



Mission Shaped Ministry materials

Introduction to Fresh Africa (FA)

FA (www.freshexpressions.co.za) exists to accompany churches and denominations as they rediscover and seek to join God's mission in the world and in so doing, become co-workers with

God in the transformation of their communities. They do this by partnering, serving, facilitating, coaching, listening, teaching, empowering and enabling disciple-making in all participating churches and denominations in Africa.

FA discovered that most African denominations made significant decisions about being missional churches. However, whilst decisions are critical important, they don't change the culture on ground level. The difficulty is their capacity to train communities for real transformation.

What FESA offers as skills training

FA offers the **Mission Shaped Ministry** (MSM) impart skills that equip pioneers to form new communities, and even existing ones, who transform the communities in which they serve for a better world for all our people. FA has trained more than 600 church leaders through the MSM. These are the modules which are 90 minutes with 40% input and 60% application:

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| A01 Introduction |
| A02 Mission Context & the mixed economy |
| A03 The Mission of God |
| A04 Vision and Call |
| A05 Missional values |
| A06 Starting something new |
| A07 Listening for mission |
| A08 What is church? |
| A09 Gospel & culture |
| B01 Team roles and behaviour |
| B02 Leadership matters |
| B03 Spirituality for Mission |

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| B04 Discipleship |
| B05 Prayer for mission |
| B07 Evangelism strategies 1 |
| B08 Evangelism strategies 2 |
| C01 Worship and the sacraments |
| C04 Small group church |
| C06 Engaging with your community |
| C07 Handling opposition, setback & failure |
| C08 Strategic finance for mission |
| C09 Healthy relationships: quality community |
| D01 Children and all-age |
| D02 FE and Youth |
| D04 FE for Rural ministry |

FA also offers the **Mission Shaped Introduction** (MSi) which imparts skills to local leaders to move their local communities from maintenance to missional communities to transform the contexts in which they find themselves. FESA has trained over 400 people in the MS1. This has been translated from English into Afrikaans, Xhosa and Zulu.

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| Rediscovering God's mission: Having a heart for the world |
| Rediscovering mission in a changing world: It's changed, but have we? |
| Rediscovering missional communities: How do we make a difference? |
| Rediscovering Disciple-making: What kind of disciples are we making and how? |
| Rediscovering missional spirituality: How do we keep doing the work in a life-giving way? |
| Rediscovering listening to our community: What are our next steps to transform our world? |

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