

LLM SELECTION FOR TRAINING

When a person is aware of a sense of calling to the type of lay ministry undertaken by readers this is explored, firstly with their incumbent and members of their parish and then with a vocations adviser (VA). The names and contact details of the VA for each deanery is given elsewhere on the Oxford Diocese website.

The VA will send a report to the LLM archdeaconry adviser (AA). The AA will meet with the person and, if all are clear that there is a true sense of calling, the person will submit an application form to the appropriate administrator in Diocesan Church House. Ideally, at this point they should try to have a meeting with their area bishop.

The receipt of the application form by the will trigger requests for PCC endorsement and references from the incumbent and a lay member of the parish. The AA will visit the PCC and ensure that all are aware of their responsibilities towards an LLM in training and that there is support for the application.

The person will be invited to a selection day at Church House, where they will be interviewed by several AAs and will undertake related tasks. After this, recommendations about training will be sent to their area bishop who will make the final decision.