# DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

### MINISTERIAL DEVELOPMENT REVIEW – CHURCH ARMY

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Ministerial Development Review (MDR) derives from the shared responsibility for ministry and the cure of souls (“yours and mine”), in which the Bishop and his immediate colleagues offer a ministry of encouragement and affirmation, accountability and appraisal.

This form takes its shape from the Admission and Commissioning Service for Church Army Evangelists. As part of your preparation, you are encouraged prayerfully to read through the words spoken to you at that service to help you reflect upon both your own expectations and the demands made upon youyou’re your commissioning and since.

**Notes about completion of the form:**

1. This form should enable you to articulate the “being” and the “doing” which are component to being a minister of the gospel.
2. Recognising that Church Army officers participating in MDR are engaged in a variety of ministries, this form is designed as a default and a framework for you to record your comments, thoughts and concerns. Please feel free to adapt the form appropriately, in particular if you have more than one ‘workplace’ as an SSM. It is important that the form is made to work FOR YOU in your ministerial context.
3. Completion of this paper should enable you to gain insights into your own work situation, personal development and overall growth in ministry. It will also provide the basis for discussion with your reviewer, and may in turn lead to further action worked out with and by you.
4. Please return this form to your reviewer ten days before the meeting, along with the 360-degree reviews and your Role Description if you have one. If you have particular concerns about your Role Description, please raise these with your reviewer in the review meeting.
5. Please note that the review meeting CANNOT proceed without the 360-degree reviews. There must be at least two 360-degree reviews, one of which is provided by an ordained or licensed person and one by a lay person.
6. If this is your **FIRST MDR**, please do **not** complete **SECTION A** of the form.

**SECTION A: THE PAST – reflections since your last review.**

*If this is your first Ministerial Development Review, please ignore this section and move to SECTION B.*

***“[Priests] are to set the example of the Good Shepherd always before them as the pattern of their calling.”***

1. Looking back at your previous review, and the summary drawn up from it:

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| What were your key resolutions, agreements or goals?  *(There may have been just one or two.)* | To what extent have you been able to fulfil or meet them? | What remains outstanding, and what needs changing in the light of other changes? |
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2. At your previous review:

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| What did you list as your key CMD requirements? | How have you been able to respond to these? |
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**SECTION B: THE PRESENT – your ministry today**

***“Will you be faithful in private prayer and regular in public worship?”***

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| **3. How is my spiritual life?**  You may find it helpful to reflect upon these questions:  *What is my current practice of prayer and what spiritual disciplines mould my life and ministry?*  *From whom, or what, or where do I find help and inspiration?*  *What helps to inform and develop my awareness of God and my theological understanding?* |

***“Will you order your life after the example of Christ so that the love of God may be revealed to all people?”***

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| **4. How am I flourishing as a human being?**  You may find it helpful to reflect upon these questions:  *How do I see the relationship between my work and home life?*  *(comments from other members of your household are welcome should you like to include them)*  *When do I find it most difficult to balance my call to ministry with friendships/family/lifestyle/leisure time?*  *What challenges do I face in living with my calling?* |

***“Will you commit yourself to study and action that the good news may come alive***

***for the people and in the situation to which you are sent?”***

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| **5. What am I seeking to grow in my current ministry?**  You may find it helpful to reflect upon these questions:  *Looking back on the past few months, what have been the principal areas and emphases of my ministry?*  *What other areas of ministry do I consider important and which do I enjoy most?*  *Where do I put most time and energy into my work: in the church; on the fringes; or outside the church?*  *Are there particular aspects of ministry in my present appointment which are either positive and energising,*  *or daunting and burdensome?* |

***“Will you work with your fellow servants in the gospel for the sake of the kingdom of God?”***

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| **6. Are my relationships with colleagues fruitful?7**  You may find it helpful to reflect upon these questions:  *In the context in which I minister, in what ways do I share ministry / leadership with ordained, licensed and authorised colleagues?*  *In what ways do I find myself in shared ministry / leadership with lay people?*  *What are the ecumenical and inter-faith dimensions of my work?*  *How am I handling any problematic relationships?* |

***“Church Army Evangelists are members of a Society which exists to enable people to come to a living faith in Jesus Christ,***

***to show the love of God, revealed in Christ, in words and action, to bring the good news of God’s salvation***

***especially to the poor, the broken and the rejected.”***

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| **7. How am I proclaiming the good news?**  You may find it helpful to reflect upon these questions:  What is my understanding of the Church’s mission in my area / context?  In what contexts do I ‘proclaim the gospel’?  What are the constraints in fulfilling my role in this mission?  How do I relate in particular to ‘external’ groups, e.g. voluntary sector; local authorities; schools and colleges; other faith groups? |

***“Let us call on God in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ, humbly asking him to look with favour and blessing***

***on our service, and to give his Holy Spirit to these whom he has called, that they may faithfully execute their Office***

***to the honour and glory of God and for the salvation of the world.”***

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| **8. How am I identifying and developing the gifts God has given me?**  You may find it helpful to reflect upon these questions:  *What have I learned from those amongst whom I minister about the “effectiveness” of my ministry?*  *What are my main gifts and which are being best used at present? Which gifts are under used?*  *What are my supportive networks and how may they be enhanced?* |

***“Will you obey your Bishop and those to whom is committed the charge and authority over you,***

***following their directions with a willing mind?”***

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| **9. What is my part within the Church of England?**  You may find it helpful to reflect upon these questions:  *What are my hopes for the Church of England?*  *In what ways are the deanery and the wider diocese supportive of my ministry? Where might these add weight?* |

**SECTION C: THE FUTURE**

***“May Almighty God give you grace to keep these solemn pledges and to do his will as Evangelists.”***

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| **10. What is God’s calling to me in the immediate future?**  You may find it helpful to reflect upon these questions:  *What do I want to work at in the coming year?*  *Are there areas of work or responsibility, which I should like the opportunity to experience?*  *Are there matters to which I need to attend (e.g. health, finance, relationships)?*  *How do I intend to keep refreshed in body, mind and spirit?*  *Is there any significant change of direction, which I should like to make?* |

**SECTION D: AND FINALLY…**

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| **11. Please write here those things which you have been unable to write elsewhere on this form. What would you find it most helpful to talk about at your Ministerial Development Review?** |

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**CMD Requirements**

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**Confidential to the Reviewer, the Continuing Ministerial Development Officer and the Diocesan Bishop.**

**The Reviewer will send a copy of this page to the Diocesan Bishop, who will forward it to the CMD Officer.**

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| What educational and training events (sponsored by Manchester Diocese CMD and others) have I participated in since my last Ministry Review? |  |
| What skills is it important that I acquire, and what further training should I undergo before my next Ministry Development Review? |  |
| What interests would I like to develop during the coming period? |  |
| For which of these do I want advice, support or resources to achieve? |  |

***Please remember that, although responsibility for following through in these areas is shared, it remains yours to pursue.***

*Rev. 2.17*