

Wales Leadership Forum Vision for evangelism in Wales

The challenge

A recent government survey showed that Wales is now dying faster spiritually than any other part of the U.K. This decline is impacting on the church and its ability to reach out and share the gospel.

Identify Young leaders with an evangelistic heart and train and mentor them to work alongside other gospel minded individuals to take the gospel to this country of Wales

Vision

Every town and village in Wales is served and supported by a gospel community

Strategy

- To work with gospel minded churches and organisations to help train and mentor individuals who have an evangelistic heart
- To support the placement of individuals into churches and provide training and development focused on evangelism
- To ensure all individuals who are funded and placed are allowed to spend up to 6 weeks on gospel mission activities in their training period away from the church they are working with in order to develop a broader range of evangelistic skills..

Training and mentoring

Individuals will be expected to attend a training programme that is focused primarily on evangelism through the local church. WLF have developed a 2 year training course designed to enhance the gifts and abilities of people who love to learn practically and actively.

Training focuses on applying biblical theology to ministry opportunities in some of the most neglected and needy parts of Wales. Courses are delivered by WLF with access to a number of recognised evangelical partners, offering a high standard of bible teaching and personal development alongside ministry placement in a local church.

During the training, candidates will develop -

Convictions: Biblical knowledge and understanding.

Character: Under God, learners will be transformed more into the likeness of Jesus Christ to live loving, sacrificial lives that serve the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of those around them.

Competencies: Skills to communicate Biblical truth to others and lead God's people in making disciples.

During this period candidates will be expected to be part of a group involved in missional activities in Wales. This will be for a period of up to 6 weeks and away from their church.

Funding

Match funding will be provided for 2 years to cover training and placement in a local church

Wales leadership forum will provide match funding up to £10,000 per annum for the 2 years.

Individual requirements

Each individual should apply in writing and then meet together with their church leader, with WLF trustees to share their heart and calling before agreement on the way forward is made.

The programme is not available for -

- the provision of funding to support churches in general
- The provision of funding to appoint additional staff members
- The provision of funding to support training unless it is focused on developing a gospel minded individual

The overall vision is to make a gospel difference in Wales

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W.L.F. Training Modules

Ready to Know - At times it can be quite difficult to understand how the Bible is relevant to us today – particularly when reading the Old Testament. This module explores how the Bible fits together not just as a collection of stories but as one big story that reveals God's plan to save people through Jesus.

Ready to Know God - In this module we will ponder deeply the Character of God as it is revealed in the Bible. As we see more clearly the depth of God's love, justice and sovereignty, we will grow in our love for God and our trust in Him. At the same time we will become more aware of our own sin and weakness and so worship God with fear, reverence and praise.

Ready to Apply God's Word - In a broken and fallen world it is not always easy to see what is right and wrong. Scripture requires us to think deeply through the circumstances in which we find ourselves in and be ready to apply God's Word.

Reading the Law is a study of the first five books of the Bible. These books teach important truths that are critical for understanding the rest of the Bible. They also give a deeper appreciation of Jesus, His ministry and the life He calls us to live.

Reading Mark's Gospel This module investigates the story at the heart of Christianity; the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As well as gaining an understanding of the contents, meaning and significance of Mark's Gospel learners will develop the skills needed to read, understand and apply the Bible.

Reading the Prophets The Old Testament study of the former and latter prophets covers a period of almost 1,000 years of Israel's history. It begins with Israel entering the Promised Land under Joshua. Throughout the ups and downs of this period of Israel's history, God reveals many truths that will ultimately lead us to Jesus.

Reading the Writing will be focusing particularly on Job, Psalms, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes. We will wrestle with how to understand and apply the wisdom and poetry of these books. Like in the rest of the Old Testament we will learn more about

God, His purposes for His people and ultimately why we need Jesus.

Reading Romans provides an introduction to the teaching of the Apostle Paul. In particular, it presents an in depth explanation of the gospel and its practical implications. It covers the dominant themes within the Bible - such as sin, judgement, salvation, faith, sanctification, election and reconciliation.

Learning from the Early Church - studying Church History will stretch our understanding of God, challenge our ideas of how we should live and encourage us as we see God's sovereignty and His work in preparing Christians for the New Creation.

Learning from the Reformation - studying the events surrounding the Reformation will not only strengthen our understanding of the gospel but will teach us wisdom to fight heresy outside the church, within the church and even the heresy within our own hearts.

Learning to Share the good news of Jesus will give you an introduction to understanding the way different people in our world think so that we are better able to share the good news of Jesus with them. It will also equip you with the skills to do your own research into the beliefs and values held by people in our world so you can be more effective as God's witness in the world.

