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Many churches find themselves frustrated by their inability to move forward in mission and often the sympathetic ministry of a consultant can clear a blockage. Churches that are experiencing blessing equally can benefit from consultancy by having someone from outside to help them analyse what is going well and maybe what could go better. .Why not put it on your church's agenda?

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Consultancy

Enabling the church to fulfil its purpose

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www.harmonyic.org.uk

A selection of testimonials will be found at www.harmonyic.org.uk/testimonials

Why engage in a consultancy?

It is both easy and comforting to continue to do what we have always done. Asking the question 'Where is the Lord taking us next in mission?' has all sort of risks - not least the answers we do not want to hear. Yet more and more churches are getting restless and beginning to ask fundamental questions about their life and their future.

'What is the Lord saying to us about how we are and how we might be?' If you have not sought answers to this question, perhaps you should?

Why do we need a Consultant?

A church does not need someone from outside its membership to tell it what God is saying. It may well need someone to help them ask the right questions and to understand the answers.

Consultants do not come into a church and tell it what to do. The definition of consultancy we have adopted describes consultancy as:

- a partnership between church and consultants
- in discerning the call of God
- to a particular church in its context
- at a particular time
- and in taking steps forward in that mission

If you feel that working with someone in this way would benefit the life and mission of your church, read on.

What are the Options??

Harmony provides a variety of programmes to help churches in their mission.

- ◆ There is the possibility of a week-end programme that helps the church discern the next stage of its life.
- ◆ We can also conduct a feasibility study to see how the buildings can be used to reach into the community
- ◆ The Church Health Programme looks at the nature of the church itself.
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Whatever option you choose The Consultant's task is to help the church understand and implement its mission. *The consultant is not there to tell the church what it should do.*

What does it entail?

As there are a number of different options available a leaflet like this is not able to do more than give an overview.

A member of the *Harmony* team will first visit the church to discuss which programme may be best suited to its needs. This will cost the church only the amount of mileage required. We will then draft a programme for you to consider

What will it achieve?

That really depends on the church. You should expect the following outcomes:-

- ✓ A clear sense of purpose and vision
- ✓ A better understanding of what mission and church is about in a 21st Century context
- ✓ Ideas and programmes to work through in a time context
- ✓ More confidence for the future

What would it cost?

Harmony is an unfunded body and its consultants are effectively self employed. Churches are, therefore, expected to pay them a reasonable 'wage'. Our charges are based on the amount of work involved. When we draft a programme we will give a precise cost which we will stick to provided the agreed Programme is the one we follow

When can we start?

As soon as you are ready. Call us, set up the initial meeting and it will go from there. At the onset we should be able to give you a timescale, depending on the amount of other work we have in hand..