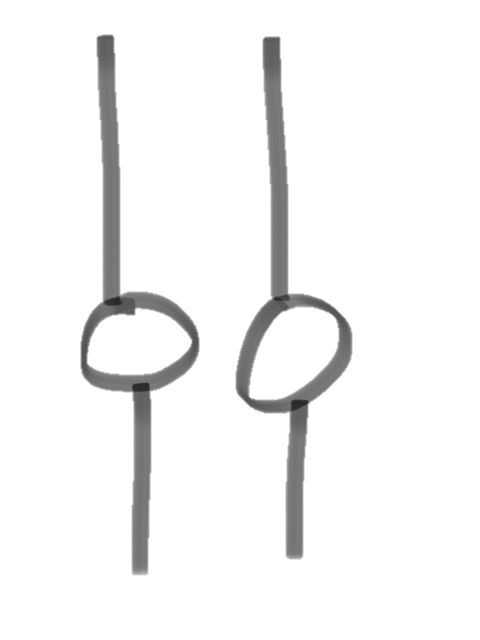
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| Footprint |
| Noticing new patterns of Church. |

Based on observations from real examples this coaching tool outlines a selection of ‘footprints’ that reveal the different missional and ecclesial shapes of new forms of church. Each is to be used as a lens by asking ‘what are we noticing?’ and therefore ‘what does this tell us?’. They are not intended to be blue prints to implement. Each footprint has 3 key elements; gathering, pathway and journey.

Gathering: a place of meeting.



Pathway: a connecter between, in or out of a gathering.

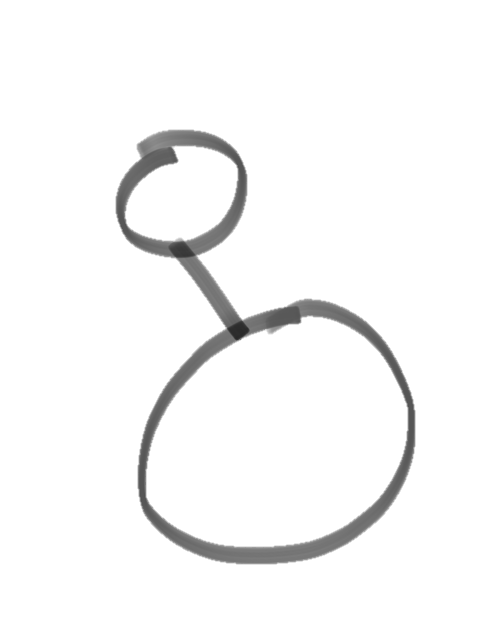
Journey: primary movement or presence along pathways and gatherings.

It may be that a single footprint best describes what is happening or that several footprints, or elements of footprints, need to be combined. The 8 footprints can be used to describe the overall shape of a new worshipping community. They can also be used to notice the emerging shape specific elements such as: leadership, resources, money, local mission, worship, social action, community cohesion. The footprints work well as a tool within a coaching conversation. The coachee is invited to make selection from the 8 footprints and explore them by using verbal description, by drawing them or by using a selection of objects (such as buttons, coins, cocktail sticks or pipe cleaners). The 8 footprints and their descriptions are below.

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| **Parallel**  **Two events happening at the same time a journey of [a] to [b].**  (a)  (b)  [a]  [b] | **Progression**  **Two events happening at different times and places. One [a] leads into another [b].**  [b]  [a] |
| **Partner**  **Working in partnership [a] to create something new, forming a hub [b].**  [a]  [b] | **Permeate**  **A presence at [a] that has an influence on the environment close to it [b] and then further afield [c].**  [c]  [b]  [a] |



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| **Precursor**  **Recognition that what happens in**  **preparation [a] for the ‘main event’ [b]**  **could be just as valuable.**  [a]  [b] | **Participate**  **An activity [a] that engaged with, serves as a metaphor [b] for something beyond itself.**  [a]  [b] |
| **Populate**  61524492-2148-40FE-82CC-66D24F047859**A core [a] that forms individual relationships beyond itself [b] joining them together to form a community [c].**  [b]  [c]  [a] | **Promenade**  **A rotation of different activities [a] [b] [c] but with a common core.**  [a]      [b]  [b]  [c]  [a] |

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