

# A very brief 'HEALTHY CHURCH' exercise.

The Evangelism Task Group are happy to work with you and facilitate a fuller healthy church exercise.

Answer the seven questions in the boxes below using the following scoring guide:

SCORE GUIDE	
1. Weak & holding us back	4. Making progress
2. Only a few signs	5. Evidence of much of this
3. Some evidence of this	6. This is a strength

As a church....

- How “energised by faith” do you think we are?** *[by this we mean not just keeping things going in an attempt to survive. Does our worship move people to experience God’s love, does our energy come from a desire to serve God & others, does the Bible help us connect with life, are we able to nurture new faith in Christ]*
- How much of an “outward-looking” focus do we have?** *[by this we mean are we concerned with ‘whole life’ rather than just ‘church life concerns. Are we rooted in our local community working with other denominations, and secular groups and networks, are we concerned about world issues and the world church, do we make connections between faith and daily living]*
- How well do we seek to find out what God wants?** *[by this we mean do we discern the Spirit’s leading rather than trying to please everyone. Do we explore what God wants for individuals and for our church, do we set short & long-term goals, do we make sacrifices to bring about what God wants]*
- How do we face the cost of change and growth?** *[by this we mean do we welcome or resist change & fear failure. Do we take risks, do we take the best from the past but look for new ways of doing things, do we have a positive experience of change]*
- How well do we operate as a loving community?** *[by this we mean, are we more of a family or more of a ‘religious club’. Do we value relationships, do we work as a team, do we welcome and value different gifts & experiences]*
- How inclusive are we; do we make room for all?** *[by this we mean, are we inclusive or exclusive. Do we welcome new people, do we help children & young people find a place amongst us, do we encourage enquirers, do we see diversity (social, ethnic, people with physical or mental disabilities, etc) as a strength]*
- How focused are we, do we do few things well or are we frenetic?** *[by this we mean do we do the ‘basics’ well (public worship, prayer, pastoral care, administration, etc) do we enjoy what we do and are relaxed about what we don’t do]*

## ANSWER HERE:

Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4	Question 5	Question 6	Question 7

*These questions have been taken from “The Health Churches’ Handbook” Robert Warren, CHP, 2004*

