

**MORE THAN THIS**  
*breaking the mould of mission*



## **Seminar Details**

Day 1

**Radical Church**

Day 2

**Incarnational Community**

Day 3

**Contagious Spirituality**

Please choose two seminars per day.



**A whack on the side of the head about church**

Sometimes it can take nothing short of a whack on the side of the head to knock us off track and help us to see things differently. Thinking about how we do church seems especially prone to getting stuck. This seminar will be playful, fun and hopefully full of good ideas that we come up with between us as we get whacked about church.

**Jonny Baker** works for CMS developing and supporting mission and new ways of being church in the emerging culture. He lectures in mission and culture for the Centre for Youth Ministry and teaches on the church planting course ReSource. He is a member of 'Grace', an alternative worship community based at St Mary's in Ealing. He has authored the book 'Alternative Worship' - liturgical resources for the church year and runs [proost.co.uk](http://proost.co.uk) which produces inspiring resources that fuel faith. He blogs at [jonnybaker.blogs.com](http://jonnybaker.blogs.com)



**Consumerism and Church**

How is the emerging church responding to the issue of consumerism and how can the gospel impact a society so committed to what is in effect a new religious system?

**Jason Clarke** is a full time pastor of a church. He has a Doctor of Ministry degree and is now a PhD candidate at Kings College London, researching theological assessments of consumerism and attendant ecclesiologies. He lectures and teaches on a regular basis and currently co-ordinates a resource network Emergent UK with a 6,000 member mailing list. He is a council member of the Evangelical Alliance UK. Jason blogs at [jasonclark.ws](http://jasonclark.ws)



**Crossing the Currents**

We want to disciple those in contemporary culture with relevant communication but how do we handle the fact that discipleship is often countercultural? How do we navigate these difficult cross-currents?

**Martin Robinson** is National Director of Together in Mission. Martin has a background in church planting his first church being a multi-ethnic congregation in inner-city Birmingham. After 13 years in local ministry, Martin joined the Bible Society, eventually as Director of Mission and Theology. Martin has written many books on the broad theme of mission, including 'Faith of the Unbeliever' and 'Invading Secular Space.' web: [togetherinmission.co.uk](http://togetherinmission.co.uk)



**Whose Mission is it Anyway? The Holy Spirit & The Kingdom of God**

In this seminar Gordon Murcell will explore the difference between seeing the church as a movement rather than an institution, and how this can help us give expression to the fact that the church is the property of the Holy Spirit rather than the other way round. He will also be looking at some models of Biblical prayer that can help us live and pray our way into God's coming kingdom.

**Gordon Murcell** is Bishop of Stafford. He has spent most of his life in parish ministry but was Dean of Birmingham Cathedral for six years. He has written a number of books on Christian spirituality and is a lively, humorous and engaging speaker. His wife Anne is a consultant psychiatrist.



### **Making Missionary Disciples**

Reshaping the church around the gospel message of Jesus and authentic discipleship for a 21st Century world.

**Roger Sutton** *Chair of RUN since its formation in 1993. Married to Lesley, a visual artist. 4 children. Lived and ministered at Altrincham for 20 years. His ministry passion is to lead the church to love God and love the World. Altrincham was one of the first churches in the UK to start Seeker Services in 1992, twinning this with strong evangelistic and social care ministry in the local area. Roger has a passion to serve the developing world and to see the church take its place in civic society.*



### **Welcome to GoogleChurch**

What I learned about the church in the queue at Ikea. Exploring different models of church and asking why such diversity of styles seem to work in today's culture.

**Gerard Kelly** *is Senior Pastor of Crossroads Amsterdam, a church serving 40 nationalities across the region. He is a former member of the Spring Harvest Leadership Team, author of some 8 books and co-founder of The Bless Network. His interests include researching the challenges of mission in contemporary Europe. Blog: xrds.vox.com*



### **Leaders Losing Control**

As the Church goes through a time of transition when the ground we're on is shifting and the only sure thing is God - what are the skills and characteristics needed in its leaders?

**Pete Hancock** *is a Methodist superintendent minister in Huddersfield. Before moving North in 2002, Pete spent eight years leading the planting of "The Bridge", a "church for the unchurched", in Hinckley, Leicestershire. Through this he joined RUN ten years ago. He has been a resource person for the Methodist Church nationally in the area of fresh ways of being Church and believes that new pioneering forms of Church can be a prophetic sign to the Church as a whole of the future that God is leading it to.*



### **Q & A with Mark Green and Brian McLaren**

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**Mark Green** is Executive Director of LICC. He will be speaking in this day's plenary session on 'Radical Church.'

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**Developing fresh expressions of church from within existing denominations**

Since 2004 the Church of England and the Methodist Church have been intentionally encouraging the development of fresh expressions of church which begin by going to where people are in the culture and community and allow church to emerge and take shape there. The seminar will offer an overview of what is happening and some of the lessons being learned.

