

# CHRISM

## CHRistians In Secular Ministry

Who is CHRISM for ?

- People like you in your daily work !
- Individual Members
- Those who train people for ministry
- Regional and local Leaders of Churches

Membership is open to all who see their work as their ministry, whether paid or unpaid, salaried or self-employed.

*Our faith imposes upon us a right and a duty to throw ourselves into the things of the earth*

Teilhard de Chardin

*The duty of my spiritual awakening was the day I saw and knew I saw - all things in God and God in all things*

Mechthild of Magdeburg

*This then is salvation: when we marvel at the beauty of the created things and praise their beautiful Creator*

Meister Eckhart

How do I join CHRISM:

Contact the Membership Secretary using the website  
[www.chrism.org.uk](http://www.chrism.org.uk)

Or the person who gave you this leaflet:

The CHRISM mission is:

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Do you believe :

- you have a vocation to serve God in your daily work
- the Kingdom is present in all you do in daily life
- that you are a Minister in Secular Employment ?

Are you interested in:

- a church which is relevant where you are day by day
- a church which supports you in that daily work
- understanding your call to minister where you are ?

Are you training for ministry:

- while staying in your paid work
- with a focus on faith in daily life
- engaging with people where they are ?

**CHRISM** is the cross-denominational UK-based association of Ministers in Secular Employment and their supporters. It has world-wide contacts.

We believe :

As Ministers in Secular Employment we live out our vocation:

- through meeting God at work.
- by choosing to share the daily experience of our work colleagues, we celebrate the presence of God, and see and tell the Christian story.

This affirmation of God's concern for every aspect of creation is an essential part of the ministry, mission and life of the church.

What sorts of work do Ministers in Secular Employment do:

*Nursing          Teaching          Chemical Engineering*  
*Tax Assessment          Judge,          Insurance,*  
*Shop worker          Solicitor          University lecturer*  
*IT Manager          Safety Consultant*

..... any work paid or unpaid !

We are Ministers in Secular Employment (MSE). We are:

- fresh expressions
- pioneer ministers
- in everyday situations and places

What can CHRISM offer you:

- networking with other MSEs
- theological reflection on ministry in secular employment
- support for people who are trying to have their MSE vocation recognised
- opportunities to make contacts and share experience.

What do we do in CHRISM:

- offer support to MSEs through our quarterly journal (Ministers-at-Work)
- occasional publications and papers
- an annual conference,
- an annual reflective weekend
- maintain a library of resources for MSE
- encourage and support local groups of MSEs
- work with 'church structures' to get MSE experience incorporated into pre-and post-ordination training
- meet with other MSEs worldwide, such as the Tentmakers of the USA and the Worker Priests in Europe

Details of our publications are on the web site

[www.chrism.org.uk](http://www.chrism.org.uk)

***What CHRISM did for me ! (from our 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary Journal)***

"CHRISM has been a literal godsend in my struggles to find a way of expressing my ministry"

"Just knowing there is a group there to hand with their support, urging, convincing and love, I found the words to express my calling"

"With other MSEs you do not have to keep explaining why you do what you do"

"I discovered I was not alone. I shared the experience of the ugly duckling who discovered they were a swan"

"CHRISM has kept me sane and inspired my ministry"

