

# Mission Office Missive



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As we move forward into the autumn and winter, how are plans for mission in your congregation and community shaping up? Have you had a discussion at a Kirk Session meeting? Have you got a Mission committee or group? Have you had discussions about the Five Marks of Mission and how they are being worked out in your congregation?

Mission needs to be high on everyone's agenda for this is what we are called to do. There are lots of ways to do this and each congregation will work out what is appropriate for their context, but I thought you'd be interested in the following:

## ACORN

At recent Session Clerks' chats ACORN has been mentioned and there was a suggestion that it would be helpful if some information could be provided for circulation to congregations either by the way of pulpit intimation, a paragraph and an image for inclusion in a church magazine or a Facebook post or the church website. ACORN is for everyone, not just members of the Kirk Session and so you'll find a word document along with this newsletter which you can use in whatever way is helpful to encourage people to find out more.



The main way however, would be to send a couple of folk from your congregation to the seminar that Michael Harvey is running in Motherwell: Dalziel St Andrew's on **Monday 1st November at 7.30**. This is a free event, although there will be the opportunity to make a donation to the expenses incurred. There will be a series of posts on the Presbytery FB page in the run up to the event and these can easily be shared to your own congregation's FB page to increase reach. If you have the opportunity either before or after a service, there's a short video you might like to share: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lcw16Z\\_y-k0&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lcw16Z_y-k0&feature=youtu.be) It's just 8 mins long and in it Michael explains the essence of ACORN

If I can help in any way with this, please don't hesitate to get in touch.