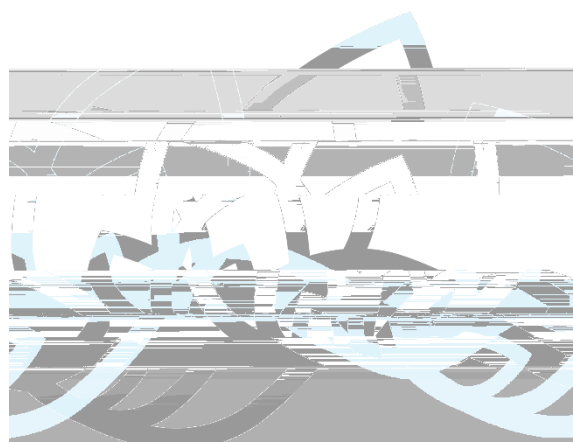


Education for Ministry Phase 3 (EM3) is the third and lifelong learning phase of learning and development for recognised Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Church Related Community Workers in the United Reformed Church. Education for

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Funding

EM3 active ministers are able to apply for a grant of up to £700 per year to use on EM3 events, excluding Sabbatical years. In Sabbatical years, the grant rises to £1200 for the Sabbatical but does not include the non-sabbatical year £700. If EM3 ministers substantially change their type of ministry, a Transitional Training grant offers a further two weeks' time allowance and an additional £350 grant funding. If the £700 limit may not be enough for a significant training event, the Rollover Funding Scheme may be used to borrow up to two year's funding from following years. A minister of another denomination in an ecumenical post is able to apply for 50% of EM3 grant funds.

After completion of a standard application form (G1 for EM3 and G2 for Sabbaticals) and authorisation by the relevant Synod Training and Development Officer or equivalent, funding can be paid in arrears based on a claim and/or paid in advance directly to a learning provider. There may be additional funding available if engaging in a Belonging to the World Church opportunity or engaging in a higher degree such as a Masters or PhD/DPhil.

URC Organised opportunities

Synod Schools

Synod Schools are organised by individual or joint Synods usually cover a four-day period and