**Creating a Learning Development Plan**

As part of your MDR you will create a learning development plan to focus and support your learning over the next 2 years.

Before your review meeting create a draft using the template and send to your reviewer. You will then discuss it during the discussion. After the meeting update it and send a copy to your reviewer.

How to fill in the Learning Development Plan

Research shows that lasting learning comes in 3 ways.

* 10% comes from formal education (courses, books etc)
* 20% comes from learning with others
* 70% comes from experience and reflection

The chart below illustrates this and offers some ideas for learning for each of the ways

Also below is a worked example of a Learning Development Plan and a blank template.

Start with 3 areas that you have identified for your learning. Write these in the left hand column (one in each box). Then work across outlining what you will do to achieve this. You do not have to have something in the 10% formal education column as this may not be the most appropriate way to learn a new skill. There should be something in all the other columns. Try and focus on the best way for you to learn.

If you would like help then contact the Rob Hay - Head of Learning and Ministry Development on rob.hay@leicestercofe.org.

Learning Development Plan – **worked example**

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| What do I want/need to learn? | What will I do to achieve this?  Formal Education 10% | What will I do to achieve this?  Learning with Others 20% | What will I do to achieve this?  Experience and Reflection 70% | What resources or support will I need? | When will I complete this? |
| To improve the quality and impact of my preaching | Directed reading on homiletics, particularly sermon construction.  Increase awareness of cultural shifts – source a relevant course | Arrange a ‘Preaching development’ consultation with Mission & Ministry, for all who preach in my location. | Video myself preaching : Reflect and learn through group feedback.  Identify, map and produce a summary of local cultural shifts and developments since the beginning of my ministry here. | Mission & Ministry dept for consultation  Resources to listen to others sermons – podcasts  A cultural guide – fresh eyes! | Over a three – 6 month period. By July 2016. |
| To work on my spiritual practices (holy habits) to sustain me in ministry | Attend the session on Holy habits in January 2016 | Set up a small group to work on this topic following the session.  Review after 3 months. | Use a reflective journal to notice how my holy habits are changing. Update weekly.  Introduce one new spiritual practice and reflect on the impact | Others who have different practices to me  Mission & Ministry dept for consultation | Over the next year. Review in 6 months and after a year. |
| To develop my ability handle conflict better |  | Meet with an experienced colleague to talk through conflict conversations and explore learning. | Invite feedback on how I am handling conflict. | Skilled colleagues to reflect with. | Ongoing. Review in mid 2016. |

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If you would value a conversation, or a consultation about the discerning and forming of a learning plan please contact the Rob Hay – Head of Learning and Ministry Development, Mission & Ministry Dept on [rob.hay@leicestercofe.org](mailto:rob.hay@leicestercofe.org).