

Learning Partnership Preferences Form

In order to assist staff in the process of matching learning partners we would request that you complete the following form and return it to staff during the October learning circle (by noon Friday, October 19). Partnerships will be “announced” no later than Monday, October 22. We encourage you to make intentional connections with your learning partners during the remainder of the learning circle. This could be a chance to share information and preferred approaches to partnership. (See “Job Description - Learning Partner” on previous page.)

The following factors are some of the qualities that enhance learning partnerships:

- Intentionality
- Ability to raise questions
- Commitment to mutual learning
- Clarity about boundaries
- Ability to affirm differences and diversity
- Ability and willing to deal with feelings
- Flexibility
- Organization and structure
- Pastoral sensitivity
- Strength in abstract conceptualization
- Insight in theological reflection
- Skill in making connections with biblical themes/images/motifs
- Ability to challenge and deal with conflict forthrightly
- Ability to offer affirmation and support
- Ability to deal with stress
- Consistency

Please indicate two or three qualities that are especially important to you in being assigned a learning partner. i.e. the qualities in a learning partner that would enhance your learning.

My expectations re: contact are (frequency and timing of responding, mode of communication, style of comments and responses, confidentiality, etc.)

List the names of three or four people you would be interested in as your learning partner for the Educational Ministry Year.

List the names of any persons you feel would impede your learning as a learning partner.

Given the understanding that it is challenging to satisfy everyone’s needs in terms of matching learning partners, is there anything that staff need to know about your preferences or needs?