



Trustee Role Description

St Mellitus College (SMC) is one of the leading theological training colleges in the UK, seeking to provide innovative theological education and training for those called to serve Christ in the church and the world.

VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

Our vision is to see theologically confident and committed followers of Jesus in every church.

Our mission is to provide innovative theological education and training for those called to serve Christ in the church and the world.

The following values characterise life at St Mellitus College:

- **Excellence** – First-rate academic, administrative and teaching staff, drawing on the expertise of a wide range of visiting professors and associate lecturers.
- **Missional** – An unshamed commitment to the life and growth of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, for the sake of the world.
- **Hopeful** – The culture of the College is one of taking God seriously, but not ourselves. We have fun as we learn and study together.
- **Innovative** – A commitment to cutting edge innovation that enables students to fully invest in the call of God on their lives.

We serve and bring together those of different traditions in the church to help us learn from each other. '**Generous Orthodoxy**' was a phrase that the founders of St Mellitus College used to describe the approach the college took to bringing together the mainstream traditions of the church in a mission-focussed and Spirit-inspired way, as it sought to train students across the breadth of the church. We seek to be open to the Holy Spirit's transforming power at work in the church and the world. We celebrate a commitment to creedal orthodoxy – 'the faith once handed on to the saints' - held in an undefensive and generous way.

INTRODUCTION TO THE COLLEGE

St Mellitus College is a place of hope and commitment to the gospel. We long to see people come alive with a passion for theology, be filled with a sense of the mission of God, and confident in the good news of Jesus Christ.

St Mellitus College was formed in 2007 by the Bishops of London and Chelmsford, in partnership with St Paul's Theological Centre (Holy Trinity Brompton), which remains a constituent part of the College. The Principal is also the Principal of St Paul's Theological Centre (SPTC) which is part of the HTB Group. St Mellitus College is a single national institution with teaching centres across England, located in London, the South West (Plymouth), the East Midlands (Nottingham). Our desire is for a multidirectional 'partnership in the gospel' bringing together the best of missional and ministry distinctiveness in regional areas to add to training opportunities in all centres and mixes students across those centres so as to enlarge the vision of all.

We serve a diverse range of students engaging in a broad offering of non-residential, full-time and part-time ordination and ministry training and independent study. St Mellitus College pioneered context-based training in 2007 when the college was founded, allowing students to remain rooted in a local church or ministry community while pursuing theological training. The training we offer at introductory, undergraduate, and postgraduate levels is vibrant and rigorous. We are outward-looking, prayerful and striving for excellence in everything we do.

PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

Trustees are responsible for the overall governance, strategic direction and financial sustainability of St Mellitus College, ensuring it delivers its charitable objectives and Christian mission effectively and lawfully.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Contribute to setting and overseeing the College's vision, strategy and long-term sustainability
- Ensure compliance with charity law, safeguarding and prevent requirements and regulatory obligations
- Ensure effective oversight of key College policies and, where necessary, participate directly in processes such as whistleblowing, student disciplinary matters, safeguarding, and the handling or escalation of complaints in line with established procedures.
- Oversee financial performance, risk management and the proper use of charitable resources
- Act in the best interests of the College, exercising independent judgement and collective responsibility
- Devote the necessary time and prepare for meetings
- Develop a clear understanding of safeguarding pathways and procedures within the College.
- Support and appropriately challenge the executive leadership team
- Act as a trusted ambassador for St Mellitus College and its mission
- Maintains confidentiality, handles sensitive information with care, and demonstrates an awareness of the impact of their words and actions in a governance setting.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

- Commitment to the values, vision and Christian ethos of St Mellitus College
- A sincere, deep and mature Christian faith and life of prayer and worship
- Strategic thinking, sound judgement and integrity
- Demonstrates the gravitas, credibility and personal integrity required to operate effectively at Board level, commanding the confidence of fellow Trustees, executives and external stakeholders.
- Support for the training of men and women alongside each other for ordained, licensed lay and wider ministry.
- Support of St Mellitus College's commitment to Generous Orthodoxy which trains ordinands in such a way that all mainstream traditions of the Church have proper recognition and provision within the training.
- Hold up to date Church of England safeguarding training (or willing to complete necessary training prior to commencing the role)
- An understanding of the need for safeguarding to be a shared responsibility
- Experience in a relevant area such as Higher Education Sector, Finance, Governance, Safeguarding, HR, Theology, Leadership or Fundraising

COMMITMENTS

This is a voluntary role where your insight, experience and faith-driven enthusiasm will help shape and direct an exciting and innovative Theological Education Institution at a key moment in its life as it seeks to serve the Church and raise up a new generation of leaders. Your contribution will make a real and visible difference.

The Board of Trustees typically meets three times per year. Meetings are usually 2 hours during normal working hours and may take place either in person or online.

Trustees will also be asked to engage in ad hoc email correspondence and may be asked to take on specific responsibilities on behalf of the board, join sub-committees with additional meetings, and/or attend occasional events. Advance notice will be given for in-person meetings and reasonably incurred travel expenses will be reimbursed by the college.

ENQUIRIES AND APPLICATIONS

Enquiries and expressions of interest can be sent to Rhona.Holliday@stmellitus.ac.uk

Applications should include a current CV and a cover letter which details what skills and contribution you will bring to the Board of Trustees.

We welcome and encourage applications from a diverse range of candidates.

Trustee appointments are at the discretion of the Members of the Board, in consultation with the Chair.