

LOCAL COLLABORATIVE MINISTRY

WORKBOOKS AVAILABLE

Theological tools

- Laying the Foundations
- Listening to the Context
- Making the Connections
- Gifts' Discernment

Skills

- Listening Workbook
- Intercessions Workbook
- Visiting Skills Workbook
- Reading the Bible in Church
- Working Well Within Groups
- Vital Vestries
- Welcoming Small Congregations



Workbooks available through
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is one of *Journey of the Baptised's* tapestry of strategies aimed at empowering congregations to participate more fully in God's ongoing work of mission and ministry. This strand is not another programme or package of tools, but an ethos which maintains that ministry is the responsibility of the whole people of God. All are called and equipped by the Spirit for the exercise of Christ's ongoing ministry in the world and in the church.

Fundamental to LCM's developmental approach is the provision of educational resources to entire congregations, thus forming *everyone* for their ministries-for-mission, whether those be exercised in daily life and work, or within the gathered community of the church. Using a pool of theological facilitators from across the Province, resources which help people connect faith and life, understand the theology of collaborative ways of being the church and improve their skills in pastoral care, listening, group work and so on, are delivered right where the congregation lives and meets. The resources currently available are listed on the inside flap of this leaflet.



News and Information

Pentecost 2007

NEWS, FORTHCOMING EVENTS and PUBLICATIONS

LCM GATHERINGS

Over the autumn and winter months, LCM held two further Roadshows, a chance for people from the dioceses of Brechin, Aberdeen, St Andrews and Glasgow to come together and learn about the theology of LCM, to listen to the experiences of practitioner congregations, and to share their thoughts and questions.

"A valuable day, giving us much to think about and take back to our own congregation"

"I came with misgivings about LCM; now I am convinced of its value"

For those of you who were unable to come to these, it is hoped to run two further half-day Roadshows in Aberdeen and Edinburgh in the autumn.

For more information about either of these events, please contact Tim Morris, LCM Task Group Convenor,
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NEW WORKBOOK

The most recent LCM Workbook to be produced is called *Welcoming Small Congregations* and looks at the strengths of smallness and also at how congregations can capitalize upon these traits to welcome others into their midst. Now available.

This workbook celebrates the reality that it's congregation quality, not quantity, that counts; not the numbers, but how you are as a congregation. The ideas here are warmly affirming of small congregations, inspiring and exciting - my first reaction was to grab a copy to show my own Rector and Vestry. Judith George, Convenor MDC



WIDER INTEREST IN LCM

Thanks to the coverage given to LCM in the recently published SPCK volume, *Local Ministry, Story, Process & Meaning* edited by Robin Greenwood and Caroline Pascoe, we have been inundated recently by visitors from other Provinces coming to Scotland to learn about LCM's principles and practice. To manage this level of interest better in future, it has been decided to run one **Visitors' Weekend** every year to which all interested parties will be invited. This will enable them to meet Provincial mission personnel, worship with selected congregations and share stories and experiences with other visitors from across the world.

A further chapter about the work of LCM is to be published by Epworth Press next spring in a specially commissioned response to David Clark's recent volume *Breaking the Mould of Christendom: Kingdom Community, Diaconal Church and the Liberation of the Laity*.

WEB SITES

The LCM Task Group, a pendant committee of the Home Mission Committee, recently completed a paper entitled "A local habitation?" a discussion of what local means. It is intended as a discussion starter on this topic for groups. This and other documents about LCM will soon be available on LCM's link on the SEC web site www.scotland.anglican.org LCM material is also to be found on the recently launched ecumenical web site www.resourcingchurches.org.uk

