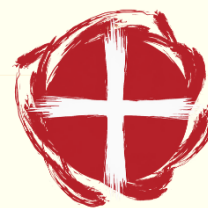


NOTINGHAM AND DERBY METHODIST DISTRICT



# WE NEED YOU!

**THE DISTRICT IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR THESE IMPORTANT ROLES. PLEASE CONTACT OUR CHAIR REV'D LORAIN MELLOR ON [CHAIR@METHODIST-ND.ORG.UK](mailto:CHAIR@METHODIST-ND.ORG.UK) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED**

## **City Centre Committee Member**

The City Centre Group meet twice a year for reporting and fellowship, to help support the work of the Methodist Church within the City Centre statuses of Nottingham and Derby. This group arranges the annual reviews (in rotation) and takes the feedback from the previous reviews as to steering the way forward and reports to the District Exec.

## **Sabbaticals Officer**

The role of district sabbaticals officer is at first glance, an administrative role. It is the responsibility of the district sabbatical officer to provide support and assistance to ministers as they approach their sabbaticals, to assist where required with information and guidance, and to approve expenses claims relating to sabbatical costs. The district sabbaticals officer also, alongside the district chair under the guise of the sabbatical advisory group, approves individual sabbatical prospectuses. However, the role also carries with it the "opportunity to share in the excitement of those who have returned from sabbatical feeling re-equipped, refreshed and renewed." At times, the sabbatical officer role is a pastoral role, helping ministers as they seek to discern how best to spend the three months, or even being that much needed listening ear when frustrations are experienced either before, during or after the sabbatical. It is hoped that this work will be shared across the entire region in the future. For more information, it's worth reading the following document found on the Methodist Church website:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/8641/sabbaticals-guidelines-for-district-sabbaticals-officer-0718.doc>