

Ministry Training and Spiritual Development Programme

The Sylvan Pathway

2026 – 2028



OneSpirit
Interfaith Foundation

Class of 2028

our ministry training pathways

At OneSpirit, we offer a two-year interfaith ministerial training designed to support your spiritual development, deepen your capacity for relational presence, and prepare you for ministry in its many forms. For the Class of 2028, this training is offered through two distinct pathways. Each pathway offers a different way of engaging with the journey, allowing you to choose the environment that best supports your own journey.

The Willow Pathway (Held Online)

A deeply relational online pathway, held in shared virtual space. This route combines weekly online teaching, independent study, supervision, and community learning, offering a flexible and accessible way to engage in ministerial formation alongside your existing life commitments.

The Sylvan Pathway (Held Mostly In Person)

An immersive, retreat-based pathway held in person at Florence House in East Sussex. This route offers a residential learning experience, with online holding between in-person retreats.

Choosing Your Pathway

Both pathways offer the same depth of training and lead to ordination. The choice between them is not about level or quality, but about how you wish to engage with the journey.

You may wish to consider:

- Whether you are drawn to a residential, retreat-based experience or an online, integrated rhythm
- How the structure fits alongside your current life and commitments
- The kind of learning environment in which you feel most able to engage and grow

Welcome to the Sylvan Pathway

A two-year journey through the arc of human life.

The Sylvan Pathway is an intimate and immersive training route; a two-year, retreat-based ministerial formation held in person at the beloved Florence House retreat centre, nestled between the sea and the ancient hills of the Sussex Downs.

An enriching two years bringing meaning, spirituality, appreciation of life & nature to the forefront of your daily existence.

It's a North Star in the melee of life.

*Veronica Ferguson
Sylvan, Class of 2025*

The Sylvan Pathway

at a glance

A two-year journey through the sacred arc of human life; from conception to death, and beyond. Rooted in embodied experience, spiritual depth, and relational transformation, this pathway invites you to explore what it means to minister through every stage of life's unfolding. Woven through immersive retreat work, you'll witness and be witnessed as you cross threshold after threshold. This pathway serves those called to interfaith ministry — and those seeking a profound deepening of their spiritual lives. Often these are the same people. The capacities you develop here serve both: learning to be fully present to your own journey becomes the foundation for accompanying others through theirs. Whether your calling leads to active public ministry or a quieter deepening that transforms how you live, you'll find what you need here.

Year One: Remembering & Rooting

- Focus on early life stages: conception, birth, childhood, and adolescence
- Establishes strong personal, relational, and spiritual foundations
- Practices include ritual, story work, compassionate enquiry, and embodied integration
- Begins the deep work of ministerial formation through the lens of your own life story

Year Two: Expression & Ministry

- Explores community ministry, ethical presence, and ministerial service
- Prepares you to stand as ministers who are grounded, accountable, and attuned
- Concludes with a vow-taking and ordination ceremony

Retreat Structure & Location

- In-person programme delivered through residential retreats
- Held at Florence House, Seaford, a nurturing retreat centre by the sea, known for its beauty, hospitality, and wild land
- Includes three 5-day residential retreats per year (15 retreat days annually)
- Sustained by a rhythm of facilitated Enquiry Circles between retreats, providing ongoing integration, reflection, and support
- Small cohort size of upto 15 for depth, safety, and meaningful connection

The Sylvan Pathway

in more detail

Throughout these two years, you will explore the human journey of relationship and connection, from conception to death, and beyond. Coming together in community, you will engage this journey through presence, deep listening, and reflective dialogue; learning to witness both yourself and others with compassion as you move through the thresholds of life.

At the heart of this training is exploring your own biographical journey, with all its ebbs and flows. By attending to your lived experience — with honesty, curiosity, and care — you begin to recognise the patterns, inheritances, and moments that have shaped you. Some of this work will be joyful; some will be tender or challenging. Through this process, you are invited to meet yourself as you are, cultivating a deeper awareness of who you are and how you relate to the world around you.

In the first year, you will explore the formative years, from birth to adolescence, exploring how these earliest stages of life continue to shape you. In the second year, you will journey into adulthood, from relationship and intimacy to death and beyond, exploring the self in relation to the other, how you meet in community, and how you hold that which challenges you.

Your own biographical journey will provide you with the material to engage more deeply with the curriculum, as holding space for yourself allows you to hold space for each other. In understanding yourself, you understand the world. Drawing on the ancient invitation to *know thyself* — words inscribed on the Temple of Apollo at Delphi and echoed across the world's wisdom traditions — we believe that in knowing ourselves and learning to love ourselves, we can do the same for others. You will co-create in community, exploring that which keeps us connected, to cultivate space for personal transformation. You will witness how you can serve the human life journey through sacred ceremony and ritual, and spiritual companionship, drawing on the world's wisdom traditions to support you in finding the sacred within the ordinary.

The Sylvan Pathway

is this training for you?

