

What makes MCiM work?

The essential essence or DNA of MCiM is the desire of the body of Christ to be a community of ministers. Every congregation accepts responsibility for the Bible, the Sacraments and Ministry (lay and ordained)

For this to happen, congregations should do seven things -

1. We must recognise that when we decide to follow Jesus we commit ourselves to serving God
2. We should celebrate that every person has God given gifts to offer to our worshipping and wider communities.
3. We must recognise, endorse, value and support the people whom God gifts and calls to be leaders in the local and wider Church
4. We should decide to be more effective in mission and ministry by offering the ministries of hospitality, worship leadership, outreach, education and care.
5. We must encourage and support people to undertake training in theology and ministry.
6. We should look carefully at our structures making sure people can use their time well and make wise decisions.
7. We must support the mission of the church both locally and globally.

These principles echo the commitment made at baptism when we promise, with God's help to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with our whole heart and our neighbour as our self until our life's end. We embrace the charge that

All who have been baptised and confirmed are called to study the Bible, to take part in the life of the Church, to share in the Holy Communion, and to pray faithfully and regularly. We are called to share with others, by word and example, the love of Christ and his gospel of reconciliation and hope. We are called to love our neighbours as ourselves, to honour all people and to pray and work for peace and justice. (APBA p69)