

Criteria for Forming New Groups

When (midweek) groups want to form which are *part of Christ Church's* mission and ministry (and therefore eligible to use Christ Church Centre free of charge) there need to be some guidelines.

Why are guidelines important?

- ⌚ To ensure group is in keeping with Christ Church Vision
- ⌚ To ensure group is in keeping with Christ Church map
- ⌚ To keep leadership of groups in step with Christ Church leadership structures
- ⌚ To acknowledge the responsibility and accountability of being part of Christ Church
- ⌚ To avoid everyone doing their own thing
- ⌚ To ensure it is doing *good*

Within this there are provisos:

- ⌚ groups generated from grassroots have more energy
- ⌚ groups generated from grassroots are more creatively diverse
- ⌚ If in doubt, it is better to start something and see how it grows
- ⌚ This all takes time
- ⌚ We are not seeking uniformity

Questions to ask:

- ⌚ Why this group and why now?
- ⌚ What is the group for?
- ⌚ How does this fit the Christ Church Vision?
- ⌚ Where is it in the Christ Church Map?
- ⌚ Is the interest in the group held by more than one person?
- ⌚ Will there be a leadership team?
- ⌚ How will the leadership team be overseen?

On the next page we have the existing *mission community* criteria which assume *making the edge the centre* and also that groups have a life cycle – e.g. they will have an end.

Christ Church Micos (Mission Communities)		Start up
What do we want to do?	Prayer, Worship, Eating together, Talking to others about it, Reading Bible together, Listening to God together – is this what he wants? Is it part of his mission?	<i>Have we the energy? Is there a need? Do some research – is it feasible? Be as specific as possible</i>
Are there enough of us?		<i>Gather enough people to begin</i>
What are we saying we are going to do?		<i>Create a shareable vision</i>
How are we going to get there?		<i>Establish where we are now Plan steps to get there What roles needed to make it happen? How long will it all take?</i>
Are there enough of us?		<i>Who have we got for those roles? Build leadership team Attract others</i>
Where are we now?		<i>Keep checking where you are Update or change the plan Mico-cells</i>
Are we nearly there yet?		<i>Do we need refreshed vision? Or new vision? Or do we finish?</i>