This training is for those who:

- Sense a quiet or persistent spiritual calling — even if you're not yet sure what form it might take, or how it might live in the world
- Feel drawn toward a deeper relationship with Spirit, and a desire to listen more closely to your own inner wisdom
- Long to cultivate greater presence, embodiment, and integrity in how you meet yourself, others, and life
- Are ready to engage in meaningful inner work, held within a supportive, respectful, and deeply relational community
- Are drawn to contemplative practice, ritual, and forms of spirituality that are lived, embodied, and inclusive
- Feel called toward offering spiritual care — whether through ceremony, accompaniment, community work, or quieter, less visible forms of service
- Seek a dedicated container for transformation, where growth is shared, witnessed, and held alongside others on a similar path

You do not need to have a clear destination to begin.

Many who arrive unsure about public ministry find that their calling gradually reveals itself through the process; shaped by experience, reflection, and relationship. Others discover that the deepening itself, the way they come to live and be in the world, is their offering.

Both paths are equally valued and honoured here.

This training is open to adults of all backgrounds and life experiences. No prior experience is required; simply a willingness to meet yourself and others with openness and honesty, and a readiness to learn and grow in community.

Preparing the Ground

what this journey asks of you

The Sylvan Pathway invites you into territory that is genuinely deep. This training works with your own life story as the primary material for formation. As you journey through the stages of human life, you will encounter not only the beauty, wonder, and meaning in your history, but also the places where life has been difficult, confusing, or painful. This is not incidental to the programme; it is central to it. We believe that the capacity to hold space for others begins with the willingness to meet yourself honestly. Because of this, it is important that you understand what you are stepping into:

This training is not therapy. While the programme creates the conditions for profound personal insight and transformation, it is a formation programme, not a therapeutic process. Our tutors and facilitators hold the learning space with care, skill, and ethical awareness, but they are not therapists, and the programme is not designed to process or resolve trauma. If deep or previously unprocessed material surfaces during the training — as it may — you will be supported to seek appropriate professional help alongside the programme.

We strongly recommend having therapeutic support available. Many students find that independent counselling or psychotherapy is an invaluable companion to this work. We encourage you to consider what support structures you have in your life before beginning, and to ensure you have access to professional help should you need it during the training. This is not a sign of unreadiness, it is a sign of self-awareness and good preparation.

The residential format intensifies the experience. Five days together in a retreat setting creates a powerful container. The beauty, intimacy, and depth of the retreat environment are among the Sylvan Pathway's greatest gifts; they also mean that experiences can be more intense than you might anticipate. The Enquiry Circles that sit between retreats are specifically designed to support you in integrating what emerges, so that the depth of the retreat experience is held and processed over time rather than left unattended.

You will be invited into vulnerability, but you will never be required to go further than feels right for you. Every invitation in this programme is genuinely that — an invitation. You have the right to choose your depth of engagement, and that choice will always be respected.

Year One

remembering & rooting

The first year of the Sylvan Pathway invites you into a profound journey of remembering. Across three immersive gateways, the group travels through the archetypal stages of early life; from conception and birth, through childhood, into the turbulent and creative terrain of adolescence. This year is devoted to establishing deep foundations: personal, relational, spiritual, and communal. Through ritual, story work, embodied practice, and compassionate exploration, you begin to see your own life story as sacred ground for ministerial formation.

Gateway 1: Conception & Birth

Entering sacred space and exploring the origins of our being.

- Establishes the ground of the whole journey through ritual, presence, and deep listening.
- Invites you to arrive as you are and be welcomed into a held, intentional community.
- Explores the earliest roots of self: how we entered life, what we inherited, and what shaped our beginnings.
- Works with embodied practices to support grounding, belonging, and attunement.
- Includes creative and symbolic exploration of origin stories and early influences.
- Establishes group agreements, psychological safety, and shared presence for the work ahead.

Gateway 2: Childhood

Revisiting the landscape of early life with tenderness and curiosity.

- Explores childhood themes such as play, imagination, innocence, wonder, and early hurt.
- Uses trauma-aware approaches to engage with formative stories and patterns.
- Supports you to reconnect with the joy, gifts, sensitivities, and wisdom of the child-self.
- Includes playful and creative rituals to access early experiences.
- Invites compassionate re-interpretation of childhood conditioning and identity formation.
- Deepens awareness of how early experiences shape present-day relational dynamics and spirituality.

Gateway 3: Adolescence

Encountering the threshold of identity, power, and becoming.

- Works with the archetypal energy of adolescence: rebellion, longing, belonging, and self-formation.
- Explores rites of passage where personal identity becomes more defined and self-awareness sharpens.
- Uses creativity and expressive arts to reveal inner truth and emerging authenticity.
- Supports you in navigating internal conflicts, shame, courage, and the desire to be seen.
- Investigates boundaries, personal power, autonomy, and the compassionate reclamation of shadow.
- Tends to the younger parts of self that still seek voice, validation, or healing.

Walking through the pathway of life – from birth to childhood, to adolescence, adulthood and death – was a deeply profound experience.

With each gateway and retreat I felt invited into deeper layers and the whole experience felt like a living container.

