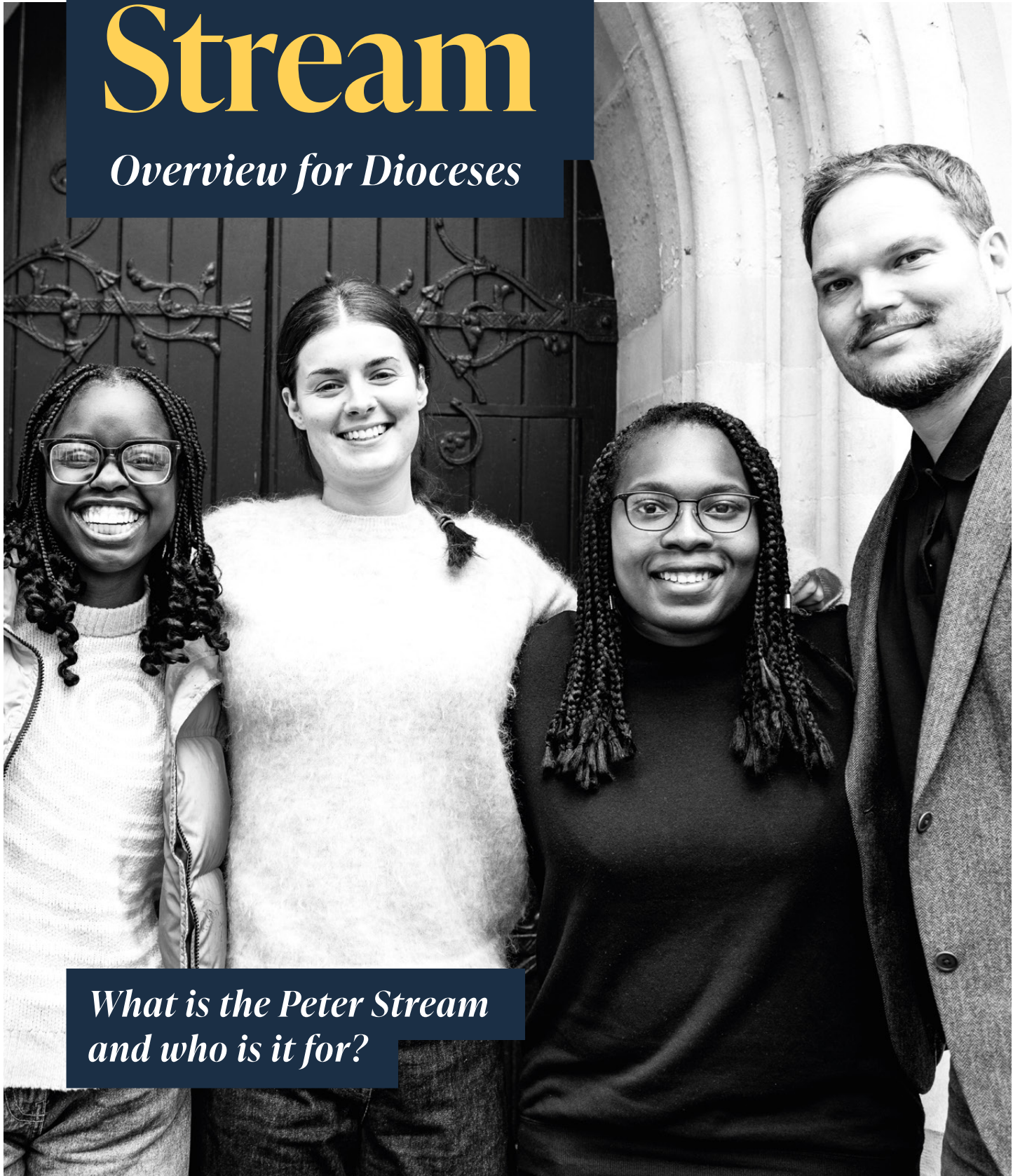


Peter Stream

Overview for Dioceses



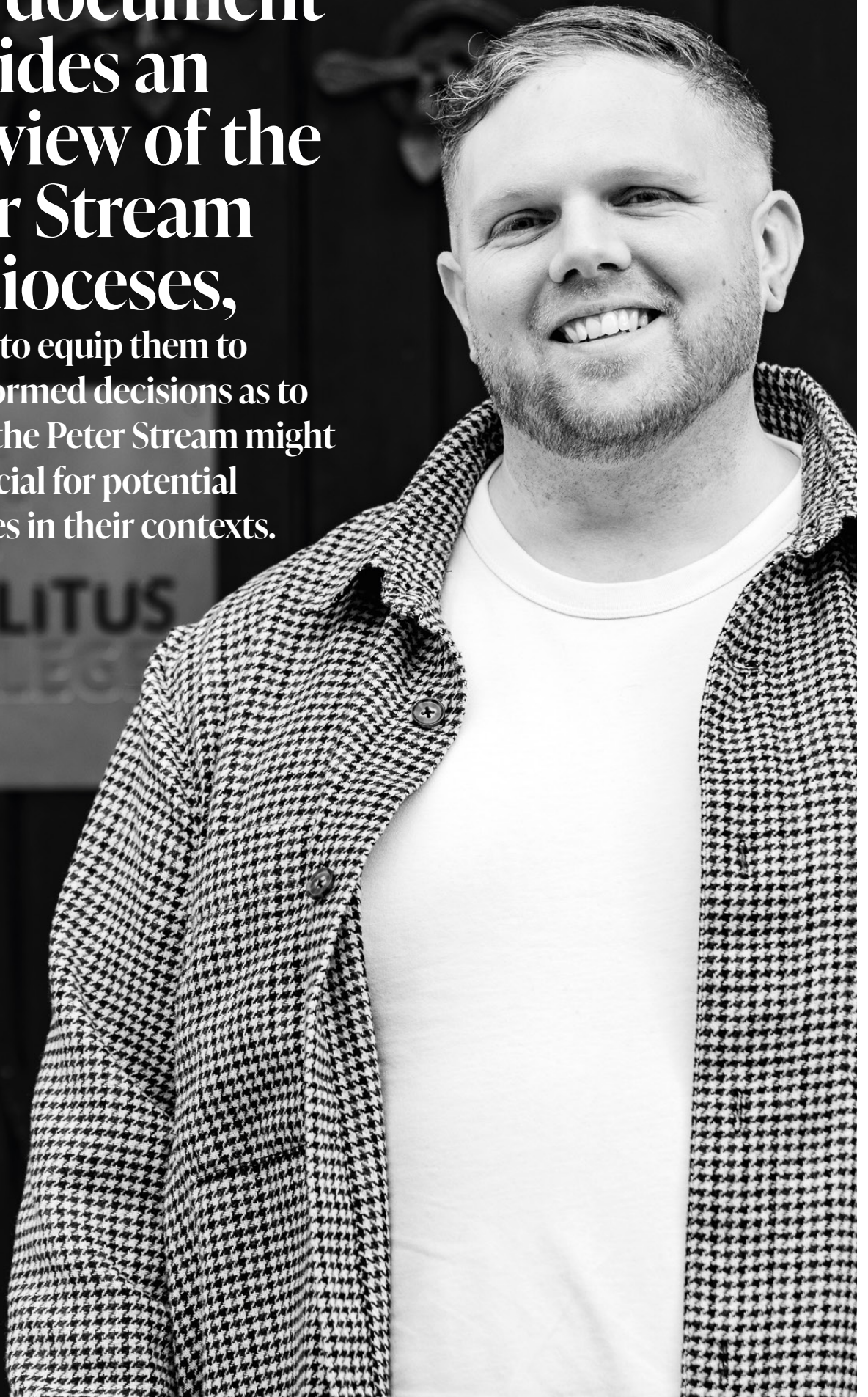
*What is the Peter Stream
and who is it for?*

This document provides an overview of the Peter Stream for dioceses,

and aims to equip them to
make informed decisions as to
whether the Peter Stream might
be beneficial for potential
candidates in their contexts.



