

Responses from BEAF 22 May 2018 SDF bid

General/Encouragement

Be radical, take risks!!

Gifts, talent, can do!! YES!!

Sharing share, holding holders [??]

Inclusion is missional

Fantastic idea, super for Bradford, gets out the gospel message.

We like the concept of a city centre church – it's amazing

Fantastic idea with great potential

Step out of the boat, try new things, speak to new people, reach out and in

Communicate to your own people, to others, to the marginalised

Our churches would be a lot stronger if we SENT people

When talking about starting new things, don't be afraid to talk about stopping things as well. It's not failure.

Thriving out into the community

Embedded in the community, being seen. Not necessarily for people interested in church

Resourcing church will work where churches are willing to give and receive to and from others. Picking the right resourcing churches is key

Presence in new places

Ideas

Cell church model, congregation less often, celebration punctuates the year

Missional communities Dr. Al Barrett Birmingham, modelling, teaching, training, mentoring [Ruth Y]

Worship and life that connects with university students [Portsmouth Harbor]

Include cross cultural multi-faith prayer space [welcome and hospitality]

Sharing our traditions [eg Catholic] amongst the immigrants of Bradford in the Resource church.

Growing young people's lives through missional work

Nurturing people's lives in the city centre

Working partnerships across parishes

It would be helpful to develop a language of growing pains, so that when difficulties come it can be cited as part of the growth

Need for a Christian voice in the shopping areas during the day and night.

Developing youth work eg; young farmers in the villages.

Channel young people to go to the resource church rather than leaving church altogether

Partnering with people with learning disabilities, local, see and show. [eg The Ark]

Ask for £5 million, not £1 million

City centre church resourcing congregations with different styles and young people

Opportunities for 'mission experiences'

Teaching and growing leaders – youth work, discipleship and evangelism

Training and equipping worship leaders

Leadership teams growing disciples

Opportunities for leaders to receive ministry

Missional communities providing opportunities for intensive discipleship [Eden]

Questions

What do we need to give up??

We sometimes expect our young people to go elsewhere when 11+. Why do we do that and unconsciously give them permission to no longer come to church instead of looking at new opportunities together?

How does this speak/feed into more rural communities?

How long does the money flow in for?

How long have we got to make each individual project sustainable?

Missional communities – lessons learnt from Selbourne and St. Columba's vicarage?

What dull, uninteresting but necessary thing has to be put into place in order to release the capacity of the parish eg: what is missing in our organisation that will release these creative engagements [administration skills]?

Concerns

We would love a full time vicar, worship leader, etc! We want resourcing! Don't forget the struggling churches

Exciting! But danger of trying to 'impose' something, needs to 'fit'

Resource church – yes – but is this aimed at students and 6.00am service to clubbers?? What about shoppers.

Giving IN

We would be interested in helping with a social enterprise in the Keighley area [esp in conjunction with Muslims]

We at Riddlesden would be interested in finding out more about supporting the work in Braithwaite area [City centre too far]

Starting a social enterprise in Thornton

We could send but it would take deep trust!

Giving OUT

I'd love a missional community in Bolton Woods

Missional community welcome in Thornbury!!

Drawing in a team to help build lay capacity for new ideas eg; worship leaders for café church in rural areas

We would love to receive musicians from a resource or resourcing church – musicians are our biggest need and biggest hope.

Can we be resourced, we need a worship leader and band?

Rich People!

Michael Bannister, owner of Boundary Mill and Coniston Hotel] linked with Coniston Cold and one of Helen Collings churches. Also knows Bishop Nick apparently.

I have a rich Christian friend wanting to use his money for God – Stephen Treasure