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Subject: Who Cares Mission and Training Day

Some feedback for you Graham which hopefully will help in your BeneficeForum and Church PCC meetings this evening

1. Annabel and I with Carl went to the Who Cares Training Day last Saturday in Basingstoke attended by about 120 others
2. It was well structured and organised, with sessions on Listening and Responding in the morning and 3 parallel workshops in the afternoon followed by a inspiring talk by Rachel Jordan Wolf . It was a quality event with 2 shortish worship times..a .mix of worship new and oldband in morning, organ in afternoon
3. If we are actively participating as a Benefice I think we need at least 6 more people to go to the training plus yourself.just to get enough people motivated and thinking about it
4. The whole principle of this is for the people who go to the training to pass it on in their own context.so we will need our own training event(s) plus then I suggest a small planning team with people from each church who wants to engage.
- 5 it only works if enough from each church want to participate
6. There is enormous flexibility in how each Church responds, but the listening and data recording phases need organisation and planning .clear feedback was that a church can do it superficially and get some benefit albeit limited.. Or it could trigger some significant shift in reaching out with the gospel..
- 7 there is a Mission book plus online resources for each church participating..you get it free with your training...I didn't buy one as they said you will get it free and I think you said you would go to the March Training

Key dates are

- 11/3 2 nd training. Day (mirror of 1st day in scope)
- 25/5 to 4/6. ...9 days of prayer
- 4/6 big event in Winchester Cathedral
- 4/6 listening phase begins
- 10/6 Resources workshop to assist churches plan their response
- 23/7 deadline for entering Response data online from cards completed

1/9 responding Phase begins

My suggestion is that after the March training day if we intend to do this then we form a working group to start planning

- how to train/ envision our own people
- plan the listening phase
- plan how / who is working on responses and over what period

I think this is a great opportunity for us as church in our community to work, pray and do together and look to God to guide provide and enable His work to continue and flourish.

I am happy to participate in this but without a good team it will prove daunting and even demoralising . It must have a good team !

Obviously happy to chat as I am sure will be Annabel and Carl...

I have pages of notes but just thought a quick email might help you

Steve