

NORTHAMPTON METHODIST DISTRICT

District Advance Fund

Trust No. 16023

Report to Synod for the period 1st September 2017 to 31st August 2018 as required under S.O.963(3)

1. Personnel Grants Paid

Circuit	Project	£
Oxford	Woodstock Youth Worker	5,000
Oxford	Café Coordinator at Rainbow House	3,500
Wantage and Abingdon	Deacon	8,000
Wantage and Abingdon	Chaplains on Great Western Park Estate	10,000
Witney and Faringdon	Deacon	8,000
Buckingham, Bicester & Brackley	Student Youth Worker at Well Street	2,800
Leicester Trinity	Art and Spirituality Worker	3,000
Leicester Trinity	Oadby COW	7,500
Leicester West	Pioneer Community Worker	6,000
Leicester West	Children and Families Worker	8,000
Loughborough	Part-time Family Worker	4,000
Hinckley	Circuit Youth Workers	8,000
Melton Mowbray	Deacon	6,000
Northampton	Park Avenue Youth Worker	10,000
Rugby and Daventry	Hillmorton Paddock – Children’s Worker	1,500
Rugby and Daventry	Rugby – Breakthrough	7,000
Rugby and Daventry	Children’s and Family Worker	6,500
Rugby and Daventry	Lutterworth Dementia Coordinator	2,000
Rugby and Daventry	Gift of Years	6,000
Stamford	Rural Missioner	3,500
Market Harborough	Development Worker	8,000
Peterborough	Pioneer Team Leader	7,000
Peterborough	Circuit Mission Enabler	12,000
Nene Valley	Young People’s and Families’ Worker	8,000
Milton Keynes	Watling Valley Chaplaincy	5,000
Amersham	Church2Community	5,000
District	Director of Mission (now DME)	36,000
District	Safeguarding	20,000
District	St. Philip’s Centre	8,000
		225,300

2. Property Grants Paid

Circuit	Project	£
Buckingham, Bicester & Brackley	Steeple Claydon	8,000
Rugby and Daventry	Rugby Methodist Church Centre	8,000
		<u>16,000</u>

3. Mission Start-Up Grants (Formerly known as MANGO1000)

Circuit	Project	£
Banbury	Hinton Lunch Club	300
Buckingham, Bicester & Brackley	Silverstone Youth Event	1,000
Leicester West	Huncote Messy Church	1,000
Stamford	RAP work	1,000
		<u>3,300</u>

4. Future Commitments

2018/19	(including £60,012 Property Grants)	282,712
2019/20		142,200
2020/21		31,000
2021/22		9,500
		<u>465,412</u>

5. Summary of Accounts

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Levies rec'd from Circuits	194,468.70	Ministry Grants Paid	225,300.00
CPF distribution	94,639.20	Property Grants Paid	16,000.00
Interest	4,430.15	Start-Up Grants Paid	3,300.00
		Purchase of Manse	233,999.80
		Management Charge	1,658.15
Total Income:	<u>293,538.05</u>	Total Expenditure:	<u>480,257.95</u>
Total Income	293,538.05	Balance from 31.08.17	829,072.82
Total Expenditure	<u>480,257.95</u>	Net Income	-186,719.90
Net Income:	<u>-186,719.90</u>	Balance at 31.08.18	<u>642,352.92</u>

6. District Officer's comments and report on the use of the District Advance Fund during the past year.

29 Mission schemes, 2 Property schemes and 4 small projects were supported in 2017-18 as detailed above. The amount committed for 2018-19 includes 7 Property projects and 27 Personnel schemes. The District's policy of distributing funds and keeping the retained balance low has been affected by the receipt of fewer applications for grants than anticipated. The balance exceeds the sum committed by £176,941 compared with £37,150 twelve months earlier.

Circuits with large Circuit Advance Fund balances (over £100,000) are encouraged to use their funds imaginatively and grant applications are normally only considered if a Circuit contribution is being made. The District Mission Enabler (previously known as the Director of Mission) makes visits to Churches and Circuits to advise and support them. She also ensures that the proposals follow the Mission Policies of the District and Circuits and the priorities of the Methodist Church.

7. Monitoring and Evaluation of grant-funded work undertaken during the year.

Following the payment of the grant for the first year, subsequent payments are only made after an acceptable report has been submitted and considered by the District Finance and Grants Committee.

Grant applications are only considered after an evaluation report has been submitted to the Grants Committee by the District Mission Enabler. A Property Panel advises Churches at an early stage, particularly for larger property schemes. The District Mission Enabler is monitoring Mission projects and these are reviewed annually before payment of the approved funding is made in subsequent years. Property schemes that were approved over 3 years ago are reviewed to ensure their continuing viability.

Presented by: Andrew Lewis
Position: District Treasurer
Date: October 2018