadership. It is encouraging candidates, especially those in their twenties and thirties, to train for ordained leadership.

With such leaders, it hopes to 'grow younger churches' and provide the Church with a pool of clergy with seasoned experience of the Scottish context, who, in time, can move into positions of senior leadership.

Accordingly the Scottish Episcopal Institute is encouraging some candidates to train for ordination full-time. This means studying at one of the ancient Scottish Universities in conjunction with formational weekends and congregational placements through SEI, before moving on to a stipendiary curacy, which also needs to be well resourced.



SEI provides grants of up to £12,500 per year to such students. The funds raised from the 2015 Bishops' Lent Appeal established an SEI Training Fund to finance the costs of full-time ordinands. One student has been helped so far by means of these monies; she tells you a bit about herself overleaf. Our hope is that in the years to come many more can be similarly supported, both in the first three years of initial ministerial education and into their curacies. These are exciting times.

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Our hope is that congregations might support the future of the Scottish Episcopal Church in the following ways.

- ▲ **by inviting** ordinands to preach one Sunday, or to share their stories at an Area/Regional Council meeting
- ▲ **by praying** for them via the SEI Cycle of Prayer to be found on the SEC web site
- ▲ **by having** a retiring collection on Vocations Sunday, held annually on the fourth Sunday of Easter, 'Good Shepherd Sunday', so called because the gospel reading for the day is taken from John 10.
- ▲ **by making** the SEI Training Fund a recipient of your congregation's external giving one year
- ▲ **by committing** your congregation and/or individual members to regular giving via a Standing Order

Thank you

For further information about SEI go to www.scotland.anglican.org/sei

For giving forms please go to <http://scotland.anglican.org/sei-tf>



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Before moving to Edinburgh to begin full-time training with the Scottish Episcopal Institute and New College, I worked for Scottish Natural Heritage in Inverness. Close to my heart is the belief that we are called as Christians to not only steward God's people but also to steward the environment, so working for SNH allowed me to pursue the fifth mark of mission: 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth'. I led a small team of geospatial specialists responsible for analysing and displaying geographic data. The team's remit included working with others in SNH and Scottish Government to create protected areas across Scotland.

In Inverness I worshipped at St Michael's and All Angels, a modern Anglo-Catholic church with a strong sense of sacramental worship. It was while I was there that it dawned on me that God wasn't asking me to work alongside someone else in ministry, but to walk this path myself. This realisation took many years to distil into a cohesive understanding and it allowed me to begin the process of discernment with the help of friends, family and the Scottish Episcopal Church.

This discernment process allowed me to understand that the call is to ordained ministry; not just in teaching others how to recognise the presence of God and helping them to build a personal relationship with him but also facilitating their journey through worship, liturgy and the Eucharist.

The call from God is in itself daunting but it is also exciting. All I can do is trust Him. The process of arriving at this point, the start of my formation, has been one of continual learning of what it means to follow Christ, and this now continues as I learn with and through the Scottish Episcopal Institute. I have moved to Edinburgh and am worshipping at St Mungo's Balerno.

