

New State Initiative through Church Life Queensland

Church Life Queensland (formerly State Ministries) has, since the 1st July 2005, put into place some exciting new initiatives that will help strengthen the dynamic growth our churches are experiencing in the state of Queensland. This has come about through a partnership with Australian Christian Services which has facilitated the appointment of Neil Scott as Field Officer for Church Life Queensland. After 13 years pioneering and establishing Strikeforce Ministry Training Institute, Neil has resigned his role with the college to work solely with New Churches Qld and Church Life Qld.

There are a number of projects Neil will be working on that will provide tools for our Regional church planting and pastoral care coordinators so as to strengthen and plant churches in their respective Regions. One of the projects Neil is working on is assisting the development of a new national resource centre called AOG Assist which will become a 'storehouse' of information for our churches Queensland and Australia wide. The information that will be available to our churches will cover a number of pastoral and administration areas. This will include such items as proforma work contracts for pastoral and administration staff, how to make your children's ministry a safe environment for children, good practice fringe benefit system, Constitutions, how to maintain your charity status, various State legislation issues such as Blue Card application forms etc, etc. Part of Neil's role will be to help all our churches in Queensland move towards currency and compliancy with all the government (Commonwealth and State) legislation that affects our churches as well as identifying and capitalising on savings available to us through the non government sector.

He will be conducting review seminars throughout the State and taking each of our churches through a 'self check list' so as to ascertain whether the church is up to speed with current regulations. These 'self review seminars' and **FREE** so we would encourage all churches to avail themselves of these services when Neil is in their Region. For more information please contact Neil Scott on (07) 3851 3774 or neil@ncq.org.au.

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