

NPNP (NEW PLACES for NEW PEOPLE)

£1K Grants to Churches/Circuits

PURPOSE: To encourage churches and/or circuits to engage with or enhance on line provision, including live streaming, YouTube and other social media platforms.

RATIONALE:

This year we have allocated £12k for pump priming grants to be used for training, as a priority tool for evangelism, upgrading or buying new equipment, or purchasing software. We are all aware, due to Covid-19, of the importance of streaming and live video as a way of reaching out. Online Church is a way of bringing people together and therefore has the ability to build new communities. It's a place where people can find salvation during hard times, and there is no doubt that Covid-19 has been, and continues to be, hard. A liminal time, a time of great suffering and distress but one in which the church has never been more church. Modern technologies have created new opportunities for sharing our faith and making new disciples. It provides us with an innovative and exciting way of connecting with those outside the Church.

As the pandemic continues, we will consider grants that increase present capacity to reach out to ***New Places for New People***, and further develop the work around mission and evangelism. Our hope is that such grants will enable our ministers and members to learn more about and engage in online evangelism (streaming, Zoom, Facebook live) thus enhancing the experience and increasing the skill base across the district.

ACTION REQUIRED: You will need to complete the NPNP grant application form, making sure that your vision for the project is made clear; sharing with us what difference, what impact, and what fruitfulness you hope to see as a result of receiving a grant: What are your hopes, what do you want to achieve?

If you want to know more about what we mean by this, please see page 17 of the Mission Planning Workbook: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/18460/mission-planning-workbook.pdf>.

A copy of the District Policy is available on the website.

All churches/circuits will be expected to implement safeguarding good practice in developing digital worship and communication, and this should be reflected in the application. The District Safeguarding Officer is happy to help with this.

Grants will only be awarded where a financial commitment to this new way of being is already in place and where the application demonstrates real commitment from those who are involved in the vision.

Applications in **PDF format** should be sent to Luke Mellor, District Administrator districtadmin@methodist-nd.org.uk by **Monday 22nd March 2021**

Please note that your application may be followed up with a phone call from a member of the staff team to clarify any of the points mentioned on the form.

If you are notified that your application has been successful, please ensure that the necessary Church or Circuit bank account details are forwarded to Peter Broekhuizen, District Grants' Officer grants@methodist-nd.org.uk by secure means, such as a scanned paying in slip or cancelled cheque.