*Olly Mitchell
Sylvan, Class of 2025*

Year Two

expression & ministry

In the second year of the Sylvan Pathway, you will move from inner biographical work into the outward expression of ministry, relationship, service, and leadership. The journey expands beyond personal formation into the wider field of community, ethical presence, and spiritual responsibility. Through experiential retreats, ritual, and relational exploration, you learn to stand as ministers who are grounded, compassionate, accountable, and attuned to the communities they serve.

Gateway 4: Coming Into Adulthood - Marriage & Relationship

Maturity, intimacy, healthy boundaries, and selfhood-in-connection.

- Explores adulthood through the themes of relationship, intimacy, commitment, and care.
- Develops relational maturity and presence as core ministerial qualities.
- Examines healthy boundaries and the balance between autonomy and connection.
- Works with the concept of the “inner marriage” — integrating inner polarities and selfhood.
- Engages with commitment, responsibility, compassion, and emotional accountability.
- Uses relationship as a mirror for growth, healing, and spiritual maturity.
- Invites reflection on how to hold both individuality and unity within spiritual community.

Gateway 5: Dying, Death & Funeral Work

Endings, grief, transformation, legacy, and spiritual thresholds.

- Engages with the profound terrain of death, dying, and loss as spiritual teachers.
- Explores personal, ancestral, and collective grief through compassionate presence.
- Examines the spiritual psychology of endings, letting go, and transformation.
- Trains you in funeral craft, memorial ritual, and ethical accompaniment of the bereaved.
- Supports you to develop tender, grounded presence with those in crisis or transition.
- Explores identity dissolution, renewal, and the wisdom available at life's thresholds.

Gateway 6: Being in Community

Service, belonging, ethics, responsibility, and leadership.

- Shifts focus outward to ministry as a relational, community-based practice.
- Explores what it means to stand visibly and ethically as a minister in the world.
- Examines themes of belonging, community dynamics, and collective care.
- Encourages vulnerability alongside responsibility, courage, and grounded leadership.
- Develops ethical awareness, integrity, and a deep understanding of power and influence.
- Strengthens relational attunement and the ability to navigate complex group dynamics.
- Prepares you to step into public spiritual presence with clarity and confidence.



Between Retreats

the rhythm that holds your journey

The Sylvan Pathway is more than its residential retreats. Between each gateway, a carefully designed rhythm of facilitated spaces ensures that what emerges during the intensity of retreat is integrated, deepened, and held over time. This between-retreat architecture is a core part of the programme, not supplementary but essential to how the learning unfolds.

Enquiry Circles

At the heart of this rhythm are the Enquiry Circles: small, facilitated group spaces where you are invited to reflect on your experience, explore how the themes of each gateway are living in your everyday life, and develop your capacity for deep listening and presence. These sessions are not about analysing or "working through" your story, but about allowing insight to emerge through reflection, dialogue, and lived experience.

Each gateway is held within a sequence of three Enquiry Circles:

Threshold Circle (*before the retreat*) — A gentle point of arrival, helping you begin to connect with the theme of the upcoming gateway. These sessions support orientation rather than depth — inviting you to pause, notice what is already present in your life, and step consciously toward the work ahead.

Integration Circle (*shortly after the retreat*) — A space to settle and make sense of what has emerged. What has stayed with you? What is still working in you? These sessions support gentle re-entry into daily life, helping to prevent the disorientation that can follow an intensive residential experience.

Deepening Circle (*midway between retreats*) — A space to explore how the gateway themes are living in your present-day experience. What patterns, insights, or shifts are you noticing over time? These sessions move learning from reflection into embodiment and expression.

Tutorials, Supervision, and Peer Practice

Alongside the Enquiry Circles, you will be supported through one-to-one tutorials, regular supervision, and opportunities for peer practice — all designed to help you develop your confidence, clarity, and ethical grounding as you move through the training.

Together, these elements create a sense of continuity and care, ensuring that the depth of the retreat experience is not lost but gently integrated into your everyday life, in a way that is sustainable, supported, and uniquely your own.

Time Commitment Between Retreats

Each gateway unfolds over approximately three months between residential retreats. During this time, the programme is supported by a gentle but consistent rhythm of engagement, designed to help your learning integrate and deepen at a sustainable pace.

On average, you can expect to commit around 6–8 hours per month between retreats. This includes a blend of facilitated sessions, peer connection, and personal reflection.

Many students find that this gentle rhythm becomes a supportive presence in their lives; not something to keep up with, but something that quietly accompanies their unfolding journey.

Threshold Ceremony — Crossing into Year Two

Between Year One and Year Two, you are invited into a Threshold Ceremony, a shared moment of pause, reflection, and conscious transition. Having journeyed through the landscapes of your own story, this gathering offers space to honour what has been uncovered, tended, and transformed, and to begin turning gently outward toward the call of relationship, community, and ministry.

