

To our Co-Workers in Christ,

Let me start by thanking you for all the work you do at church. We recognize that it is a vital role for the body of Christ. Jesus, the great Shepherd, asked of Peter that if He loved Jesus, He would feed Jesus' sheep. And that is exactly what you do, caring deeply for Jesus' flock.

We want to come alongside the work you do and help equip you for it. We are Cornerstone, the UK's only Christian fostering organisation. At Cornerstone we believe that fostering and adoption are a call from God, a ministry that single people and families engage in as a response to God's call for us to care for vulnerable children. As you probably know, God's call can be daunting, requiring every bit of our mental, physical, and spiritual strength. Our foster carers can attest to this while also confessing that God also equips them for this work, giving them strength and grace for it. In addition to relying on their faith, foster carers and parents of care-experienced children need support from the people around them. This includes family, friends, social workers, and church community. Research has shown that successful foster carers are those who are surrounded by a rich, understanding, and supportive community.

We are writing because we want to help you, as part of the church to learn how to care for the carers in your community. We know that it can be difficult to know how to engage care-experienced families. You might not know what support parents need and we are here to help you figure that out. We are hosting a training session for church workers and volunteers who are directly involved in caring for children, youth, and families. This is an opportunity to understand more about fostering, adoption, and the needs of families who have been called to this ministry. You can ask questions and learn how you and your church can care for the carers in your midst. The training session will be held on Zoom on **29th June 7.00 pm - 8.30 p.m.** Alternatively, group sessions can be held for your church if you have several interested individuals. For more details or enquiries please email pam.birtle@cornerstoneuk.org. We are excited to help equip you for your call to care for the body of Christ. Together we can build a thriving and supportive community for Christians who are caring for care-experienced children.

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. "
Galatians 6:2

Warm Regards,



Pam Birtle, Founder

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