

## Year-Round Mentoring in Church Life, Leadership, and Planting

*with Maurice Nightingale and Mike Frisby*

### Leaders



**Maurice Nightingale** is a member of the Relational Mission core team with responsibilities that include the supervision of early-stage church planting on the mainland of Europe, in particular training and coaching pioneer leaders and developing strategies for both initiating and supporting church plants. Originally from London, and following a short career as a military engineering officer, he has since been involved for over 30 years in two main areas of service: planting churches and reviving failing churches. Maurice completed a master's degree studying philosophies of church movement succession, exploring New Testament church leadership principles and practices. Maurice is married to Rachel, with four adult children.



**Mike Frisby** is an elder at City Church Cambridge and a trustee of Relational Mission, a network of churches which is part of the global Newfrontiers family. He uses his teaching and pastoral gifts among the churches, enjoys mentoring younger leaders, and has involvement in cross-cultural training. He has a particular passion for mobilising people for world mission and has written a book for local church leaders "Reaching the Nations – From next door to worlds away", to equip leaders to identify, recruit, send and support people called to cross-cultural mission.

### Overview

**GOAL:** To mentor and help participants explore the contemporary and contextual implementation of authentic, simple New Testament values and practices in local church life, church leadership, and church planting.

**PLAN:**

- An online kick-off session.
- Four 2-hour webinars with webinar assignments.
- Three-day retreat in Budapest on 6-8 Dec 2022 (noon to noon).
- Pre-Forum Conference at the 2023 Forum, on May 19 and 20. Participants will still need to apply for the European Leadership Forum and will be responsible for paying Forum fees in order to participate in the 2023 Forum. Participants are also responsible for paying their own travel expenses.

**PARTICIPANTS:** Ten to twelve people who are willing to commit to become part of a learning community.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** The expectation is that the participants are senior church leaders or pioneer leaders involved in, or intending to be involved in, church planting on the mainland of Europe.

**COMMITMENT:** In addition to submitting an application, we ask you to commit to:

1. Thoroughly review a selection of pre-assigned materials before and after each webinar. These assignments will consist of reading selections of books or academic articles, including the list of books and articles indicated for each webinar.
2. Attend all sessions and meetings.
3. Access all webinars on a computer with a good internet connection and using a headset.
4. Secure a copy of the needed books for assignments.
5. Pay attendance fees: *See below for retreat fees.* For the 2023 Pre-Forum Conference the fees are 80 Euros for a double room and 90 Euros for a single room, or 68 Euros for scholarship recipients.
6. In order to be accepted to next years' European Leadership Forum all Year-Round Mentoring participants will need to nominate two other leaders for the following year Year-Round Mentoring which includes personally contacting and recruiting them by email.

**2022 RETREAT:** All Church Life, Leadership, and Planting participants will meet with Maurice Nightingale and his team in Budapest for a three-day retreat on 6-8 December 2022 (noon to noon).

The participant fees for the retreat are 150 Euros, or 100 Euros for scholarship recipients. For the retreat, non-scholarship recipients also have the option, which must be chosen in the application form, of paying 190 Euros in order to stay in a single room. Participants are also responsible for their own travel expenses.

## Webinars: Dates, Topics, and Assignments

You should purchase as soon as possible the following books:

### Required reading:

- Mike Betts, *Relational Mission: A Way of Life* (Aylsham: Relational Mission, 2016)
- David Devenish, *Succession or Multiplication? Transitioning a Movement to Next Generation Leadership* (Milton Keynes: Authentic Media, 2020)
- Alexander Strauch: *Biblical Eldership Booklet: Restoring Eldership to its Rightful Place in Church* (Colorado Springs: Lewis and Roth, 1997)

### Recommended reading:

- Alan Hirsch, *The Forgotten Ways: Re-activating the Missional Church* (Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos Press, 2009)

The current Church Life, Leadership, and Planting mentoring programme includes the following four 2-hour webinars:

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**Webinar One: Cultivating an authentic, simple, New Testament blueprint for church life**

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**Date & Time: TBD**

- I. Please read the book by Mike Betts, *Relational Mission: A Way of Life* before the Webinar, and answer each of the following questions. Please send your answers to Maurice Nightingale ([maurice@relationalmission.com](mailto:maurice@relationalmission.com)) two weeks before the Webinar. You may be asked to share your responses during the Webinar. Please be prepared to defend your answers.
  - A. Which of these values is particularly important to your leadership or pioneering context and why? (200 words)
  - B. Which of the values in this book is most likely to be difficult to establish in your leadership or pioneering context and why? (200 words)
  - C. Submit two questions you have from reading this material.

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**Webinar Two: Church leadership, a heavenly calling, not a career path**

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**Date & Time: TBD**

- I. Please read the book by Alexander Strauch: *Biblical Eldership Booklet: Restoring Eldership to its Rightful Place in Church* before the Webinar and answer each of the following questions. Please send your answers to Maurice Nightingale ([maurice@relationalmission.com](mailto:maurice@relationalmission.com)) two weeks before the Webinar. You may be asked to read your responses aloud during the meeting. Please be prepared to defend your answers if Maurice calls upon you.
  - A. Does this presentation of church eldership differ from your own experience of church leadership? If so, how does it differ? (200 words)
  - B. Does an eldership team require a team leader? If yes, what is his function? If no, how is the team led? (200 words)
  - C. Submit two questions you have from reading this material.

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**Webinar Three: Planting and growing contemporary and contextual church communities**

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**Date & Time: TBD**

- I. Please write a vision statement for your current or proposed church plant (4 pages maximum). An outline and example will be emailed to you at the beginning of the mentoring programme. If you are not currently planting a church or planning to do so, choose a location and write a vision statement as an exercise. Send your plan to Maurice Nightingale ([maurice@relationalmission.com](mailto:maurice@relationalmission.com)) two weeks before the Webinar. Please be prepared to explain your plan if Maurice calls upon you. Alan Hirsch, *The Forgotten Ways: Re-activating the Missional Church* is recommended reading.

**Webinar Four: Church multiplication, developing whole movements of churches**

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**Date & Time: TBD**

- I. Please read the book by David Devenish, *Succession or Multiplication? Transitioning a Movement to Next Generation Leadership* before the Webinar and answer each of the following questions. Please send your answers to Maurice Nightingale ([maurice@relationalmission.com](mailto:maurice@relationalmission.com)) two weeks before the Webinar. You may be asked to read your responses aloud during the meeting. Please be prepared to defend your answers if Maurice calls upon you.
  - A. From reading this material, how would you describe what is a movement of churches in your pioneering context? (200 words)
  - B. How is alignment maintained between many autonomous churches in one movement? (200 words)
  - C. Submit two questions you have from reading this material.

**Application Process**

To apply:

1. Complete the [online application](#).
2. Once we have received your online form, your application will be considered complete. We will review completed applications and let you know if you are accepted into the programme within four to six weeks.

***If you have questions, contact us at [initiatives@euroleadership.org](mailto:initiatives@euroleadership.org)***