Dates & Venue

key information

Gateway 1

Monday 16th – Friday 20th November 2026

Gateway 2:

Wednesday 3rd – Sunday 7th March 2027

Gateway 3:

Monday 21st – Friday 25th June 2027

Gateway 4:

Thursday 11th – Monday 15th November 2027

Gateway 5:

Thursday 16th – Monday 20th March 2028

Gateway 6:

Thursday 15th – Monday 19th June 2028

Ordination and Vow Taking Retreat:

Wednesday 19th – Friday 21st July 2028

The Sylvan Pathway is held at Florence House, a remarkable retreat centre perched on the cliffs above Seaford Bay, where the South Downs meet the sea. More than a venue, Florence House becomes an active participant in the journey; a place that consistently nourishes, steadies, and deepens the work we do together.

Surrounded by wild gardens, ancient trees, chalk paths, and expansive skies, Florence House offers a rare sense of spaciousness. The land itself invites slowing down, listening more closely, and reconnecting with rhythms that are older than words. The environment supports the depth and intimacy of the Sylvan Pathway in very practical ways. There are warm, welcoming communal spaces for gathering, circle work, and ceremony, alongside quiet corners for reflection, journaling, prayer, and rest.

Florence House

Southdown Road

Seaford

East Sussex

BN25 4JS

<https://www.florencehouse.co.uk>

Independent Study

supporting your journey

Alongside the residential retreats and facilitated sessions, the Sylvan Pathway includes a number of independent and peer-led elements that support your journey. These are designed to deepen your learning in a way that is spacious, flexible, and grounded in your own lived experience.

Online Classroom

A dedicated online space provides access to key course materials, resources, and reflective prompts throughout the programme. This offers gentle continuity between retreats and allows you to engage with the content at your own pace, without replacing the central, in-person experience.

Spiritual Accompaniment Pairings

You will be paired with fellow students to practice spiritual accompaniment in a structured and supportive way. These sessions develop your capacity for deep listening and presence, allowing you to learn through direct experience while building confidence, compassion, and ethical awareness.

Assignments

Each stage of the pathway includes reflective and creative assignments that support the integration of your learning. These may include journaling, creative expression, ritual design, and biographical reflection. The focus is on embodiment and insight, rather than academic performance, supporting your readiness for ministry in a grounded and authentic way.

Study Groups

You will also meet in small, peer-led study groups between retreats. These offer an informal space to reflect together, share insights, and deepen connection within the cohort. Study groups help sustain a sense of community and support ongoing integration across the two-year journey.

Elective Modules

space to deepen

Our elective module programme offers opportunities to deepen into areas of the training that particularly call to you, while also connecting you more widely into the OneSpirit learning community. These modules are designed as spaces of exploration, practice, and enrichment; complementing your core pathway while allowing you to follow your own interests and curiosities as they emerge. Each module offers a distinct focus, while remaining fully aligned with the ethos and principles of the wider training.

A key part of the elective experience is community connection. During these modules, you will have the opportunity to learn alongside students from across different training pathways and year groups, as well as connect with ordained ministers. This creates a rich, intergenerational learning environment, where diverse perspectives and lived experiences can be shared.

Elective modules are offered in both online and in-person formats, giving you flexibility in how you engage. They are delivered by members of our core faculty, alongside associate tutors and experienced ministers who bring specialist knowledge and practice into the learning space.

Dedicated elective module blocks take place in January and May each year. During each of these blocks, you will choose one module to participate in, meaning you will complete two elective modules per year. This ensures both depth of engagement and the opportunity to explore different areas of practice across your training. Module themes and specific offerings may evolve over time, reflecting the living nature of the curriculum and the expertise within our community. Further details of available modules will be shared in advance of each elective block, allowing you to choose the option that best supports your learning journey at that time.

Please note: in-person modules carry an additional cost to cover accommodation and venue expenses. Online modules are included within your course fees.

Student Development

our approach

Our training is rooted in the belief that ministry is not something you do, it is someone you become. This means that learning at OneSpirit is not primarily about acquiring knowledge, but about undergoing a deep and personal transformation. Everything you encounter in this training, from assignments and rituals to peer groups and supervision, is designed to support this ongoing journey of sacred becoming.

Throughout each gateway, you will complete assignments that deepen your self-reflection, strengthen your ministerial practice, and offer space to articulate your evolving sense of calling. These may include reflective writing, creative submissions, ceremonial script design, or collaborative inquiry. Each assignment is framed not as a test, but as a tool for insight; helping you witness your growth, name your edges, and step more fully into your unique expression of ministry. We do not assess through grades or rankings. Instead, we practice what we call assessment as sacred witnessing, a process of recognising and naming transformation through dialogue, feedback, and mutual reflection. Tutors, peers, and students themselves all contribute to this process, creating a rich tapestry of perspectives. Progress is not measured by rigid outcomes, but by depth of engagement, increased self-awareness, and your capacity to serve with presence, compassion, and ethical responsibility. This approach is rigorous in its own way. We take seriously our responsibility both to you and to those you will go on to serve. Throughout the programme, you will receive honest, developmental feedback that supports your growth and helps you understand where you are in your formation journey. Where further development is needed, this will be named with care and clarity, and you will be supported in addressing it.