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What is the Peter Stream?

Jesus saw in Peter the gifts and potential for an incredible ministry to which he was calling him, even though the Sanhedrin couldn't see it at first (Acts 4).

Our Vision

Our vision is to see a generation of church leadership that reflects and inspires the diversity of the body of Christ.

Our Mission

Our mission is to love, support and champion people who are in the discernment process and from backgrounds underrepresented in ordained ministry, in terms of ethnicity and socio-economic background.



We offer a one-year programme designed to identify and encourage the gifts and calling of candidates alongside the Church of England discernment process.

The Peter Stream is made up of the following key elements:

1 Discernment

Formational development designed to encourage and inspire whilst discerning God's calling.

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Teaching

Engaging theological content that is faith-enriching and discernment-relevant.

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In Community

Embedded in a close and diverse community of peers that reflects Bishop Desmond Tutu's theological vision of the spirit of Ubuntu ('I am because we are').

To date the Peter Stream has seen 130+ candidates over eight cohorts, in two locations (London and East Midlands). Candidates have come from sixteen dioceses across the country.

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Support

Access to a range of support including a personal tutor, chaplaincy, counselling and specialist educational tutoring.



How can the Peter Stream complement the discernment process within your diocese?

We aim to work alongside dioceses to support candidates as they discern God's call in their contexts. We maintain good channels of communication with DDOs through termly catch-ups and provide a Peter Stream report, written for each candidate once they have completed Stage 1 or upon completing the Peter Stream.

We also welcome DDOs to visit St Mellitus College to connect with their candidate(s) and engage with the Peter Stream.

We are committed to supporting the timeframe and pace of discernment that a diocese sees as most supportive for their candidate(s) and recognise that this will vary across dioceses. However, we have found that the Peter Stream is best done at the point in which a candidate is going through the stage 1 and 2 process. We have found it works best for group dynamics if candidates are all at similar stage of the discernment process.

What is the process for a candidate to enter the Peter Stream?

Candidates do not apply directly to join the Peter Stream, rather, they are recommended by their dioceses.

Guidance for Diocesan staff

Once you have identified an appropriate Peter Stream candidate, please refer them to St Mellitus College (contact details below), including some brief comments on the following areas:

- Indication of potential calling: involvement and integration in church life; articulation of desire to explore calling to ordained ministry (even if lacking confidence); affirmation/suggestion from others of potential calling.
- Support of church: supportive parish environment to keep exploring/testing sense of calling.
- An idea of the possible timeframe of the discernment process in terms of Stage 1 and Stage 2
- Identify eligibility: according to which demographic(s) - please include ethnicity and socio-economic background.

Guidance for Church leaders

If you are aware of someone in your congregation who is discerning a call to priestly ministry and might be interested in the Peter Stream as a part of their discernment process, you should refer them to the director of vocations in your diocese.

A template is available offering guidance to incumbents when speaking to people in their congregation about the Peter Stream. If this would be helpful, please email Mark Tatton or Sophia Irving.

Joining the Peter Stream

1

Candidates meet with the DDO

Candidate & DDO discuss their sense of calling and the possibility of joining the Peter Stream as part of their discernment process.

2

DDO recommends candidate

DDO recommends candidate to St Mellitus College.

3

St Mellitus interview

Candidate is interviewed at St Mellitus College (either in person or Zoom).

4

Offer letter & start

If successful, an offer letter is sent and the candidate joins the Peter Stream from September.



Where and when does the Peter Stream run?

The Peter Stream runs at St Mellitus College in two locations:

London

24 Collingham Road, London, SW5 0LX
Mondays, 9.30am - 1.00pm

East Midlands

192 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3HX
Tuesdays, 9.30am - 1.00pm



How much does the Peter Stream cost?

The fee for academic year 26/27 is £4,115 per student. Travel expenses are funded by St Mellitus College.

Contact:

Please contact one of the following people to find out more or recommend a candidate:

London:

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