

MA MISSIONAL
LEADERSHIP AND
SPIRITUALITY 2022-23



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INTRODUCTION

This programme is validated by Newman University and delivered by ForMission College, in Birmingham and online, in collaboration with Rural Ministries.



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PROGRAMME AIMS

This programme aims to equip Christian leaders for missional leadership through active reflection on issues in spiritual formation and practice in today's world.

WHO IS THE PROGRAMME AIMED AT?

The programme is aimed at a wide range of students who are in some form of Christian leadership within churches, charities, mission agencies or community organisations/projects seeking understanding, reflection and skills-building in spiritual formation and practice.

STUDY OPTIONS

The Programme is studied part-time and either fully online, or mainly online with some face to face classes.

Entry points are September, January and May each year.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme is completed in three years. The first two years comprise six taught modules. The dissertation module is completed in the third year, on a subject of the student's own choice related to Missional Leadership and Spirituality.

HOW THE PROGRAMME WORKS

We aim to advance students' knowledge and critical understanding of contemporary issues in missional leadership and spiritual formation/practice by drawing on missiology, sociology, psychology, leadership studies, theology, spiritual formation/practice and biblical studies.

The taught module assessments and the dissertation module offer students opportunities to develop their particular interests in these fields, and the skills of independent study and research.

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL YEAR LOOK LIKE?

The taught modules are facilitated either online or at our Birmingham campus.

There may be a need for tuition times or delivery modes to be changed, due to situations outside our control, such as sickness, or government guidelines.

LOCATION

Our Birmingham campus is located at Rowheath Pavilion, Heath Road, Birmingham, B30 1HH.

"The opportunity for those involved in leadership to continue learning is something Rural Ministries enthusiastically supports and encourages. Collaborating with ForMission College is a great way to facilitate this, and we look forward to the kingdom opportunities that will arise as a result of this MA."

SIMON MATTHOLIE - CHIEF EXECUTIVE, RURAL MINISTRIES

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2022 STARTERS

YEARS 1 & 2

AUTUMN SCHOOL 2022

MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP: FORMATION AND SKILLS (702)

Examining the task of leadership, and the skills needed to equip the church effectively in God's mission today.

SPRING SCHOOL 2023

OPTIONAL MODULE

Choose from list overleaf – subject to availability.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2023

SPIRITUALITY IN CONTEMPORARY CULTURE (710)

(In the case of the Spirituality MA programme)

Exploring approaches to spirituality of missional movements in local communities and the wider cultural context of globalisation, postmodernism and secularism.

AUTUMN SCHOOL 2023

PERSPECTIVES IN CONTEMPORARY MISSION (720)

Enabling students to engage with the challenges of secularisation, post-modernity and the influence of the church in contemporary Western society.

SPRING SCHOOL 2024

RESEARCH METHODOLOGIES AND CONTEXTUAL THEOLOGY (703)

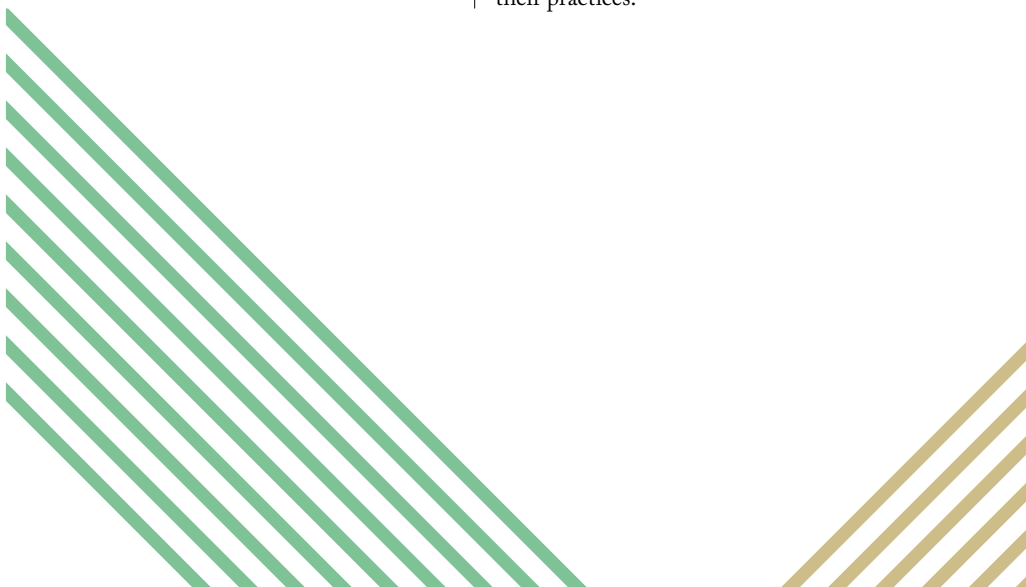
Quantitative and qualitative methods in both local and global contexts, contextual theology, theology of place and social justice in wider society.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2024

