

Daybreak

If your community is willing to appoint Light-bearers and would like to use Daybreak as a tool to develop Member care & Communication and facilitate partnerships among Christians, churches and organisations, here is a description that you can use to explain what it is.

Daybreak is NOT another organisation BUT a **tool/platform** which we are proposing to the various churches and Christian organisations. We are all serving within our local churches and organisations. The Daybreak academy is a vision **inspired by Jesus' prayer** for us to be ONE so that the world will believe that God has sent His Son and has LOVED them as He has loved Christ (John 17: 21). We believe that, as Jesus Himself prayed for, it is when the Church is ONE that the world will believe in Him and turn to Him. This is why our *vision* is to see the **LOVE & UNITY** within the Global Body of Christ. Why Love & Unity? Because Unity without love is only '**collaboration**' and businessmen are already good at that. Collaboration is good but as the Bible tells us in Colossians 3: 14:



And over all these virtues put on **love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.**

And Jesus himself said in John 13: 35:

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if **you love one another.**

So without Love, there is no real Christian unity.

Our *motivation* comes from researches that show that a **lack of caring and strong links** (communication) among members of the Body of Christ is one of the main reasons why people leave the church or missionaries/ministers leave the field. It is sad to know that people often leave the Church because of Christians and because of communication problems among us. While praying and asking the Lord: 'What is '**communication**' for you Lord?', God spoke to us through James 1: 19:

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,

Think about it; God has given us two eyes, two ears and one mouth. So, we are called to **watch and listen** much more than to speak. But what do we usually do? We speak a lot but we don't really listen. Sometimes, we make as if we are listening just to wait for the others to finish so that we can say what we have to say.

Knowing also that one of the main reasons why families break up is a lack of communication, we should perhaps do something about it.

We are thus motivated by:

- **JESUS' PRAYER** (John 17: 20-26 - To be one so that the world will believe in Jesus.)
- **LOVE** (Mark 12: 29-31 – We are often so 'busy' with the Great Commission that we forget the Great Commandment which is not only to love God and to love our neighbour but which starts by 'Schema Israel'... '**Listen** Israel'. God calls us to listen to him but also to our neighbour. This is how we can know how to love them. We must not forget that **1 Corinthians 13** (about Love) has not been written for married couples only but for the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12). This is the kind of Love we are supposed to have among brothers and sisters in Christ. The question is... do we see it among the churches? If we don't see it ourselves, how will the world see it? How will the world know that we are Jesus' disciples?)
- **UNITY** (Ephesians 4 - Do everything to keep unity, Ecclesiastes 4: 12 - a cord with three strings is stronger than one with two strings. Together, we are always stronger)
- **Our COMMISSION** (Mathew 28: 18-20- To Go and make every nation disciples of Jesus)
- **Our call to SHARE and CARE for ONE ANOTHER** (Acts 4: 32-35- "All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had." This was the mindset (culture) of the primitive/original church. We don't own anything. This was the **Kingdom mindset**. Everything is for the King and for His Kingdom. It is much easier to share what is not ours. And this is why the Christians of the primitive/original church were able to sell their lands and put everything in common. Not because they were forced to but because they really considered their brothers and sisters in Christ as members of their family. Just like we would easily sell our car if our biological parents were in need. Why? Because we sincerely love them. And this is the mindset that God is **calling all of us** to bring back within the Global Church.)

The great news is that the Global Body of Christ already has **all the resources** (time, people, finance, knowledge and facilities) to take care of the whole world! BUT the problem is that we don't know that we have those resources or simply... we don't share them. And this is why our mission is to develop the **Caring & Linking** (Member care & Communication) ministry to ensure that every Christian fulfil their part in the Great Commission with the help of **Light-bearers** raised in every church and Christian organisation. Light-bearers are also known as helpers, care-givers, assistants, servants, mediators, facilitators, communication officers, ambassadors, administrators, etc. The term 'Light-bearer' is just a 'neutral' term we use not to get into theological discussion. This is neither a 'new' ministry nor a title, but a **function**. Actually it is a very old ministry which was here 2000 years ago and was done by people like co-workers of Apostle Paul; people like Tychicus, Onesimus, Epaphroditus, Titus, Silas, Barnabas, etc. They **encouraged and made the link** (Ephesians 6 – Paul describes Tychicus' function) and **shared resources** to ensure that nobody lacked anything (2 Corinthians 8-9 – Paul talks about the famine and how Titus, Silas and himself made the link between the needs in Jerusalem and the resources in Corinth).

