

Ministry Training Pipeline

PARTNERSHIP



Dear potential ministry partner,

Thank you for taking the time to read this ministry partnership proposal. In short, I would deeply appreciate your partnership with The Geraldton Anglican Cathedral in training future ministers for the Diocese of North West Australia.

We have developed a new Ministry Training Pipeline that is able to identify, train and support home-grown people to become lay and ordained ministers in the North West.¹

We need your help in making this a reality.

Will you partner with us in this ministry training initiative? We need:

1. Financial partnership
2. Prayer partnership, and
3. Practical partnership

1. Financial Partnership

Because of its size and location the Diocese of North West Australia is a missionary diocese.² We rely on the financial support of partners from around Australia and across the world to help us cover the financial costs of conducting ministry in our remote locations. Put simply, we do not have the financial means to cover all of the costs of this Ministry Training Pipeline.

- A 4-day per week Ministry Apprenticeship will cost \$40,000 p.a.³
- A full time Theological Candidate scholarship will cost \$20,000 p.a.⁴
- An Assistant Minister Curacy position will cost \$80,000 p.a.⁵

¹ In the past the diocese has relied heavily on attracting trained and experienced ministers from other evangelical Anglican diocese to come to the North West. We expect this will continue to be necessary.

² The Diocese of North West Australia is the largest land based diocese in any country. The land area of the diocese is approx 2 million square kilometers (from Dongara in the South to Kununurra in the North) but small in population with an estimated 100,000 residents spread far and wide. This creates unique challenges for the diocese to reach people with the good news of Jesus.

³ The Ministry Apprentice will be engaged as a scholarship student under the Ministry Training Strategy. As a student the Apprentice may also be eligible for Government assistance such as Austudy or Youth allowance.

⁴ It is expected this amount will assist the student cover expenses such as accommodation, theological books and fees and travel costs to and from Perth. Whilst undertaking theological study the student may also be eligible for Government support such as Austudy or Youth Allowance. He or she may also be offered a paid catechist position in a local church.

⁵ Plus allowances such as accommodation, travel and moving allowances

We are aiming to have a person engaged in each stage of this pipeline. The cost of this Ministry Training Pipeline will then be \$140,000 per year.⁶ The Geraldton Anglican Cathedral has committed \$70,000 per year toward this initiative. Can you support us in this vital training endeavour?

We are asking gospel minded churches, organisations, individuals and families to help us by pledging \$1000, \$5000, \$10,000 or \$20,000 for 1, 5 or 8 years.⁷

Can I ask you to commit this financial partnership to prayer?

2. Prayer partnership

We yearn for your prayers for this initiative in general, but specifically we would like you to be praying for one of our trainees once appointed. We hope you might be able to build a personal relationship with this person over the years. Each trainee will be sending an update to our partners four times a year and will be available for annual deputations.

3. Practical partnership

Another valuable way of partnering with us is with in-kind support. This could be:

- writing letters or sending support parcels to a trainee
- visiting the North West and spending some time in one of the parishes alongside a trainee.
- providing accomodation when the trainee travels for deputations, conferences or during the three years of theological studies in Perth
- providing a second-hand vehicle to a trainee
- sending gift vouchers for theological books, clothing, or coffee

Once again, thank you for prayerfully considering this partnership request. Should you have any questions or suggestions please make contact with me directly.

Please find attached a pledge form which you can return directly to me.

Every blessing in Christ,



Very Rev. Lachlan Edwards

Dean, Geraldton Anglican Cathedral

lachlan@anglicandnwa.org

0437 150 100

101 Cathedral Ave, Geraldton, WA, 6530

⁶ Plus allowances as required.

⁷ The heart of the training pipeline for each trainee is 7-8 years. (2 year as Apprentice + 3 years as Theological Student + 2-3 year as Curate).