

The birth of New Connexions

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New Connexions was birthed at the EA Congress in Cardiff in November 2001, at a Seminar entitled “Developing a Mission Focus” led by David Coffey and Paul Weaver.

For some years the WRU and Countess of Huntingdon’s Connexion had been in Joint Talks (together with the Independent Methodists), but following this Conference both set up teams to consider what kind of church was needed for the 21st century.

Then we realised that we were both working through the same issues. As a result the Teams began to meet regularly to seek joint ways forward.

Initially, we considered what merger could look like, but realised that even if possible, the amount of work on legal issues would be enormous. We began to explore other possibilities. The one that emerged was to form an informal association that shared the same values. It was felt that this is how the Spirit was leading, building on what we already had and enabling us to do new things that otherwise would not be possible.

In February 2005, New Connexions was launched “a network of small evangelical churches seeking to grow and multiply through effective communication of the gospel in local communities.”

A launch pack was produced with an introductory leaflet about the 6 Core Values of New Connexions and background resources some of which are included on this website.

New Connexions remains a spiritual association between the WRU and The Countess of Huntingdon’s Connexion. New Connexions is a network, not just for the C of H Connexion and the WRU, but also other independent fellowships that could benefit from being part of such an association.