**Steven Croft** has been the Archbishops' Missioner and Team Leader of Fresh Expressions since 2004. Before this post, Steven was Warden of Cranmer Hall, Durham and prior to that a Vicar in Halifax and a curate in Enfield. Steven has written widely on questions of mission and ministry and his books include *Ministry in Three Dimensions: ordination and leadership in the local church*. He has also edited two volumes of essays on issues arising from the theology and practice of the mixed economy church: *The Future of the Parish System* and *Mission Shaped Questions*.



**Community Regeneration...is it a spiritual issue?**

There are over 3000 neighbourhoods in the UK where residents experience significant poverty and deprivation that affects every aspect of life. What part can the Church play in the current climate for partnership working? What connection does this have with its mission to make disciples? Fred and Kate will help to unpack the risks, opportunities and potential joys of working with neighbourhoods to enable them to flourish.

**Kate Pearson** works for a Christian-led law firm with a passion for social justice. Kate is also a tutor on the Nehemiah Foundation, which trains up regeneration professionals within Christian contexts.

**Fred Rattley** works for the Diocese of Birmingham Community Regeneration Department. He has been employed for over 20 years in church-based youth and community work and neighbourhood regeneration in Birmingham. Fred has been a collaborator on the development of the Nehemiah Foundation.



**A fresh Approach to Building Bridges with Other Faiths**

This seminar will take a look at Asian Cultures in the UK and the rich diversity we find in our communities. Pall and the team will then explore what incarnational ministry means in that context, the issues that arise, and the mission challenges that are presented.

**Pall Singh** is a CMS partner working with East West Trust and the team leader of Sanctuary, an alternative worshipping community. From a Sikh background he became a disciple of Jesus in his late teens and blames some very bad 'Karma' for the fact that he is a Birmingham City supporter!



**Colony or Community?**

The church is called to reach out to local people, but is your local church a Colony or a Community? Does it really belong to another time/generation, maybe a very different culture to the culture of the people living around you? Tom speaks out of the experience of leading a church in Ireland, where, by grasping both the colony and culture nettles, he has seen the church not only survive but thrive in a traditionally hostile environment.

**Tom Burke** is leader of the 600 strong Grace Christian Fellowship in Cork, Southern Ireland, as well as being the Coordinator of the Cork Church Leaders Network. Tom is on the Executive team of RUN, convinced about the need for churches to be relevant to both their local and contemporary culture. He is passionate about the Irish church engaging fully with local Irish culture, as well as networking with similar churches in the UK and Europe.



### **Islam in Britain: The Church as Good News in an Age of Bad News**

An overview of Islam in Britain, its diversity and changing nature. Looking at the issues facing Muslims in the West, we will be attempting to see beyond the headlines and scare stories to encounter neighbours and friends. What Christian responses are appropriate? How should the church engage Muslims in our current climate?

**Richard Sudworth** is a CMS mission partner based in a Muslim-majority area of Birmingham. After living and working in North Africa, he is now involved in church mission, ministry and dialogue with Muslims, writes resources for churches, lectures and leads training workshops leading to constructive and creative engagements with other faiths. Richard's has authored "Distinctly Welcoming: Christian presence in a multi-faith society", and he is studying for a part-time PhD. Richard blogs at [distinctlywelcoming.com](http://distinctlywelcoming.com)



### **Living the Red Letters**

Many Bibles print Jesus' spoken words in red letters, setting them apart as noteworthy. Jesus was found among the outcasts of His time. Why do we not see the church following this example? This session focuses putting the "red letters" of Christ into action - for the fatherless, the poor, and the weary. Come learn how to encourage your church to use their gifts and talents to tackle extreme poverty in our world - in the name and in the footsteps of Christ.

**Tom Davis** has been a pastor and church planter for post-moderns. He became increasingly aware that the church was failing to act out God's love to the most disadvantaged in society, which led to write the books: *Fields of the Fatherless* and *Red Letter Diaries*. Tom is currently leading the *Children's HopeChest* outreach in an area of Africa where HIV/AIDS is 42%. Additionally, Tom blogs at [cthomasdavis.com](http://cthomasdavis.com) and is also a professional trainer in leadership development.



### **Faith in Deed!**

The inspiring and informative story of one small church in Tamworth, West Midlands that reached beyond its walls and is now making a difference to the lives of hundreds of people every week.

**Steve Jonathan** worked in local government until 1984. After training he served in a large city centre church in Cardiff before starting a church on a new housing estate on the outskirts of the city. Steve has been the senior pastor of the *Elim Church* in Tamworth for 15 years, a church that has reached out into its community in many innovative ways. Steve is presently studying for a doctorate in theology.



