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MISSION LEADERSHIP TRAINING UPDATE NOV 2010



We're rolling!

Some one described to me the process of developing a training course as being like pushing a boulder uphill, but that once the students arrive it all changes. There is energy and suddenly the thing is rolling and you are running to keep up. That has been exactly our experience! It's been so exciting to get started after all the planning.

We have 10 pioneers taking part in the pilot year of the course and we and they are really enjoying it. They are amazing people involved in church plants, comedy clubs, with spiritual seekers, with homeless and broken people, with young adults. We have 50/50 men and women and they range in age from 20s to 60s - pioneering is something that is about gift and calling and not age or gender. I'm writing this as we are half way into two modules of the course, both of which are going well. As expected a big part of the learning is simply in being with and alongside a cohort of people who are pioneering.

Open Days

We have an Open Day for students on March 1 2011 at CMS in Oxford. Let me know if you would like to come. The day will run from 10:30am to 2:30pm.

We also have an Open Day for training officers, selection officers, DDOs, bishops, supervisors, denominational staff or church leaders on March 2. We'll be sending out invites to this but do put the date in your diary and let us know if you would like to come.

Both of these days will be a chance to meet us, hear about the training, see the CMS Crowther Centre for Mission Education where we are based in Oxford, and ask any questions.

Looking for students for 2011/12

We will be starting the second intake of students in Sept 2011. It may seem a way off but if you leading or are thinking about being involved in a pioneering mission project

and/or church planting then come and train with us. 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.

There will be a web site and prospectus early in the new year but for now here's the previous newsletters -

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

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

<http://jonnybaker.blogs.com/files/pioneernewsletter3.pdf>

Four 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).
4. Come to the pioneer practitioner sessions

“Need to get educated not in class but in that which fills the heart with sparks”

Kate Tempest



CMS - A Hub and Centre for Excellence for Pioneer Mission Leaders

CMS Crowther Centre is becoming a hub for pioneer mission in the area which is exciting. This will expand over the coming years bringing practitioners, mission thinkers, leaders from round the world and leaders in training together. Our unique edge is mission - plain and simple. If you're not into mission train somewhere else. CMS has been about mission and pioneering in mission for over two hundred years. There's a gold mine of wisdom to learn from. CMS is a community of people in mission so being a hub connects pioneers into a wider network of mission leaders and practitioners.

One of the new ventures that will be in place for the next year (autumn 2011 onwards) is a series of pioneer practitioner sessions on Tuesday afternoons. Pioneer students from CMS, Wycliffe, Ripon, St Stephens House and anyone else in the region interested in getting involved will gather together and a practitioner will give a talk on an aspect of mission and pioneering followed by discussion and interrogation by students.

Other potential developments are making available modules on the course to others, researching and sharing learning around training of pioneers, and being a hub for pioneers networking and sharing.

Who is it for?

The course is suitable for anyone who is interested in pioneer 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. And there are several options ranging from buying into modules through to doing a foundation degree.



What's the curriculum?

We use the shape of a foundation degree in ministry but come at it all through the lens of mission. A key factor is that it is designed for on the job training i.e. to help you learn whilst pioneering in practice. We cover vocation, mission spirituality, theological reflection, bible, mission story of the church, missional entrepreneurship, pioneer ministry and ministry skills, culture and context, leadership, missiology, church, worship, community. There is a series 'sink or swim' of launching new projects as we go through the course. There is a series of weekends and

placements to learn from visiting other pioneers and communities. One of these is a cross cultural placement. We worship and pray together. We go on a retreat or pilgrimage each year. Everyone connects with a mentor and we learn loads from one another as we journey together.

Ordained Pioneers - a Dream Ticket

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. We are 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 a summer school week with OMC students. These are held at either at Ripon College in Cuddesden or London Colney. Someone remarked to me that that looked like the dream ticket!

What does it cost?

Each module costs £250. So if you do the whole degree that's 16 modules it is £4000.

What's next

We are building up one step at a time. Our next steps are further developing the course and the modules that we haven't taught yet. We are working on a web site and prospectus and generally getting the word out. We are working with Ripon College to develop the track for OPMs. It's a pilot so we're also trying to evaluate and learn and develop what we are doing as we go.

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