

The Board of ACC



Rev. Tony Ruddle is Chair of ACC. As a Baptist minister Tony has worked in Dallas, Texas; Chelmsford; London and Grantham. He has recently retired as Deputy Head of Chaplaincy for Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust based at St James's ("Jimmy's"). Tony's involvement in counselling is through his job and involvement in Pathways Counselling Services, Leeds. He has an Honours degree (London) and a Masters in Applied Theology (Wales) and holds a Graduate Diploma in counselling with York St John University. Tony is married to Maureen who is also an ACC Accredited Counsellor. They have two grown up children and are grandparents.

[Email Tony Ruddle.](#)



Sue Monckton Rickett is the Board member for Business and Finance and also the Company Secretary. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants and works for an international Bank in the City of London. As a counsellor Sue has worked within church settings and private practice and is a pastoral team leader and speaker at Spring Harvest.

Sue is a trustee and treasurer for Claybury International, a Christian charity, which provides support, training and counselling for church leaders, missionaries and full-time Christian workers. She is also a member of the Bridge Pastoral Foundation and licensed to practice sandplay by the British and Irish Sandplay Society. With her husband, Sue leads an organisation called WINGS (Wholeness in God's Son), which is involved in counselling, pastoral care, retreats and healing.

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David Depledge has rejoined the Board following his retirement from the role of Chief Executive of ACC. He was previously a Board member in the formative days of ACC in the early 90s. His particular oversight responsibility is Communications. David, who is a Fellow of ACC, counsels as a volunteer at the Light House in Coventry. He is a former President of ACC Europe, a director of the International Network for Christian Counselling and a non-executive director of Coventry Primary Care Trust. He was a founder and is still Chairman of CITEE, a charity which provides life skills training for those recovering from mental health problems, spells in prison, long term unemployment etc. David is married to Barbra who is also an ACC accredited counsellor.



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Peter Barraclough is a voluntary CPD Counsellor with United Churches Healing Ministry in Huddersfield and is a Counsellor Member of ACC. He has trained with UCHM, gaining the Advanced Level 4 Diploma in Counselling and has 35 hours of Skills Training for Mediation in the Church with Bridge Builders, London Mennonite Centre. He has degrees in Civil Engineering and Theology.

He is a Trustee of the Terminus Initiative, Lowedges, Sheffield, a project set up by local churches seeking to become more engaged in the local community, including a café and shop, a youth café, a Healthy Living Centre and a conversation club for asylum seekers. He is Café Supervisor of The Terminus

Initiative.

He works as a Restorative Justice Practitioner, Victim-Offender Mediation, with Remedi, Sheffield. This involves leading face-to-face meetings, usually in a prison, between a victim(s) of crime and the offender and preliminary assessment visits. He volunteers at Galeed House, Darnall, Sheffield, a project based around a Christian community centre with the aim of developing relationships with Asian Muslims.



Chris Williams is an Integrative Christian Counsellor and Supervisor working in private practice, accredited with ACC and a member of BACP. He was in the Metropolitan Police service for 30 years, including 16 years in the rank of Inspector. His police service has meant that he has been involved with many individuals and groups from diverse ethnic and multicultural communities, schools and services. His work as an inspector included being responsible for community policing and he was also a representative of the London Branch of the Christian Police Association, establishing relationships between the police and church leaders in Camden and Brent. Upon retirement he obtained a BA (Hons 2:1) Degree in Theology and Counselling 2005 London School of Theology (LST - Brunel University validated) and then worked as part of the administrative staff at LST from 2006 – 2009. Since then he has undertaken further counselling and supervision qualifications.

Chris values being a member of ACC for the affirmation of belonging to a professional association which allows expression of his Christian Faith, whilst not being cut off from the wider counselling world. As a board member he would bring his experience and skills learnt in his professional roles plus a commitment to team work in promoting ACC and ensuring that its professional standards and status are held in high esteem by colleagues in the profession, the general public and other counsellors and counselling associations.