



'Regenerating the church: 2021'

a strategy for the Port Phillip West Presbytery

Missional Coaching

The vision of the strategy *Regenerating the Church: 2021* is 'For the Presbytery of Port Phillip West to be a network of increasingly vibrant, diverse, contextual and disciple-making communities of Christ participating in and witnessing to the wonder of God's mission.'

We recognise that regenerating the church requires long term support. In order for fresh approaches to church and mission to be developed and flourish, there needs to be direct support in the long term. This is what provides the strategy with sustainability.

Missional coaching is one of the key supports that the Presbytery offers individuals, congregations and other places of ministry for the long term, as they explore new contextual expressions of Church, the development of their mission and/or discerning future directions for existing initiatives.

Purpose

Coaching is partnering with lay or ordained people to develop in their missional leadership, discern directions and respond to the call of God. It is solution focused, collaborative in approach, using creative processes to achieve their goals.

Direct
support long
term

Focus areas for coaching may include the following:

- To support leaders or teams of people to discern mission directions and/or to start something new like a drop in centre;
- To assist leaders or teams to think through, plan, develop and deepen a Messy Church;
- To support leaders to develop a new expressions of Church;
- To grow as a leader in visioning mission, leading change and developing strategy;
- To provide leaders with long term support, resources and accountability.
- To support and resource people undertaking short term development projects.

Coaching Models

There are many different models of coaching.

It could be a six session one on one coaching agreement. It might be a team of lay people from your congregation supported through a journey of starting something new. We also have huddle communities. This is a small group of missional leaders from a variety of congregations or places of ministry. The coach will meet regularly with the leaders, and they will grow together as a community of disciples at mission.