

# FRESH EXPRESSIONS HELPFUL TERMS

**Fresh Expression** a form of church that engages with culture and is established primarily for the benefit of those who are not yet a part of a church. It is missional, contextual, formational, ecclesial.

**Pioneers** are passionate about mission on the edges.

**Supporters** are passionate about supporting and releasing pioneers.

**Permission Givers** are people who use their role to foster release of pioneers and to influence the system to be more willing to experiment.

**Person of Peace** is native to the mission environment and makes space for connection.

**Nones:** People who claim no religious affiliation or practice.

**Dones:** People who once practiced a religion, but no longer do.

**First Place:** The home or primary place of residence.

**Second Place:** The workplace or school place.

**Third Place:** The public places separate from the two usual social environments that host regular, voluntary, informal, and happily anticipated gatherings of individuals; examples are environments such as cafes, pubs, clubs, parks, etc..

**Fourth Place:** This is a neutral place that blends together a fresh expression and an inherited gathering.

**Inherited Church:** Is used in the sense of a form of church passed on as a precious gift by the saints of generations past, also called a “traditional, attractional, gathered, or analog” church sometimes compared to the emerging church. As in our parents leaving us an incredibly valuable inheritance that we must now learn how to steward well.

**Emerging Church:** Meaning a contextual form of church that reaches and serves people currently outside the inherited church. Emerging churches are typically shaped from a relational interaction between people, cultures, and the Gospel and as such are also referred to as “modern, missional, scattered, or digital” and fresh expressions of church.

**Blended Ecology:** When local churches cultivate both attractional and emerging forms of church, grafting them together over time, it creates a new kind of communal ecosystem. I have referred to this elsewhere as a “blended ecology of church”