

pastoral care UK

shaping the mission and vision



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"A new command I give you: Love one another.

As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-5)

mission statement

To be a christian resource for individuals, churches and organisations which enables the missional purpose, potential and practice of pastoral care to be developed

vision statement

To see God's love, expressed in quality relationships and through pastoral care, restoring individual lives, building healing communities and growing disciples of Jesus

the vision recognises the need to:

- accept we are unconditionally loved by God and we love others because we are first loved by Him
- understand pastoral care is the activity which flows out of God's love for us and our love for one another
- embrace that loving one another is part of cooperating with God's mission to restore all creation to Himself through Jesus and by His Spirit
- be open to God's continual guidance in order to cooperate with His work of love which sustains, restores, heals and celebrates relationships
- be open to the wisdom of others in order to keep us humble, learning, vibrant, culturally and contextually relevant and safe to own incomplete expertise in a complex world
- work outside the walls of the church in being good neighbours and good news and inside the church in sustaining the fellowship of believers
- enable all church to develop loving, restorative relationships i.e. All are called to 'love one another', Some are called to specifically exercise their pastoral gifting, a Few are called to uphold the 'All' and the 'Some'
- consider the interface between quality relationships, pastoral care, counselling and the healing ministry
- work respectfully with Christians from all traditions and those from other faiths and of no faith, who are concerned to understand and develop quality relationships and pastoral care and are working to those ends
- be provisional and reflective in thought whilst radical and courageous in action
- invite those who want to be part of the vision to do so because they want to contribute to it as well as receive from it

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