Underpinning all of this is our Conscious Communication Framework, which invites you to relate with care, clarity, and ethical presence. You'll practice listening without judgment, offering feedback that honours vulnerability, and speaking your truth in ways that create connection rather than separation. Communication becomes both a path of spiritual practice and a key indicator of your ministerial maturity. At OneSpirit, we believe that ordination is not the end of your training, but a threshold; a sacred crossing into a lifelong path of service, integrity, and evolution. What we offer is not just a programme, but a practice: one that will be with you long after the training ends.

Vow Taking & Ordination

a sacred threshold

After two years of deep personal development, spiritual exploration, and guided practice, you'll be invited to step into ministry in a way that reflects your heart, your values, and your unique gifts. You'll be ordained as an interfaith minister: someone who serves from love, listens deeply, and honours the sacred in all people, paths, and places. Ministry is a unique expression of who you are in the world, it is a way of being and a way of doing. Our training is designed to help you shape your own vision of ministry, however this may look for you. In July 2028, at the end of your second year on the Sylvan Pathway, you will be invited to attend two powerful in-person ceremonies dedicated to vow-taking and ordination; a ceremonial culmination of all you have journeyed, witnessed, and become.

Vow-taking is deeply personal, and an opportunity to be witnessed by your peers, tutors, and the wider OneSpirit community as you discern and speak aloud the personal vow that will guide your path into ministry. A sacred commitment drawn from the truth of your own becoming, one that will ground and support your unique way of serving in the world. This is not a promise to become a particular kind of minister or to serve in a prescribed way. It is a declaration of who you are becoming and how you will carry that becoming into the world, in whatever form feels most authentically yours. The vow you make is held in community, affirmed through ceremony, and honoured as the heart of your unfolding ministry. Ordination follows as a collective and ceremonial threshold, a sacred crossing from student to minister. It does not mark an end, but a beginning. In this space, you are welcomed as an Interfaith Minister. These two ceremonies are often described as one of the most profound and life-affirming experiences of the training. It brings together ritual, reflection, beauty, and belonging; a space where all the strands of your journey are gathered and blessed.

Ordination is not a reward for completion. It is a sacred recognition, of your readiness to serve, your willingness to journey with others, and your commitment to continue learning, growing, and listening.

It is a continuation of a lifelong spiral of sacred becoming.

Your Ministry

the way your presence meets the world

You may be wondering: *what if I'm not sure I want to conduct ceremonies or lead communities?* Many students begin with this question. Through the training, your particular calling will clarify. Some graduates go on to become highly active ministers, offering ceremonies, leading communities, and working publicly in spiritual and pastoral roles. Others carry their formation more quietly; bringing presence, depth, and wisdom into their families, workplaces, and existing communities. Both are valid, and deeply needed, expressions of ministry.

This training is not only for those who feel called to visible or public roles. It is for anyone seeking a deeper way of being in the world; a more conscious, compassionate, and connected way of living. Ministry, in this sense, is not something you do, but something you embody. It can be found in the way you listen to a friend, how you meet conflict, how you hold space for another's experience, even in the care and attention you bring to the most ordinary moments of daily life. Ordination marks not a commitment to a specific form of ministry, but a sacred recognition of your readiness to serve in whatever way is authentically yours. It affirms your capacity to meet life with presence, integrity, and care, and to offer that presence in service to others.

As part of this journey, you will also become connected to a wider and ongoing community. Our growing network of OneSpirit ministers offers a rich field of relationship, support, and shared practice beyond your training. You will also be eligible to join the Register of OneSpirit Interfaith Ministers (**ROSIM**), a professional body that supports and recognises your work as a minister. Alongside this, we offer a range of Continuing Professional Development (**CPD**) opportunities supporting both the practical expression of your ministry and your ongoing personal and spiritual growth.

Your ministry is not something that begins at ordination and ends there. It is a living, evolving practice, shaped over time through relationship, reflection, and service; held within a community that continues to grow with you.

