



5 Year Circuit Plan



Shropshire & Marches
Circuit Meeting
June 21st 2012

Reflecting on 2 years of the new Circuit: THE ENRICHMENT

- The opportunity to think differently
 - Communication
 - freedom to call on each other across the Circuit in situations of urgent pastoral care
 - Clustering
 - a new challenge to which people have begun to rise
 - we have begun to learning to work together
 - opportunity for office holders to consult together
 - Co-ordinated preaching plan
 - sharing of resources
 - enriched fellowship and worship
 - common vestry prayer book
- What have been good experiences for you?

Reflecting on 2 years of the new Circuit:

THE CHALLENGES

- The difficulty of doing things differently
 - **Communication**
 - potential for duplication in resourcing pastoral care, in managing finance, and wasting time
 - not everyone can attend every meeting
 - need to ensure those who need to know are informed
 - **Greater distances**
 - increased carbon footprint
 - cost and resource implications in sharing preachers
 - **Partnership**
 - churches learning to look to partners in the Cluster for support rather than to the Circuit
- **Where have you felt challenged?**



We need to
think through
WHO is
responsible
for WHAT and
WHERE

The Shropshire & Marches 5 year circuit plan

Our aim is:

- To continue to build the Circuit as a network of
 - *Local*
 - *Faithful*
 - *Worshipping & caring communities*
- Working in neighbourhoods
 - *Where possible ecumenically*

The Shropshire & Marches 5 year circuit plan

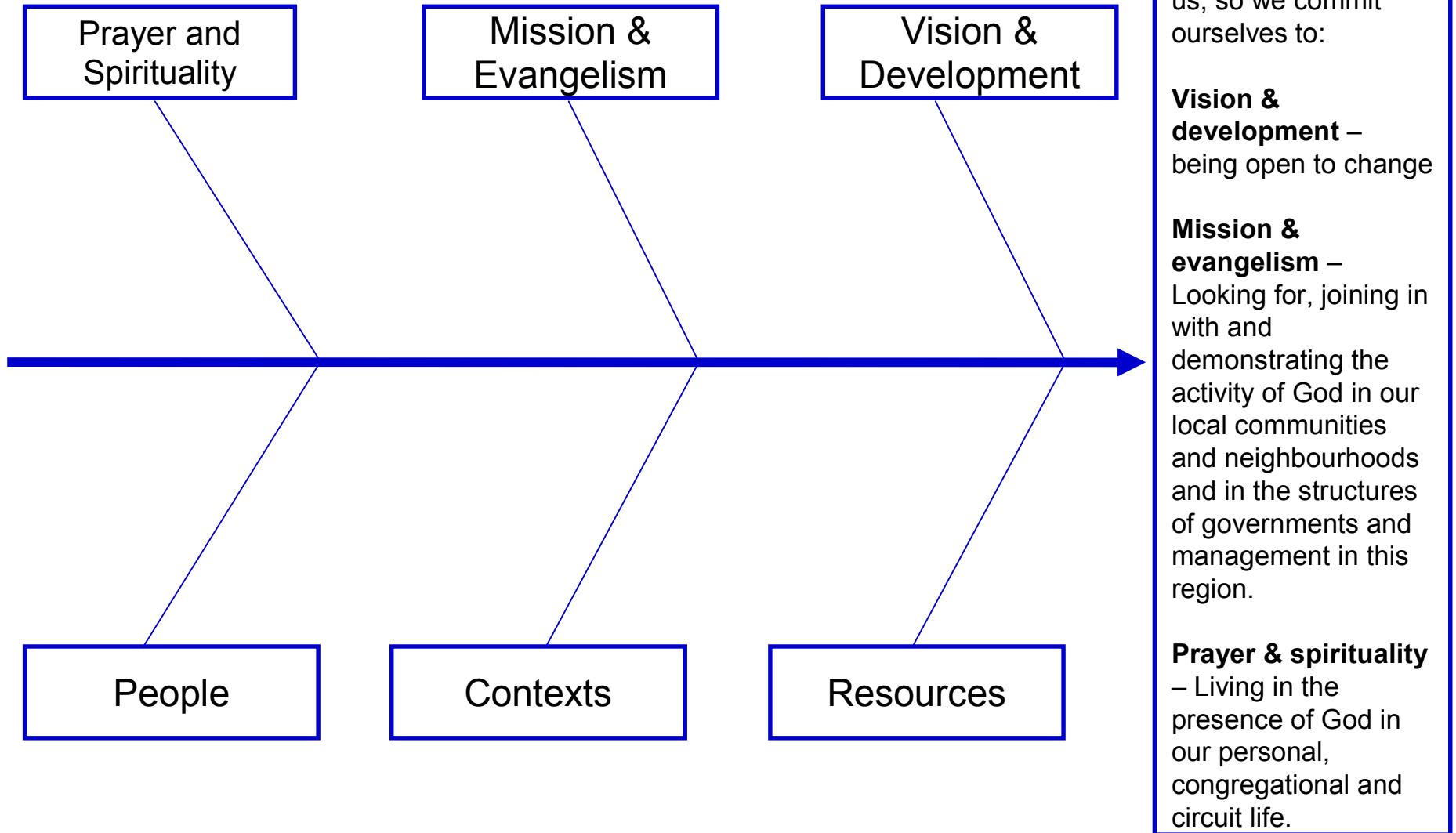
**This will mean new ways of working in
which everyone will need to be involved**

