

The Community of Aidan and Hilda - Resourcing the Emerging Church

DEVELOPING OUR WAY OF LIFE IN CHURCHES

A CHECK LIST FOR CHURCH LEADERS

1. Study.
How far is every member engaged in life-long learning from Scripture, nature and the saints of our land?
2. Journey.
How is listening to what God calls us to leave behind and to take on built into the church's programme? How are soul friends/mentors for members fostered?
3. Rhythm.
How is a rhythm of contemplation and activity built into the church's worship and programme weekly and seasonally in a way that gives individuals, households/cells and the local community spaces?
4. Initiatives born of Intercession.
How are initiatives to overcome specific evils with undertaken in and as a result of intercession?
5. Cherishing creation.
In what ways is the church acting as a friend of the earth and connecting members with God-in-creation?
6. Simplicity of lifestyle.
How does the church live without undue clutter, noise and complications in its programmes, social, financial and worship spheres?
7. Wholeness.
How does the church seek to heal wounded people and groups?
8. Holy Spirit.
In what ways does the church invite the Holy Spirit to release creativity, humanness, adventure, prophetic, contemplative and other gifts?
9. Co-unity.
How does the church weave together the biblical, catholic, orthodox, radical and charismatic strands within Christianity, and befriend other faith communities?
10. Mission.
How does the church plant cells or congregations within the natural patterns of the unchurched, stand with the poor against injustice, and counter false teachings