

Baptist Union of Great Britain

TRAINING FOR LAY PASTORS AND PREACHERS

Course Descriptor

MISSION AND EVANGELISM

Aims

The aims of this module are:

- To explore the Biblical foundations for mission and the calling of the Church within the *missio Dei*.
- To consider the relationship between mission and evangelism, particularly as it applies within the local church.
- To reflect upon the present and future mission of the Church in a multi-faith, post-modern context.
- To enable participants to reflect on appropriate ways of sharing the Gospel today.

Description

This module will examine the work and witness of the local church against the background of the wider mission of God in the world. It will examine those features of our contemporary, multicultural, multi-faith society that provide both threat and opportunity for the life and mission of the Church. It will look at the local church as the primary agent of mission, examining new ways of being church that respond to the changing patterns in our society. It will consider the purpose and the means of evangelism, exploring the basis for Church engagement with the local community, in urban, suburban and rural settings.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this module, participants should be able to demonstrate:

- An understanding of the Biblical basis for the theology of mission.
- An understanding of the relationship between mission and evangelism.
- An understanding of the cultural changes that have taken place which underline the urgency of the evangelistic task.
- The ability to assess various evangelistic approaches and programmes and their appropriateness to different settings and groups of people.

Assessment

There will be two assignments to be completed. It is expected that at least one of these will be a written piece of work (1200-1500 words) on a theme central to the area of learning covered in this module. The other would normally be the preparation of a proposal and outline programme for an evangelistic outreach to a particular target group, giving reasons for the choices made and listing church resources that would be employed.