

Foremost among the aims of **Funding the whole Mission of the Church** is, to make it easier for everyone to *contribute faithfully* to God's work in and through His Church. (NE)

Associated aims are:

- to help people *balance* the many demands placed on them by their family and other commitments (MID)
- to *inspire* those who worship by reminding them of their obligation to respond gratefully to all God's blessings in their lives (NW)
- to help those in church *care better* for everyone in the local community by co-ordinating talents, thought, time, treasure (SE)
- to *encourage* everyone to do a proper share of the work needed in the total life of the Church and to provide the resources required (SW)

These aims correspond to various approaches / programmes.

**Conventional/Basic** - This uses a conference to support a presentation at a large gathering, e.g., *Alpha Course*, often followed by home visits in a set period of time. (NE)

**Made to Measure** - This involves careful selection of various features from the other four programmes, with special attention paid to consultation and detailed planning. (MID)

**Sundays Services** - This relies on regular attendees completing a *Commitment/Dedication Card* during normal worship times over an agreed number of services. (NW)

**House/Discussion** - This is based on small meetings in homes often using commercial material, such as *Getting, Giving, Going*, from the Church Pastoral Aid Society or the *Full Measure Project* from the Anglican Stewardship Association. (SE)

**Written Word** - Uses a series of *personalised* letters sent at set intervals with a return addressed reply card – sometimes using *TRIO* based material. (SW)

Other advice and assistance offered.

**Sorting Out Session**

This is a directed conference/training event to establish clear and realistic actions on which to base an appeal for wider support. (NE)

### **Standard Setting**

This is a conference/training event to agree a level of local leadership response as an example for others to follow. (MID)

### **Capital Funding**

Limited guidance is available on funding building repairs/restorations projects and/or new community initiatives, e.g., *Church Urban Fund*, "*Funderfinder*", etc. (SE)

### **Efficient Giving**

Examples of good practice are available for *Gift Aid*, *Deposited Deeds of Covenants* for Gift Days, *Legacies and Bequests*, and "*RECORDO*" cards, etc. (SW)

### **Financial Records**

Advice can also be offered on the proper presentation of information to local supporters using *profile charts* and "*IT*" packages. (SW)

Consultation should take place with the "PRA" as soon as possible in preparing plans.

Informal conversations – usually with clergy – can be arranged by contacting

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