

Five Themes Map: John Truscott

- G Godward-growing our relations with Father Son & Holy Spirit
- U Uward-growing our relationships with church family
- O Outward-growing relationships with the world in which we live
- L Leadership-at every level in the church
- S Support-practical means of enabling ministry

G: The Godward theme

This theme covers the growth in people's relationship with the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The idea is of progress in movement towards God. The first four areas cover this movement in a corporate setting, the next four more in personal discipleship, and the last one takes the idea of growth in this relationship.

U: The Uward theme

This theme covers the growth in relationship with each other as Christians. The first four areas cover this movement in the reality of love for each other, the next four in the means used to enable that to happen, and the last one the idea of growth in this relationship. The word 'Uward' has been coined, as 'Inward' does not give quite the right impression of the intention here.

O: The Outward Theme

This theme covers the growth in relationship with the world in which church members live. The idea is of progress in movement towards an openness with others, rather than a closed community with little concern for everything beyond their own boundaries. The first four areas cover the church's mission thinking, the next four the idea of mission engagement, and the last one the idea of growth in this relationship.

S: Support Theme

This theme covers the organisation of the church to achieve its purpose, considering structures and systems to enable everything to function smoothly. The first four areas cover the church's operational systems, the next four the church's human and physical assets, and the last one the idea of growth in quality of life and service. Smaller churches will need to decide how to apply terms such as 'church office' and 'staff' in an appropriate way.