

Learning networks are about learning alongside others and benefiting from their questions and insights.

Learning networks are an opportunity to meet up and reflect on how your fresh expression of church is beginning and evolving and discuss any issues that may be arising. It will help to have a designated facilitator, however you could take turns to facilitate the group with different members facilitating each time you meet. The facilitator will lead you through this process and keep an eye on the clock so everyone has a chance to share.

Learning networks provide space for:

- **Reflection**
Allow the questions to help you reflect on your ministry.
- **Action Planning**
Use the process to help you decide what plans or action you want to take.
- **Review**
Take the opportunity to review action taken next time you meet

When you meet together split the time up so you each have the opportunity to talk about the fresh expression of church you're involved in. The group can help you to stay focused on the issue by asking questions to help you reflect, to come up with a plan of action and review next time you meet.

This learning networks leaflet is on the fresh expressions journey and is useful in helping practitioners to think through how the fresh expression of church is developing. Although every fresh expression develops differently the journey outlined here represents a common thread seen across a variety of fresh expressions.

Fresh Expressions are supporting learning networks as they develop. For further resources and more information go to sharetheguide.org/networks.

More information on how fresh expressions of church are developing round the country can be found at sharetheguide.org including the latest research on fresh expressions.

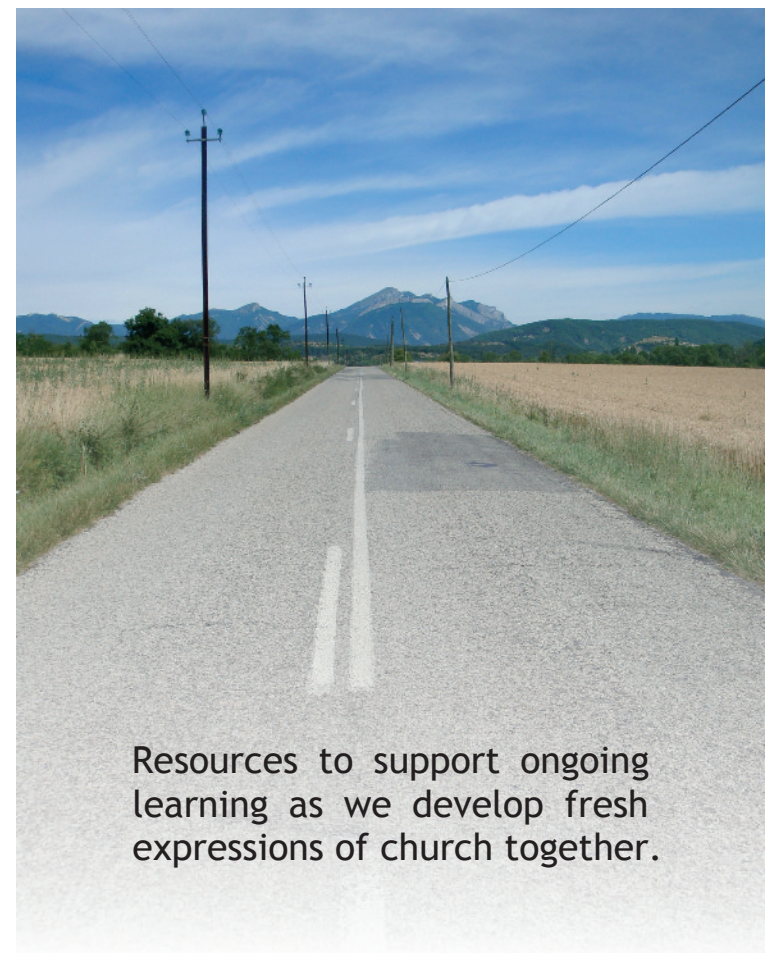
You can also stay connected to other learning networks around the country through the *Share* online community sharetheguide.org/community.

mission shaped ministry course participants can use this leaflet on their own, or preferably in a learning network or group coaching session.

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The fresh expressions journey



Resources to support ongoing learning as we develop fresh expressions of church together.

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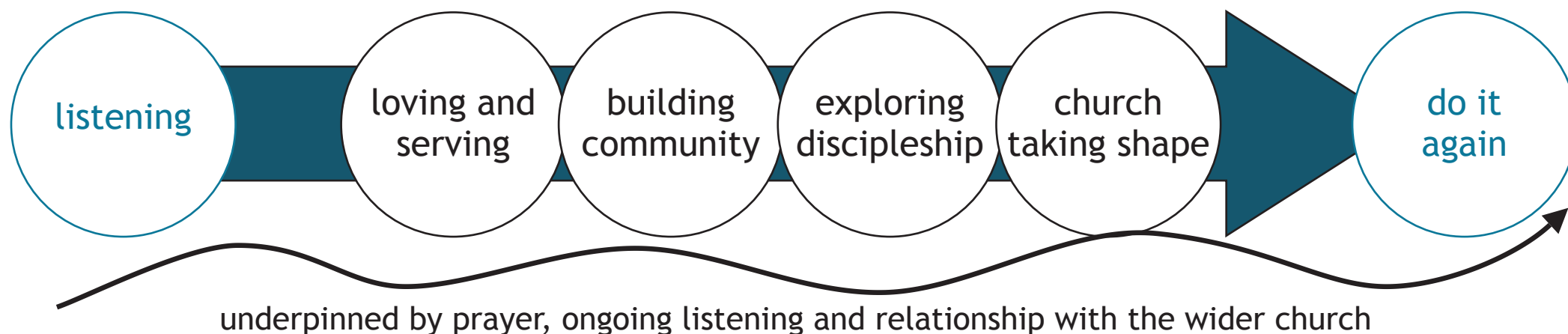
The fresh expressions journey is a useful tool for imagining how your venture might develop.

This journey has been developed by identifying stages that many fresh expressions of church go through as they develop. You won't follow the path exactly - it will be your particular journey with your own unique characteristics.

As you bathe the process in prayer and listen carefully to those you are called to serve, the stages may well overlap and possibly be taken in a different order.

Take a few minutes to at the beginning of your time together to look at the fresh expressions journey. Take turns to share how you relate to this image.

- Do you relate to one of the stages in particular at the moment?
- Do you feel it's time to develop other aspects of church?
- What challenges are you facing as you develop a fresh expression of church?



You can read more about the fresh expressions journey at sharetheguide.org/develop