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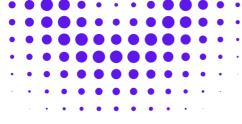


# **Fuel the Mission!**

Partner with us to ignite Myriad's next chapter—fuelling the launch of our charity, sustaining our hubs, and laying the foundation for a movement that will multiply across the nation.







Myriad inspires and equips everyday people to form new church communities and make new disciples

## **About Myriad**

At Myriad, we carry a vision that the Holy Spirit is reviving and renewing the Church as a disciple-making, church-planting movement. Our specific call is to inspire and equip everyday people to form new church communities and make new disciples. We are grateful to God for birthing Myriad. This began in 2021 with a small team within CCX responding to the Church of England's new vision and strategy which included an ambition for 10,000 New Worshipping Communities.

Myriad began our work by conducting detailed research into 20 different contexts in which a lay leader formed a new community and sustained its life and growth. This highlighted what support and training is needed to enable people to plant new churches alongside their daily lives and this is summarised in the Voice of the Lay Planter report (see QR code). We used these principles to develop the Myriad Pathway and brought together a gifted team to deliver this.

Since then we have proved the effectiveness of this training as we have worked with +100 teams and +300 leaders. This has enabled new congregations to be planted and authentic, grassroots church communities to form in gyms, homes, gazebos, wherever God called people to from them to reach new people. Planting these communities is not easy and other research shows that many do not last beyond the first few years because of a lack of support. That is why Myriad exists and we are seeing God calling more people to do this all over the country and demand for our work is growing.



The report explores the experiences of 20 lay leaders and is freely available from CCX.





The Myriad Pathway is a structured training journey for teams embarking on or early into the process of forming a new church community. It comprises:



A 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> year pathway with 6-12 teams of 2-6 people gathering in person every 6 months plus midstage online gatherings inbetween.



An oversight minister for each team, who provides local spiritual oversight, support and practical resources around safeguarding, finance, and governance.



A mentor for each team leader who is an experienced missional leader.

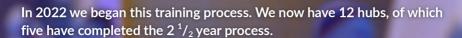


Online resources to provide additional input which teams can access when they need it.

#### **Building Blocks**

Underpinning this process is an understanding that all of this takes place within an understanding of Christ's call to fulfil the Great Commission, in dependence on the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, and so we have a set of building blocks that provide the foundation for all we do:





An assessment of the impact from the three hubs where the Learning Community Pathway has been completed is:

25 teams started and 24 teams completed the Myriad pathway

- All 24 expressed growing in faith, confidence, and leadership ability
- 1 did not form a new worshipping community, 23 did

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- Of those 23, all 23 grew in numbers and 20 saw new disciples made.
- 20 baptisms have taken place within the communities on the Myriad Pathway
- 3 teams achieved planting a new church community and the multiplication of another new church community during this time.

There is now confidence in the quality and outcomes of the Myriad Pathway and strong demand: there is a strong pipeline of engagement to start Myriad Hubs with 10 locations actively planning to form a new Hub in the next 12 months and another 10 exploring the possibility.

Additionally we have a clearly developed strategy to scale the work through training 15 high quality Myriad Partners who will deliver training on behalf of Myriad. There is potential for 300 teams to be trained and new church communities to be formed over the next 3 years.

Welcome to
G1 National Hub



#### 2021

#### **Myriad formed:**

Under the leadership of Ric Thorpe, Bishop of Islington at the Gregory Centre for Church Multiplication. Research was commissioned to lay the foundations of our work.

# Myriad's impact

#### 2022-25

#### A new pathway:

- 12 training hubs started
- 50 gatherings held
- 5 completed pathways
- ~100 leaders equipped
- ~400 people supported

#### Now

#### A new chapter:

- A new independent charity
- 10 new hubs in the next year
- 2 new cohorts at existing hubs
- Work to commence on the Myriad Collective - a supporting network for lay planters





The Myriad Collective is a registered charity in England and Wales, #1214151. We are seeking funding to enable us to form and establish this new charity, and grow this work where it is most needed.

Provide a gift to support the formation of the Myriad charity

Our target is to raise £40,000 by the end of November. This will enable us to pay for essential new systems and our small dedicated team to the end if the year. In this time we will continue to support active hubs and progress new hubs that will come online in the next year. This funding will also bridge the gap whilst we work to secure longer term funding.

To give, please go to www.myriad.church/give

Become a
Myriad Mission
Partner

Do you carry a vision for church growth and renewal? Will you consider giving regularly to Myriad for the next three years as a linked mission organisation? We are looking for churches that will partner with us, giving a regular amount over a 3 year period.

We would be delighted to offer you:

- Regular updates and points for prayer
- Training resources to support local mission through specific learning around disciple-making, mission and evangelism
- A visiting preacher once per year to give a wider perspective of what God is doing over the country
- Support to establish a new Myriad hub in your area
- A free copy of John McGinley's books speaking into the renewal of the church: The Church of Tomorrow and Awaken: The Lord is doing a new thing

To register your interest in being a Myriad Church partner please email John McGinley at: john.mcginley@myriad.church







### What people say



Across the UK, God is calling everyday people to start new worshipping communities which reach new people in new and renewed ways. It has been great to see Myriad step into this space, equipping lay leaders to follow God's call on their lives to plant these new Christian communities.

Having started under the umbrella of CCX, Myriad is now forming its own charity, the Myriad Collective. This is an exciting example of multiplication, which will no doubt multiply the impact of this crucial ministry.

I want to offer every prayer and blessing for the Myriad Collective in this next exciting season.

Ric Thorpe | Archbishop-Elect of Melbourne



Roding Lane Free Church began Myriad with a congregation of 12 people and a brand new leadership team. The church was very much on its last moments when Myriad's first weekend acted as a catalyst to God's resurrective power fanning Holy Spirit's refining fire into flames.

Myriad has been a beacon of hope, a constant reminder of the simple and accountability of growth. The team were fantastic in encouraging and inspiring us on our journey. We were dying now we're thriving thanks to Myriad, God and those who said yes.

Roding Lane Free Church | Part of Myriad North East London



Myriad is a timely and strategic investment into the future of the Church in this country. Our engagement with running a Myriad hub has produced some of the most inspiring stories of church planting initiatives that I have ever known.

This has not been based on the headline-grabbing large investments that so often get the attention, but on encouraging, developing, releasing, and supporting the gifts of lay leaders already present in every congregation.

Paul Harcourt | Vicar, All Saints Woodford Wells



I am delighted to offer a wholehearted endorsement of the work of the Myriad Pathway for teams of Lay Planters. Our 2023-5 cohort in Suffolk has been known as "Growing New" and has brought together diverse lay planting teams from rural and urban contexts. Myriad's learning community approach has given them the theological grounding, practical tools, and mutual encouragement needed to discern their call and step out in faith. It has also enabled them to grow in confidence, accountability, and vision as they explore how to share Jesus in ways that are culturally relevant, sustainable, and deeply relational. Participant teams are planting fresh expressions of Church, cultivating new discipleship networks, engaging with the unchurched, and serving their communities in creative, context-sensitive ways. I commend this work with gratitude and anticipation for all that is still to come.

Sally Gaze | Archdeacon of Suffolk



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