

Baptist Union of Great Britain
TRAINING FOR LAY PASTORS AND PREACHERS

Course Descriptors

LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Aims

The aims of this module are:

- To explore the nature of Christian leadership, both personal and collaborative, in the context of a Baptist church.
- To examine what happens in situations of conflict, and how good processes of mediation can be employed.
- To help participants respond to specific issues which arise in life of a local church, such as the conduct of weddings and funerals.

Description

This module looks at the kind of issues that inevitably arise in the ongoing life and organisation of a local Baptist church. Participants will look at different styles and models of leadership, including the principles and practice of working as part of a team, and develop skills needed for such tasks as vision building and conflict resolution. Attention will also be given to some of the specific tasks expected of those exercising leadership in a Baptist church, such as the conduct of weddings and funerals, and the responsibilities of being a trustee of the buildings.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this module, participants should be able to demonstrate:

- An awareness of different styles of leadership, and what it might mean to develop a Christian approach to leadership within a Baptist church.
- An ability to reflect theologically on such pastoral issues as marriage and bereavement, and to attend to the practical issues involved.
- An ability to attend to the management and organisation of a Baptist church.

Assessment

There will be two assignments to be completed. It is expected that one of these will be a written piece of work (1200-1500 words) on a theme central to the area of learning covered in this module. The other may be a careful analysis of particular case studies relating to issues of church management.