

The URC's campaign of radical welcome: the training and discernment process for churches

1. If a church is interested (even only slightly) in considering the campaign more closely, they contact the Campaign Coordinator, Denese Chekwendu, who is based at United Reformed Church House in London.
2. Denese will send them the materials and information that they need. This could be:
 - a) a Powerpoint and DVD for use in the Church Meeting at which the Church decides whether or not they wish to go further with the Campaign; OR
 - b) an Introductory Pack for churches who have already decided to go further with the Campaign; OR
 - c) both of the above, if that seems to be what would suit the church best.

This does NOT commit the church to becoming a Campaign Church by January 2012, but it does mean that Denese will know that they are interested, and so will need a Campaign Companion in due course.

3. Once the church has decided to go further with the Campaign, they will work through the Introductory Pack. Having completed the Introductory Pack they will be put in touch with a suitably trained Campaign Companion.
4. The Campaign Companion will work with the church, in a series of sessions, to help bring everyone to the point where they can make an *informed* decision about whether or not the church is ready to sign up as a Campaign Church. The frequency and duration of the sessions will depend on what the church has discovered about itself by working through the Introductory Pack, and on the size and complexity of the church. Essential themes to be covered are:
 - a) seeing ourselves as other see us (including feedback from Mystery Worshipers);
 - b) experiencing exclusion;
 - c) boundaries - welcoming people whilst maintaining a safe church;
 - d) overall readiness to be a Campaign Church.

5. Having worked with the Campaign Companion the church then decides whether it is ready to become an official Campaign Church. This will mean being listed on the Campaign Website which goes public at the same time as the public launch.
6. A church may come to the process late in the day, or may find itself taking longer than it expected to become Campaign-ready. They may join the website after the public launch.
7. At any point the church may decide that they do not wish to take the process further. They should inform Denese Chikwendu of their decision.

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