



## Selection of Candidates

- Mature
- Emotionally intelligent
- Psychologically sound and dynamic
- Capacity to learn and to adapt
- Capacity for insight and self-monitoring
- History of secure attachment
- Openness to feedback
- Resilient
- Educated
- Healthy attitudes re sexuality and women
- Sexually integrated
- Benign sexual history
- Relate well to authority
- Cooperative vs compliant
- Healthy adult relationships

## Screening of Candidates

- Review of written documentation available
  - Criminal History
  - Child protection service investigations
  - Previous medical history
  - Previous mental health history
  - Self- destructive behaviours
  - Sexual History
  - Work History
  - Alcohol and substance abuse history
- Assessment must be multidisciplinary
  - Medical
  - Neuropsychological Assessment
  - Comprehensive psychosocial interview
  - Comprehensive structured psychosexual assessment
  - Psychiatric Assessment
  - Psychological Testing
  - Spiritual Assessment
- Client provided with clear feedback that is a resource for ongoing formation

## Training in Seminary

- Create a safe and contained environment that promotes honest, significant self-disclosure, authentic relationships and self-exploration
- Group work facilitated by qualified psychologists
- Celibacy Skills Training
- Intimacy / Relationships – appropriate adult relationships that satisfy intimacy needs
- Self-esteem enhancement
- Balance between role and self-care
- Normalise the place of Counselling and supervision vs spiritual direction

## Care for offenders and prevention of recidivism

- **Components of Effective Treatment**
  - Comprehensive assessment
  - Group based treatment
  - Relapse Prevention based on Good lives model (Tony Ward et al)

### **9 primary “human goods”**

- Life – health and functionality (Life skills education)
  - Knowledge (how to do life)
  - Excellence across work and play – a sense of mastery
  - Excellence in Agency – sense of autonomy and self-directedness
  - Inner peace – freedom from inner turmoil
  - Friendship and relationships
  - Community
  - Spirituality – a sense of being connected to something bigger than self
  - Happiness and creativity
- Victim empathy

## Prevention of Recidivism

- Identified support group
- Reassess at regular intervals
- Supervision and accountability
- Mennonite Model - Circles of Support and Accountability
  - Strong supportive social network
  - Meaningful work
- Accountability and Support