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Our Mission Task

§ Each church needs to work out its own mission strategy

§ How can this be enabled by what we do together?



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Principles: Luke 9: 57-10:24

Commitment to prayer

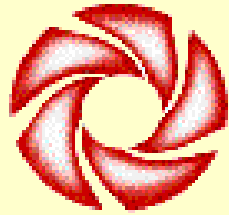
Communication of vision

Cultural sensitivity

Cost awareness

Connecting and equipping people

Constructive reflection



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Five Core Values

- 1. A missionary community**
- 2. A prophetic community**
- 3. An inclusive community**
- 4. A worshipping community**
- 5. A sacrificial community**



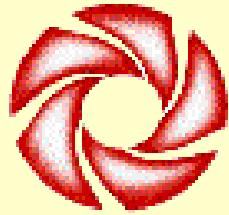
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**In developing any Mission strategy
we should first assess the context by**

Praying

Listening

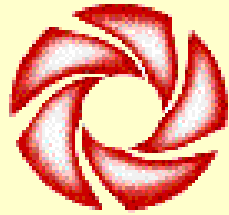
Understanding



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These were the most urgent needs we found:

- 1. To make the Gospel accessible to non-church-goers**
- 2. To develop more community/social action projects**
- 3. To learn to engage with other cultures**
- 4. To respond to the challenges of new housing development**
- 5. To increase the resources we have available for mission**



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How would we like things to be different in, say, seven years time?

Aims must be achievable.....

...and measurable



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So, by 2010....

- 1. Every church to offer access to at least one course for faith and discipleship**



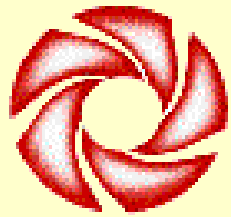
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2. Every church to have at least one community project and a growing concern for issues of peace, justice and the environment



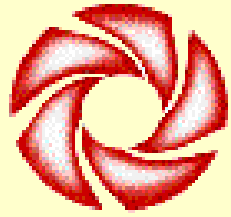
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3. Every church will have regular opportunities to engage with people from at least one other culture:



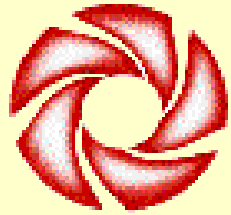
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4. Every church to have a share in Strategic Mission Planning including church planting where appropriate



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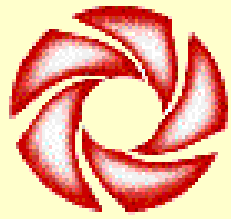
5. Every church owning a responsibility for supporting Baptist mission so that by 2010, through BMS World Mission and Home Mission, we will together be giving £1million for mission every year.



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In summary: The Regional team and Association Council have a vision that by 2010 every church will have.....

- 1. A course for faith and discipleship**
- 2. A project in the community for the community**
- 3. A concern to reach across cultural divides**
- 4. A share in strategic mission planning**
- 5. A responsibility for supporting Baptist Mission**



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**.....And be supporting all of these
activities in informed prayer**



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In order to achieve all this we will need to:

Envision, promote, and teach holistic mission

Enable churches to release members for service beyond their local church

Encourage inclusive clusters of churches appropriately resourcing one another

Explore new ways to respond to church planting and mission opportunities

Enlarge our financial resources to implement mission priorities



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**And everyone involved in our Association
will need to understand their role
within this Mission Strategy**



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Together we can!