

**NORTHAMPTON METHODIST DISTRICT**
  
**District Advance Fund**
  
**Trust No. 16023**

Report to Synod for the period 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

**1. Ministry Grants Paid**

| Circuit            | Project                                  | £              |
|--------------------|--|----------------|
| Oxford             | Café Coordinator at Rainbow House        | 2,000          |
| Oxford             | Chaplain at Rose Hill Estate             | 5,700          |
| 3 Bs               | Youth Worker at Well Street              | 2,000          |
| 3 Bs               | Lay Worker                               | 2,000          |
| Loughborough       | Chinese Presbyter                        | 8,000          |
| Loughborough       | Chinese Presbyter (TMCP Grant)           | 10,000         |
| Hinckley           | Circuit Youth Worker                     | 4,000          |
| Northampton        | Production of Podcasts                   | 3,600          |
| Northampton        | Community Action Manager, Emmanuel Group | 8,000          |
| Rugby and Daventry | Lutterworth Dementia Coordinator         | 2,000          |
| Rugby and Daventry | Gift of Years                            | 4,000          |
| District           | District Mission Enabler                 | 46,000         |
| District           | Safeguarding                             | 10,000         |
| District           | St. Philip's Centre                      | 10,000         |
| District           | Ecumenical Subscriptions                 | 14,782         |
| District           | Young Leaders' Scheme                    | 14,000         |
|                    |  | <u>146,082</u> |

**2. Property Grants Paid**

| Circuit             | Project                                    | £              |
|---------------------|--|----------------|
| Oxford              | Wesley Memorial MC - Heritage Atrium       | 50,000         |
| Leicester Trinity   | Bishop Street MC – Energy Efficiency       | 8,000          |
| Leicester West      | Glenfield MC 20-20 Vision Phase 2          | 8,000          |
| Hinckley            | Barwell MC – Toilet Refurbishment          | 10,000         |
| Kettering and Corby | Cornerstone MC – Boiler, toilets and video | 10,000         |
| Nene Valley         | Hope MC – Restoration and refurbishment    | 50,000         |
|                     |  | <u>136,000</u> |

**3. Mission Start-Up Grants**

| Circuit       | Project                              | £          |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Milton Keynes | “Holy Families” boxes – Queensway MC | 300        |
|               |                                      | <u>300</u> |

#### 4. Future Commitments

|         |          |                |
|---------|----------|----------------|
| 2021/22 | Property | 113,500        |
| 2021/22 | Ministry | 146,400        |
| 2022/23 | Ministry | 124,200        |
| 2023/24 | Ministry | 107,000        |
| 2024/25 | Ministry | 95,000         |
| 2025/26 | Ministry | 82,000         |
|         |          | <u>668,100</u> |

#### 5. Summary of Accounts

| <b>Income</b>              | <b>£</b>          | <b>Expenditure</b>      | <b>£</b>            |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Levies rec'd from Circuits | 180,689.54        | Ministry Grants Paid    | 146,081.84          |
| Sale of Manse              | 335,267.65        | Property Grants Paid    | 136,000.00          |
| CPF distribution           | 100,855.00        | Start-Up Grants Paid    | 300.00              |
| Interest                   | 2,864.16          | Circuit Levy Reimbursed | 17,696.60           |
|                            |                   | Management Charge       | 1,400.76            |
| Total Income:              | <u>619,676.35</u> | Total Expenditure:      | <u>301,479.20</u>   |
| Total Income               | 619,676.35        | Balance from 31.08.20   | 700,380.67          |
| Total Expenditure          | <u>301,479.20</u> | Net Income              | 318,197.15          |
|                            | <u>318,197.15</u> | Balance at 31.08.21     | <u>1,018,577.82</u> |

#### 6. District Officer's comments and report.

Covid-19 continues to delay the proposed projects within the District, as Circuits and Churches consider the full effects of the pandemic. It has caused several projects to be deferred causing a significant reduction in payments and commitments for future years. In addition, the sale of the manse occupied by the previous District Mission Enabler has increased our income significantly.

It is our policy to commit funds to worthwhile projects and to keep the uncommitted balance as low as possible. However, the delay in potential projects has resulted in a balance of £350k compared with £179k twelve months earlier. However, this figure would have reduced to £15k if the manse had not been transferred to the Connexion.

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 (DME) has been replaced by a lay employee and he will be communicating with Churches and Circuits to advise and support them. He will also ensure that new proposals follow the Mission Policies of the District and Circuits and the priorities of the Methodist Church.

## **7. Monitoring and Evaluation**

Grant applications are considered after an evaluation report has been submitted to the Finance and Grants Committee by the DME. If a personnel project has been awarded a grant for more than one year, the second and subsequent payments will not be made unless an Impact Monitoring and Evaluation report of the activities undertaken has been received and approved by the F & G Committee. The District Mission Enabler will routinely monitor these projects.

A Property Panel advises Churches at an early stage, particularly for larger property schemes and property schemes that were approved over 3 years ago are reviewed to ensure their continuing viability.

Presented by: Andrew Lewis  
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Date: September 2021