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Acorn Christian Healing Foundation exists to bring transformation through Christ's love and care. Engaged in sharing the healing presence of Christ, it retains the vision of its founder, Bishop Morris Maddocks, in working, and praying, for health and wholeness in the Church, and in God's world, through Healing, Listening and Reconciliation; Acorn equips and resources others to do the same. Working in the UK and overseas, Acorn provides people, regardless of their circumstances, background or life choices, with the opportunity to experience the "shalom" that is at the heart of the Christian message.

Our Vision

Healing & Wholeness for all.

Our Mission

To encourage, equip and resource local churches and Christians from all walks of life to become agents of God's healing, reconciliation and care in their homes, churches, workplaces and communities.

Basis of Faith

Acorn holds to the Nicene Creed as its basis of faith.

Our Values

God

We believe that love is the essence of God's being and that blessing is his default position. God's first response to the creation of humanity was to bless them.

We are to be a ministry of blessing and generosity.

We believe that compassion is the hallmark of the ministry of Jesus. Knowing the Father's deep love for the world, Jesus is drawn to act, speak, feed, heal and teach and ultimately give his life for the world.

We are to serve sacrificially on behalf of Christ.

We believe that God's word, and words, are true, bringing light and life to the whole person. We, therefore, speak the truth with one another with grace and compassion.

We can only speak truth that heals when we do so in love.

Humanity

Every person is unique and made in the image of God.

We will identify and enhance the image and work of God in every person. We will not try and make anyone into a copy of ourselves.

Every person has worth derived from the value placed upon them by God, and demonstrated by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We will regard every person, regardless of the situation they find themselves in or the background from which they come, as of immense value to God and therefore to us.

Every person is created with the need to experience God's 'life encompassing' shalom.

We will live as a channel of God's healing grace to all we encounter.

Ministry

Wholeness is healing from God that touches every part of his creation and, therefore, our lives.

We will serve the whole person, but we will not assume the place of God in another person's life or journey.

Every person is the focus of God's grace, which forms the manner in which he interacts with humanity.

We will treat every person with dignity and respect.

Transformation is possible for everyone.

We live as people of hope because of the resurrection; therefore, we believe that anything can change.

Community

Relationship reflects the reality that exists between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We will maintain transparent and emotionally healthy relationships.

Responsibility - We all share in the responsibility for the quality of our own life.

We will not transfer on to others issues that we need to deal with ourselves.

Redemptive – failure does not exclude us from relationship or community.

We accept that God offers everyone the gift of beginning again.

Human Sexuality

“It is Acorn’s policy, in keeping with its values, to be inclusive of all. In this light, we serve every individual where we meet them on their discipleship journey.” We are very aware of the levels of debate, anxiety and pain which accompany the current consideration of the issue of Human Sexuality, both inside and outside the church, and within society in general. As a Christian Foundation, with its roots and practice within the Anglican Church, Acorn serves, all in the name of Christ.