

## FES Information - Deaconess Candidates

Candidates are normally assigned, for three years concurrent with their studies, to an experienced parish minister, deaconess or other suitable supervisor, who will work in co operation with the Faculty (through the Supervisor of Field Education) in giving candidates guidance and practical experience in the various aspects of diaconal service. Such experience is for all deaconess candidates an assessable component of the Course of Training and a satisfactory record in a wide range of areas of ministry is required.

This practical training is designed to be achieved by the candidate working in a supervised situation in a parish either:

- a) for 6 – 8 hours per week for a minimum of 3 academic years (March to November) of the course, OR
- b) for a minimum of 16 weeks full-time.

It will be the prerogative of the Faculty to direct a candidate to one or other of these alternatives, to require attendance at any seminars and workshops convened in conjunction with the scheme, and to assign such additional practical experience as may be deemed necessary.

Candidates in their third year are required to undertake an extended F.E.S. appointment as part of their F.E.S. requirement, such an appointment to include at least two days per week parish work (March to November) and attendance at seminars in connection with this field work( 401/421 Field Education). All appointments are negotiated by the F.E.S. Supervisor. There is normally an allowance paid to the candidate by the parish.

Candidates are to contact the F.E.S. Supervisor as soon as possible prior to commencing their Theological Course, and to give attention to any instructions he or she may give.