

# Methodist Fresh Expressions Consultation 2008

3-4 March 2008

The Wycliffe Centre, High Wycombe

A consultation for Fresh Expressions leaders.

Many churches have begun to implement fresh expressions as a new part of their life and mission in their local area or circuit. Some are seeing growth in attendance, increasing contact with those new to church, and people engaging in the journey of becoming disciples of Jesus Christ. Others are encountering issues of relationships, vision and resources in starting up new or maintaining established fresh expressions. This consultation will be helpful for those wanting to learn from the experience of others and to contribute to the discussion of how fresh expressions can achieve their goals.

The consultation presents an opportunity to gather together with other practitioners and wrestle with the issues you are facing. Most of the time will be spent in small groups working on issues that FE leaders have identified. There will be two concise keynote inputs, one by Revd Dr Martyn Atkins (President of the Methodist Conference). We are currently researching a number of fresh expressions and will invite leaders to present a second keynote session about their experience.

## **The issues leaders have already identified include:**

- Identifying and releasing FE leaders
  - FEs and Methodist structures
- Conflicts/tensions between old and new
  - Funding and resourcing FEs
  - Continuity in leadership
  - Making disciples in FEs
- Circuit/district strategies for FEs
- Supporting FE leaders when the rest of the circuit doesn't understand/empathise



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*We will contact you to acknowledge payment and with further details about the Consultation before the 18 February 2008.*