

The Question Mark?



You may have an area of ministry that does not neatly fit into another fruit on the Mission Tree – so this question mark is for you to place ‘anything else’. This may be a particular project focussing, for example, on pastoral work or beginning a new worshipping community etc. It is likely to be more short lived or a place to start a project before it becomes embedded in the other fruits.

For example, starting a pastoral team, will begin as its own project but then become embedded into other areas such as welcome, families and children, leadership and perhaps community engagement.

Or to take the New Worshipping Communities example, this may begin as part of the Church’s outreach and mission but over time it grows and develops into a church in its own right and capacity. At that point, the New Worshipping Community is able to use the whole Mission Tree for its own ends as a church itself – so is able to look at Generous Giving, Communications, Profound worship etc. It begins as part of the ‘work’ of the established church but grows and develops into its

own church. For more on this work please contact the Reaching New People team.

You may of course have other ideas of what fits the question mark in your context. Please do use this fruit as you would the others – discern its season. Is it a priority for your Mission Action Plan? How do you integrate this work with your other priorities at this time?

You may discover that all your ministry areas are covered in other fruits so you may have nothing that fits in the question mark, and that’s fine too. Feel free to leave it blank!

Or, you may use the question mark as an invitation to regularly ask yourself the challenging question; ‘what are we missing?’ or ‘what are we NOT seeing?’.

Do contact the Flourishing Churches team if you would like a conversation about this or any other aspect of your Mission Action Plan.