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND PRACTICES (709)

(In the case of the Spirituality MA programme)

Identify distinctively Christian concepts of 'community' including themes of discipleship and intentional Christian communities and their practices.



OPTIONAL MODULES

Students study one optional module out of the following – subject to minimum cohort sizes:

URBAN MISSION: LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES

Exploring Trinitarian approaches to urban community development, alleviation of urban poverty and evaluating leadership challenges.

GLOBALISATION, MIGRATION AND MULTI-DIRECTIONAL MISSION

Evaluating neo-colonialism, globalisation, multi-directional migration, contemporary cultural shifts and global and local trends in cross-cultural mission and expressions of 'new Christianities'.

MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP IN EUROPEAN HISTORY

Engaging in a one/two-week (physical or virtual) European studies tour, with readings, presentations and seminars on the Christian heritage of Europe and key missional leaders and movements in the European context

FORMING AND LEADING MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES

Exploring community practice, mentoring and managing conflict as part of forming and leading healthy missional communities.

INDEPENDENT STUDY MODULE

Identifying a topic, issue, or ministerial area relevant to an aspect of missional leadership and developing an independent learning project including library and practical research.

YEAR 3

AUTUMN 2024 TO SUMMER 2025

DISSERTATION (719)

Students will complete a 15,000-word research-based project on a topic of their choice, subject to approval of the initial proposal by the Programme Director and in line with the overall programme aims and learning outcomes. Students will be assigned a personal supervisor to guide them through the dissertation process.

Although we will always try to deliver the program as indicated, there will be instances when we have to either delay a session or run it differently due to situations outside our control, or due to government guidelines.

PROGRAMME RESOURCES

Student resources include College-produced material, with access to a wide-ranging online journal database, electronic resources and the College's online virtual learning provision. The programme includes personal development through guided personal reflection, ensuring students' studies and practical ministry continually inform each other.

TEACHING STAFF

Our academic staff are also involved in leadership roles which gives the programme a clear practical focus and places a high value on research and reflective practice.

APPLYING FOR OUR MA PROGRAMME

TUITION FEES

Our aim is to make tuition as affordable as possible to equip more people to serve in a wide range of church and mission situations within a European context.

Fees are £9,300 for the whole programme (payment plan by agreement).

Any required meals and/or costs of accommodation are included in the fees for MA programmes.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

- A good first degree (first, upper second or strong lower second) or Graduate Diploma in Theology or related subject.
- Previous awards do not need to be in theology and a degree in a related subject is usually sufficient evidence of an ability to engage with the programme.
- Students without a degree but who can demonstrate significant ministry experience will also be considered, subject to appropriate assessment.

MEET US

Please feel free to contact the Postgraduate Programme Director, Andy Kingston-Smith (email address below), for more information on our programmes. He would be happy to discuss any queries you may have including the possibility of sampling an online class session.

HOW TO APPLY

Go to our website formission.org.uk and click on the 'apply' section of the MA programme. The online application form will guide you through the process.

You will need to have documentary evidence (proof of identity, e.g. passport, and copies of educational certificates).

Our admissions team will then contact you to arrange an interview via Zoom or at one of our campus locations.

