

## **Whole-life discipleship – ‘Imagine Church’ Envisioning day Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November and Synod Learning Hub (LICC: London Institute for Contemporary Christianity)**

### **‘Imagine Church’ Envisioning day**

We have this opportunity to get together for a day of encouragement. Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am to 3pm. We were hoping to have this meeting at Lumen but because of the new rail-strike and the difficulties in changing the date we will now be meeting online via Zoom and we would love you to join us for this special day!

Growing a whole-life discipling church: Keen to grow a whole-life discipling culture in your church, but not sure where to start? Then join Steve Rouse, LICC’s Church Team Director, as we share what we’ve learnt about how to create a whole-life discipling church and help you identify next steps for yours.

Why not bring a group from your church?

Explore the biblical vision for whole-life discipling. Share principles, practices, and processes to make whole-life discipling possible. Help clarify a framework and next steps for creating a whole-life discipling culture in your church

Filled with practical advice, biblical insight, and opportunities to discuss with peers from other churches, this Envisioning Day is the perfect way to get equipped and inspired for your church.

As one church leader said: ‘We found it really helpful in clarifying and focusing on our mission. The fact that there are so many stories coming out from so many different places about the difference that [the whole-life] approach makes shows how authentic it is; it really does work! Programmes come and go, but this is about changing the DNA of the church.’

Please register free for the day at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/urc-thames-north-imagine-church-envisioning-day-tickets-394291084247> and you will receive further information and Zoom joining details running up to the event.

You can also download an A4 flyer to encourage people from your church to come at [https://drive.google.com/file/d/13hUOwYnaVpPVaVnZGHqHD9\\_ZdXcB-Tu0-/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/13hUOwYnaVpPVaVnZGHqHD9_ZdXcB-Tu0-/view?usp=sharing)

You can watch Steve Rouse’s short video about this prepared for our Synod meeting at <https://vimeo.com/754233656>

### **LICC Learning Hub commencing 2023**

We are looking for ten of our congregations to be part of our Learning Hub beginning early in 2023.

Learning Hubs represent opportunities for participating church leaders, and other members of local churches to come together, be resourced, and learn from each other about how to create and sustain whole-life disciple-making communities.

A Learning Hub will journey together over the course of two years, providing space for church leaders, leadership teams and members of local churches to explore how church ministry can envision and equip worshippers for fruitfulness in the whole of their lives.

There are two aspects to the life of a church community – there is the gathered life of the church and the scattered, Monday to Saturday life of the church. If we are going to equip and envision Christians for a whole-life faith then we need to think about the relationship between the gathered

and scattered life of the church – what do we do when were together that will prepare us for our Monday to Saturday lives?

A Learning Hub brings together church leaders and the members of their church communities to begin to have conversations about key areas of church life and think about how to make small changes (1-degree shifts) that lead the church towards whole-life discipleship.

Learning Hubs are about mutual support, creative conversations and the sharing of ideas; they're about inputting stimulating material that gets leaders talking and thinking about how they will impact the church they lead.

Our Synod Moderator, George Watt, writes "LICC Learning Hubs are an exciting and engaging opportunity to help churches see how everyone can be involved in mission through their everyday lives"

Draft dates for the Learning Hub (venue to be confirmed once participating churches have been identified) are as follows:

1. Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023
2. Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023
3. Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023
4. Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023
5. Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024
6. Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024
7. Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024
8. Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 there will be a one-hour opportunity on Zoom to ask further questions about the Learning hub. This will be repeated at 3pm and 7.30pm on that day. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/96647460063?pwd=dnhRWGtIK2tQdUpPUGoOOXRwTWRMUT09>

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