



B C U I M is:

Black) the Boroughs of Dudley,
) Sandwell and Walsall and the
Country) City of Wolverhampton

Urban – the ecumenical Black Country Urban Industrial Mission team work in the Black Country, a sub-region of the West Midlands; our work involves us in the urban environment, its challenges and opportunities.

Industrial – our focus is on industry and commerce and those who work there, and the way the economy shapes and moulds our peoples' lives and values.

Mission – all of us are Christians called by God to work, witness and engage with the economic order that affects all of our lives.

Comments from last year's course members:

"The course was both well devised and well presented. If we are to be Christ to the world, I believe that what I saw and experienced over the 3 days was exactly that."

"I will implement what I learned by recognising the importance of people's working lives."

"My ministry will now be better informed and much more fully rooted in the community."

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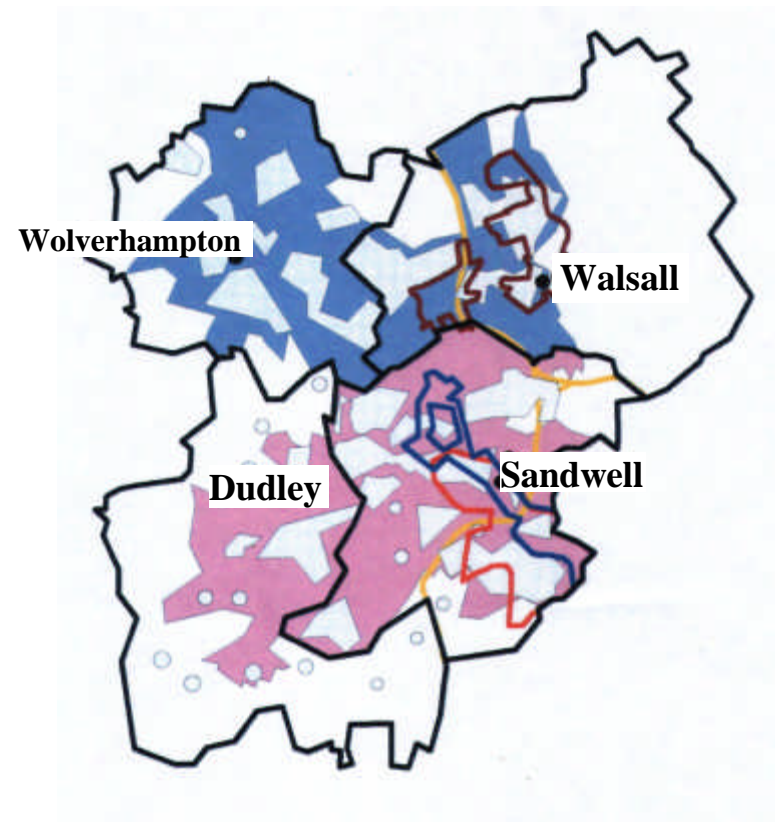
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'MINISTRY IN THE BLACK COUNTRY'

- an ecumenical course
for those
new to the Black Country
and those who want to know more.

23rd & 30th September & 15th October 2009



MINISTRY IN THE BLACK COUNTRY

Aim



To help participants understand the social and economic factors as the context for ministry in the Black Country today.

Why this course?

Our mission and ministry are in the Black Country. To be effective we need to understand its culture and its shaping by geography, history and economics. Organisations increasingly work in partnership and the Church is often asked to contribute to decision-making processes that affect our communities. This course explains how we might engage with these opportunities, encourages further enquiry, and offers a refresher event.

What's in it?

DAY 1: 'blackcountry.intro'

Wednesday 23rd September 9.30 – 4.00



Hear about the culture, history and industry that shaped the Black Country, as well as issues for today and the future.

Start at All Saints' Church, Darlaston, WS10 9SQ with an introduction to the Black Country, past, present and likely future; its economic challenges, and opportunities for positive change through regeneration partnership. A guided coach tour, visit to the exhibition at the Black Country Museum and a look at the new economy follow, with time for Biblical reflection and discussion.
Partners would be welcome for this day.

DAY 2: 'Who decides?'

Wednesday 30th September 9.30 – 4.00



Meet local and central government at your Civic centre— issues facing our Local Authority, communities, and how we can help shape decisions. Multi-media presentations from senior Local Authority staff, in informal and informative sessions, finishing with another opportunity to reflect on issues raised.



DAY 3: '24/7 Christianity'

Thursday 15th October 9.30 – 4.00

See how the Church engages with issues facing our people every day. Visit a local factory with a workplace chaplain, then try a new and relevant way to do theology, helping us explore issues authentically; South Street Baptist Church, Brierley Hill hosts a session on making the theological connections between what we have experienced on the course and your own church.



The cost: £90.00 includes lunch and coffee. Most denominations will support all or part of this cost, so do ask.

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