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In majority of parishes some form of dependency on stipendiary clergy remains paramount..
However, Local Ministry has following characteristics:

1. collaborative -train and work together
2. whole *laos* involved by virtue of baptism. All have valued gifts.
3. common sense of calling to all God's people to ministry. Kingdom in the world.
4. local church is universal church in that place. Sharing Eucharist as the Body.
5. trinitarian relational ministry
6. ordained service and serve whole people. - the conductor of the orchestra.

Laity as subjects not objects of ministry. Recognise their own worth.

Collegiality of clergy and laity - enhancing one another

Laity and clergy engaging the whole spectrum of church's ministry in world and church.

Clusters and grouping of parish units.

People of God model no hierarchical model

Reader ministry emphasised.

Clergy need to be more self-aware so they know the affect they're having!

Systems thinking.

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Context taken seriously.

Gifts of laity taken seriously. No de-skilling.

Common vision leads to shared planning.

Wider church owns it and oversees it.

Whole congregation own it as their ministry.

Careful selection

Common training.

Continuity.

Consultancy.