Supervision

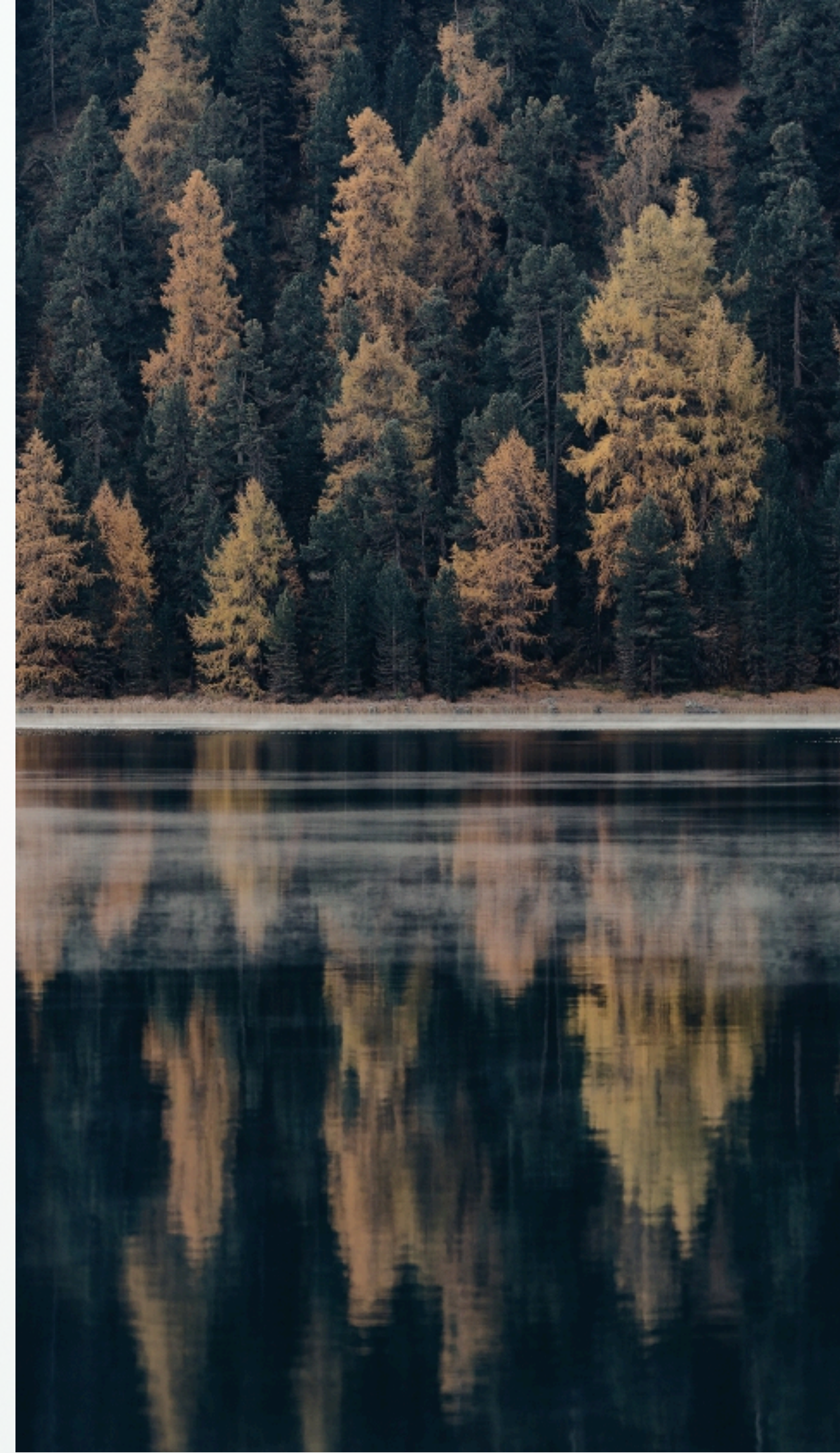
a foundation for reflective practice

A key part of your training and ministry is regular supervision with an accredited supervisor. We are proud to have our own body of trained accredited supervisors working with our student and minister communities. Supervision fosters a culture of ongoing learning and development in your ministry and plays an essential role in your reflective practice. We ask all our students to have regular supervision throughout their training. This is not included in our fee structure as we feel this gives you the freedom to work with a supervisor from our accredited body that you feel most drawn to and allows you to work within your own budget. We anticipate this would be an additional £200 - £400 per year.

What are the benefits for being in regular supervision?

Supervision creates a safe, boundaried space where you can explore the experiences, challenges, and questions that arise during your training and in your developing practice. It supports deeper self-awareness by offering feedback, alternative perspectives, and helping you identify patterns in how you relate to others and to the work. Through regular supervision, you develop the kind of honest, reflective practice that underpins ethical and effective ministry; the capacity to notice what you bring into the room, what you might be missing, and where your own edges lie.

Supervision is also where you learn to hold complexity without needing to resolve it immediately, a capacity that is central to ministerial presence. Many of our ministers describe supervision as one of the most valuable and enduring practices they carry forward from their training.



Community and Support

the layers that hold you

At OneSpirit, you're not journeying this path alone. Our training is held within a rich web of support, woven to sustain your growth, reflection, and connection throughout the two-year journey. Here's how we hold you:

Enquiry Circles

A structured rhythm of facilitated group spaces before, after, and between retreats, supporting integration, reflection, and ongoing formation.

Online Classroom

You'll have access to a curated collection of resources, practices, and reading materials to deepen your learning.

Personal Reflections

At the start and end of each gateway, you'll be guided through structured reflection points to support your integration and spiritual development.

Communications Platform

Our online platform helps you stay connected with your tutors, fellow students, and the wider team.

Tutor Support

You'll receive support and guidance from tutors who are here to hold your journey with care.

Supervision

You'll engage in regular one-to-one supervision sessions with an experienced OneSpirit Supervisor to deepen your self-awareness and ministerial formation.

At OneSpirit, we recognise and celebrate neurodiversity and the many ways minds learn, sense and create meaning. Our tutors and staff are committed to offering flexible, compassionate learning environments where every student can flourish. If you have particular learning needs or would value adjustments, we warmly invite an early conversation so we can support your journey.