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**Slowing Down to Live Well**

Sometimes in Christian ministry, we get so consumed by business that we lose sight of what God's wanting to do in us. This seminar is for those who recognise their prayer life becoming squeezed and who know themselves to be running on empty. Drawing on his own experience, and involvement in the "Breathe Project" in Birmingham city centre, Geoff Lanham looks at important aspects of a more healthy rhythm of life that can sustain our mission and ministry.

**Geoff Lanham** is the city centre mission priest in Birmingham and leader of B1, an Anglican network church. He's ministered in Birmingham for the last 15 years, recently being involved in a project to help city centre workers to pause, slow down, reflect and encounter God's peace. Geoff serves of the RUN executive and is also a Trustee of RUN.

**Still Thirsty?**

Are you yearning for depth in the midst of overactivity? Then come and immerse yourself deeper in God's presence through prayer and meditation and learn how to tune in to that 'still small voice' directing your life.

**Liz Babbs** is an international author, performer, broadcaster, speaker and creative prayer consultant. A member of the College of Evangelists, she has been described as an expert in meditation having led sessions at major Christian conferences, as well as on radio, TV and at the Edinburgh Fringe.

**Spirituality in the fast lane**

Spirituality in the Fast Lane – how can we grow in Christ in today's high-pressure, long hours work culture? Mark Greene explores the issues, identifying some of the key decisions that workers need to make about identity, values and purpose, as well as offering some practical pointers forward both for workers and for church leaders seeking to guide and support them.

**Mark Green** is the Executive Director of the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity. Having previously worked in advertising, he was also the vice-principal and lecturer in communications at London Bible College. He is in much demand as a speaker, writer and consultant specialising in work issues and contemporary culture.

**New Monasticism - Fad or Essential Wisdom?**

'New Monasticism' is the term many are using to describe the attempts to rework old rhythms, rules of life, and liturgical resources in a new era to develop missional community and leadership. But is this recent interest in 'New Monasticism' going to be sustained and transformative, or is it just a wave of excitement over something else to satisfy our post-modern longing for anything 'new'?

**Pete Askew** is an Anglican priest developing a fresh expression of church in North Yorkshire and is also part of the leadership team of The Northumbria Community. He is currently working with a variety of communities exploring new monasticism in the UK, USA, and Canada and has himself been living this way of life for the last ten years.



### Praying the Ignatian Way

This seminar offers an introduction to Ignatian Spirituality and the rich tools it contains for helping to sustain and deepen our relationship with God. There will be an experiential aspect to this seminar, including an 'imaginative contemplation' and the 'prayer of examen'.

**Ali Mackenzie** is a joint Associate Leader of BI church in Birmingham and helps to manage a project called *Breathe*, which provides a space for city centre workers in Birmingham to explore spirituality. Ali is also a practicing spiritual director, trained by the Epiphany Group in Edinburgh and Loyola Hall, Merseyside. As a director Ali accompanies individuals and groups on their spiritual journeys.



### Wholistic Spirituality

Pietism and the emasculation of the gospel avoiding the pitfalls of a reductionist approach to spirituality. We will explore how to connect a more holistic conception of the gospel with a fuller and richer spirituality for the 21st Century and demonstrate ways this will both empower church members and connect more fully with spiritual seekers.

**Dr Krish Kandiah** is Executive Director: Churches in Mission for the UK Evangelical Alliance. Previously he was the Director of the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics and also Tutor in Mission and Evangelism at Wycliffe Hall. Krish has worked with students in the UK with and in Albania before becoming pastor of a multi-cultural church in Harrow. He is in demand as a speaker and lecturer and has published two books: *Twenty Four and Destiny- what is life all about?* and presented the DVD resource *Christian Life and Global Mission*. Blog [krishk.wordpress.com](http://krishk.wordpress.com)



### Market Place Healing and Spirituality

Through sharing the story of The Well Healing Centre based at the Royal Pump Rooms in Leamington Spa, this seminar will explore God's mandate for healing and its role in the advancement of His Kingdom.

**Anne Hibbert** - Anne is the Founder and Director of The Well Christian Healing Centre based in Leamington Spa. An ordained minister, she has spent a number of years as an itinerant Speaker with CPAS, the National Millennium Office and Bible Reading Fellowship. She is one of the founder's of RUN and serves on its Council of Reference.



### Spiritual Direction/Soul Friendship - a Vital Tool for Resourcing Mission

The practice of Spiritual Direction or Soul Friendship as a means to nurture this capacity to listen, to foster a deepening of our spiritual experience and to sustain us in spiritual leadership - what it is, how it works, where to find out more. Being attentive to God at work within us, within those amongst whom we minister and within the wider world around us

**Julia Ling** is a practicing spiritual director and is a member of the Scottish Episcopal church and is based in Edinburgh. Julia also tutors in prayer and reflective living and is involved in offering retreats and quiet days. She is nearing completion of a Masters in Pastoral Studies specialising in Religion and Ecology.



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**Due to room sizes, some seminars will have limited places. We suggest that you consider alternatives.**



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