

Why engage

Counsellors

The voice of Christians in counselling for 25 years. Become part of the soul care movement that shows compassion for those who are emotionally, psychologically or spiritually distressed in any season of life.

Pastoral carers

Reflect God's ministry of reconciliation by joining a team whose attitude and commitment to love one another flows from the knowledge that we ourselves are first loved by God.

Church Leaders

Bring psychological insight to community and individual lives through safe competent accountable practice.

Supporters

A Christian working in an allied profession e.g. medical professional, clergy, chaplain, youth worker, teacher, social worker, life coach or a concerned individual? Join as a Friend of ACC. Keep in touch with our UK network through our quarterly magazine, Accord, and benefit from discounts on national and regional training. Support us through giving and praying.

Service users

Are you someone who could benefit from a sympathetic and empathic hearing? Use an ACC registered or accredited counsellor.

First choice and non-denominational

ACC aims to be the first-choice membership agency for counsellors, carers and related practitioners who identify as Christian. We are the 'go to' place for clients seeking counsellors who can respond to psychological and faith issues. We are a one body fellowship of many different denominations.

How to join, get involved or engage our services:

024 7644 9694/024 7663 6792 www.acc-uk.org www.pastoralcareuk.org

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Counselling and Caring



The Benefits of Belonging to and using the services of
**The Association of Christian Counsellors and
Pastoral Care UK**

Covering the breadth of support from
pastoral care to formal counselling

Association of Christian Counsellors (ACC)

Our Mission:

To facilitate provision by Christians of quality counselling and pastoral care.

Our vision:

To support Christian counsellors in reaching and maintaining high standards of professional care for members of the public – of any faith or none.

What we do

Provide Professional Services for Counselling Members

- ★ **Maintain a government approved register of counsellors to ensure the safety of clients seeking counselling from our members**
- ★ Host a website with 'find a counsellor' facility and guidance about counselling and counselling training & professional information
- ★ provide a code of ethics and practice & a complaints management process
- ★ give one-to-one guidance on ethical and professional issues
- ★ support and raise training standards
- ★ run specialised training
- ★ provide a path for career progression for counsellors
- ★ publish a quarterly magazine packed with feature articles and news covering counselling and pastoral care

Campaign on behalf of our counsellors and their clients to improve mental health provision in the UK and beyond

Facilitate *one body* fellowship: local networks, training events, conferences; & support collaborative ventures

Uphold counsellors and pastoral care workers in prayer

Pastoral Care UK (PCUK)

Our mission:

To be a Christian resource for individuals, churches and organisations which enables the missional purpose, potential and practice of pastoral care to be developed.

Our vision:

To see God's love, expressed in quality relationships and through pastoral care, restoring individual lives, building healing communities and growing disciples of Jesus.

What we do

PCUK resources through training, equipping and networking.

- ❖ **Training** is provided through individuals and hubs regionally and at denominational and diocesan level
 - ★ **Developing Quality Relationships** is a 2-hour trainer led workshop aimed at **ALL** of church
 - ★ **Exploring Pastoral Care** provides six 1½-hour self-led small group Bible studies suitable for **ALL** and **SOME** of church
 - ★ **Resourcing Pastoral Carers Course** offers ten 2-hour tutor led sessions in general and marriage variants designed for **SOME** of church to develop their pastoral gifts
 - ★ **Training the Trainers** equips a **FEW** of church to equip the **ALL** and the **SOME** through a 15-hour trainer led residential
- ❖ **Equipping** is also facilitated by encouraging a sense of belonging through local (30-mile radius/1-hour travel time) **Pastoral Pals'** groups and promoting safe, competent, accountable practice through **Guidelines for Good Practice**
- ❖ **Networking** is also provided through PCUK nationally as a gateway to all things pastoral by signposting to other strategic partners

PCUK seeks to promote the recognition of the various elements of pastoral care, including discipleship, mentoring, spiritual direction, pastoral reflection and chaplaincy as an integrated whole and an academic discipline and profession in its own right.