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ASSOCIATION



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walking together in ministry and mission



The Central Baptist Association

is one of 13 bodies that make up the Baptist Union of Great Britain. Its area includes the historic counties of Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire and Northamptonshire with 150 churches including (Local Ecumenical Partnerships) with a total membership of ca. 10,500.



Its aim is best summed up by its strapline **“walking together in ministry and mission”**. Using the skills and experience of Regional Ministers, the Association aims to encourage churches in their mission and explore fresh challenges, to co-ordinate opportunities for training and discipleship, to nurture local partnerships, to provide a point of information and consultancy for churches, to offer pastoral care to ministers (ordained or not) and to accompany churches in the settlement process, and to administer small grants to assist in training and mission.

The Association is divided up into 5 ‘forums’ that are geographically focused, encouraging working together and mutual support, seeking to provide a more localised expression of Baptist life. Each is locally organised and linked to a Regional Minister.

The Association is a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee and the governing body is the Council whose members are elected by the member churches to serve as Trustees and Directors. The Council meets at least quarterly. There is an Annual General Assembly incorporating the Annual General Meeting.





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Walking Together in Ministry and Mission

Helping the local church

Communication via Website, FaceBook, regular emails & the CENTRAL NEWS Newsletter

A training programme, 'Footsteps', jointly co-ordinated with Regent's Park College in Oxford to prepare people for a deepening faith and committed discipleship

Other training modules delivered locally on things like pastoral care, leadership, understanding the Bible and leading worship

Occasional training events recently have looked at contemporary mission, the role of trustees and treasurers, deacons, safeguarding, making the most of the church meeting, healthy churches and conflict

Home Mission grant applications

Training grants

Loans for building projects

Mission Initiative Grants

Annual Assembly

Mission Consultations

Leading worship by a member of the Regional Team

For Ministers and local church leaders

Pastoral care & support including crisis situations

Help facing Pastoral Vacancy

Annual Ministers' conference

Local Ministers' meetings

Newly Accredited Ministers mentoring

Recognition process for ministers, youth specialists and evangelists

Ministers-in-training

Settlement of Ministers

Ministers' DBS clearances

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