- supported by a staff team of
9 ministers with administrative support

The **focus** of the plan is a three fold emphasis in programme and activity in every part of the circuit on

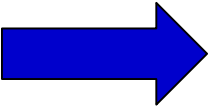
- **(A) Vision, growth & development**
 - Being open to change
- **(B) Mission & evangelism**
 - Looking for, joining in with and demonstrating the activity of God
- **(C) Prayer & spirituality**
 - Living in the presence of God

Enabling Mission – Serving Communities



**5 YEAR
CIRCUIT
PLAN**

YEAR 1 –



2012-2013

YEAR 2 –



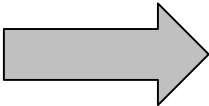
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YEAR 3 –



2014-2015

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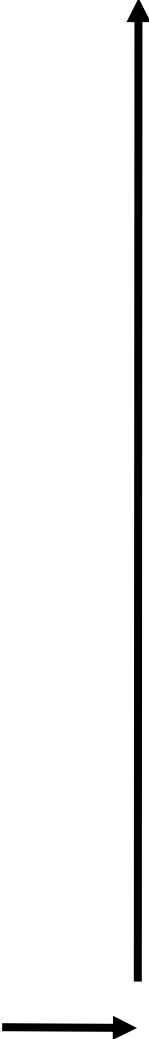