OneSpirit Faculty

those that hold the space

At the heart of the OneSpirit training is a dedicated and experienced faculty team, committed to holding a learning environment that is safe, inclusive, and deeply supportive of your growth. Our faculty is made up of a range of tutors, each bringing their own lived experience, spiritual practice, and professional expertise into the training space. Together, they represent a rich diversity of backgrounds, traditions, and approaches. Throughout your journey, you will be held not by a single voice, but by a collaborative teaching team. This allows you to encounter a range of perspectives, styles, and ways of being in ministry, while remaining grounded in a shared philosophy of presence, compassion, and ethical practice.

Your learning will be supported in multiple ways:

- Through live teaching and facilitation, where tutors guide group learning with care and attentiveness
- Through one-to-one tutorials, offering space to reflect on your personal journey and development
- Through supervision, providing a dedicated and confidential space to explore your practice, relationships, and ethical questions
- Through the presence of associate tutors and guest contributors, who bring specialist knowledge and lived ministerial experience into the programme

Above all, our role as faculty is to hold the conditions in which your own wisdom can emerge. We do not shape you into a particular kind of minister, but support you in discovering and embodying your own authentic expression of ministry. As part of this, we are deeply committed to maintaining clear ethical boundaries, awareness of power dynamics, and a trauma-informed approach to teaching and facilitation. Creating a space where all participants feel respected, included, and able to engage at their own pace is central to how we work.

You can expect to be held with care, challenged with integrity, and supported as you grow; within a faculty community that is as committed to its own ongoing learning as it is to yours.

The Wider Team

supporting the whole

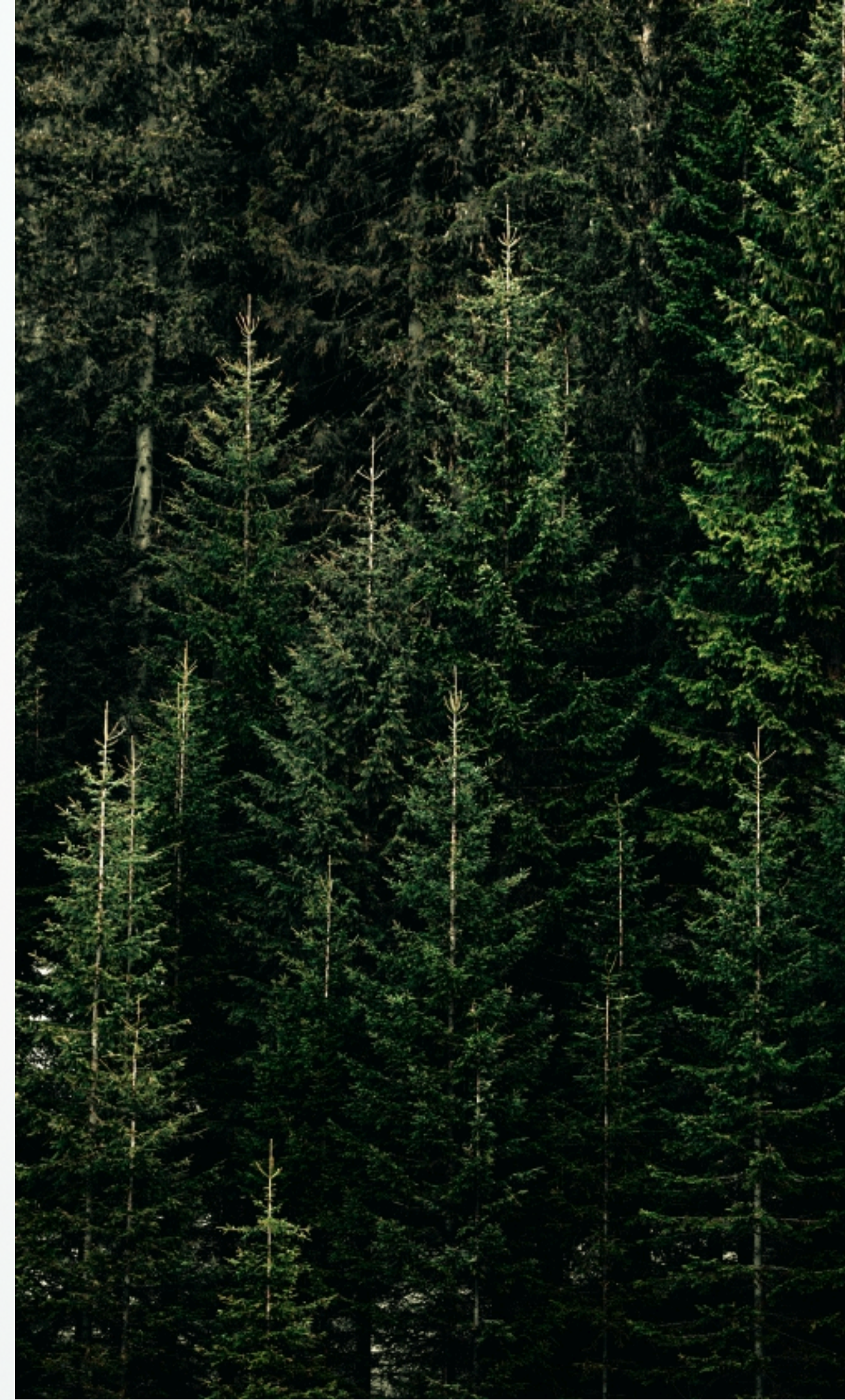
Alongside our faculty, a wider team works behind the scenes to support not only your training, but the life of OneSpirit as a whole. This includes programme coordination, curriculum development, communications, community support, operations, and finance; all of which contribute to the integrity, continuity, and sustainability of OneSpirit.

