

## MISSIONAL GRANTS OVERVIEW

9 SEPTEMBER 2021

Under our new grants policy, district funding is available to support Transforming Mission and Properties Fit For Mission projects.



To keep this funding support closely aligned to our overall strategy and our ongoing learning from its implementation, grant applications are now assessed directly by the Leading Team.

We will consider grants in two stages:

Stage one is a short overview of what is being planned, giving the leading team opportunity to highlight aspects that they feel will need further consideration or explanation.

Stage two is a detailed proposal on which a grant decision will be made.

The mission development support worker or missional property enabler will support applicants, so they are best able to articulate their vision and have developed their thinking as fully as possible prior to discussion with Leading Team.

Full details of our scheme and what we have said we will prioritise are available at <https://www.sheffieldmethodist.org/what-we-do/finance-fundraising.html>

We have one application to consider at this meeting

### PROPERTIES FIT FOR MISSION, STAGE ONE – GROWTH OF THE GROVE

Christine White, a member from The Grove will join us to answer questions on this application.

I have not recently met with people from the church or conducted a site visit, but have spoken with Julie Coates (minister and superintendent) and Richard Dearden (Circuit Operations Manager) who has been closely involved in the recent repair work they have undertaken. Those who have been involved in district matters for a while may recall that these repairs have been hanging over the church for many years, making their largest and most visible space unsafe to use. Over the last couple of years significant progress has been made in tackling these, and in shaping a vision for the church. Mission through heritage has been a longstanding part of the self-understanding, but not to the exclusion of other ways of engaging with the people of Retford.

As noted from the application, they are keen to press on with the next phases of developing their premises, and so a stage two application is likely to come to our November or January meetings.