



New reality, same mission:

A stimulus to renewed community engagement as we emerge from the pandemic

We are going to be running 4 Zoom workshops for the 'Bolton and Salford Missional Partnership' to help us understand the 'New Reality Same Mission' document and work out how our churches can move forward post Covid-19

The workshops will be led by Mal Breeze, Church Related Community Work Minister in Blackburn

at 7.30pm - 9.00pm on the following dates;

Session 1: Experience - Monday 15th February

- Poverty under lockdown
- What's happening in our/your neighbourhoods and local communities?
- Listening to those most affected by this crisis

Session 2: Exploration - Monday 15th March

- Working in partnership
- Supporting one another

Session 3: Reflection - Monday 19th April

- What does God ask of us?
- What do we have to offer?

Session 4: Action - Monday 17th May

- Ideas for responding
- What comes next?
- Useful resources and support agencies
- Where can I/you find more information?

Working through the document in this way will enable you as individuals and your churches identify what you are doing already' in terms of 'Mission', reflect on that and help to identify what gaps there are as well as reflecting on what is working effectively and what isn't. Starting where we/you are, it offers a model for responding to the new reality after the pandemic.

There will be some tasks for you to carry out in between each session to help you make sense of each session with an opportunity to feedback your findings at the start of the next session if you wish to.

For more information please contact either Christopher Whitehead or Mal Breeze and to register to take part in the sessions Email Mal at malbreeze@me.com Tel 01254 674862

Below is a quote from the document;

"We think God is calling the churches into the local, to rediscover their role as civic institutions, to act alongside friends and neighbours to defend the space where human beings flourish. It may require some rewiring and a revitalising of the Christian imagination. It needs to begin with a sense of a humble church and the recognition of shared vulnerability."
(Jenny Sinclair, *Together for the Common Good*)