

## LOCAL PREACHERS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

It is important to note that a person wishing to apply to become a Local Preacher in the Methodist Church of Southern Africa must be a member of the church in good standing for **at least two years**.

We strongly urge circuits to appoint Supervisors of Studies to liaise with EMMU and also to initiate learning events for the preachers in the circuits.

**EMMU relies on the integrity of the individual and the circuit for preachers to register according to their academic ability and qualifications**

**The probation period is at least two years but not, except in very special circumstances, more than three (3) years.** Refer Methodist Book of Order p.148, para. 12.7.3.

### LOCAL PREACHERS ON TRIAL WITH AN EDUCATIONAL STANDARD BELOW GRADE 6

- **THE FOUNDATION CERTIFICATE IN MINISTRY (FCM)** is a two year course offered by EMMU for Preachers with **no formal education up to those who have Grade 5. This course is designed for people who are 60 years and older.** Such preachers will be examined orally, once a year. **Registrations taking place in June/July each year.**
- FCM Candidates shall be registered with EMMU, with proof of age. An exemption to do FCM for people who are below 60 will only be granted on provision of the following: an affidavit, a written declaration, relevant medical report in the case of learning difficulties or impairment and a Superintendents motivation.
- The District LPD (Local Preacher's Department) Secretary becomes the course facilitator at District level. He or She may call on the services of other ministers to assist. The LPD secretaries may form regional study centres with facilitators. They may also call upon other ministers to assist them especially when there are language barriers.
- FCM registrations must happen through EMMU for the purpose of records and control.
- The course administrator then forwards a list of registered preachers per District to the District LPD Secretaries.
- At least two contact sessions must take place per Semester. The form and shape of these sessions will be determined by the District LPD Secretary after a careful consideration of the number of students received and the distances to the meeting centre. An attendance register must be kept.
- FCM utilises the same study material as CCM. A course schedule will be drawn up. This schedule will clearly stipulate the areas that must be covered for FCM.
- The course material will only be given to the LPD Secretary and regional study centre facilitators at their request.
- The course assessment will be an oral examination which will take place at District Centers in the presence of an EMMU official.
- FCM candidates will be registered with EMMU before the 30th of June each year and will be examined during May of the following year.
- An administration fee is payable for each candidate. Circuits can obtain the necessary Study Guides for each year from the Unit.

### LOCAL PREACHERS ON TRIAL WITH AN EDUCATIONAL STANDARD BETWEEN GRADE 6 AND 11

- **THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE IN MINISTRY (CCM)** caters for people with Grade 6 – 11 (old Standard 4 – 9)
- The CCM Programme will take 2 years with students registering for 4 courses per year, two courses per semester.
- **Only one assessments of 100% per course will apply for the CCM level**

#### Year 1 Semester 1

BIB 101 (Introduction to the Bible/Scripture)

THEOL 101 (Introduction to Christian Theology)

#### Year 1 Semester 2

DEV 101 (Introduction to Community Development)

WES 101 (Wesleyan Studies and Spirituality)

#### Year 2 Semester 1

BIB 102 (Old Testament Theology and Exegesis)

BIB 103 (New Testament Exegesis)

#### Year 2 Semester 2

PCM 101 (Introduction to Homiletics)

CHH 101 (Introduction to the History of the MCSA)

## **REGISTRATION LOGISTICS**

- Registrations take place twice a year. **For the 1<sup>st</sup> semester in December/January and for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester in May/June**
- Application Forms can be downloaded from the EMMU website [www.methodisttraining.co.za](http://www.methodisttraining.co.za)
- **NB: No course readers will be available to students unless full payment for the course is made.**

## **LOCAL PREACHERS ON TRIAL WITH AN EDUCATIONAL STANDARD OF GRADE 12 OR ABOVE**

### • **HIGHER CERTIFICATE WITH TEEC**

#### **First Year**

**45000 (Introduction to Theological Study Skills**

45111 (Introduction to the Old Testament)

45121 (Introduction to the New Testament)

45241 (Introduction to Theology)

#### **Second Year**

45251 (Introduction to Spirituality)

45261 (Introduction to Christian Ethics)

45378 (Christian Proclamation: Preaching)

**Wesley Studies through EMMU**

**A HIGHER CERTIFICATE CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED BY DISTANCE EDUCATION FROM THE SETH MOKITIMI METHODIST SEMINARY (HCCM). PLEASE NOTE: THIS QUALIFICATION MUST BE COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY.**

**Please Note: Students doing Higher Certificate with SMMS do not need to register with EMMU for Wesley Studies as this component is covered in the SMMS syllabus.**

### • **DIPLOMA COURSES WITH TEEC**

#### **First Year**

85260 (Ethics)

85370 (Practical Theology)

86378 (Proclaiming our Faith)

#### **Second Year**

85240 (Systematic Theology 1)

85250 (Spirituality 1)

85100 (Getting to know the Bible)

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### • **BTH COURSES WITH TEEC**

#### **First Year**

7002 (Engaging with people pastorally & ethically)

7372 (Proclaiming our faith)

#### **Second Year**

7003 (Growing spiritually, thinking theologically)

7004 (Interpreting texts: Biblical & other sources)

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### • **DIPPRACMIN/BTH COURSES WITH SMMS**

BIB 101 (Introduction to Old Testament)

BIB 102 (Introduction to New Testament)

SYS 101 (Introduction to Systematic Theology)

SYS 203 (Introduction to Christian Ethics)

PCMM 105 (Introduction to Proclamation)

**Wesley Studies through EMMU**

**Wesley Studies registration with EMMU from NOVEMBER each year with a CLOSING DATE of 28 February the following year. Registration forms are obtainable from EMMU or can be downloaded from our website [www.methodisttraining.co.za](http://www.methodisttraining.co.za)**

## **LOCAL PREACHERS CERTIFICATES**

**To be received on Full Plan (Accredited)** The following documents need to be submitted to EMMU by the Circuit Superintendent:

- **Application for a Local Preacher to be Accredited** (download the application from our website [www.methodisttraining.co.za](http://www.methodisttraining.co.za))
- **Assessment of Trial Service** (download from [www.methodisttraining.co.za](http://www.methodisttraining.co.za))
- **Copy of ID document**
- **Copies of results for ALL Local Preachers' studies**
  - Although every effort is made to issue certificates once a month there will be periods when it is logistically not possible to do so.
  - There is no cost involved for the **first** issue of a certificate.
  - Certificates are send to the **Circuit Superintendent for signature.**
  - EMMU do not issue certificates on the request of individual students.

### **Long Service Certificates**

EMMU **only issue certificates of Long Service for 25 years and 40 years.** The following information must be submitted to EMMU **by the Circuit Superintendent** for these certificates to be issued:

- Copy of ID document.
- Copy of LP Certificate or a copy of the inscription in the Bible given to a preacher when accepted onto Full Plan.