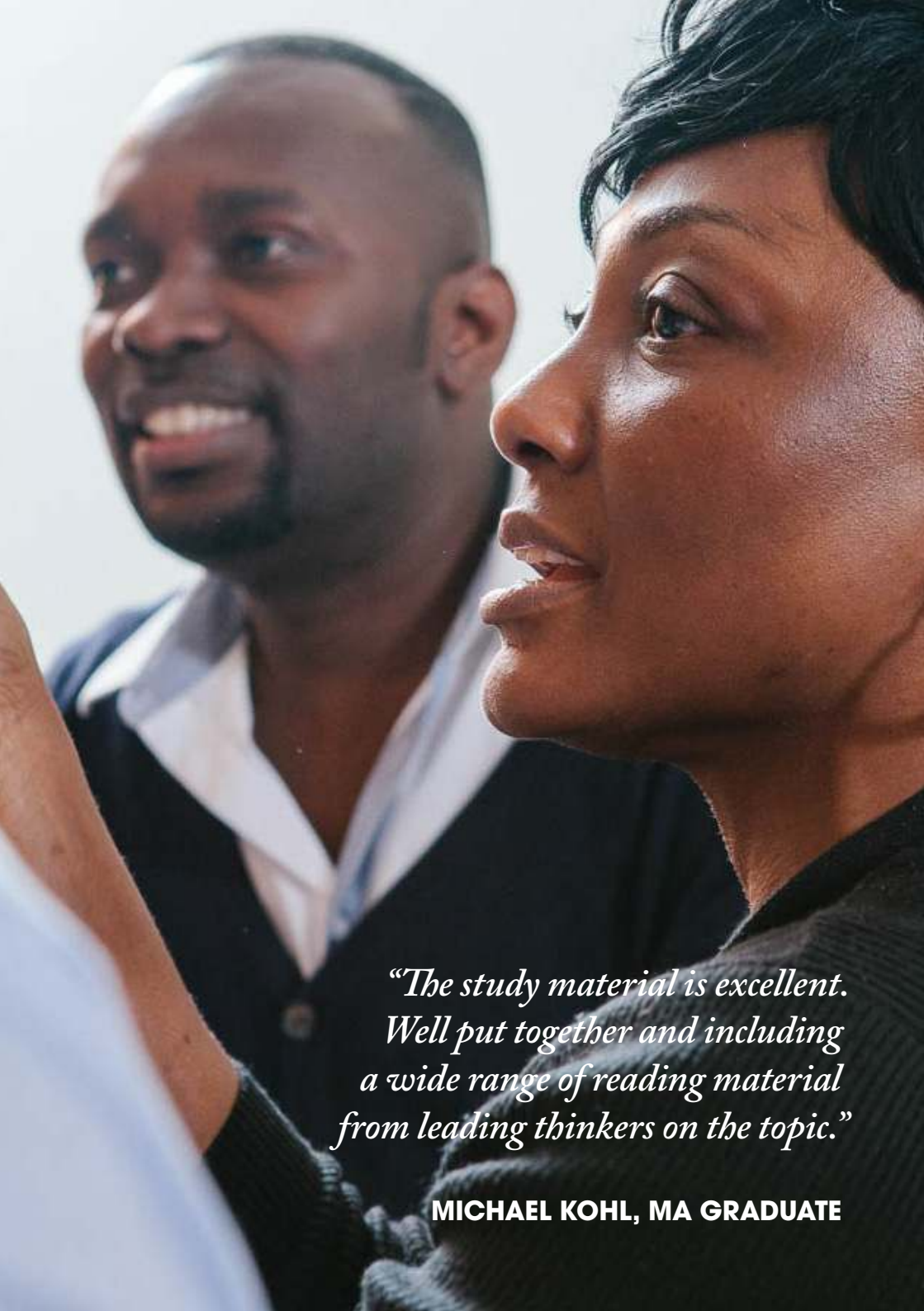
Successful applicants who wish to apply for student finance will need to complete an admissions process with Newman University after their acceptance with ForMission.'

CONTACT

If you would like more information, or to discuss study possibilities and options, please contact the Programme Director, Andy Kingston-Smith at:


andykingston-smith@formission.org.uk

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Well put together and including
a wide range of reading material
from leading thinkers on the topic.”*

MICHAEL KOHL, MA GRADUATE



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