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Association of Christian Counsellors (ACC) and Pastoral Care UK (PCUK)

ACC and its subsidiary organisation PCUK are committed to resourcing, equipping and supporting individual Christians, churches and organisations involved in the provision of quality counselling and pastoral care

We achieve this by:

- Being a professional body for counsellors
- Being a holder of a Professional Standards Authority Register of Counsellors
- Providing training in counseling and pastoral care either directly or via our affiliate organisations and regional trainers
- Providing the public with access to professional counsellors, via our "Find a Counsellor" Facility on our website

Benefits of ACC / PCUK membership:

- Advice, guidelines and recommendations for good practice
- Quarterly magazine with topical and informative articles
- Discount for training events and courses
- Network Groups throughout the UK and N Ireland providing fellowship, training and support

To find out more visit our websites www.acc-uk.org and www.pastoralcareuk.org

Aukelien van Abbema

Aukelien works as a licensed psychologist in the Netherlands. She has developed The Dating Course in her home church, Crossroads International Amsterdam since 2008. Based on her personal experiences, her work in her counselling practice and her experiences of running the course and many workshops, she has written two books. The first is called 'Single in Church' and is available only in Dutch (so far), the second will be published in English as 'Dare to Date' around January 2017. An English website is not yet available, however the Dutch website for her work is www.zinvoldaten.nl

The Bruderhof

The Bruderhof is an intentional Christian community of more than 2,700 people living in twenty-three settlements on four continents. We are a fellowship of families and singles, practicing radical discipleship in the spirit of the first church in Jerusalem. We gladly renounce private property and share everything in common. www.bruderhof.com

Cranmer Hall, St Johns College, University of Durham <http://www.dur.ac.uk/cranmer>

Cranmer Hall is a Theological College which can't quite be boxed, though there are many labels we happily own. We are a living, dynamic community of faith, engaging with God and seeking to serve the Church and the world in ways which are always developing but consistently rooted in our values and true to our foundation.

So, for example, we are Anglican and committed to serving the Church of England. Many of our full time students are training for Anglican ordination, but we have a thriving 'Free Church Track' of people training for ministry in newer churches, and a good number of other students studying for a degree in Theology, Ministry and Mission.

We train people for ordination, but over half our students are undergraduate and postgraduate students either studying for their own interest or for professional development

We are an evangelical foundation and as such we value high quality Biblical and theological learning, and are serious about wrestling with the gospel particularly in mission and fresh expressions. However we are also gentle and non-defensive and find that we attract many students from a variety of traditions who are drawn to this loving place of deep engagement and prayerful community.

We are a place of tradition and embody the strengths of an established university, but we are a place of innovation and spontaneity. We are, for example, home to the fair trade movement, we were the first college to train women for ordained Anglican ministry, and we gave rise to the first ever Anglican Methodist student covenant reflecting our mature relationship with the Wesley Study Centre.

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Funky Fish B.V.

www.FunkyFish.nl is the biggest Dutch Christian dating website. It was founded in 2002, and has also been available in Germany for a couple of years.

Hazel Marchment, Basingstoke Community Churches

Hazel is part of the Senior Leadership Team of Basingstoke Community Churches, involved in resourcing and speaking in different congregations across the town and further afield. Her husband was the senior leader of these churches several years ago but sadly died of leukaemia leaving Hazel to forge a different life since that time. She has been involved in equipping churches to stand alongside those who find themselves living the single life and encouraging churches to be inclusive and to create an atmosphere where every member can reach their full potential, highly valuing the gifts and contribution of all at every level of church life.

Nothing Hidden Ministries

Nothing Hidden Ministries is the home of the Love After Marriage Workshop and the Single Life Workshop.

LAM workshops take couples on a journey into spiritual emotional and sexual oneness. God designed marriages to be characterized by openness, transparency and vulnerability. Through our DVD courses and Intensive Workshops we encourage couples to live in wholeness in all areas – with nothing hidden. Our mission is to see these biblical values become life style.

SLW is about giving single people the tools to become healthy, confident and equipped for amazing friendships and a potential marriage. We put men and women in small groups so they have the opportunity to use the tools taught up front in order to relate to one another, share and be themselves. This provides space to talk, play, laugh and work through the significant things that would perhaps hinder you in healthy, transparent, intimate relationships.

<http://nothinghidden.com> www.loveaftermarriage.org.uk
<http://nothinghidden.com/single-life-workshop>

Single Adult Ministry, New Testament Church of God

We are the national Single Adult Ministry (SAM) of New Testament Church of God, England & Wales. Now in our 20th year, SAM serves the needs of single adults through teaching, consultation and small group forums. Our mission is to empower singles to live lives to the full and to be fully active within the church. We also equip singles to tackle their challenges through biblical, practical teaching, we provide support and advice to singles who desire to marry, and we equip leaders to be more effective in their ministry to single adults. In February 2016, we launched our biggest programme yet - online courses, commencing with our first course, "Faith for a Mate – how three women met their husbands".

www.singleadultministry.uk