

# Mission Church requires Mission Leadership

## **Practical leadership training course for:**

- Ministers & the local church leadership team
- Church planters
- Emerging church leaders
- Youth church leaders
- Small group leaders



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# How it works

During the first two years of the course you will be supplied with comprehensive learning packs for each topic on the course. Your work with these packs will be supported by regular engagement with Regional Study Networks (RSNs) - local study groups comprised of fellow students, who meet to review, discuss and enhance their learning guided by a Springdale College: Together in Mission tutor.

For the academic year 2010-2011 there are seven RSNs located at Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Exeter, London (Battersea), Reading and Sheffield. Each RSN will meet for two full days per term. All Springdale College: Together in Mission students come together for an annual summer school, held over an extended weekend in July. Three topics, one from each module, are covered at the Summer School as well as Induction sessions (for first year students) and research skills sessions (for second year students).

## MA in Missional Leadership

For those who want to take the course for credit, the course can lead to an MA in Missional Leadership. The course is assessed by six essays (4,000 words), each accompanied by reflective exercises based on a student journal (1,000 words), a dissertation proposal (1,000 – 1,500 words) and a final dissertation of 12,000 – 14,000 words.

It is possible to attend the first two years of the course on a not for credit basis leading to a Springdale College Missional Leadership Certificate.

**What will it cost?** The accredited option costs £1326 per annum. The Springdale College Missional Leadership Certificate option costs £660 per annum for the two facilitated years (assignments not required). Payments can be made by monthly standing order.

This programme is validated by York St John University.



# For every leader

The Missional Leadership Course provides **practical, affordable and flexible training** for all church leaders. Created by practitioners with hands-on experience of mission in the Western world, the course aims to enable leaders to transform their thinking, their lives and their ways of being church.

Taking seriously your existing Christian experience, the course will help you find new ways of building truly mission-shaped ministries that will profoundly affect your community – a Mission Shaped church for the 21st Century.

## Expect to be changed

At least ten per cent of the people in most churches are already in some form of leadership. If you are a small group leader, a church planter, clergy, elder, deacon, a member of a PCC or primary leadership team, a youth leader, an emerging church leader, or a leader of a ministry into the local community, the course will help equip you for leadership in the context of mission.

The normal start date is at the July Summer School, but its modular structure means that it is also possible to start at the beginning of the Autumn or Spring terms. The duration of the course is normally three years; two years for the taught stage covering the material in the six modules listed opposite, one year completing a research proposal and Dissertation Project on a subject of your own choice related to the themes of the course.

Students may enter the course on the basis of previous academic qualifications, or join via an access route on the basis of significant ministry experience.

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# Topics



## Module 406.1 Missional Leadership (Theory)

- 1 **Missional Church: Its Nature and Purpose.** An exploration of ecclesiology as a means to help the church recover its missional heartbeat.
- 2 **Understanding Missional Leadership.** Leadership is the key to the transformation of the church in mission. We explore the kind of leadership we need for the situation we face.
- 3 **Insights From Mission History.** The church has taken many forms in a variety of mission settings in the past. In this topic we examine what we can learn from these previous expressions of the church to equip us for mission today.
- 4 **Contemporary Forms of Missional Church.** For many years mission was from the West to the rest and now it is all around us. What forms of missional church are appropriate for the mission we face?

## Module 406.2 Leadership Formation (Formation)

- 1 **Spiritual Health – Soulcare.** This topic explores the spiritual wealth of Christian traditions for resources to enable leaders to stay spiritually healthy and avoid burn-out.
- 2 **Missional Leader – Self Skills.** This topic introduces the importance of character as an issue for cultivating missional leadership, and explores core leadership capacities required of missional leaders.
- 3 **Missional Leader – Self Awareness.** How can we understand our own personhood? How may we grow in awareness and understanding? We explore a number of approaches that will help us to address these questions.
- 4 **Communication – Our Impact on Others.** We explore an understanding of personal communication in various contexts and learn how to read our impact on others.

## Module 406.3 Leadership Skills (Skills)

- 1 **Forming People.** A key task for missional leaders is to help form the people that they lead. How do we form rounded people able to become mature disciples?
- 2 **Shaping Systems.** Missional leadership inevitably involves leading through change. We examine how to create space for people to experiment in order to develop transforming relationships.
- 3 **Developing and Leading Teams.** Teamwork is presented as the normative mode of Christian leadership. We explore ways of building effective teams that are suited to missional work.
- 4 **Using the Bible in Theological Reflection.** The Bible is a key source book for the life of the church. How might we effectively revisit the Bible to stimulate imagination concerning the task of mission in the contemporary world?



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## Module 406.4 Gospel and Culture (Theory)

- 1 **Missional Context.** An examination of our current cultural context, and of the many and rapid cultural shifts that form the contemporary arena for Christian mission.
- 2 **Biblical Frameworks for Gospel and Culture.** We explore the narrative of Scripture for key Biblical frameworks that enable us to shape our future mission.
- 3 **The Kingdom of God and Justice.** How do we, as God's people, practice the justice and Shalom of God's reign?
- 4 **Power and the Powers.** The relationship of power to good and evil is a complex issue. We explore the issue of 'power' and the ways in which the power and personality of organizations and cultures affect our ministries.

## Module 406.5 Forming Missional Communities (Formation)

- 1 **The Concept of Community.** Community is a widely used word today, what does it mean to talk about the church as a missional community?
- 2 **Mission-Shaped Groups.** The development of small group structures is vital in mission. We investigate ways in which we might construct groups that develop and exhibit missional life.
- 3 **Managing Conflict.** Conflict is inevitable in the arena of missional leadership. We examine how we can understand conflict and its impact on ourselves and on others. We explore how to manage conflict in healthy and restorative ways.
- 4 **Mentoring the Next Generation.** Many have come to see the potential of mentoring as an excellent means of developing new leaders. We survey the main elements of a good mentoring process.

## Module 406.6 Engaging the Local (Skills)

- 1 **Reading a Community.** The local context is vitally important. We examine how to develop skills to read and understand our local context.
- 2 **Church Planting in Context.** Church planting is a primary means of expanding the kingdom. We explore key principles used by effective church planters.
- 3 **Communicating the Gospel.** Because the world is always changing, we need to be able to communicate the unchanging message of Jesus in fresh and appropriate ways. This topic examines how we might approach such a task.
- 4 **Research Methodologies.** This topic will have a general application to the use of research for contextual missional work and a specific application to the requirement to write a Dissertation as part of the degree.

**Previous students on the MA in Missional Leadership  
across the denominations recommend this course\*.**

“Utterly transforming. This course has been the most spiritual thing I’ve done all year. Don’t miss the opportunity to come – and do bring your entire leadership team so that together you can immediately implement what you’ve learnt.”

**Revd Chris Bull, Vicar**

“This course is definitely impacting me, my life and my ministry.”

**Gail Sneddon, parachurch leader**

“I have found the training to be very practical in my work as a church leader. It has helped to change my ministry.”

**Julie Kite, Local Church Evangelist**

“Time needs to be managed like currency and the time spent in the programme is invaluable.”

**David Isgrove, Student and Local Church Leader**

“This course has helped me in my passion for church planting and evangelism and prepared me to train other potential church leaders for the churches we are planting.”

**Hirpo Kumbi, Church Planter**

“Practical, hands on training. Excellent!”

**Rob Nock, Pastor**

\*comments are from the previous programme offer

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