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▲ As someone who studied in the past at TISEC, you will be well aware of the joys of training for ordination – but also the costs: the strain on family life, the knock-on effects on jobs and leisure time, the financial sacrifices that have to be made.



At present the Scottish Episcopal Church is rejoicing in the number of candidates for ordination coming forward, and amongst them a number of younger candidates who wish to study full-time at one of the ancient Scottish Universities alongside their SEI formation. This is fruitful – but expensive. It costs up to £12,500 per year to support each student.

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.

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Investing in good training also requires appropriate, well-resourced curacies; the church is seeking to be able to offer increased curate grants to ensure that good training contexts might be able to afford curates regardless of their own resources. This too requires extra funding.

We would very much appreciate your continued prayers for the ongoing work of the Institute and for all our students. If you are able to support our students through a one-off gift or regular donation, the need, as you can see, has never been greater.

Thank you

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Ellie Charman / SEI student

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.

