

District Mission Development Plan 2024-2025

Our Mission Statement/principles as a District *As a District, we are committed to growing a flourishing sustainable network of circuits of worshipping communities which are growing, evangelistic, justice-seeking, and inclusive in their outworking of the mission of God*

The principal, priorities and practices can only be understood in the context of these wider relationships:

- With the environment
- With ecumenical partners
- With interfaith friends

Therefore, as a District, our Priorities are as follows:

Priority 1- Growing Communities

Priority 2 Evangelistic

Priority 3- Justice Seeking

Priority 4- Inclusive

In this next year, we will concentrate on **Priority 2** and **Priority 3**

Priority 2 Evangelistic

Practices

- District Mission Team Leader to work with local churches and circuits to use missional start-up grants for new evangelistic activities
- ***Encouragement in a District-wide evangelistic storytelling initiative called 'Love is___'***
- Encourage and resource all circuits as they participate in invitation events like 3 Generate, ***Bible Month***, and particular Methodist campaigns e.g. Hush the noise
- ***Building confidence in evangelism through courses like everyone and evangelist in the local churches.***
- Partner with the Evangelism and Growth Team on missional events of national interest, e.g. Greenbelt, Silverstone, and other relevant events.
- Encourage through prayer and grant funding the involvement of young people at 3 Generate 2024-25.
- ***Support for every circuit to make provision for intergenerational and peer-based children's and youth work;***
- The District to develop an evangelism resource around engagement with New Housing Communities based on the learning from the Overstone Community Pioneer Chaplain

Priority 3- Justice Seeking

Practices

- ***Develop a District strategy to support church at the margins and use MAPJ fund to support***

- **Strengthen the twinning relationship with the Presbyterian Church of the Cameroon by exploring a memorandum of understanding.**
- Creatively engage Circuits and Churches with the 'Praise and Protest' theme of the current President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference
- **Following the Conference of 2024, commit to prayerful study and embed the justice priority of poverty.**¹
- To embed the work of the District Environmental policy and work with Circuits and Churches to access Action For Hope funding for relevant projects
- **Partner with JPIT, All We Can, and other Methodist-affiliated charities who work that challenge injustice both in the UK and globally.**
- **For District committees, explore how District events might be focused on those on the margins e.g. Synod**

The practices in bold type represent where we, as a District, need to do more.

¹ Can we use the District Prayer Diary to do some of this? What about the OneVoice Podcast resource?