"We don't know what we don't know". Paul appointed **helpers** (Light-bearers) as Tychicus to be **his eyes and his ears** among the churches to be better aware of what is happening. This is how he was able to know what was happening at Ephesus and write the letter to them. He then sent Tychicus to make the link with all the Ephesus communities. During this time, they had no cars, no internet and no phone, but they were much **more connected** locally than us today. Why? Because their means of communication were simply 'people' and they had to **TRUST** one another. Paul had to trust his Light-bearers that what they were telling him was true as he couldn't be everywhere himself.



In the same Biblical way, Light-bearers:

- are **appointed** by their leaders and are submitted to them.
- help church members **assess** their gifts and talents and functions within Christ's Body. They assist their leaders to **deepen their knowledge about their members** by taking a census of various gifts, talents, callings, needs, interests and functions within their local community.
- **link members** who have the same callings and **encourage Christians to share** the God-given resources (by encouraging Interdependency).
- make **links between resources and the needs** within the Global Church to ensure that nobody lacks anything. We all know that usually, the **leaders are 'busy'** as it is very demanding to lead the ministry, to take care of their community and to keep everybody on the same direction. And this is normal. But for too long, we have given them the burden of both directing and managing. What if a church was managed as a **family**? In a family, you have the father who leads, the mother who manages and they both take care of the kids to become, hopefully, future fathers or mothers themselves. And in the Church, we have leaders, leaders' helpers and church members (who are raised by both to become, in the future, either leaders or leaders' helpers). Even the **apostles in Acts 6**, realised that they had to spend more time in prayer and in the ministry of the Word to lead the people of God better. That was why they asked the church to appoint helpers to share the meals, thus share the resources and assist them in caring for people. Light-bearers, without having spiritual responsibility for a church, can perhaps more easily **build bridges** (establish links) within the Global Body of Christ on a **regular basis** through Light-bearers from other churches and organisations. It is like **Ligaments** or even **Neurons** within our body which keep links and communication ongoing. When our head tells our hand to move, neurons pass the message and our hand moves but, when one member in our body is affected, it is the same neurons which make our whole body aware that we need to take care of it.
- being the eyes and the ears of leaders, Light-bearers can assist them to support and care for church members **physically, spiritually and emotionally** ensuring that nobody lacks anything.

Daybreak serves as a tool (organisation) for the Love & Unity within the Global Body of Christ by developing Member care & Communication and by facilitating partnerships among Christians, churches and organisations. Our three main actions are:

