

Pathways

Local Mission for All Kinds of Churches

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From church plants to ancient cathedrals, emerging churches to traditional churches, churches that are big on preaching to those that emphasise liturgy and sacraments, Pathways is a way of understanding church as a context for introducing people to Jesus and helping them shape their lives to his ways. It's a way of steering your church activity toward mission without blowing things up. It's a paradigm, not a prescription.

You're ready to sign up to a Pathways program when:

- You want to be more effective but less busy.
- You want your church to grow through new believers as well as transfers.
- You've tried quick-fix programs that haven't delivered as promised.
- You come realise 'why' you do your activities is just as important as 'how' you do them.

You can learn about the paradigm at www.pathways4mission.com where you can download a free summary or buy the book *Pathways: Local Mission for All Kinds of Churches*

What's unique about Pathways?

Pathways is a little different to some of the other church resourcing options you may have seen.

- Pathways is an incremental approach, working on one or two achievable things at a time.
- There's no tedious consultation or trying to wordsmith grand statements. You'll develop some action steps from your first workshop.
- It works primarily with the forms and structures you have, rather than embarking on disruptive and risky re-engineering.
- You'll be encouraged to experiment and discover, rather than being handed a pre-cooked solution.
- We seek to build the competence and confidence of church leaders, rather than making them dependent on 'experts.'
- Pathways is more affordable than other church growth consulting service offers.

What do I get?

When you sign up to a Pathways program, you'll enter a small cohort of other leaders from your city or region. They may not be part of your denomination, but they'll become your learning colleagues and possibly your close friends. You'll meet with them periodically as a community of practice undertaking facilitated, participative learning.

You'll start work with your coach. Your year-long program fee includes up to ten 1:1 coaching sessions to keep your pathways initiative on track and help you deal with the inevitable challenges.

You and a small team from your church will attend a half-day workshop with teams from churches in your cohort. You'll leave the workshop with a plan for creating your first mission pathway, usually built around things you're already doing.

At the end of the first year, you'll be invited to sign up for the year two program. There's also a year three program for churches that are ready for it.

How much?

\$3000.00 plus GST buys you the workshop, coaching, a community of practice and copy of the book.

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