

NORTHAMPTON METHODIST DISTRICT

District Advance Fund

Trust No. 16023

Report to Synod for the period 1st September 2016 to 31st August 2017 as required under S.O.963(3)

1. Ministry Grants Paid

| Circuit | Project | £ |
|---------------------------------|---|---------|
| Oxford | Woodstock Youth Worker | 5,000 |
| Wantage and Abingdon | Deacon | 8,000 |
| Wantage and Abingdon | Chaplains on Great Western Park Estate | 10,000 |
| Witney and Faringdon | Deacon | 9,000 |
| 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 |
| Buckingham, Bicester & Brackley | Student Youth Worker at Well Street | 3,300 |
| Leicester Trinity | Art and Spirituality Worker | 3,000 |
| Leicester West | Pioneer Community Worker | 6,000 |
| Leicester West | Children and Families Worker | 8,000 |
| Loughborough | Part-time Family Worker | 4,000 |
| Hinckley | Barwell - Youth Worker | 8,000 |
| Melton Mowbray | Deacon | 6,000 |
| Northampton | Park Avenue – Live at Home | 4,000 |
| Northampton | Park Avenue Youth Worker | 10,000 |
| Rugby and Daventry | Hillmorton Paddox – 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 | 3,150 |
| Kettering and Corby | Deacon | 2,670 |
| Market Harborough | Development Worker | 8,000 |
| Peterborough | Deacon – Welland Estate | 6,000 |
| Peterborough | Circuit Mission Enabler | 12,000 |
| Stamford and Rutland | Youth Outreach Worker | 8,000 |
| Stamford and Rutland | Rural Missioner | 4,000 |
| Milton Keynes | Watling Valley Chaplaincy | 5,000 |
| District | Director of Mission | 36,000 |
| District | St. Philip’s Centre | 8,000 |
| | | 202,120 |

2. Property Grants Paid

| Circuit | Project | £ |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Oxford | Bladon - Building Development | 35,000 |
| Banbury | Cropredy – Chapel Entrance | 1,000 |
| Leicester Trinity | Great Glen – Chapel refurbishment | 9,500 |
| Loughborough | Burbage – new building | 50,000 |
| Northampton | Kingsthorpe Church demolition | 20,000 |
| Vale of Aylesbury | Chinor – refurbishment of Church | 30,000 |
| | | <u>145,500</u> |

3. MANGO (Mission and Next Generation Oversight) Grants Paid

| Circuit | Project | £ |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Banbury | Easington Christmas Story Materials | 150 |
| Banbury | Hinton outreach event | 500 |
| Rugby and Daventry | Gift of Years | 1,000 |
| Rugby and Daventry | Long Lawford Lighthouse Project | 1,000 |
| Peterborough | Crowland Messy Church | 1,000 |
| Stamford and Rutland | Uppingham Bicentennial celebrations | 1,000 |
| Milton Keynes | Pop-in @ Chapel | 1,000 |
| District | Bus to 3Generate | 1,000 |
| | | <u>6,650</u> |

4. Future Commitments

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| 2017/18 | Purchase of Manse | 240,000 |
| 2017/18 | (including £45,500 Property Grants) | 273,423 |
| 2018/19 | | 160,500 |
| 2019/20 | | 88,500 |
| 2020/21 | | 20,000 |
| 2021/22 | | 9,500 |
| | | <u>791,923</u> |

5. Summary of Accounts

| Income | £ | Expenditure | £ |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Levies rec'd from Circuits | 139,184.42 | Ministry Grants Paid | 202,120.00 |
| CPF distribution | 110,471.04 | Property Grants Paid | 145,500.00 |
| Interest | 6,072.89 | MANGO Grants Paid | 6,650.00 |
| | | Management Charge | 1,858.95 |
| Total Income: | <u>255,728.35</u> | Total Expenditure: | <u>356,128.95</u> |
| Total Income | 255,728.35 | Balance from 31.08.15 | 929,473.42 |
| Total Expenditure | 356,128.95 | Net Income | -100,400.60 |
| Net Income: | <u>-100,400.60</u> | Balance at 31.08.16 | <u>829,072.82</u> |

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

29 Mission schemes, 6 Property schemes and 8 small projects were supported in 2016-17 as detailed above. The amount committed for 2017-18 includes 4 Property projects and 30 Mission schemes. The District's policy of distributing funds and keeping the retained balance low is demonstrated by the above figures where the future commitments include the purchase of a replacement manse. The balance exceeds the sum committed by £37,150.

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.

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 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: October 2017