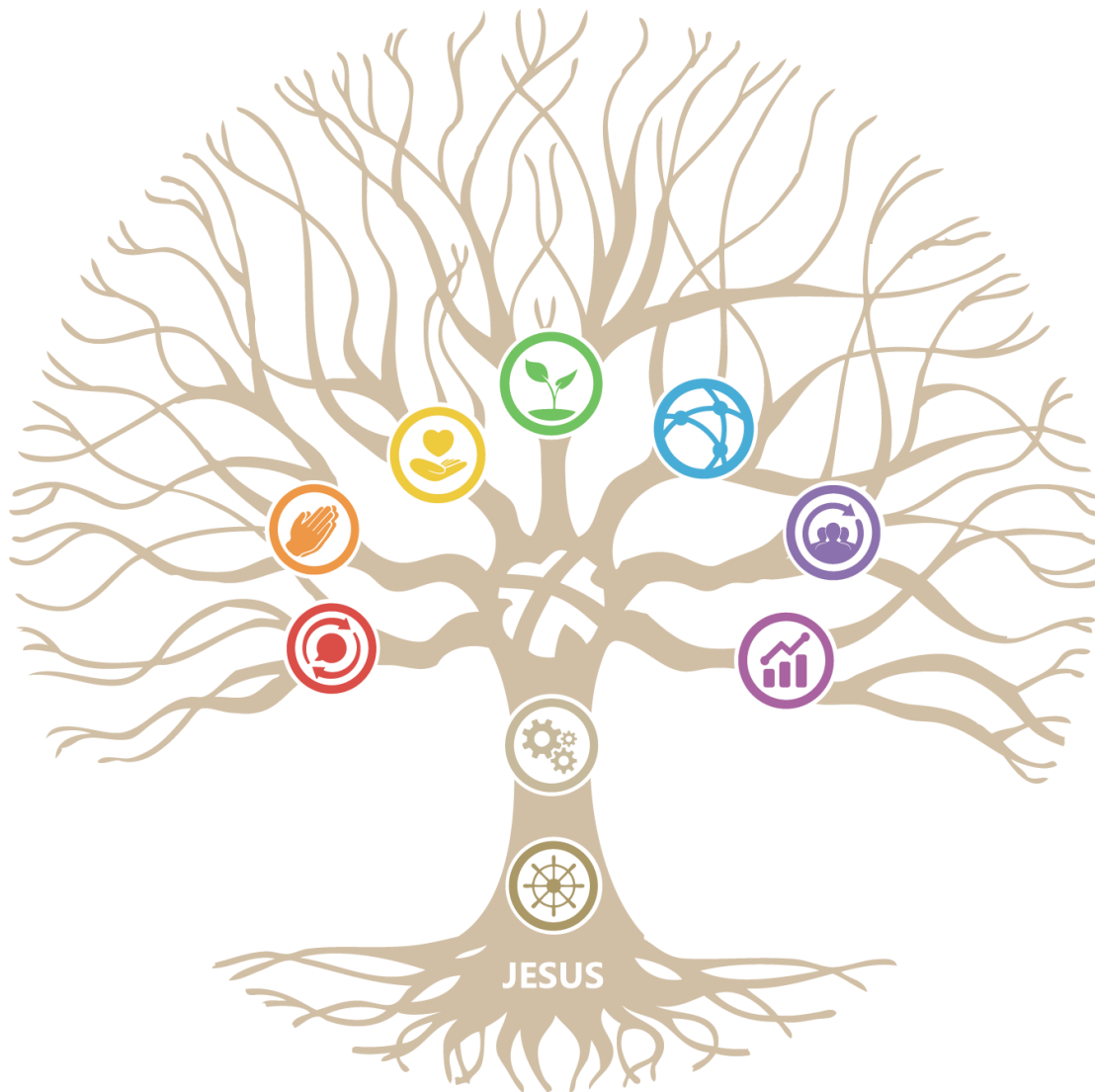
1. CARING/supporting Christian communities to develop their own **Member care & Communication centres** (to record the resources that their members have/are and care for their various physical, spiritual and emotional needs) and then facilitate the communication among them (Hebrews 10: 24).
2. ENCOURAGING/developing **Interdependency** (Acts 4: 32) among Christians worldwide and across denominations not only through our words but also through our actions.
3. LINKING/connecting Christians, churches and organisations who face the same challenges or who have the same functions to serve together better, thus facilitating **partnerships** (John 17: 21).

Gathering the Global Church for Christ

You can use this logo (illustration) to represent your local **Member care & Communication centre** as it represents four arrows pointing towards the centre to represent 'putting in common what we have' and at the same time focusing on God's Kingdom (symbolised by the cross in the middle). The round shape and bluish colour represent the globe. As the aim of developing Member care & Communication and facilitating partnerships among Christians, churches and organisations, is to serve the Global Body of Christ.



It is thus not only Daybreak's logo but OUR logo. Feel free to use it or not.



To be able to do so, we are structured as a tree (Organitree).

JESUS is our root and foundation. All the other branches (teams and functions) mentioned below are only proposals which you can implement one at a time according to your context and resources (time, talent and treasures of volunteers/staffs) available.



STEERING

The **STEERING committee** is composed of the main coordinator (president) and of the other church (denominational) representatives who are appointed by their church leaders to assure the direction (lead) of Daybreak.



MANAGING

The **MANAGING committee** is composed of the main coordinator, the branch coordinators and any additional member(s) to ensure that things are moving within the ministry and that everything is running smoothly in line with the decisions of the Steering committee.

There are **seven branches** which are interlinked to accomplish the three main actions of Caring, Encouraging & Linking. In each branch, it is recommended to have one branch coordinator and members who feel called to be involved in this particular action but with the same vision of Love & Unity within the Global Body of Christ.



COMMUNICATION & ADMINISTRATION

COMMUNICATION & ADMINISTRATION is about ensuring transparency and develop clear structures of communication in both ways (receiving and sending) among Christians, churches and organisations.

The tools we propose are:

- **TRANSPARENCY** – ensuring that Daybreak is irreproachable and transparent (especially if Daybreak is a registered organisation in your locality). Thus, we need to verify that all documents or registrations are up to date where you are registered (bank, registrar, data protection, etc.).
- **MEDIA** – ensuring that you are using the appropriate media (phone, short messages, mails, posters, website, video, Facebook, WhatsApp, Youtube, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, etc.) with up-to-date and verified content to communicate efficiently in both ways (receiver/ sender) with people.
- **AWARENESS** – organising awareness campaigns to share with the Body of Christ about Love & Unity and also to propose Daybreak (tools).
- **NEWSLETTER** – Preparing Daybreak's newsletter to keep our supporters and all those interested updated.



