

REQUEST FOR APPLICATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal code: _____

Email: _____

Current Pastoral Charge:

Conference: _____

Send this request for an application form to:

BSTM-BC Conference Office
c/o Brenda Wolff, Registrar
4383 Rumble Street
Burnaby BC, V5J 2A2

Or send an email to:
bwolff@bc.united-church.ca
or download one from

www.bc.united-church.ca

You will receive an application form. You must complete it and return it along with a (non refundable) \$50.00 application fee, to the above address by June 15, 2009

COURSE INFORMATION:

The Training model recognizes diversity of learning styles and attempts to respond to the specific learning needs of individuals. Theological reflection and spiritual discernment are central to the process of learning, skill development and integration.

Building Skills in Transitional Ministry uses adult education principles to prepare participants for work with Interim and other transitional ministries.

Phase 1: a five day intensive residential event focusing on theories and techniques of transitions in churches.

Phase 2: a five month period in your own ministry setting that includes:

- self-generated learning goals
- peer group learning and reflection
- engagement with a member of the leadership team
- a series of written assignments

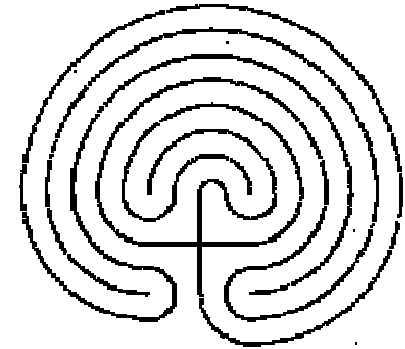
Phase 3: a five day intensive residential event focusing on integration of theory and practice. Participants will be evaluated by self, peers and the leadership team.

Phase 1 October 25-30, 2009

Phase 2 November 2009-April 2010

Phase 3 April 11-16, 2010

BUILDING SKILLS IN TRANSITIONAL MINISTRY



phase 1: October 25-30, 2009

phase 3: April 11-16, 2010

at Queenswood Retreat Centre

Victoria, BC

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MINISTRY IN TRANSITION

Ministry today involves working in the midst of change. Leaders in the church can benefit from developing skills and building awareness about transition and challenges it presents.

Building Skills in Transitional Ministry will train participants to work effectively in interim and other transitional ministries. Applicants must be recommended by their Conference Personnel Minister or Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee Chair or the equivalent in their own denomination. Participants will be evaluated by self, peers and the leadership team.

INTERIM MINISTRY TRAINING

Interim Ministry is a specialized pattern of ministry, which involves facilitating change in congregations that are in transition. Interim Ministers are trained ministry specialists who help pastoral charges move through change with confidence and clarity. This program provides the training component required by The United Church of Canada's for designation for Interim Ministry. (Completion of the program does not guarantee designation by the Church).

WHO MAY ATTEND:

- ✓ Ministry personnel interested in becoming Interim Ministers
- ✓ Ministry personnel interested in building skills or transitional ministry.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- ⊕ theological basis of interim ministry
- ⊕ congregational hermeneutics
- ⊕ common stages and recurrent themes in interim ministry
- ⊕ differences between interim and settled ministries
- ⊕ change and transition theory
- ⊕ conflict management in interim times
- ⊕ grief processes for congregations
- ⊕ liturgical and preaching skills for transitional times
- ⊕ goal setting
- ⊕ peer supervision
- ⊕ repertoire of tools appropriate to the tasks
- ⊕ where to find recourses

The Training Team:

Janet Cawley, Interim Minister, BC
Treena Duncan, Personnel Minister, BC
Bill Macleod, Interim Minister, PEI
Pamela Thomas, Personnel Minister, SK
Dale Irving, Interim Minister, AB



LOCATION:

**Phase 1: Queenswood Retreat Centre,
www.queenswoodcentre.com**

Phase 2: Your own ministry site

Phase 3: Queenswood Retreat Centre,

COSTS:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Application (non-refundable): | \$50.00 |
| Tuition, phases 1, 2 & 3 | \$890.00 |
| Accommodation (includes meals) | |
| phase 1 | \$430.00 |
| phase 3 | <u>\$430.00</u> |
| Total | \$1800.00 |

Option 1 : Payable at the start of Phase 1: **\$1320.00** (full tuition + phase 1 accommodation). Balance of \$430.00 due March 1, 2010.

Option 2: Payable at the start of Phase 1: **\$900.00** and the balance of **\$850.00** due March 1, 2010.

This is a residential program. Full time attendance/residence is required in order to complete the course.

The planning team will review the applications and select 25-35 persons from among the applicants to attend. Those selected will be notified by August 15, 2009. Your confirmation of attendance will be mailed to you.