

ReSource : Our vision

Making a difference

We live in a time of change. People's dreams and struggles are different from the way they were. How do we respond? Do we offer them the life-changing news of Jesus – or do we settle for less?

Developing confidence

'Does this stuff really work? Can we have confidence in this ancient faith of ours? Do we really have something which people out there need and want – or not?' These seem to ReSource to be the questions people are asking. We are convinced that we can have full confidence – and we need to grow and develop in that confidence. Now is the time!

Enabling change

Change can be painful, uneasy. ReSource wants to travel with the local church according to its God-given vision, working together to bring about change. Our aim is to facilitate fresh vision, strengthened relationships and renewed energy wherever we go.

Creating community

ReSource does not come with a package. We work with all traditions and denominations, believing that God loves our diversity. We offer not programmes but resources – human resources, written resources, spiritual resources. We always begin by listening, and shape our contribution according to what we hear. We want to help build relationships - with and within the churches, and between all of us and the living God.

A vision for the future

- People alive in the Spirit and informed by the Word
- Across the country diverse, confident and growing local churches, renewed by the Spirit and effective in mission.
- As the love of God flows out, spiritual and practical consequences in the wider community.



Lord, transform your world, renew your Church, and start with me.

'There has never, since the origins of Christianity, been such a radical change in the world as the one that is now taking place. For the church, this transformation is more radical than the transition from Israel to the Gentiles, more important than the establishment of the institutional church under Constantine or the Protestant Reformation: the present transformation forces it to a more radical reappraisal of itself and challenges many more aspects of it than have been challenged hitherto.'

José Comblin

'The glory of God is a human being fully alive.'

Irenaeus

'The new in history always comes when people least believe in it. But, certainly, it comes only in the moment when the old becomes visible as old and tragic and dying, and when no way out is seen. We live in such a moment; such a moment is our situation.'

Ivan Tillich

'Christianity is not about religion – it is about making humanity, and making it as God intended it to be.'

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

'A man has made at least a start on discovering the meaning of human life when he plants shady trees under which he knows full well he will never sit.'

D Elton Trueblood

'If ever there was a time to rediscover Jesus the Messiah, it is now.'

Michael Frost & Alan Hirsch

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renewal for mission in the power of the Holy Spirit

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How can we help?

We work with denominations, dioceses, local groupings and individual churches. These are some of the situations we have been asked to help with. There are lots of others – please ask us or have a look at our website, www.resource-arm.net.

The local church

- A church is real and alive but it knows that if it is to thrive it needs fresh vision. Often churches need to make radical changes to their culture but this requires both insight and courage. Can we draw alongside, help identify the need for new vision and look at the changes that need to be made to the way things are done?
- A church has an upward focus and an inward focus, but as yet has developed little or no mission focus. Can we help it to reprogramme?
- A church is full of conflict - can we help it to resolve issues and move on?
- A church is doing well but it needs refreshing - can we minister to it over a weekend, providing carefully chosen input so as to help them draw closer to God and to each other, so that they go home excited about their faith and refocused on their mission?
- A church needs a good speaker for an evangelistic event, an Alpha supper or away day - can we provide?
- A church wishes to develop in the healing ministry - can we train a team and provide a speaker for a healing service?
- A church wants to introduce a small group ministry or put its small groups onto a better footing. Can we show it how to do that, and provide training for leaders and materials for the groups?
- A church is planning to hold a mission. Can we help by providing encouragement, training, practical suggestions and perhaps a mission team to help with the event?
- A church is looking for speakers for a men's breakfast, a local school or a one-off event on topics of broad interest which will draw in both Christians and non-Christians. Can we provide them?
- A church has a healthy youth ministry. Can we provide material for the youth cell meetings?

Deaneries, dioceses and denominations

- A diocese is developing a programme to encourage mission – can we work with the clergy deanery by deanery to provide the resources and encouragement to make this a success?
- The church leaders in a particular deanery or area are themselves running on empty, and the ministry feels tired and dry. Can we help these leaders draw aside and rediscover a vital link to God?
- A deanery or area wants to find ways of bringing a mission focus to its church councils – can we run an evening for the local church councils to refresh, encourage and help them become more outward looking?
- A theological college is looking for high calibre speakers who can offer input on the key issues facing the church – confidence in the gospel, the theology of renewal, the power of the Word, the spirituality of mission, encountering Jesus today, transformation in the gospel... Can we help?
- A diocesan renewal group is hoping to run an open day to offer spiritual refreshment to those who are finding life a bit of a pressure – can we shape the day and provide facilitators?
- A diocese is looking for a facilitator for a bishops' and area deans' retreat at which the aim is to draw aside together, build relationships and reflect on the way ahead for the diocese – can we provide?
- A denominational grouping is looking for inspirational conference speakers or seminar leaders on mission and spirituality – can we help?