PRAYER

PRAYER is about mobilising Christians to:

- Understand and trust in the importance and power of prayer for Love & Unity among one another (John 17: 21)
- Pray faithfully and constantly for all Christians worldwide (Ephesians 6: 18)

The tools we propose are:

- **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR UNITY OF CHRISTIANS** – supporting the churches to organise the international week (18-25 January) and sharing about it.
- **UNITY TALKS** – sharing about importance of praying for Love & Unity and for all Christians during prayer meetings in several churches and communities.
- **UNITY RETREATS** – supporting churches to organise interdenominational retreats to give them opportunity to experience Love & Unity, reflect about it and pray together.



INREACH

INREACH (Member care & Communication) is about caring and supporting one another and has three objectives:

- Taking care of spiritual, emotional and physical needs of people within ministries and churches (Acts 2: 44-45, Ephesians 4: 23)
- Helping one another to fulfil our God-given callings (Ephesians 4: 16, Philippians 2: 1-5)
- Developing the sharing culture (mindset) within the Body of Christ (Acts 4: 32, 2 Corinthians 8: 11-15)

The tools we propose are:

- **EKKLESIA** (daybreak-academy.org/ekklesia-journey/) – facilitating team-building activity/journey/retreat for a church or a group of people serving together in order to get to know each other better, to move into one accord in ministry, create a common vision and share tasks efficiently (partnerships).
- **HEALING HEARTS TRANSFORMING NATION** – facilitating reconciliation retreat for inner healing and reconciling with ethnic roots and with one another (youtube.com/watch?v=nZf_oRvJWVc | rabagirana.org/pdfs/HHTN).
- **S.H.A.P.E.** (Spiritual gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality and Experiences) **Assessment** – facilitating assessment for Christians to know themselves better and for churches to take care, encourage and support one another (youtube.com/watch?v=4mYac9FMSJQ).
- **SELF-CARE MOVEMENT** – equipping churches to develop self-care and have ‘health-champions’ who could follow-up with their peers afterwards.
- **LIGHT-BEARERS** – equipping and supporting Light-bearers within Christian communities to develop **Member care & Communication centres** by making census of God-given resources within their churches through **Individual forms** (daybreak-academy.org/resources/) and **encouraging Christians to share** those resources within the Body of Christ so that nobody lacks anything (youtube.com/watch?v=kFPNQ1FCK1U&t=49s).
- **LOVE ACTIONS** (daybreak-academy.org/love-actions/) – providing weekly examples and practical proposals/opportunities of LOVE actions that can be done as ONE Body in Christ (individually and/or together).
- **FAMILY NEWS** (daybreak-academy.org/family-news/) – keeping Christians updated about events/actions of Love & Unity within the Body of Christ and about various good and bad news happening worldwide within the Global Church for people to be well in-context (informed).



TRAINING

TRAINING is about encouraging and developing one another and has three objectives:

- Raising self-esteem in people to help them realise their God-given potential in giving and receiving (Philippians 4: 13, Acts 20: 35).
- Valuing all gifts and talents of people to encourage them to reach their highest potential (Mathew 5: 15; 25: 14-30).
- Facilitating training and workshops among Christians, churches and organisations (Proverb 1: 1-5; 22: 6, Hosea 4: 6, Colossians 3: 13).

The tools we propose are:

- **CREATIVE WORKSHOPS** – organising artistic/creative workshops to give opportunity to discover/develop gifts and talents with the help of different artists/trainers.
- **ACADEMY** – facilitating volunteers/trainers or other organisations to develop various gifts and talents on a regular basis for helping anyone to serve God better. We are connected with various types of trainers through our networks and we thus can facilitate all types of trainings (artistic, business, educational, etc.)



NETWORK

NETWORK is about linking and connecting with one another. We encourage Christians and Christian organisations to register on our platforms to share their vision, mission, needs, gifts and talents in order to establish **links** afterwards to serve better together; thereby developing communication and co-ordination within the Body of Christ.

The tools we propose are:

- **DAYBREAK Network** - linking people with same vision, challenge, mission, gifts and talents so they can serve God's Kingdom together in a more efficient way (goo.gl/MLGZBv | facebook.com/groups/daybreaknetwork/).
- **LIGHT-BEARERS Network** - linking those who are called and appointed by their leaders for the Caring & Linking Ministry (Light-bearers) to be connected to share resources and facilitate partnerships worldwide (goo.gl/VgbjMN | facebook.com/groups/lightbearersnetwork/).
- **T.E.N.T. (Together Encourage Neighbourhood Thrive) Networks** – connecting Christian families (across denominations) in the same neighbourhood to support one another (daybreak-academy.org/networks/).
- **CHRIST'S BODY Network** – developing platforms where people can come and discover the various organisations (tools) and churches by discovering their vision, mission, activities, resources, needs and contacts and keeping them updated (daybreak-academy.org/gods-body-network-mauritius/).
- **COMMON CALENDAR** – updating online calendar for people to know about every project and event of Christ's Body (organisations and churches) throughout the year in your region (daybreak-academy.org/common-calendar/).
- **UNITY EVENTS** - supporting and/or organising interdenominational events to give opportunities to meet, fellowship, grow and serve together.



YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT is about mobilising youth to be involved in their locality/ community and ensuring that the older generations are making enough space for the youth to be actively serving while respecting each other (1 Timothy 4: 12, Ecclesiastes 10: 9). This is done within churches and organisations (also Daybreak).

The tools we propose are:

- **YOUTH TALKS** – facilitating interactive sessions with leaders of churches and organisations and their youth to share about the importance of giving space to the youth and practical ways to connect with them and get them involved.
- **YOUTH EVENTS** – organising/ helping to organise (with various churches and organisations) events and activities to connect with youths and mobilise them to get involved.
- **RESEARCH** – investigating what are the main challenges and passions affecting youth nowadays according to their local context and share these researches with churches and organisations.



RESOURCE & FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT

RESOURCE & FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT is about stewarding our God-given resources, encouraging generosity within the Body of Christ and developing trust among partners (Acts 2: 44-47; 4: 32-35, 2 Corinthians 8-9)

The tools we propose:

- **ACCOUNTABILITY** – ensuring that all Daybreak's accounts are up-to-date and well managed for transparency.
- **GENEROSITY PATH** – facilitating this workshop to encourage people to be more generous and good stewards of our God-given time, talents and treasures (youtube.com/watch?v=us2CL5Ob-DI).
- **GENEROSITY GAMEPLAN** – facilitating this assessment for people to evaluate how generous they are and where God is asking them to invest their time, talents and treasures (youtube.com/watch?v=UHO3fUL-hjA).
- **SUPPORT** – developing and keeping good relationships with those who are supporting Daybreak with their time, talents and treasures.
- **FUND-RAISING** – organising (with churches and organisations) fund-raising activities for specific causes or for churches and organisations (also Daybreak) running costs.
- **SUSTAINABILITY** – developing strategies to help churches and organisations (also Daybreak) to start/develop businesses or ways to develop their assets.

According to the doors that God is opening and/or closing, we are developing the ministry by partnering with the maximum of churches and organisations at local, national and international levels. We use online tools such as internet, mails, Skype, Zoom, etc. to contact or keep in touch with our various partners. If God allows, we also go for '**Unity mission trips**' internationally to develop the ministry and build relationships with potential partners (especially Light-bearers) where the Lord leads us. We recommend Light-bearers to have a **recommendation letter** from his/her leader before going for such trips. It is important to be sent as it is a good example of accountability and trust for those we are encountering.



How to **support** this vision?

- Please **pray and mobilise others to pray** for all Christians and for the Love & Unity within the Body of Christ.
- Together let us be the light unto the world! If you are a leader of a church or a Christian organisation/tool, would you join this vision and **appoint Light-bearer(s)** within your church/organisation? It would be good that they register themselves on the **Light-bearers Network** (goo.gl/VgbjMN) to get access to contacts and information of other Light-bearers locally and internationally. To develop your **Member care & Communication centre**, we propose you Daybreak as a tool to connect all of us, to work better together for the Glory of God.
- We would love to learn from you and to hear your heart about Love & Unity within the Body of Christ! Please **share** with us how/ which tools you use for Caring & Linking (among your members and with other churches and organisations).

To finish, we want to share with you our **motto** which is:

Function brings people together,
Fellowship keeps us together,
Discipleship makes us grow together and
Christ's Love binds us together perfectly.

BODY OF CHRIST, LET US BE THE LIGHT UNTO THE WORLD

May we be ONE so that the world will believe in Jesus Christ and turn to Him!



If you want to know more about Daybreak, you can visit our website on daybreak-academy.org on which you can watch interesting videos about Light-bearers and Unity.

If you have any questions or if you:

- need additional resources (PowerPoint presentation, brochures, cards, etc.),
- would like to start a Member care & Communication centre in your community or
- would like to start Daybreak ministry in your region,

feel free to contact us via daybreakacademy@live.com or on +230 59467517. We are also on WhatsApp (+230 59467517), Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter (just type 'Daybreak Academy Mauritius').