Reader / LLM (Reader) IME formation framework

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Reader / LLM	Christ	Church	World	Self
Love for God The candidate	Is reliant on God, and lives out an infectious, life-transforming, everyday- focussed faith	Is rooted in Scripture, the worship of the church and the living traditions of faith	Whole heartedly, generously and attractively engages with God's world	Is prayerful and studies the Bible
Love for God The candidate	Has a faith that is enriched by Christian tradition, is rooted in the world and the everyday, and has sustained them through life's challenges Continues to learn and grow as a disciple of Christ Is dependent on the grace and gifts of God to sustain them and their ministry Has a desire to make God known by word and deed and is nourished by Christ's love for the world	Has a thorough knowledge of God's story in Scripture and tradition Understands issues relating to the interpretation of both Old and New Testament texts in diverse contemporary contexts Understands Christian beliefs and practices including their diverse historical and cultural developments Can interpret and use Scripture effectively in teaching and communicating the gospel in a way that connects Christian faith to everyday life of home, work and society Is learning about how doctrine and spirituality shape the life of faith and the practices of the Church of England	Models everyday faith related to the world of home, work and society Desires to make God known by word and deed Can make good use of social media in mission	Is rooted in established patterns of corporate worship, Bible reading, prayer, study and reflection Relates their prayer and worship to the world of home, work and society Is enthusiastic and open about developing their understanding and practice of a range of approaches to Christian spirituality



Call to Ministry The candidate	Responds to the call of Christ to be a disciple	Understands and is excited by the nature of Reader / LLM (Reader) ministry	Is committed to public ministry rooted in God's world	Has a sense of call to lay ministry
Call to Ministry The candidate	Is Christ-like in the way they model their Reader / LLM (Reader) ministry in servant leadership Makes time for prayerful reflection on their faith and practice of ministry	Is in tune with the Church of England's expectations of Readers / LLM (Readers) as teachers of the faith, enablers of mission and leaders in church & society Understands the nature of Reader/LLM (Reader) ministry in the context of lay and ordained ministry within the breadth and diversity of the Church of England and this diocese	Is able, with credible authority and conviction, to exercise a world-facing public ministry Understands the Church of England's role and opportunities for Christian ministry and mission to the world	Has a call to serve in this ministry that is recognised and affirmed by others Shows personal understanding of their gifts for lay ministry as a licensed Reader / LLM (Reader) Is informed and realistic about the costliness and impact of being in public ministry



Love for People The candidate	Welcomes Christ in others and follows Jesus' example in listening, valuing and respecting others	Builds healthy relationships which are enabling of others in ministry	Seeks to serve their community and enables others to join in mission	Has empathy and is self- aware
Love for People The candidate The importance of demonstrating an understanding of and active commitment to embracing diversity and difference should be explored across this quality	Sees Christ in others and shows a Christ-like attitude: understanding, respectful, listening, servant-hearted Values diversity in principle and action and is prepared to challenge prejudice Seeks to model the self-giving love and compassion of Christ as a member of his body Respects others, without discrimination, showing empathy and honesty in their relationships, learning from them Listens well; is approachable and welcoming	Interacts and communicates well with a diverse range of people both inside and outside the church Can respond appropriately to pastoral situations Is able to facilitate and enable the participation and learning of others for the ministry and mission of the church Can actively affirm and foster the gifts of others and inspire others to fulfil their vocation in the world and the church	Shows a wide and inclusive understanding and expression of mission based on the Five Marks of Mission, and of how they might be lived out in a given context Can engage and enable others in mission Can interact and communicate well with a diverse range of people both inside and outside the church Seeks to discern and pray about the needs of their local community and the wider world with a willingness to respond as an ambassador of Christ	Is a person of openness, stability and self-awareness Can nurture themselves while caring for others Can recognise, understand and seek to address their own biases



Wisdom The candidate	Is open to life-long learning, reflection and growth	Can work collaboratively and embrace difference	Can connect gathered worship with being sent out into the world	Is a person of integrity and emotional stability, open to feedback
Wisdom The candidate	Continues to grow in maturity in Christ Demonstrates a love of and commitment to life-long learning and is curious and open to new ideas and engages with hard questions in a way that is transformative Is learning about how Christian beliefs and practices shape the moral life of individuals and communities Habitually reflects on their faith and practice Can and does reflect critically on hard questions	Models good, collaborative, roleappropriate leadership and supports the leadership of others Helps to foster a climate of healthy leadership Is open to all that others may bring through collaborative team working in a church context Can disagree well with others, while valuing and respecting them as members of the body of Christ Understands theological foundations for discipleship, leadership and collaborative working, especially in the context of Reader / LLM (Reader) ministry Can share leadership, work well as part of a team	Can maintain a faith that is outward facing Can connect gathered worship and Christian tradition and ethics with everyday faith and experience, equipping people to face challenges in the world Can see, respond to and articulate the gospel outside the confines of the church building Can make theological sense of social, political and church contexts	Shows personal integrity, emotional maturity and honesty Makes good use of feedback, receiving it well and using it to identify areas of strength and areas for development



