



**Jersey Baptist Church  
Ministry Training Scheme Application**

**(Confidential)**

**A. Your Personal Details**

**Full Name** .....

**Address** .....

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**Telephone/Mobile numbers** .....

**Email address** .....

**Date of birth** .....

**Do you hold a valid UK Driver's License** .....

**Are you authorised to live and work in the UK** (*we will only entertain applications that answer yes to this question*) .....

**Please give a brief summary of your secular education so far and any qualifications attained**

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**Please give a brief history of any secular employment**

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**B. Reasons for application to the Jersey Baptist Church Ministry Training Scheme**

**Why are you applying for this scheme? If not currently at Jersey Baptist Church, have you considered training at your own church?**

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**Please give details of Christian service in which you have been or are involved e.g. Sunday School teaching, Christian Union, small bible group leadership, pastoral care etc**

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**What do you think are your main gifts in ministry and main areas of weakness?**

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**What aspect of ministry are you most passionate about?**

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**E. References**

**Please provide the names and addresses of two people who will be able to provide a reference for you. One should be your minister from your current church and the other should be another Christian who knows you well. Both should have known you for a period of at least two years.**

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## FIEC STATEMENT OF FAITH

### **1. God**

There is one God, who exists eternally in three distinct but equal persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God is unchangeable in his holiness, justice, wisdom and love. He is the almighty Creator; Saviour and Judge who sustains and governs all things according to his sovereign will for his own glory.

### **2. The Bible**

God has revealed himself in the Bible, which consists of the Old and New Testaments alone. Every word was inspired by God through human authors, so that the Bible as originally given is in its entirety the Word of God, without error and fully reliable in fact and doctrine. The Bible alone speaks with final authority and is always sufficient for all matters of belief and practice.

### **3. The Human Race**

All men and women, being created in the image of God, have inherent and equal dignity and worth. Their greatest purpose is to obey, worship and love God. As a result of the fall of our first parents, every aspect of human nature has been corrupted and all men and women are without spiritual life, guilty sinners and hostile to God. Every person is therefore under the just condemnation of God and needs to be born again, forgiven and reconciled to God in order to know and please him.

### **4. The Lord Jesus Christ**

The Lord Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and lived a sinless life in obedience to the Father. He taught with authority and all his words are true. On the cross he died in the place of sinners, bearing God's punishment for their sin, redeeming them by his blood. He rose from the dead and in his resurrection body ascended into heaven where he is exalted as Lord of all. He intercedes for his people in the presence of the Father.

### **5. Salvation**

Salvation is entirely a work of God's grace and cannot be earned or deserved. It has been accomplished by the Lord Jesus Christ and is offered to all in the gospel. God in his love forgives sinners whom he calls, granting them repentance and faith. All who believe in Christ are justified by faith alone, adopted into the family of God and receive eternal life.

### **6. The Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit has been sent from heaven to glorify Christ and to apply his work of salvation. He convicts sinners, imparts spiritual life and gives a true understanding of the Scriptures. He indwells all believers, brings assurance of salvation and produces increasing likeness to Christ. He builds up the Church and empowers its members for worship, service and mission.

## 7. The Church

The universal Church is the body of which Christ is the head and to which all who are saved belong. It is made visible in local churches, which are congregations of believers who are committed to each other for the worship of God, the preaching of the Word, the administering of Baptism and the Lord's Supper; for pastoral care and discipline, and for evangelism. The unity of the body of Christ is expressed within and between churches by mutual love, care and encouragement. True fellowship between churches exists only where they are faithful to the gospel.

## 8. Baptism and the Lord's Supper

Baptism and the Lord's Supper have been given to the churches by Christ as visible signs of the gospel. Baptism is a symbol of union with Christ and entry into his Church but does not impart spiritual life. The Lord's Supper is a commemoration of Christ's sacrifice offered once for all and involves no change in the bread and wine. All its blessings are received by faith.

## 9. The Future

The Lord Jesus Christ will return in glory. He will raise the dead and judge the world in righteousness. The wicked will be sent to eternal punishment and the righteous will be welcomed into a life of eternal joy in fellowship with God. God will make all things new and will be glorified forever.

We also have accepted ethos statements to which our member churches agree to abide. These are intended to bring clarity to our life and ministry as a Fellowship, not to be raised to the level of our Doctrinal Basis:

- Our Gospel Unity statement explains how our commitment to the Gospel means we are unable to express Christian fellowship with those who cannot affirm the fundamental truths of the faith.
- Our Women in Ministry statement identifies our beliefs on the role of men and women in the church as a classic complementarian position.
- Our Same Sex Marriage statement outlines our conviction that the biblical definition of marriage is heterosexual, and gives brief implications for FIEC churches.

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