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Dear applicant

First of all, thank you for showing an interest in this post within the Centre for Formation in Ministry at Sarum College. I hope that you will find the attached job description and outline of our expectations clear and an encouragement to explore further whether this might be a calling for you.

It is important that you know that our responsibility for the training in formation of a new generation of ministers of the gospel takes place within the context of a diverse learning community of Sarum College. It forms a part of our exciting and enlivening work of study and research where our passion is learning that nourishes the human spirit. We are fortunate to sit within Salisbury Cathedral Close where theological learning has been taking place for many centuries.

We are aware of our responsibility to equip women and men for Christian ministry in a world that is undergoing rapid and profound changes. We are fully engaged in contemporary culture as we seek to nurture individuals and a community of learning that is outward looking, creative, flexible, caring, imaginative and diverse. This community life is centred around worship and deeply rooted in Scripture. Our team seeks to value individuals, and the skills and experience they bring. We are passionate about theological reflection and putting our tradition to work for the purposes of mission and ministry. Above all, we hope to be able to use our imagination to enable creative and resourceful ministers who can put theology to work for the nurture of the proclamation of the Kingdom and our service to communities.

I hope that you will find the information that can support you in your reflections and considerations about this post. Sarum is a great place to work and the Centre for formation in Ministry has a supportive and well-established team. As Principal I take an active role in the support and development of students and staff. My colleague Paul Burden coordinates the Centre and will be the first point of call for any of you who want to talk further about this post.

I wish you well in your process of discernment.

