# **Bridge Pastoral Foundation**



(Est. 1962 as The Clinical Theology Association)

### **CORE VALUES**

BPF believes in the uniqueness and value of each human being and promotes a holistic approach to pastoral care, professional counselling and psychotherapy training encompassing body, mind, emotion and spirit. We offer a dynamic model characterised by:

- the unconditional acceptance of each person;
- staying with people in their struggle to "be";
- working at the interface of spirituality and psychotherapy.

### **VISION**

BPF's vision is of a future where all people, irrespective of their belief or religion, are given opportunities for personal growth and training based on spirituality and psychotherapy, enabling them to accompany in a supportive manner those who are struggling with emotional issues.

#### **MISSION**

### **To promote pastoral care, counselling and psychotherapy** by:

- networking and marketing BPF's training and support provision;
- finding new links;
- collaborating and forming alliances;
- communicating externally through:
  - the BPF website;
  - Dynamics newsletter;
  - advertising;
  - outreach to potential users and allies;
  - publicising the work of BPF in articles and journal items.

**To improve the quality of pastoral care** by training in pastoral care and human relations and psychotherapy, including:

- · a psychotherapy and counselling course;
- small groupwork approaches embedded in:
  - o annual conferences;
  - Scottish gatherings;
  - practitioner (facilitators, regional co-ordinators, supervisors and tutors) conferences;
  - training modules;
  - weekend workshops.

## To provide a membership organisation that:

- encourages the passion and commitment of the Trustees, Practitioners and Regional Representatives;
- trains its practitioners;
- · communicates effectively with members and officers;
- manages its data, finances and planning effectively;
- implements its strategies and reviews its progress.

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