**Ministry Development Journal – Capturing Learning from a Ministry Event**

*This form is designed to encourage systematic reflection on ministry experiences in order to help integrate learning and practice. Not all the questions will be relevant for every situation.*

*This template is structured on the model of ‘Progressive Theological Reflection’ outlined in Judith Thompson,* SCM Guide to Theological Reflection *(SCM 2008, p 55-56).*

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| **Date / time:** |  | **Place:** |  |
| **The event:** | | | |
| Date / time: Location:  Nature of event:  Describe briefly what happened:  Describe your own role:  How did you feel about the event / your role within it? | | | |
| **What were the main issues / questions which this event raised for you?** | | | |
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| **Building a richer understanding of what happened:** | | | |
| Eg understanding about the context; Understanding from the perspective of others involved or affected; understanding using various disciplines or bodies of knowledge (eg social sciences, psychology) | | | |
| **Building a theological understanding** | | | |
| What insights from the faith tradition (eg from scripture, theological writing, historic tradition) help to build a theological understanding on what happened? How might God see this event as an observer or participant? What difference does it make to see from a faith perspective? | | | |
| **Now return to the original situation** | | | |
| How do these perspectives change your initial understanding of the situation? | | | |
| **Finally …** | | | |
| What are the implications for future practice? What specifically might you do differently in a similar situation, and why? Is there anything you need to do now? | | | |
| **Any other questions to note or follow up?** | | | | |
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| **Books / resources to note** | | | | |
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| **This relates to the following Formation Criteria:** | | | | |
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