

- d) The secretary of the Ministry Trainees Task Group will contact all applicants to inform them of the decision of the Task Group.
- e) When an application is made by a member of the SGP Steering Group or Ministry Trainees Task Group for a MTScheme relating to their own church or ministry, or they may be seen to have a conflict of interest for any other reason, this member shall not play a part in any discussion which may influence the success, or otherwise, of their application.

Please write to:

Mr Philip Coekin
Chair of the Ministry Trainees Task Group
Emmanuel Vicarage,
Vicarage Road,
HASTINGS
TN34 3NA

phil@emmanuelhastings.org.uk

Sussex Gospel Partnership

Ministry Trainees Task Group

BURSARY SCHEME

OCTOBER 2008

Introduction

The Sussex Gospel Partnership (SGP) is...

'A partnership of Bible-centred churches in Sussex working together to train leaders, strengthen and plant churches, and advance the gospel.'

One of the many ways in which churches can be strengthened is through encouraging good existing Ministry Training schemes and facilitating more of them.

Often a lack of funding prevents many churches having a trainee. The aim of the Bursary Fund is to provide a small but significant amount of financial assistance to churches that seek to train potential ministers in a local evangelical church.

Scheme Definitions and Rules

- a) The applicant, whether a church or individual, should be a member of SGP.
- b) Grants may be given to supplement Ministry Training Schemes (MTSchemes) within SGP member churches, or where the Minister is an individual member of the SGP.
- c) Grants may be given to the church or the individual trainee.
- d) Grants may be made either to facilitate establishing new training schemes, or to sustain existing schemes of good quality, which may otherwise have to cease for lack of funding.
- e) Grant requests up to £5,000 per year will be considered.
- f) Grants must fulfil the charitable purposes of the SGP.
- g) Trainees must attend the Sussex Coast Ministry Training Course (SCMTC) or similar.

- h) The training supervisor of the MTScheme should attend SGP training for MTScheme Supervisors.
- i) The Ministry Trainees Task Group will be the deciding body regarding the offering of bursaries.
- j) The MTScheme must be seen to focus upon training. It is understood that this will include opportunities for Christian service, evidence of learning gained and the development of Bible teaching gifts within their church.
- k) Preference will be given to churches with income less than £75,000 where it is likely that the scheme would not go ahead without this funding.
- l) The Ministry Trainees Task Group committee may be called upon by the SGP Steering Group to justify its decisions regarding the allocation of all bursaries. However, the Ministry Trainees Task Group reserves the right not to provide detailed explanation to applicants.

Application Process

- a) In the first instance, applicants should write to the Chair of the Ministry Trainees Task Group to introduce their scheme. This should include the history, ethos, expectations and level of interest from potential trainees.
- b) Applications should include a full set of the most recent church accounts explaining any factors that they feel might have an impact on the Task Group's decision.
- c) Evidence should be provided to show how the trainee is to be line-managed, supervised and their progress assessed.