



The pilot launches this month!

## Here we go!

Well after lots of dreaming, politics, and planning, we are ready to start the pilot year of the CMS Pioneer Leadership Training. We are really excited! It's hard to believe that a year ago now nothing was in place other than the mustard seed of an idea. But then I'm sure you have heard a story about mustard seeds...

## Pilots Signed Up

We had an open day back in July with around 15 people. It was so encouraging to meet people who were already pioneering in mission, or had great dreams and ideas for the future to launch out on. You could sense the energy and excitement in the room as we talked about how the course would work alongside pioneering in mission.

All along we had said we wanted to pilot with 3-5 people for the first year. It's not totally finalised (and it's not too late to sign up) but it's highly likely that we'll have 5 or 6 people which is great news.

## Course Outline

The 16 modules that we cover in the foundation degree are attached. It's been tweaked a little since the last newsletter. We plan to cover these over three years though in practice you can stretch it out over longer if that suits your available time. The teaching will take place one day per week midweek with some residential components. But it is designed so that pioneers remain in context/on the job while they 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.

The cost is £250 a module i.e. £4000 for all 16 modules. 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.

*We are working on a web site and prospectus which will be out by the end of the year but those are not in place yet so word of mouth and these newsletters is simply how people have found out about the training. You can download previous newsletters here -*

<http://jonnybaker.blogs.com/files/pioneernewsletter1.pdf>

<http://jonnybaker.blogs.com/files/pioneernewsletter2.pdf>

Three ways to

# Participate

1. Do a Foundation Degree which encompasses all 16 modules. Put it together how you like as long as you complete 16 modules with a minimum of 3 a year.
2. Do a Certificate which encompasses 8 modules
3. Buy into an individual module or modules (not accredited). We expect a sellout crowd for the likes of missional entrepreneurship - I can't wait until November 2011

# Get in touch

If you are wondering whether this training is for you, if you are in process of ordination selection as a pioneer and are wondering whether you could train with us or whatever else your questions are then simply get in touch. And we have an e-mail list for people wanting to be kept in the information loop so do ask to be added to that. Contact Jonny Baker via e-mail is the simplest

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## Who is it for?

The course is suitable for anyone who is interested in mission leadership training - both lay and ordained. A few people have asked how Anglican it will be. It doesn't matter whether you are Anglican or not. CMS is a community of the Anglican Church but works in partnership with all sorts of denominations round the world. The focus is on pioneering in mission. For those people getting ordained (see below) they will be doing some additional weekends so that won't be dominating the focus of the



training. A few people have asked what age it is for. You can pioneer in mission at any age!

## Ordained Pioneers

If you have been selected for ordination as a pioneer or are in the process of that then this will be a valid pathway for training. Your ordination will be 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. In terms of your development it's probably not ideal to just train with pioneers. It's good to get more experience of the catholicity of the church. So we will be partnering with The Oxford Ministry Course who are a partner in the same foundation degree. In addition to the training in the curriculum plan below you will do a number of residential weekends each year and possibly a summer school week with OMC students. These are held at either at Ripon College in Cuddesden or London Colney.

Hopefully it will also mean some creative options for OMC students who could opt in to some of the teaching modules we are offering. We are certainly being approached about that already. You will need to explore that in the first instance with OMC rather than us.

## Students for This Year

If you haven't indicated already, let us know you are interested in the pilot as soon as possible.

The process is that you need to fill in an application form (which most of you have probably) and return it to us. We will then collect a reference for you and arrange a brief interview just to check that both we and you feel the course is right. We will then write to everyone with exact details of the first year and what you need to know. The dates of the first two modules of the course are as follows:

Faith Seeking Understanding - Tues Sept 28, Oct 12, Nov 2, Nov 16, Nov 30 which is being led by Jonny Baker

Mission Spirituality - Weds Oct 5, Oct 19, Nov 9, Nov 23, Dec 7 which is being led by Johnny Sertin.

The plan is to integrate 4 Resource weekends in over the first two years. This year's weekends are on the web site [www.resourcemotion.com](http://www.resourcemotion.com) so have a look at those as well as two are this term.

## Sponsored Leap of Faith

Jonny Baker is taking a leap of faith doing a sponsored sky dive to raise money towards the training. If you would like to sponsor him you can do so here - [www.justgiving.com/jonnybaker](http://www.justgiving.com/jonnybaker). A donor has offered £3000 if it is matched so Jonny hopes to raise that!

Jonny Baker  
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# Curriculum Plan [3 year]

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