June Leaders' Day Follow Up

In June we spent time considering what support would be helpful for churches as they serve Christ in their local communities. Here are the key themes and how we are seeking to respond as an Association of churches:



A wide range of resources and policies are available on the Baptists Together website, with a catalogue being prepared. We are developing and promoting resources on the SCBA website, for example: pastoral vacancy guidance, Doing Church Differently, Home Mission and Slow Wisdom. The Baptist Insurance website has a number of resources too.



Enhance connection & collaboration

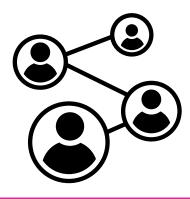
Clusters of local churches are a key place for relationship and support, and in cases will be the first point of contact for help. There are a number of other networks for specific ministries and contexts: Smaller Churches; Larger Churches; Pioneers; CYF; Chaplains; Women only cluster; DPS online meetings.



The Regional Team are available to offer support and advice, do get in contact and we will do what we can to help.

Encourage volunteers

In order to resource and support volunteers there are a number of additional events planned for 2026: A series of online "In conversation with..." evenings considering a variety of topics. In-person training days for trustees will be run across the region. We will continue to offer the "Essentials Youth Training" to support churches.



Celebrate & share stories of God at work

Stories are featured in our newsletter and on our website. Please feel free to let us know if there are any stories you'd like us to share!

The area of support for digital & AV was also highlighted. We have provided resources within the newsletter and also a leaders' day looking at this topic (the recording on on our YouTube channel). If there are specific questions about this then please do ask and we will do what we can to support or point you to other forms of help.