

Mission Forum

Mission Forum continued to meet online during the pandemic, to listen to what God is doing missionally across our Baptist family, and to discern strategically how God is calling us to join in. To better enable that, changes have been introduced which seek to increase the diversity of the voices on Forum. Hayley Young, who led us through these changes, stepped down in June 2021 to take on a regional role in the Northern Baptist Association. In her place, Simon Goddard temporarily represented Mission Forum and the 'Embracing Adventure' priority on the Core Leadership Team. Here are details of some of the initiatives funded by the new Strategic Mission Grants Committee.

Renew Wellbeing

Renew Wellbeing: £20,000 – Once again we were pleased to support the work of this timely project which seeks to facilitate 'quiet shared spaces where it's okay not to be okay'. This grant enabled Renew Wellbeing to continue its deployment of four new

regional co-ordinators to cope with the expansion that has taken place over the period of the pandemic. It's been a blessing to see so many churches want to serve the wellbeing of their communities.

Hong Kong Response Project: £4,138 – After the implementation of a new security law in Hong Kong the UK government enabled those with British National (Overseas) passports to make their home in this country. With an estimated 300,000 Hong Kongers arriving over the next few years this grant enabled Baptists Together to appoint a Response Co-ordinator midway through 2021. Over the next three years this role will help Baptist churches be places of welcome for Hong Kongers, providing training and networking, and information for those arriving in the UK.



5Q: £10,000 – In partnership with the Fresh Streams network, this funding provided bursaries to those passionate about equipping disciples and leading a healthy church to actively engage in the mission of God. This included younger leaders and those in contexts unable to contribute to the costs. Using the 5Q materials, and with a Baptist team of facilitators (led by Simon and Ceri Harris), this training helps leaders and disciples unlock potential and purposes in the Body of Christ and reflect on church ministry from an Ephesians 4 perspective.

Coastal Expressions: £8,729 – There is an increasing missional imperative to meaningfully re-engage coastal communities with the gospel and the Kingdom of God. The grant helped this new initiative to appoint a Movement Developer to work alongside the Director as together they create a network of coastal pioneers, and to recruit, deploy and resource self-supporting pioneers in marginalised coastal contexts.

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