

Introduction

By Aqeela Tanveer

I am Aqeela Tanveer, a second-year Methodist Ordinand (Student Minister) studying at Queen's Foundation, Birmingham, and I feel deeply grateful to be placed within the Ealing Trinity Circuit for the next eighteen months as part of my formation journey in the Circuit-based Learning Pathway (CBLP).



I am originally from Pakistan, settled in the United Kingdom since 2009, and living in Slough within the Thames Valley Circuit. My journey across cultures has shaped my faith in profound ways, giving me a deeper appreciation of the diversity of God's people and the richness of the Church's witness in different contexts. This continues to inform my understanding of ministry as inclusive, compassionate, and attentive to the varied stories people carry.

The Circuit-Based Learning Pathway is a vital part of ministerial formation within the Methodist Church. It enables learning not only through academic study, but through active participation in the life, worship, and mission of the circuit. Within this shared life, theology becomes lived experience, and vocation is nurtured through service, reflection, and relationship.

My sense of calling to ordained ministry has grown through prayer, discernment, and a deep desire to serve God and His people. I hold onto the words of Scripture: "Here I am. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8), as a simple yet profound expression of my response to God's call. I understand this vocation as a faithful response to God's grace, a commitment to walk alongside others, to listen well, and to participate in God's transforming work in the world. I come with a willingness to learn, to be shaped, and to be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Alongside this calling, I am a wife to a loving husband and a mother of three children. My family life has been central to my formation, teaching me patience, resilience, and the importance of faithful presence. These experiences continue to shape my ministry as relational and grounded in everyday life.

It is a great privilege to be part of the Ealing Trinity Circuit. I am thankful for the opportunity to learn from experienced ministers, dedicated leaders, and welcoming congregations. I look forward to growing in fellowship, deepening in understanding, and serving alongside you all in the months ahead. I enter this season with gratitude and openness, trusting in God's guidance in all things.