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THE ASSOCIATE SCHEME

(For volunteers seeking training in Christian ministry)

APPLICATION FORM 2012/13

If possible, please complete this form by **typing and emailing it to associate.info@st-helens.org.uk**. Failing that, please use **black ink** and return it in an envelope marked "confidential" to Roger Day, St Helen's Church Office, Great St Helen's, London EC3A 6AT. Either way, please include a passport-style photo (inserted above or attached to the email). All forms will have receipt acknowledged, so please get back in contact if you hear nothing.

(If there is insufficient space for your answers, feel free to expand or attach a separate sheet.)

A. PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname: Title: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Other (please specify)

Usual Christian name: Other names:

Marital status: Name of spouse (if appropriate):

Names and ages of any children:

Nationality:

Would you need a visa/work permit to work in the UK? Yes/No

If yes, please give details:

Age: Date of Birth:

Home Address: Term Address (if different):

Home Telephone: Term Telephone:

Work Telephone: May we contact you at work? Yes/No

Mobile:

Preferred E-mail:

If there are times when a different email address would be preferable please specify:

What is your church and denomination?

How did you hear about the Associate scheme?

B. HEALTH

Would you say that your health was GOOD / FAIR / POOR

Has poor health kept you away from work or studies for any significant periods? (eg more than one week at a time or more than three weeks in any one year) YES/NO If yes, please give details.

Do you have a physical handicap? YES/NO If yes, please give details.

Have you ever had any mental health problems (including depression, stress, anxiety)? YES/NO

If yes, please give details.

C. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND WORK EXPERIENCE

List secondary schools/colleges/universities attended, giving years of attendance, subjects studied and qualifications obtained with grades/class (or predicted results in the case of current studies).

Present Employer:

Position Held and nature of work:

List chronologically, with dates and employers' names, other positions held (most recent position first). Please give reasons for leaving.

D. CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

How and when did you become a Christian?

What growth has there been in your relationship with God over the last two years?

What have been the main influences on your Christian life and how have they had this influence?

How would you summarise the key truths of the gospel in 5-10 points? Which of these do you love the most, and why? In your opinion, which of these do we most need to emphasise in our teaching today, and why?

E. CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND THIS POSITION

What gifts do you believe God has given you that are relevant to Christian ministry and how have you used them? What involvement have you had in your church, Christian Union or other Christian organisation?

Under God, what would you like to be doing in ten years' time, and why? What areas of ministry are you particularly interested in being involved with over the next few years, and why?

Why do you want to do the St Helen's Associate Scheme now and why do you consider yourself ready for it?

What do your church leaders think of your desire to go into full-time Christian ministry?

All Associates are asked to raise at least some of their own support, but St Helen's will provide assistance to suitable volunteers who cannot fully fund themselves. Finances will be discussed at interview, but please give an indication now of how much you think you will be able to raise towards your own support and/or accommodation and where this will come from (e.g. savings, parents, friends).

F. INTERESTS

What kinds of indoor and outdoor recreation do you pursue?

What books or articles - secular or religious - have you read recently which have had an impact on you, and what has their impact been?

G. REFEREES

Please give the names of two older, more mature Christians, in addition to your current employer (if currently employed), who are willing to act as your referees. They should preferably have known you for at least two years. One must be your Church Leader (or an assistant minister if they know you better).

REFEREE 1

Name:

Position:

Telephone:

Email:

Address:

REFEREE 2

Name:

Position:

Telephone

Email:

Address:

CURRENT EMPLOYER (We will only take this reference with your permission):

Name:

Status:

Telephone:

Email:

Address:

Signature of Applicant (if on paper):

Date: