

Resources for Reconciling Communities

Questions to Consider as a Community

- What does 'radical Christian inclusion' mean to you?
- Why does Jesus ask us to be one as He and His Father are one? Is it an impossible demand, or do we have stories of seeing God work through solidarity and inclusion?
- Who can we welcome better and how?

Suggested Reading and Watching

- [Navigating Disagreement](#) - Rev Megan Powell du Toit and Rev Dr Michael Jensen (20 minute talk hosted by the Reconciliation Leaders Network)
- [Practising Forgiveness](#) - Lukhanyo Calata and Professor Anthony Bash (1 hour discussion hosted by the Reconciliation Leaders Network)
- [Crossing Divides](#) with US Peacemaker, Dr Jer Swigart (35 minute talk hosted by the Reconciliation Leaders Network)
- [Dealing with Conflict in the Church: Insight from the New Testament](#), by Colin Patterson (article)
- [Transforming Conflict: Some Keys for Church Leaders](#), by Alastair McKay (article)
- [Conflict and Resolution in Churches](#), by Sandra Cobbin (article)
- [Four Coventry Reflections on Reconciliation](#) (7 minute video)
- [Father Forgive](#) (32 minute film) – about Coventry's ministry of reconciliation
- [Ubuntu: I am because I belong](#) (32 minute film) – about Nelson Mandela and the ecumenical mission of Chemin Neuf
- [Global Immersion](#), a peacemaking training organisation based in the U.S., has a number of free recorded webinars, including [Mending the Divides: Waging Peace in our Homes and Churches](#) and [How Do I Get My Church to Care About Peacemaking?](#)

Church-based Courses and Conversations

- The Reconciling Leaders Network have developed a five-session course called [Difference](#) for church-based groups which looks at crossing divides, navigating disagreement, practising forgiveness, and risking hope.
- The Pastoral Principles for Living Well Together can be explored more deeply in a [five-session course](#).
- [Living Room Conversations](#) is a project to help people connect across divides, with conversation topic guides, training and resources to help facilitate meaningful and healthy discussions. This includes specific resources for [faith communities](#) and [schools](#). The project is based in the U.S. but many of their resources can be applied to a U.K. context.
- Host an [Agape Meal](#) or [Peace Meal](#)

For Schools

- SPCK assembly for primary school children on [Restoring Friendships](#)
- SPCK assembly for secondary school students on the [Art of Reconciliation](#)
- SPCK assembly for Key Stage 4-5 on [Desmond Tutu and Ubuntu](#)
- SPCK assembly for Key Stage 4-5 on [Reconciliation and Revenge](#)
- TES, [Collective Worship resource on Forgiveness](#) for 7-11 year olds
- [The Schools Linking project](#) is continually recruiting schools and offering CPD sessions for teachers to deliver the programme with lesson plans, videos and resources.