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NEW PLACES FOR NEW PEOPLE NEWSLETTER

Local and National NPNP and CaM Updates

Cumbria NPNP- a broad overview

BY EMMA RICHARDSON

Here in Cumbria we are really lucky to have a National Methodist strategy-NPNP that fits so naturally into our local Ecumenical God For All strategy.

We want to see God's Kingdom grow and to see a flourishing church in Cumbria. A parable of a garden helps us visualise this- A Mixed Ecology of Church- a mix of time honoured and fresh expressions and pioneering forms of church.

In Cumbria our NPNP project has 3 strands-

1-Across the Top- A district wide online church, Offering a broad spiritual space to attract those seeking but who may never look within our existing church walls.

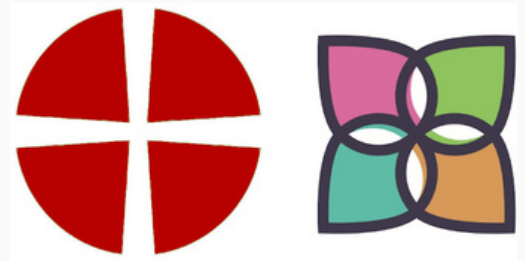
2-Church at the Margins (CaM)- Exploring what it means to nurture and build communities amongst economically marginalised people.

3-Culture Change- Making the Missional Shift- facilitating a change towards FX & Pioneering orientation within our circuits.



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Cumbria NPNP- an update

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Our application was made to connexion in Jan 2024 and the officers recommended our proposals to the Connexional Mission Committee, who agreed them and to make funds available for us to continue with our proposed 3 strand project approach.

- Rev Phil Jackson will lead on the Across the Top project which will begin 'properly' with Phil in post from Sept 24, with the online platform due to launch in Jan 25.
- Work continues in Barrow, exploring the Church at the Margins project there as well as looking to 'Lets End Poverty' for their learning and experience in running Food Pantry's instead of Food Banks and seeing what we can adopt here in Cumbria.
- I will remain in post leading on the 3rd strand of the overall project, working with churches and circuits to help them navigate this new time and work out what their pioneering response will be. Many circuits are already engaged, and people are stepping into unknown territory with the commitment to connect wider and deeper into their communities so that God may be known and the church may flourish here. It is exciting to be part of this work- and I look forward to journeying with more of you as you begin to join in.

RURAL & WILD PILGRIMAGE LEARNING COMMUNITY

HAVE YOU EVER ADVENTURED INTO THE WILD AND TAKEN TIME TO LISTEN? IS IT SOMEWHERE THAT HELPS YOU FIND HEADSPACE TO NOTICE, WONDER AND LISTEN TO GOD? THIS TERMLY ONLINE GATHERING CONNECTS THOSE LEADERS LOOKING TO GETHER AND JOURNEY WITH OTHERS IN THE OUTDOORS. NEXT GATHERING 18TH APRIL, 7-8.30PM. JOIN IN AND FIND OUT MORE.. TO WATCH LOL WOOD'S (FAMILY PROJECT LEAD, LUNESDALE) CONTRIBUTION CLICK [HERE](#)



WINTER OAK. PHOTO
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Do you want to be your circuit's NPNP advocate?

SPEAK WITH YOUR
SUPERINTENDANT
MINISTER OR GET IN
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RICHARDSON FOR
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EASTER ACTIVITY: Be More Like Jesus!

"Creating New Christian communities is all about making New friends beyond our usual groups of people, who often share our principles and prejudices too. Being like Jesus requires us to make New relationships & New friendships to recognise and discover God in the people we encounter" Eunice Attwood, Church at the Margins officer.

Why not:

- Share a drink or food with someone beyond your usual friendship group
- Visit somewhere that people in your community gather that you haven't been before.
- Have some real conversations
- Ask some good questions

Training/ resourcing: Local:

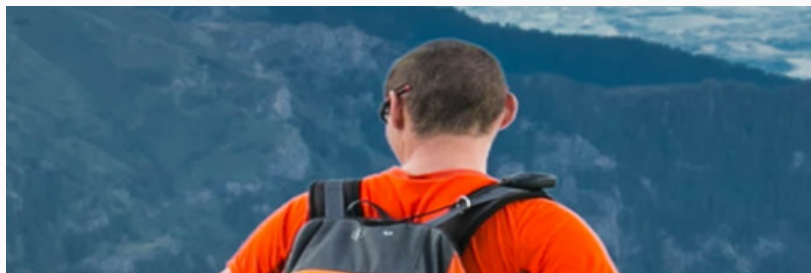
LOOKING BEYOND WORKSHOP SERIES

A SERIES OF 5 INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS
LOOKING AT WHERE THE CHURCH IS NOW, AND
EXPLORING HOW WE MIGHT GET TO WHERE WE
NEED TO BE:

SESSIONS:

- CHURCH & CULTURE
- CHURCH A JOURNEY
- RE-IMAGINING CHURCH
- A MIXED ECOLOGY OF CHURCH
- WHAT NEXT?

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EVENT INFORMATION



COME AND PRAY WITH US-
A MONTHLY ONLINE PRAYER GATHERING FOR THE NPNP/
CHURCH AT THE MARGINS MOVEMENT.

18.30PM 20 MINS

NEXT SESSIONS:

8TH APRIL

13TH MAY

10TH JUNE

8TH JULY

12TH AUGUST

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National:

FAITH ROOTED COMMUNITY ORGANISING:

APRIL 5-7; NOV 8-10

CLIFF COLLEGE

BOOKING ESSENTIAL - [HERE](#)

FOR PEOPLE BEGINNING OR DEVELOPING AN NPNP.

“Do not try and
call them back
to where they
were, and do not
try and call them
to where you
are- as beautiful
a place as that
may be ..you
must have the
courage to go
with them to a
place neither
you nor they
have been
before”

vincent donovan's student