



Worship ministry consultancy

More and more of our time is spent consulting with churches and their worship teams as this area of ministry continues to offer exciting, but challenging ministry possibilities. No two churches and no two teams are alike and when you have issues of concern, with whom do you speak? Sometimes pastors don't really know what to say to our special concerns. And there are some issues you don't take outside of your church and discuss with your colleagues and others.

That's where we can help. We are neutral sounding boards and can offer years of experience, knowledge and wisdom in working in worship and music situations ranging from the "one-man band" to teams incorporating full orchestras and choirs. We're good listeners. We know how to ask questions. And best of all, we know how to pray!

What follows is a brief description of some of our consulting services. We are available to come to where you are or to offer consulting services by telephone. We are also happy to have you and/or your team come to us in mid-England if you so desire.

Let us know how we can help you!

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Pastoral care of the team

Every worship team needs a shepherd – someone to guide them through the valleys and over the mountains of daily life. We can help you do that by meeting with you and your team to discover where your team is and where it needs to be. What are the spiritual needs? The relational challenges? What needs to happen for your team to be strong and all that God wants it to be? We can help you find the answers to these questions and more.

Biblical basis for a worship team

While worship teams may know 'how' to worship musically, sometimes we need to be reminded 'why' we worship. We'll sit down with your team and help them remember what worship is, what worship does, and why it is so vital to a healthy church.

Dealing with the day to day

Being part of a worship team should be lifegiving, fulfilling and invigorating. But sometimes the day-to-day tasks and ongoing commitment take a toll and we begin to lose our heart for this ministry. We'll help you strike a balance between ministry and the rest of your life by helping you prioritize and set goals, and learn how to take time for yourself and your family as well as fulfill your ministry calling.



Pastoral struggles and issues

Both Vel and I grew up in Pastors' homes so we understand the challenges pastors face in relation to worship ministry, worship pastors and team members. We can sit and listen to your struggles and offer encouragement as well as solutions to the problems you are facing. We can pray with you, counsel you on specific points and even meet with your leadership and worship team to help talk things through.

Developing a mentoring program within the worship team

Worship teams are organic in that they are constantly changing and evolving as people come and go in the church. This means that team members are often at various levels of maturity in their knowledge and understanding of the worship ministry. We will work with you to develop an ongoing mentoring program for your team members to bring the new ones to maturity and keep the older ones enthused and excited.

Structure of the worship team

Just like a football team has a roster, assignments and a game plan, so should you. We'll look at the strengths and weaknesses of your team, possible opportunities and potential threats and help you draft a plan to build a strong team from top to bottom.

How to write adequate musical arrangements for the band

You don't have to be a musical prodigy to write musical arrangements for your band. In fact, we can teach you a few simple formulas to take your songs to a new level every Sunday. Whether you read music, chord charts or play by ear, we can work with you to help you understand how to take a song from a cd or a chart and make it your own.

Practical working relationships between team and leaders

It's not easy working with a group of volunteers. In fact, it's sometimes more difficult than an "employer-employee" working relationship. But authority is Biblical and necessary. We'll help instruct leaders on their vital roles and help team members understand the blessings of serving their leaders.

Troubleshooting within teams

You've never had problems with your team now have you? Only if you have no people on your team will you not have problems. Quite simply, people bring their problems along with their gifts and it's our job to navigate the rough waters of managing conflict, overcoming poor habits, working through personality differences and the list goes on. We can help leaders learn how to deal

successfully with these problems and help teams learn how to function together for the good of the whole.

Running a successful rehearsal

When should you rehearse? How much should you rehearse? How should you organize and run your rehearsal? We'll answer these questions and more about this most important time of the week when you prepare your team to offer excellent worship gifts to the Lord and serve your local church.

How to make both a small or large team work

Whether your team is small or large, you have challenges with them, don't you? How do you get more out of less? How do you balance all that goes on in a large team? We'll give you tips to make the most out of what you have, as well as how to organize your large team to offer everyone an opportunity to serve.

If you would like further information on our worship ministry consultancy, or to book a consultation, please contact us via the methods below.