We are stewards of the curriculum and learning journey, working to ensure your experience is coherent, well-held, and continually evolving. You will hear from us regularly through updates, resources, and practical support, helping you stay connected and supported throughout the programme.

We also support the wider OneSpirit minister community, including ongoing engagement, professional registration, and development opportunities beyond ordination.

Alongside this, we work closely with our Board of Trustees, who provide oversight and guidance, and hold responsibility for the governance and sustainability of the charity.

Much of this work happens out of sight, but it is grounded in the same values as the teaching: care, integrity, and a commitment to service. In tending to the structures that hold OneSpirit, we help create the conditions in which your learning, and the wider community, can flourish.



Investment

fees for this coming year

As an educational charity, we do all we can to keep our fees as low as possible whilst offering an exceptional curriculum held by an experienced and highly skilled Faculty. To make our training more accessible, we offer two payment options.

Early Bird Offer: Save £500 if you complete enrolment by 1st August 2026.

Please note: completing enrolment means signing and returning your Training Agreement to us and paying the £250 deposit before 1st August.

If you want to take advantage of the early bird offer, please make sure that you have submitted your application by the start of July at the latest to avoid disappointment.

If you would like to discuss our fees in more detail, email Danielle at: danielle.wilson@osif.org.uk.

Please note, supervision is an additional cost.

Early Bird Offer - Save £500	
Option 1	Option 2
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£250	£250
Then, 2 instalments of	Then, 24 instalments of
£4,557	£379.75
Total cost of £9,364	Total cost of £9,364

Fees from 1 August 2026	
Option 1	Option 2
Deposit of	Deposit of
£250	£250
Then, 2 instalments of	Then, 24 instalments of
£4,807	£400.58
Total cost of £9,864	Total cost of £9,864

Are you Ready?

a threshold crossing

There are moments in life when something begins to stir. It might not be loud or fully formed. It might feel like a quiet curiosity, or a sense that something is shifting beneath the surface. A question that keeps returning. A feeling that there is more to explore, or a different way of being that is asking for your attention.

If you are reading this, you may already recognise something of that.

For some, the call into this work is clear. For others, it arrives more gently, as a pull toward deeper connection, a desire to understand yourself more fully, or a sense that how you meet others in the world matters in a new way. There is no single way this beginning looks. You do not need to have a clear picture of where this path will lead. You do not need to feel ready in any fixed or certain way. What matters is a willingness to stay with the questions, to be curious about what is unfolding, and to take a step even when the outcome is not yet known.

This training is not about becoming something separate from who you are. It is about coming into closer relationship with yourself, with others, and with the wider field of life. It asks for your presence, your honesty, and your attention and over time, these begin to shape how you listen, how you respond, and how you find your place in the world.

You will not do this alone. The journey is held in community, and much of the learning emerges through relationship — through being seen, through listening, through noticing what happens when you meet another person with care and awareness. There will be moments of recognition, and moments of challenge. Both are part of the work. For some, this path leads into visible forms of ministry. For others, it becomes something woven more quietly into everyday life. There is space for both here. What matters is that it is real, and that it is yours. If something in you is leaning toward this — even if it is not fully formed — it may be enough to begin.

Are you Ready?

taking the next step

If this pathway is calling to you, there are a number of ways to move forward. Whether you are ready to apply or still exploring, we invite you to take the next step in a way that feels right for you.

Apply for the Training:

- Begin your application and take your first step into the programme.
- Apply Here: <https://sylvanpath-application-2026.paperform.co/>

Book a One-to-One Conversation:

- Speak with Maddy to explore whether this training is the right next step for you, ask questions, and reflect on your calling.
- Book a Call Here: <https://calendar.app.google/wBn8U8udZCYjkyty8>

Join an Introductory Session:

- Experience our approach, meet members of the team, and get a feel for the learning environment before you apply.
- Join an Intro Day Here: <https://www.interfaithfoundation.org/intro-days-taster-sessions/>

Now, more than ever, the world needs voices of understanding, bridge-building, and deep listening. In times of uncertainty and division, interfaith ministry isn't just meaningful, it's essential. It's about showing up with presence, compassion and courage in a world longing for connection. This path invites you into deeper relationship, with yourself, with others, and with something greater. Not to have all the answers, but to begin.

Applications for the Class of 2028 close at midnight on 30 September 2026.

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