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Dear Friend,

We know that many funding sources are sceptical about the Christian element of your work, so this month we highlight several funding sources specifically geared to churches. There is also a story about Green Pastures, a housing initiative set up by a church with very little upfront funding.


Please encourage friends to [subscribe](#). Many of you have asked about jobs; this month Livability is looking for a [Community Mission Advisor](#) to join their team.


God bless,
 Jill Clark
 Community Mission




FUNDING





 [Abbey Charitable Trust](#) is committed to making a difference in areas with an Abbey bank branch. It funds **projects that focus on education and training, helping people manage their money, or community regeneration**. It offers grants of between £500 and £4,000 but accepts applications up to £20,000 for projects in areas with a Community Partnership Group (including Bradford, Sheffield, Camden, Northern Ireland and Glasgow). There are no deadlines or application forms. For information on what to include in your letter of interest [visit their website](#).

 [O2's Its your Community](#) funding initiative asks the question, 'If you could change one thing about where you live, what would it be?' and offers from £100 to £1,000 to **individuals and groups who develop projects that bring people together and benefit community life**. Funding can be used for equipment, clean-up projects and [many other possible community activities](#). Read their [application guide](#), [apply online](#) or phone 0800 902 0250 for more information. The deadline is the 20th of each month for decisions by the 10th of the next month.

 [Real Help for Communities: Targeted Support Fund](#) is a new one-year government programme offering between £10,000 and £40,000 for **community projects that benefit those most affected by the recession**. Projects can offer information and advice, employment help or health and wellbeing assistance. Eligible projects will have a budget of between £30,000 and £250,000 and be located in one of the [50 areas of deprivation](#). Read


the [guidance notes](#) and, to apply, contact a local funder from the list of 50 areas of deprivation. The deadline for applications is 29 June 2009.


 [The Anchor Foundation](#) supports **Christian charities that are working for social inclusion through the ministries of healing and the arts**. Its grants range from £500 to £10,000 for up to three years and the [projects it has funded](#) are varied. The next application is 31 July for a decision in November. Read the [information for candidates](#) or complete an [online application](#).


 [The Garfield Weston Foundation](#) makes grants to **UK charities, including churches, with a focus on education, arts, health, welfare and the environment**. It funds diverse work by churches and does not have a funding limit for applications. There is no application deadline and grants are made for one year. Read the [information for churches](#), [application guidelines](#) and projects previously funded. To apply, download an [application form](#).


TRAINING AND EVENTS




 Premier Christian Radio is hosting ***An Evening with Tony Campolo*** on 10 June in central London. This free event will allow Tony Campolo to outline his vision for Christians to work in unity. Worship will be led by Andy Flannagan and the evening will be hosted by Pam Rhodes of Songs of Praise. Order free tickets online or phone Premier on 08456 525 252.

 [Tearfund](#) and [Livability](#) recently launched a new six-session course for churches called ***Just People?*** that helps churches grapple with how to respond to issues of poverty and injustice. There is a training event on 18 June at [All Souls, Langham Place](#), London. It will inspire and leave you ready to lead Just People? at your church. The day is £20/person including lunch. The course can be [purchased online](#). To book, email [Jill Clark](#) or phone 020 7452 2018.


 The [Churches Regional Commission for Yorkshire and the Humber](#) is hosting ***Effective Presence*** on 8 July at [St Mary's Church, Sheffield](#). Following research into the Christian presence across the region, this event explores how community projects can be more effective and sustainable. Speakers include Nick Holtham, vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Liz Carnelley, CEO of Churches Regional Commission, and Jon Kuhrt of Livability. It is £30/person or £10 unwaged. To book, email the booking form to [Janet Bryer](#).

 Following a successful reflective day last summer, [Livability](#) is hosting ***Finding strength for the way: Spiritual refreshment for those involved in community transformation*** on 9 July at the [Mirfield Centre, West Yorkshire](#). Using creative activities and in beautiful surroundings, it will offer time and space to reconnect with the reason you got involved in this work. It costs £25/person including lunch. It is being facilitated by Gordon Dey. To book, email [Ruth Smith](#) or phone 0113 350 8070.


 [Livability](#) and [Tearfund](#) are hosting a residential event, ***Inner Change: Living Deep in a Shallow World***, 4-6 November at [Hothorpe Hall](#) in Leicestershire. Aimed at church leaders, community workers and Christians involved in social action, it is being facilitated by [John and Deanna Hayes](#) of InnerChange. There is opportunity to think, pray, learn from others and renew your passion in a beautiful setting. It is £195/single room and £145/shared room with a £20 discount if booked by 30 June. To book, email [Jill Clark](#) or phone 020 7452 2018.


STORIES AND RESOURCES





 Since Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan, **Christians have been discussing when to get involved in the lives of those**

around us. The Community Mission website's [When should we get involved?](#) explores the challenges of trying to change negative situations we come across in our communities. Using two real-life situations, it asks whether the cost of involvement is too high and how to know when to take action.

 Ten years ago, [Shoreline Church](#) in Southport **wanted to help homeless people by providing long-term housing** so they bought two properties and began [Green Pastures](#). Now they have 191 units of accommodation and house 260 people across the country. [Read their inspiring story](#) of trusting God and taking risks.

 There are **many different models of community involvement, from providing services like youth clubs to campaigning for a living wage.** [Ways of engaging with your community](#) outlines the strengths and weaknesses of these approaches and is useful for churches at the beginning stages of getting involved as well as those with community projects who would like to evaluate their work.

 To learn about child poverty directly from children affected by it, watch [The Wrong Trainers](#) originally shown on BBC One's Newsround. **The children represented show the breadth and severity of poverty across the country.** The website also has interviews conducted by children with council officials and would be useful for youth project training events.

 [Mind and Soul](#) is a new initiative that **provides individual Christians and churches with resources on mental health issues and how they relate to Christianity.** It is looking for churches willing to pilot a [new six-week course](#) that introduces the basics of mental health and how to talk about these issues in church. This free-of-charge course requires two facilitators and attendance at one training day prior to running the course. Read the [criteria to take part](#) or [complete an application](#).

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