**ACORN information sheet**

**What is ACORN?**

Essentially ACORN is a way of finding out who it is God might be call you to make contact with in your community or circle or friends – people who are not part of a church community.

The letters of ACORN spell out the way it works:

ASK – we ask God in prayer to guide us, nudge us, show us who it is we are to speak to

CALL – we listen for the call of God in answer to our prayer

OBEY – we follow God’s leading and take the opportunity to speak with the person

REPORT – we meet with a small group of people to share what has happened

NOTICE – we, collectively, notice what God is doing in and through both us and the others

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**Reasons why ACORN works**

These reasons have all come out of reflective experience, among people in three ACORN groups over a six-month period.

8 min Introduction of programme by Dr Michael Harvey:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lcw16Z_y-k0&feature=youtu.be>

5-6 min promo videos from groups:

<https://youtu.be/sCKAnwV-xrA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBG4gTzlreQ>

Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/933478613810194/>

In addition to the videos, there’s a list of more than a dozen reasons including:

* It puts God in charge
* It puts mission first
* Everyone can do it
* No need for resources
* It suits anyone’s lifestyle
* It encourages and builds up
* It deepens our faith
* Jesus gave us the task
* The power of stories
* All are called to be ‘ministers’

**Social media**

There is a series of images that you can use for posts on your church FB page – please email lwalker@churchofscotland.org.uk for further information.