Learning to Care will provide you with skills essential for a caring ministry. You will develop an understanding of the basic principles of pastoral care, which will help you love people facing a variety of life's challenges such as illness, grief, pain, depression, abuse, assault, marital breakdowns etc.

Learning to Lead - at the heart of Christian leadership is serving people and encouraging others to do the same. Yet sometimes in leadership we find ourselves serving structures rather than people. This module will help you think biblically about leadership and give you practical tools to help you lead and equip Christian leaders.

Learning to Disciple - Jesus was a disciple maker and He calls His followers to be disciple makers too. This module explores what the Bible says about making disciples and the implications for our lives as we encourage and urge others to live lives worthy of God who calls us into His kingdom and glory.

Learning to Preach - this practical unit is designed to provide you with an understanding of why we preach. You will be required to prepare talks from the Bible and explain what the text says and how it applies to the life of your listeners.

Reading Revelation will help us to stand firm amidst the trials and temptations of this life. Revelation describes the last days including God's ultimate plans for our world. Satan is making war against God's people and the temptation for God's people is to give up. Pondering again the hope we have as Christians of the new heaven and earth, will strengthen us and help us to not give up.

Sustaining Christian Leadership will help you understand the dangers and challenges of full time Christian ministry. The aim is to prepare you to develop healthy habits to continue growing your relationship with God and service of others and so stay physically, spiritually and emotionally healthy for a lifetime of ministry.

Loving People, Loving the Church will equip you with the skills to lead the ministries associated with a congregation in a church. The module will help you to love people well, lead by example and grow in your leadership as you follow the example of Jesus.



Growing Churches Programme Application Form

Individual requirements

Each individual should apply in writing and then meet together with their church leader, with WLF trustees to share their heart and calling before agreement on the way forward is made. Following satisfactory references, WLF will arrange an evening of prayer with the candidate's home church prior to a weekend with one of our partner churches to assess suitability. Once all match funding is in place, and final arrangements with the placement church are confirmed, WLF will extend a written invitation confirming the start date.

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Phone:

Email:

I agree with the statement of faith given by the Welsh Leadership Forum.

Name of Church you attend:

Pastor/Elder/Church Leader contact details:

I am happy for my Pastor/Elder/Church Leader to be contacted in support of my application.

Please outline your testimony (500 words)

Please detail the reasons why you have applied for this position (500 words)

Employment History (last job)

Company Name:

Company Address:

Job Title:

Briefly Explain Your Role:

Start / Finish Date:

Reason for Leaving:

Qualifications

School / College:

Subject and Grades inc Year:

Please detail any further training that you feel will support your application

Reference Last Employer:

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Phone:

Email:

Personal Reference:

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Phone:

Email:

Please Return to Chris Street: info@walesleadershipforum.org.uk

Doctrinal Basis

The Wales Leadership Forum team has adopted the UCCF's doctrinal basis (see below) for its 'work. We will be looking to develop a specific doctrinal basis for the work of the Forum shortly.

The basis of the Wales Leadership Forum shall be the fundamental truths of Christianity, as revealed in Holy Scripture, including:

1. There is one God in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. God is sovereign in creation, revelation, redemption and final judgement.
3. The Bible, as originally given, is the inspired and infallible Word of God. It is the supreme authority in all matters of belief and behaviour.
4. Since the fall, the whole of humankind is sinful and guilty, so that everyone is subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
5. The Lord Jesus Christ, God's incarnate Son, is fully God; he was born of a virgin; his humanity is real and sinless; he died on the cross, was raised bodily from death and is now reigning over heaven and earth.
6. Sinful human beings are redeemed from the guilt, penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial death once and for all time of their representative and substitute, Jesus Christ, the only mediator between them and God.
7. Those who believe in Christ are pardoned all their sins and accepted in God's sight only because of the righteousness of Christ credited to them; this justification is God's act of undeserved mercy, received solely by trust in him and not by their own efforts.
8. The Holy Spirit alone makes the work of Christ effective to individual sinners, enabling them to turn to God from their sin and to trust in Jesus Christ.
9. The Holy Spirit lives in all those he has regenerated. He makes them increasingly Christlike in character and behaviour and gives them power for their witness in the world.
10. The one holy universal church is the Body of Christ, to which all true believers belong.
11. The Lord Jesus Christ will return in person, to judge everyone, to execute God's just condemnation on those who have not repented and to receive the redeemed to eternal glory.