

## Joining the 'Ignite Network' as a Church.

### How we support local churches

We offer a connection that gives leaders and churches a supportive partnership within which to fulfil their local mission. We aim to bring inspiration, insight, equipping and a long-term commitment through four main provisions:

#### 1. Relationship

Relationship is foundational to how we work. We relate through an array of different connections through which we look to provide a meaningful link of support and encouragement for individual leaders and teams. These would include:

- Joining a Leadership Huddle for mutual support and encouragement
- Individual connection – over meals, coffees, phone contact and meet ups.
- Building relationship and useful connections with other church teams

#### 2. Development

We provide training and input for ongoing challenge, learning and growth. We offer:

- 3 '*Equip and Connect*' days a year and a Leadership Conference
- Bespoke input and support for personal and church development through members of the Ignite Team, including seeing where practical support might be required
- Access to a range of network based training opportunities

#### 3. External Perspective

We offer the benefits of external perspective and insight in helping leaders and churches reach their potential and overcome challenges. Out of trusting relationship, we seek to provide:

- Assistance in processing direction and decision making
- Inspiration, perspective and insight
- Accountability towards you fulfilling your vision, character and calling in God

#### 4. Opportunity

We hope we can open up to you a network of relationships, resources and specialisms both from among the Ignite team of churches and through our wider connections that will help you grow and develop as a leadership and church.

There is also opportunity for you and your church to bring your unique contributions to play a part in the wider purpose of Ignite in the region. This could involve getting involved with what is happening elsewhere in the network and also sharing your experiences of running church events, mission and outreach.

## How to join us

We are about creating meaningful partnerships that come out of life, relationship and shared respect, arrived at over a period of discernment. We are looking for:

- a sense of 'heart joining',
- compatibility around shared vision, values and beliefs,
- a sense that we might be stronger together than apart!

We have two steps you can take:

### Step 1: Explore Your Connection:

- You are invited to come along to any of our 'Equip and Connect' Days.
- Get a meet-up with Tim or another member of the Ignite Team to meet and talk.
- Come to a Leadership Huddle (currently known as a 'Prayer & Connect morning')
- Arrange a visit by Tim to your church or leadership team
- Seek our help or advice on any issues you are facing, we are happy to help.

### Step 2: Decide what you would like your relationship with us to be:

Following a period of exploring, we will together decide on the nature of connection that would be right for your context. We have two expressions of connection: 'Friends' and 'Family'.

#### Friends:

- Acknowledges an informal relationship with Tim and the team
- Access to our Equip and Connect Days and other events run by Ignite (some of these events will be charged for)

#### Family:

- In this expression, churches and ministries recognise Ignite as their primary place of support and connection with full access to all of Ignite's provision, including participation in: one-to-ones, leadership huddles, training, bespoke input to your teams and church, Equip and Connect Days and ongoing relationship.
- Being family, we have a shared expectation to both receive and to give of who we are into the Ignite Network. Part of this is sharing our strengths and gifting, but also sharing the financial responsibility by giving into the 'storehouse' of Ignite. We encourage churches to tithe into Ignite. Churches' giving goes towards:
  - Supporting Tim Anderson and other members of the Ignite Team
  - The Ignite 'Programme'
  - Running costs of the organisation
  - The wider mission and overseas work of Plumblin Ministries International of which Ignite is a part