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This programme is offered collaboratively between the Dr Williams's Trust, the University of Glasgow and Trinity College Glasgow.









Jack Liuta has a legal background and served in youth ministry and evangelism in the DR Congo. He recently completed a PhD focusing on sexual violence and armed conflict in Africa. He is undertaking the masters programme as he explores his calling to Baptist ministry and his desire to serve and support interethnic congregations.

"This programme promotes academic excellence alongside ministry development. It supports inclusivity and will be helpful to ministers from different backgrounds. I would encourage those in ministry in cross-cultural contexts to apply if they are seeking training that prepares them to address current challenges faced in a global context."

Sarah Brown is the minister of St Machar's Cathedral in Aberdeen. Her ministry context offers many rich opportunities but also brings the challenge of incarnating a very public Christian presence at the heart of a great city.

"Engaging with this course has been a source of life for both me and my congregation. An opportunity to reflect on my own ministry journey and current context, with critical eyes and kindness of heart. The consequence has been fresh air breathed into worship and congregational life that both nourishes and heals. It has been a great experience to jouney with teachers and classmates to awaken creativity that can easily lie dormant under the grind of ministry. A wonderful opportunity to 'see again' for the first time."





Mary Wylie is a chaplain and an active member of her local Baptist church. She undertook her studies hoping they would support her ongoing professional development and deepen her discipleship.

"I am thoroughly enjoying the variety of modules on offer. A particular highlight has been meeting students from a variety of ecclesial contexts and undertaking academic study alongside the practical elements of my working role. I had not anticipated how the course would so strengthen my sense of professional wellbeing. I had questioned the sense of studying at this stage in my life, but God has been more than faithful, continually nudging me 'this is the way, walk in it' (Isaiah 30: 21). I would recommend this masters heartily. Thank you!"

Alistair Smeaton is a URC minister in the Cumbria Missional partnership. He works with congregations set in communities with both an urban and a rural aspect and where working closely with other denominations is increasingly important.

"The Reformed tradition has always emphasised a learned ministry. It is not the only attribute in ministry, nor even necessarily the most important, but it does remain significant. My initial ministerial training has seemed increasingly distant. I was therefore seeking opportunities to think theologically about what God might be doing in the church and world now - and into the future. This programme is certainly meeting my needs. On the study days I am meeting skilled academic staff and learning alongside people serving in other traditions. I have found the facilities on the Glasgow campus to be excellent. However, most of my personal study has taken place at home and online access to Glasgow University's high quality library has made this straightforward."

