



# Rural

## Our dream:

To see the countryside transformed through the love and power of God

## Guiding Team Mission strategy for the UK and Ireland:

### VALUES:

**Following** the Spirit on mission - planned, spontaneous, listening, expectant, dependant

**Creating** community on mission - heart, home and hospitality

## Our mission:

To enable the making and growing of Christian disciples through fresh expressions of church in the rural context

### Prayer

We will foster a rural prayer and mission movement

- Rhythm of prayer
- Culture of prayer in the movement
- Connect with others praying for rural mission

Praying for God's presence, for leaders and apostles and for relationships between them

### Networks

We will foster a network of mission hubs

- Home-based missional communities
- Hubs based in retreat houses
- Hubs based in rural resourcing churches

Also seeking to bring all for rural mission closer together

### Leaders

We will identify, connect, equip and multiply leaders.

- focal leadership for mission in every village
- resourcing leadership covering every rural area
- connected strategic apostolic leaders in every county and network.

Resourcing all in a variety of ways

## What will this look like that's distinctive?

- National focus on growing new disciples in the rural context
- Explicit and focused culture of prayer as the foundation of all activity
- Combination of national, ecumenical and lay-based vision with capacity to reimagine and experiment with mixed economy church and focus on all ages, especially missing generations in rural areas
  - Journeying with those reimagining rural church in other parts of the western world