



Just to Recap...

In the last newsletter we outlined where we had got to. You can download that newsletter here -

<http://jonnybaker.blogs.com/files/pioneernewsletter1.pdf> . But in a nutshell we said the following:

- We are launching a new training course in pioneer ministry which will be a foundation degree.
- We are piloting from Sept 2010 and looking for people to pilot.
- We will be launching fully in Sept 2011.
- It will be a valid pathway for both lay and ordained pioneer leaders.

All Systems Go

We had the meeting with The Regional Training Partnership (the area way of organising theological education) and they have given us their blessing to proceed and are quite excited about what we are bringing to the area. Its an area where a lot is

already going on but they recognised we are bringing something new and different into the mix.

Course Outline

We have created a draft curriculum plan (see later in the document). You may or may not remember that we are using an existing foundation degree as the shape for the course. It's assessed via portfolio with flexible outcomes and what are called gifts and competencies. This can all be explained later if it sounds like jargon and we can go through it on the Open Day or at some future point. Note it is still draft and not final.

There are 16 modules in total that we plan to cover over three years. The teaching will take place one day per week midweek with some residential components in weekends and summer school. But it is designed so that you remain in context/on the job while you learn. The curriculum plan attached has the module titles and then in square brackets the titles on the existing degree. There will be a range of people leading the various modules. We're excited about it!

The cost will be £250 a module i.e. £4000 over three years for all 16 modules. We hope to develop a bursary fund. If you are an OPM your fees are paid.

Credits can be transferred to do a BA which we hope to add in as an option along with the option to do an MA. And I should have said that you can do just 8 modules for a certificate. If you are interested in the training of some modules on their own or without accreditation get in contact.

“Synod pressed for a more imaginative policy of recruitment, training and deployment of ordained and lay pioneer ministers”

Recent Synod debate following up on Mission Shaped Church.

July 14 Open Day for

Pilot

In September 2010 we will be piloting the training with a small group of willing pioneers. We need to finalise the group to do this. We are having an open day on July 14 at CMS Oxford for anyone interested in being part of the pilot. If you are interested in the training for the following year you are also welcome to come to this day. Please e-mail Jonny (see below for contact details) to let him know. If you are interested and can't make the day still e-mail Jonny to let him know that and we can arrange another time to meet.

Sink or Swim!

There is one module each year that is part of a Sink or Swim series. Each of these are live mission challenges that students will engage in. In the first year in small teams students will pick a mission challenge in one of the communities represented. In the second year a module on missional entrepreneurship will help people in small teams launch small business that are transformational in and of themselves. In the third year each student will undertake a cross cultural placement ideally elsewhere in the world.



Ordained Pioneers

CMS has got approval to oversee its own processes of putting candidates forward for ordination into CMS as a mission community. This is a radical new development that we are still working out the details of but it's also very exciting!

We have met with Ministry Division of the Church of England again to explore what requirements they wish us to have in place for people doing the raining who are getting ordained and this is how that looks if you are an OPM. You will be able to train with us is the important thing to note! But it makes sense that if you get ordained your ordination is at a level that is transferable later - i.e. it is the equivalent of incumbent status as opposed to just being recognised to function in one local community. For that to happen we need to work with an existing provider of training for ordinands at that level.



Partner with OMC

The Oxford Ministry Course are a partner in the same foundation degree that we are using and do precisely that so we are delighted that we will work with them for training ordinands. The details of this are still being worked out but in practice what this means is that in addition to the training in the curriculum plan you will do a number of residential weekends each year and possibly a summer school week with OMC students. These are held at either Cuddesden or London Colney. It will take a while to get in the swing with this partnership but OMC are really pleased about the partnership. They think we will bring some creative energy around mission into the mix. Tim Naish is the link person and he was formerly a CMS mission partner so is very CMS friendly anyway.

We can explain a bit more about this at the Open Day and will be working out the exact details over the coming months. Hopefully it will also mean some creative options for OMC students who could opt in to some of the teaching modules we are offering.

Goodbye!

Cathy Ross is moving on to be training director at London School of Theology. We are really sad to see her go so Jonny is the liaison person for the training now.

It seems weird to say goodbye before we've started but c'est la vie. She leaves at the end of August.

CYM moving to CMS

I think it's ok to announce the world's worst kept secret. The Oxford Centre for Youth Ministry are moving up to CMS Crowther Centre in Oxford. This is really good news. There will be lots more students around, an overlap with youth ministry, a new set of books in the missions library, and potential for creative working together.

Open Day July 14

We are having an open day on July 14 for anyone interested in the pilot - see the yellow box on the previous page. But if you are interested for Sept 2011 you would also be welcome to come along then.

So...

As you can see it's coming together. Stay in touch. Let us know if you want to come to the Open Day. We will be developing a prospectus and web site later in the year as we head towards the launch proper in Sept/Oct 2011.

Peace
Jonny and Cathy

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Do get in contact with with Jonny Baker if you want to chat further, have specific questions, or be on an e-mail list to stay in the information loop

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Curriculum Plan [Draft]

Year 1	Outline
Autumn	1. Faith seeking understanding [Learning to think theologically] 2. Mission spirituality [Growing in faith and prayer]
Spring	3. The Mission Story of the Church [Introduction to the Christian Tradition] 4. Pioneer Ministry 1 [Christian Ministry today]
Summer	5. The Big Story [Introduction to the bible]
Through Year	6a. Resource weekends - [Mission in contemporary society] 6b. Sink or swim 1 [Mission in contemporary society] Retreat/pilgrimage (part of growing in faith and prayer)
Year 2	Outline
Autumn	7. Culture and Context [Theological reflection] 8. Pioneer Ministry Skills [Developing knowledge and skill for ministry 1]
Spring	9. Sink or swim 2 Missional entrepreneurship [Work based learning] 10. Pioneer Ministry 2 [Theology and practice of ministry]
Summer	11 New Testament [residential]
Through Year	Resource weekends - [Mission in contemporary society] Placement in a different community/church/context Retreat/pilgrimage
Autumn	12. Mission Leadership [Leadership in Christian Ministry] 13. Worship/liturgy [Liturgical Ministry in the Church]
Spring	14. Old Testament 15. Theology in Global perspective [Growing in Knowledge of Christian doctrine]
Summer	16. Sink or swim 3 Cross cultural placement [Independent study]
Through Year	Retreat