Fruitfulness The candidate	Shares God's story in a way that encourages others to follow Jesus' call in their lives	Can share the faith imaginatively, relevantly and well	Shares God's love for the world in mission	Recognises their strengths and weaknesses, and resources themselves with good self-care
Fruitfulness The candidate	Models Christian life and shares God's story in a way that helps others to follow Jesus' call in everyday faith Can share their faith in a way that enables others to relate it to the whole of their lives	Has a deep desire to see others grow in their Christian discipleship, is eager to learn about and to teach the faith Is able to communicate and defend the gospel effectively, especially through preaching and teaching, both inside and outside the church Can nurture others in their discipleship and faith development through catechesis (including preparation for baptism and confirmation), through enabling learning, and communicating the gospel	Is aware of the opportunities and challenges that the church faces in engaging with contemporary society in mission and evangelism; is able to be imaginative and creative in response Can reflect theologically on the ministry and mission of the church in relation to their experience in and of the world	Sustains their own resources and energy through good self-care and nurture Can recognise, use and develop their gifts and strengths, and understand and mitigate their vulnerabilities Models humility Resources themselves through good self-care and maintains a breadth of interests to enable flourishing and growth



Potential The candidate has potential to	Grow in faith and to be open to navigating the future in the company of Christ	Lead collaboratively as part of a local team within the wider church context	See where God is working in the world and spot opportunities to respond	Be adaptable, imaginative and creative
Potential The candidate has	Continue to grow in faith and relationship with Christ	Inspire others to develop their vocation, modelling their ministry for enquirers	Continue to devote themselves to mission, evangelism and growing	Engage with change in a flexible way
potential	Remain alert and open to being	Develop in shared leadership and	disciples	Show imagination,
to	called by God in a fresh	collaboration; their membership of the	·	adaptability & creativity
	direction in their life and	body of Christ enables them to both accept	Encourage others in their	
	ministry	and relinquish personal responsibility	service of and prayer for the wider community	Take appropriate care of self and others
	Understand and evaluate	Encourage and enable others to contribute		
	varying approaches to Christian faith, while articulating a	their gifts to the mission and ministry of the church	See, respond to and share the gospel outside the confines of	Handle conflict positively
	personal position	Model accountability within collaborative	the church building	Reflect critically and with humility on the exercise
	Enable, encourage and inspire others to learn and develop	leadership structures	Constantly seek to renew their understanding of the	of their ministry and its opportunities for
	with an understanding of how people learn	Contribute effectively to their church's ministry, thinking and vision	role of the local church in mission	development and on personal strengths, weaknesses and goals for
	Continue in life-long learning	Represent and respect the authority of the Church of England	Have a generous capacity to serve others in the wider	personal development
	Encourage and enable others to		community as well as in the	Have an understanding
	establish and nourish their	Be effective preachers in a variety of	church	and experience of the
	spirituality through prayer, Bible	contexts in a way that effectively relates		Anglican discipline of
	reading and study with an	the Christian faith to people's everyday	Make theological sense of	common prayer
	appreciative and respectful	faith in the world of home, work and	social, political and church	
	awareness of the breadth of spirituality	society	contexts	Sustain the demands of Christian service well
		Exercise best practice in safeguarding in a range of contexts		



Trustworthiness The candidate	Follows Christ in every part of their life	Leads maturely in a way which promotes safe and harmonious Christian communities	Lives a life that publicly and positively represents their faith and the church	Has a high degree of self- awareness
Trustworthiness The candidate	Has demonstrated personal, ministerial and scholarly integrity in fulfilling the requirements of their training Is learning, growing and reflecting theologically as a minister of Christ	Can lead sensitively, aware and generously respectful of the breadth and diversity of approaches to belief and practice within the local context and the Church of England including different traditions of personal and corporate prayer and worship Is faithful and loyal in their accountability and responsibility, aware of how accountability and obedience operate within the Church of England's structure Has completed and understood all required safeguarding training and is aware of their duty to have 'due regard' to the Church of England's safeguarding guidance and can reflect on their own learning and practice in this area Can recognise, understand and reflect on dynamics around power and authority, including in their own ministry as well as that of others Can form, develop and maintain safe and healthy pastoral relationships that enable others in ministry	Is able to engage in mission, showing growing understanding and sensitivity to different cultures, faiths and environments Takes appropriate care when using social media, aware of the risks and opportunities involved	Is ready to exercise lay ministry as a licensed minister within the Church of England Knows the importance of appropriate boundaries including within and between relationship Demonstrates the ability to respect confidentiality Can reflect on how they integrate difficult personal experiences and hard times in life

