

FAITH ON THE WAY

Worksheet 3A : Planning to implement

Planning

For the group that is to be responsible for implementing and overseeing the process of 'On the Way' in the parish. It could be a committee of the church council or a specially formed task group.

Preparation

Read Chapter 4 of *Faith on the Way* (and Chapters 1 to 3, if you have not already done so).

Task

There are four main items of work. It may take two sessions to complete them.

1. Review: What has happened since the last meeting? What decisions have been taken by the relevant bodies in your church? Are you ready to proceed?
2. You have agreed to start 'Faith on the Way'. Who are the actual people you will be accompanying on their journey?
 - (a) Is there already someone asking about confirmation? Are there people on the fringes of church membership that you should be inviting to join?
 - (b) Are there church leaders, clergy and others you should ask for names of possible candidates?
 - (c) What groups or individuals should you contact for possible people?
 - (d) Should you advertise that the process is beginning? How? In the church magazine? Give it out in church? On the notice board, in the local press, on local radio?
3. The team: Who have you in mind as possible group leaders and sponsors? What part do you expect the clergy to play? What training do leaders and sponsors need before they begin?
4. What pattern of group working seems most appropriate for your place? What part do you expect the sponsors to play in the groups? Do you want to link sponsors one-to-one with candidates or not? (See the section 'Accompanied' on pp. 51-2 of *Faith on the Way*.)
5. Timetable: Should you make diary dates, pencilling in:
 - (a) Training sessions for team members?
 - (b) First meeting of the group(s)?
 - (c) Possible date for a Service of Welcome?
 - (d) Possible date for the Service of God's Call?
 - (e) Possible date for baptism and confirmation?
6. What about the place of the bishop in the process?
What consultations need to take place with the bishop about dates, etc.?