



Undeb yr Annibynwyr Cymraeg

Learning and Development Programme: Tier 2

Tier 2 modules are assessed by internal assessors. Completing a combination of these modules qualifies individuals to become recognised preachers and provides training for individuals preparing for ordained ministry.

Anyone may follow these modules. To complete a module, as well as following the lectures, any associated coursework or assignment must also be completed to the required standard. The Learning and Development Panel will then confirm that the requirements have been met and a certificate of module completion will be awarded. A module banking system is in operation, enabling individuals to qualify for different aspects of ministry without having to restart the process if they have previously completed a module and met the required standard.

1. Worship and Preaching

On completing this model students will be aware of the importance of worship and the various forms of worship. In addition, they will be able to design and prepare a variety of services for different occasions, ensuring that the essential elements of worship are included.

Module Coordinator: Reverend Carwyn Siddall

Tutor: Reverend Carwyn Siddall

Module Duration: 8 one-hour sessions

2. The Bible

This provides an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of different aspects of the Bible's content, and to study specific themes within it and their importance to the faith. The module is in two parts:

Module Coordinator: Reverend Carwyn Siddall

i. Interpreting the Old Testament

Tutor: Dr Eryl Wynne Davies

Module Duration: 6 one-hour sessions

ii. Interpreting the New Testament

Tutor: Professor Catrin Haf Williams

Module Duration: 6 one-hour sessions

3. Pastoral Care

Those who complete the module will appreciate the importance of pastoral care as a core part of the church's ministry, be able to consider different approaches to pastoral care, and be able to recognise any fundamental signs encountered in pastoral situations, such as concerns related to safeguarding.

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Tutor: Reverend Carwyn Siddall

Module Duration: 8 one-hour sessions

4. The Sacraments

An opportunity to explore the two sacraments recognised by Independents, namely the Sacrament of Baptism and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The module examines their biblical foundations, along with the practical aspects involved in administering them.

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Tutor: Reverend Carwyn Siddall

Module Duration: 6 one-hour sessions and one day of in-person training in Aberystwyth

5. The Mission and Development of the Church

An opportunity to explore three aspects of the Christian church, looking in detail at specific periods and developments in its history. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about and appreciate various traditions, consider different ways of bridging between denominations and traditions, and to reflect on how to be inclusive churches in the 21st century.

Module Coordinator: Reverend Beti-Wyn James

i. The Early Church

Tutor: Reverend Dr Guto Prys ap Gwynfor

Module Length: 3 one-hour sessions

ii. The Religious Revivals

Tutor: Reverend Dr Alun Tudur

Module Length: 3 one-hour sessions

iii. The Church Today

Tutor: Reverend Owain Llŷr Evans

Module Duration: 3 one-hour sessions

6. Part of the World

This module examines the relationship between Christianity and various aspects of our society and the world. Led by specialists in their respective fields who also profess the Christian faith, it offers an opportunity to explore the connection between faith and various subjects. In doing so, participants will have the chance to consider ways of reconciling the diverse perspectives found within these areas, respecting differences of opinion whilst remaining faithful to the Christian faith. Examples of topics discussed include 'Christianity and Science', 'Christianity and Politics', and 'Christianity and Climate Change'.

Module Coordinator: Mr. Ifan Alun Puw

Tutor: Specialists in various fields

Module Duration: 8 one-hour sessions

7. About us

Those who complete the module will be aware of the roots of the congregational tradition in Wales and will be able to explain its beliefs, particularly regarding the nature of the congregational church and its relationship with other churches. They will also understand the structure that connects congregational churches in Wales, enabling them to cooperate locally and further afield, with various other church traditions.

Module Coordinator: Reverend Dr Geraint Tudur

Tutor: Various individuals

Module Duration: 6 one-hour sessions

8. Practical

An opportunity to put the knowledge gained into practice through a placement. The placement will be for a three-month period, to be agreed in consultation with the Director of Training and Development and taking the context of the student's calling into consideration. Various ministerial contexts can be explored, for example within a church setting or a chaplaincy setting and can include more than one aspect of ministry.

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