

Small Church Connexion

STRATEGY DOCUMENT



LONDON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
CELEBRATING THE LIVES
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Small Church Connexion (SCC)

Small Church Connexion was formed in 2003 as an initiative by the LBA to network the churches with less than 40 people in Baptist churches across London. The Small Church Enabler role was introduced in 2007 to be a link person between the smaller churches and the Regional Team.

OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of the SCC team is to **provide a unique and supportive network** within the LBA for **churches with 40 people or less** and to support the LBA Small Church Enabler.

SCC TEAM

The SCC Team is a group of about **eight leaders** of small churches who have a **heart and passion** for the **health, well-being and growth** of **small Baptist churches** across London.

OUR CALLING

- 1 Called by God** to serve the church in this specific and valuable way
- 2 To assist the small churches** in fulfilling their vision as an integral part of the LBA vision (www.londonbaptist.org.uk)
- 3 To share how God is working** in the small churches
- 4 To ensure that small churches are not forgotten or overlooked** but included and valued as an integral part of the LBA
- 5 To challenge, motivate and encourage** small churches across the LBA in their unique ministry and mission so that **people can meet Jesus and be saved.**

WHAT DO WE DO?

- 1 Follow God's leading and direction** for our activity
- 2 Provide regular opportunities** for small church leaders and members **to network**, encouraging interdependence
- 3 Organise regular events** such as retreats, encouragement days, seminars, workshops, roadshows and celebrations
- 4 Participate actively in the churches** e.g. preaching, leading services, meeting ministers, deacons, church meetings, visiting their events
- 5 Aim to have a representative** from each LBA district on the SCC Team to represent the diversity of the city
- 6 Network** with small church, LBA and BUGB leaders, working alongside the District Ministers, Regional Team & other LBA groups
- 7 Produce a regular small churches newsletter** with stories, information and resources
- 8 Share church news and stories** to show how God is working in and through small churches at LBA events, in the LBA news, on the LBA website and nationally through the *Baptist Times* and *Baptists Together* magazine.
- 9 Provide resources and training opportunities** with Baptist and other organisations and provide resources for small churches at every SCC event
- 10 Encourage gifted people to join the LBA database:** preachers, musicians, worship leaders and help for treasurers
- 11 Promote the Mission@Home scheme** across the LBA
- 12 Encourage and facilitate partnership** between small and larger churches for mutual benefit and spiritual growth.



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