

Appendix A : GCM

LMC: Enabling Mission: Priorities 2017-18

Summary of small group discussions: General Church Meeting: 11th May 2017

'In' – 'Come and See'	
Café (and resources facility alongside as part of community 'hub')	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop –increase physical space and extend provision. • Extend hours in week and weeks open in year • Provision for operating on more professional basis • A more visible site • Internet access/starter courses • Place for young parents/families to meet • To include/address specific needs groups – e.g bereavement • Offer Christmas dinner for the lonely
Publicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearer advertising in village – notice board • Advertise more beneficially in 'Littleover Little Book' • Advertising Littleover 'Puddle Duck' • Improve front of church premises – more welcoming, more attractive • More events in front area of church • More activity on Sundays in front of building
Use of LMC premises (or part of café community hub)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By other organisations • By other 'surgeries' – baby clinic, job centre • Offer counselling facility – mental health, debt, • Health/live well courses • Offer facilities (as are usually associated with libraries) • Need for focus activities for 18 – 30 age-group • Include university students • Take over LLAHS/provide more activities for the elderly • Exercise classes for the over 60s • Just looking groups • Parenting group/courses • Book club/film club • Specific interest discussion groups/art exhibitions
Outreach events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E.g. Comedy night/Christian music gigs in evening • Personal contacts • One-off events e.g. dinner nights • Ladies/men's/youth events
Provision of transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To extend services to elderly
Strengthen links between groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniformed organisations and youth groups

'Out' –'Reaching out'	
Presence in Littleover village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter-picking • Use of T-shirts for publicity • Cooperation with other churches and avoid competition • 'Our Littleover' – copy success of 'Our Mickleover' to build community • Open satellite café/pop-up café • More frequent open-air services in village • Healing on the streets – as happens in Derby • 'Picnic in the Park' opportunity • Regular Saturday activity/event in village • Do the unexpected to bless the community – e.g. balloons. • Strengthen Easter witness • Getting involved in community projects – e.g. Littleover in bloom • Going into pubs/cafés
Contact with schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help with reading • Other practical help • Gap left by 'Illuminate'
Presence at Royal Derby Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praying and listening
Befriending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visiting people in their homes - to tackle loneliness • Phone line to support listening service • Contact with care homes • Advertise what we offer in doctors' surgeries
Church Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support closing/struggling church • Supporting work at St Martin's

NB – the following points were also noted:

It is recognised that some of the above ideas will need training and equipping to develop specific skills.

We shouldn't lose sight of the fact that we are about the gospel/that we are god-centred - not a community centre.

We're a medium-sized church that thinks it is big – our viable volunteer base is smaller than we think.