

"We hosted a Church Mission Committee Training Day in December 2005. We felt, encouraged about the ways we have developed recently and challenged about some things we still need to address. The day helped us to think "outside the box". I encourage you to attend it with your Mission/Evangelism/Leadership Team(s)."
Alisdair Longwill (Pastor, Minchinhampton Baptist Church)

"We hosted one of the early tasters of the Church Mission Committee Training Days at St Aldates, Oxford together with several other churches: we found it to be a very thought provoking day, enabling us to examine different ways of implementing a Church Missions strategy. Because it was an interactive day, we also developed closer relationships with missions minded people across the town. It is excellent value for churches of any size."
Gordon Hickson (Associate Minister, St Aldates Church, Oxford)

"The study day was excellent! It provided thought provoking and dynamic ideas that really got us talking as a church team. It was so good to hear practical ideas about how to move mission from the sidelines, and how to integrate it into church life. We hope that we can use what we've learnt to have a positive effect on our church and how we view and do mission."
Emma Gilbert (a member of the Mission Leadership Team @ Kendal Road Baptist Church, Gloucester)

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Church Mission Committee Training Day



There are hundreds of dedicated, committed Christians in the UK serving on the mission committees of their churches. They are passionate about mission but often frustrated because they feel there is little interest, poor prayer support and minimal vision for the world.

This training day is designed as a practical, straightforward training session for those on local church world mission committees and their church leaders.

Ideally, in each locality, we would like 4-6 churches involved and 5-10 participants from each church. Church groups will receive material to take away and work through as they plan their response to the day.

Practicalities

Coffee and tea will be served from 10 am for a 10.30 start. Those attending will be encouraged to bring their own lunch and drinks will be provided. The programme will end by 4 pm.

The programme will include group sessions in church groups and in multi-church groups. Handouts will be available.

Cost

The Training Day will be free for members of GC network churches and £5 to others.

Those who attend will be given a CD containing PowerPoint presentations used on the day and other resources.

The Training Day will be led by Bryan Knell, the Church Relations Director of Global Connections

The aims of the day

- **To Affirm** you in what you are trying to do as a member of your church mission committee
- **To Listen** to your frustrations and grievances
- **To Help** you think through your role and the expectations you have and others have of you
- **To Analyse** why the UK church is in the situation it is today with regard to world mission
- **To Suggest** ways to move forward

Provisional programme

The Training Day will be based around five main sessions, which will be adapted to cater for the churches that are represented.

Session 1 – Who are we and why are we here

Welcome and introduction

Who are we?

The Aim of the day

Assumptions of the day

Session 2 – Understanding your church

How churches differ.

Factors that affect mission thinking

- Size
- Denominational links
- Theological emphasis
- Leadership's ability and style
- Catchment area
- Spiritual maturity
- Growing, holding steady, declining ?
- Others ?

How does your church understand mission?

How would your church like to work with mission agencies? Are there areas of tension?

What are the responsibilities of the church mission committee? Do you have a job description? Does your

understanding of your role coincide with the expectation of your church's leadership and congregation?

Session 3 – Identifying Common Problems

- Marginalisation
- Local takes priority over global
- Few young people involved
- Low prayer commitment
- Little personal involvement
- Church committed to long-standing projects we know little about today

Session 4 – Finding some reasons

If we can identify some of reasons for the problems we have we are more likely to be able to change the situation.

- Failure to understand the gospel?
- Lack of spirituality?
- The guilt complex?
- Ownership of mission?
- Bad presentations?
- Mission has been reduced to evangelism?
- Heroes have been eccentrics?
- Concerns about culture?

Session 5 – Changing Church Culture

Ideas for your church mission committee to consider.

- Remove the home/field barrier
- Close down anything that marginalises global mission
- Rethink the mission committee
- Develop church ownership of mission
- Maximise information availability
- Avoid the word 'missionary'
- Re-position the Great Commission

Session 6 – Where do we go from here