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YEAR 5 –



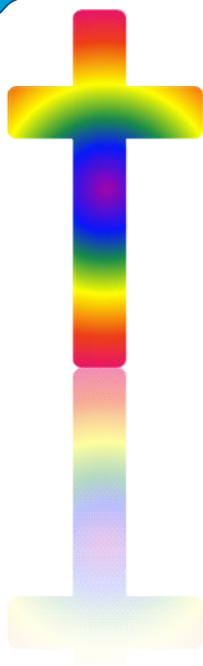
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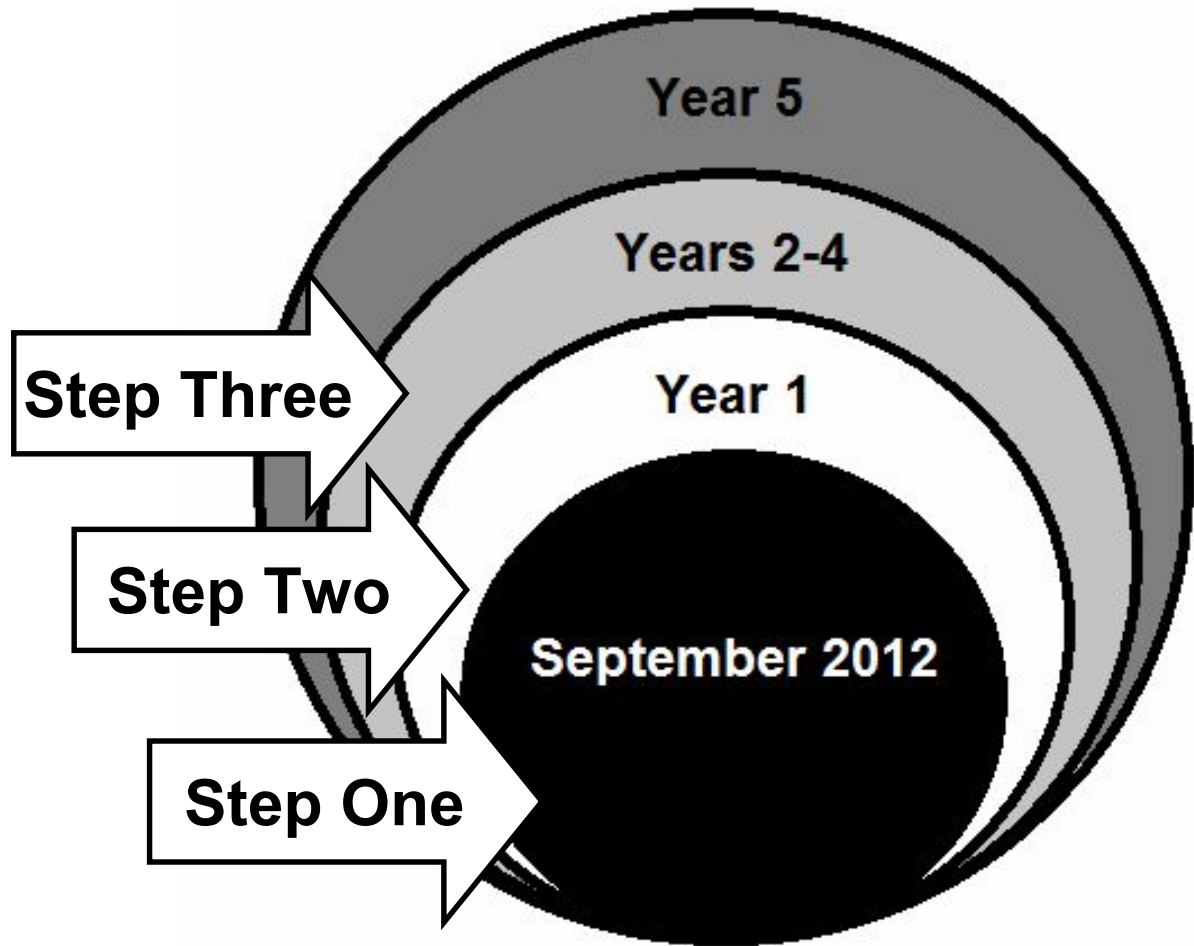
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Step Three

Step Two

Step One

Year 5

Years 2-4

Year 1

September 2012

STEP ONE – September 2012

COMMITMENT TO THE FOCUS AND GOAL



Enabling Mission – Serving Communities

2012-13

STEP TWO - Year 1

Establishing the baseline

- Listing current activities and resources
 - Each cluster engaging in conversations with the circuit stewards and staff team

2012-13

STEP TWO - Year 1

Establishing the baseline

- Within each cluster, defining the aim and purpose in the locality in which the worshipping centres are set
 - by joining in conversation with each other and with those with whom we work alongside, both in the community and in partner churches

2012-13

STEP TWO - Year 1

Establishing the baseline

- Building a viable pastoral foundation and framework throughout the circuit involving ministerial and lay people

2013-16

STEP THREE - YEARS 2-4

**Step Three:
Working out development as a common
programme throughout the circuit**

- Each cluster, and each circuit group (Preachers, Training, Youth work, MWIB, circuit meeting/executive etc.), working towards fulfilling their defined purpose
- Undertaking steps in each programme area each year

2013-16

STEP THREE - YEARS 2-4

- Undertaking projects and training in each programme area throughout the 3 years
- Choosing at least one programme or development project in each of the three years

2016-17

YEAR 5

REVIEW - PLANNING

**MOVING ON TO THE
NEXT STAGE**

The Future

“Being shaped is not always comfortable: it means stopping doing some things so that we can do other things better.

Change is exciting and challenging, but it is also uncomfortable and unsettling and we need the gracious community of the Methodist family to explore the opportunities we, as a Church, face.

(Martyn Atkins, Methodist Conference 2011.)