

NORTHAMPTON METHODIST DISTRICT

District Advance Fund

Trust No. 16023

Report to Synod for the period 1st September 2015 to 31st August 2016 as required under S.O.963(3)

1. Ministry Grants Paid

Circuit	Project	£
Wantage and Abingdon	Deacon	8,000
Witney and Faringdon	Deacon	10,000
Chipping Norton and Stow	Circuit Administrator	1,000
Chipping Norton and Stow	Upper Rissington – Sport & Community Worker	6,000
Banbury	Chaplain – North Oxford Academy	3,000
Leicester West	Pioneer Community Worker	6,000
Loughborough	Street Pastors	1,000
Hinckley	Barwell - Youth Worker	8,000
Melton Mowbray	Deacon	6,000
Northampton	Park Avenue - Youth Worker	8,000
Northampton	Park Avenue – Live at Home	5,000
Rugby and Daventry	Hillmorton Paddox – Children’s Worker	1,500
Rugby and Daventry	Long Lawford – Children and Families Worker	1,200
Rugby and Daventry	Rugby – Breakthrough	7,000
Kettering and Corby	Deacon	1,330
Market Harborough	Development Worker	3,000
Peterborough	Deacon – Welland Estate	6,000
Peterborough	Circuit Mission Enabler	12,000
Peterborough	Children and Youth Pioneer	5,000
Stamford and Rutland	Youth Outreach Worker	8,000
Stamford and Rutland	Rural Missioner	4,500
Milton Keynes	Watling Valley Chaplaincy	5,000
High Wycombe	Marlow – Community Youth Worker	3,500
District	Director of Mission	36,000
District	St. Philip's Centre	8,000
		<u>164,030</u>

2. Property Grants Paid

Circuit	Project	£
Oxford	Woodstock – Creation of Welcoming Space	8,000
Oxford	Wesley Memorial – Open Doors Redevelopment	50,000
Witney and Faringdon	Long Hanborough – Ancillary Rooms and Chapel Floor	50,000
Chipping N. & Stow	Chipping Norton – Lift Project	8,000
Leicester Trinity	Bishop Steet – Organ Restoration	8,000
Leicester North	Birstall – Reconfigure Worship Space	8,000
Leicester North	Shepshed – Sanctuary and new entrance	20,000
Northampton	Hope – Temporary building for worship and outreach	10,000
Peterborough	Elton – Chapel roof repairs	6,000
Nene Valley	Wollaston – Re-install lift	5,000
		<u>173,000</u>

3. Future Commitments

2016/17	(including £142,000 Property Grants)	345,370
2017/18		169,200
2018/19		123,700
2019/20		64,200
2020/21		<u>12,200</u>
		<u>714,670</u>

4. Summary of Accounts

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Levies rec'd from Circuits	139,663.34	Ministry Grants Paid	164,030.00
CPF distribution	61,385.63	Property Grants Paid	173,000.00
Manse proceeds (interest)	1,392.63	Management Charge	2,105.11
Grants repaid	5,538.00		
Interest	<u>8,072.27</u>		
Total Income:	<u>216,051.87</u>	Total Expenditure:	<u>339,135.11</u>
Total Income	216,051.87	Balance from 31.08.15	1,052,556.66
Total Expenditure	<u>339,135.11</u>	Net Income	<u>-123,083.24</u>
Net Income:	<u>-123,083.24</u>	Balance at 31.08.16	<u>929,473.42</u>

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

25 Mission schemes and 10 Property schemes were supported in 2015-16 as detailed above. The amount committed for 2016-17 includes 5 Property projects and 29 Mission schemes. The District's policy of distributing funds and keeping the retained balance low is affected by the proceeds from the transfer of a manse which may need to be replaced in the future.

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 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.

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

Grant applications are only considered after an evaluation report has been submitted to the Grants Committee by the Director of Mission. A Property Panel advises Churches at an early stage, particularly for larger property schemes. The Director of Mission 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: 31st October 2016