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Short videos about the Emerge training course and the Cochranes' work in Portugal are available to view at www.presbyterianireland.org/unitedappeal

"If you are in leadership there is always a need to be equipped. More and more, people are realising that the role of ministry in the church is not just the job of the minister. Therefore, there's lots of ways that people can exercise leadership influence.



"The very definition of Presbyterian leadership is that it's shared leadership, so there is a need to be equipping all sorts of people to lead well."

Rick Hill, PCI Discipleship Development Officer

Thanks to you, United Appeal for Mission supports many other mission projects. To find out more watch the video at...

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Everyday discipleship in action

Every aspect of our Church's mission depends to some extent on United Appeal. Hundreds of projects and programmes at home and overseas are helping to advance God's kingdom, showing God's love in action to hundreds of thousands of people.

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Emerging leaders

Emerge is a new project supported by United Appeal that is helping to equip emerging leaders in our congregations.

Tom Finnegan, PCI's Training Development Officer and Emerge course co-leader, says, "It's an opportunity for people to think about leadership and how they grow in it – we give them a lot of things to think about and to continue to develop."

Co-leader Rick Hill (PCI's Discipleship Development Officer) is passionate about equipping and investing in younger leaders: "We believe that leadership is caught as well as taught... We're modelling a style of training and an approach that participants can go and use in their own church."

Arranged in four sessions over six months, Emerge looks at the theory of leadership, including different leadership styles; the concept of leading change; leading within a PCI context; and relational awareness in leadership. As well as teaching, there is plenty of opportunity to share, discuss and network with others on the course.

Kathy Craig, a course facilitator and youth associate at Lowe Memorial Presbyterian, says, "The learning available and the wisdom within PCI to produce a programme like this is amazing and it's not something I'd want to miss out on."

Each year PCI runs a number of training courses designed to equip congregations in a range of areas, including child protection, Sunday school work, youth work and overseas mission teams. This is made possible because of United Appeal giving.



"I thought the course was great. You find out that a lot of challenges you face happen in other congregations as well and so you're not alone in that. That's really refreshing and helpful as well."

Christine Craig
Kilbride Presbyterian Church
Emerge facilitator

These include:

- Transform
- Road Trip
- Disciple Makers Network

Discipleship in Portugal

This year we celebrate 500 years since the Reformation, but the Reformation never reached Portugal. Less than 1% of Portugal is evangelical; Roman Catholicism has been the predominant influence, shaping the religious, political and social make-up of the nation.

There is no Protestant culture and no other 'acceptable' expression of religion – to be Portuguese is to be Catholic and vice versa. But while 89% of Portuguese people identify themselves as Roman Catholic, only 19% practise their faith. The Portuguese have an understanding of traditional religion, but have little or no knowledge of the gospel message of grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. This is the context in which the Cochrane family minister in Portugal today.

They lead the Comunidade Pedras Vivas (CPV) in Senhora da Hora, in greater Porto, a gospel-based church planting project seeking to reach the spiritually needy in Portugal. The project works in partnership with the Christian Presbyterian Church of Portugal, a small denomination with just over 50 members.



Pray for the ongoing ways in which the CPV reaches out to the community, seeking to build relationships and break down preconceptions about what it means to be a Christian; pray for the Cochrane family as they present Jesus as the light and hope that Western Europe needs.



"Those United Appeal envelopes deposited in the pews may seem impersonal to you, but it's very real for us because that envelope enables us to educate our girls, to live and work and eat in Portugal, and it also enables us, through various partnerships, to encourage our partner churches around the world."

James Cochrane
Portugal

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