

## MISSIONAL GRANTS OVERVIEW

4 JULY 2023

District funding is available to support Transforming Mission and Properties Fit For Mission projects. Full details of our current scheme and what we have said we will prioritise are available at <https://www.sheffieldmethodist.org/what-we-do/finance-fundraising.html>



We do not have any requests for grant applications to this meeting. I am expecting at least one for our September meeting.

### EVALUATIONS FOR EXISTING GRANTS

#### Sprotbrough families worker (Doncaster) – year 1 evaluation

As noted in our March meeting, the evaluation report received had caused concern that the church were not seeking additional funding to sustain the role, which had been a condition of the grant. I have been in correspondence with the church treasurer. The church are hoping to set up a group to co-ordinate fundraising, but I have not heard that this started or been able to meet with them. The next tranche of our grant will not be paid over until I have reported back on this conversation.

#### NPNP Pilot (Derbyshire North East) – 12 months evaluation

Jonathan Hood was appointed as pioneer a year ago. The first evaluation report is attached, along with responses to the Connexional Evangelism & Growth Team evaluation survey. I attend meetings of the steering group, and the work appears to be progressing very positively and consistently with expectations from planning and research.

Because of the high investment in NPNP launches, we are now requesting six monthly evaluations for these. I would be grateful to hear if DLT would appreciate hearing different information or more detail.

#### Persian Ministry Development Enabler – year 1 evaluation

Finances for this five year project are accounted for as a restricted project within our accounts, with the work being funded by a collection of Methodist stakeholders. A copy of the progress report I have written for all funders is attached (apologies for the oversight of not sharing with DLT earlier in the year).

Since writing of this report the Doncaster congregation have formally chosen to remain part of The Kings Cross Church, which has recently left the Methodist Connexion.

**CONFIDENTIAL DUE TO EMPLOYMENT IMPLICATIONS:** The trustees of the newly independent church are keen to continue to have access to some of the Development Enabler's time, and are seeking funding for this, which would enable what has been a full time role to effectively continue on a similar level of remuneration. The steering group are looking to have these arrangements in place by September. If this is not possible, a reduction in hours will likely be required. The steering group are attempting to minimise disruption to what is otherwise showing potential to be a highly

fruitful ministry amongst marginalised people, but will not use Methodist funds to subsidise work in a church which has chosen to leave Methodism.

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