**Northampton Methodist District- Action on Poverty and Justice Grant (MAPJ)**

**Purpose**- To provide up to £5000 for new or existing ministries that work with those experiencing poverty and or an inequality of resources.

**Criteria**- Based on standing order 1004:

* There must be evidence of insufficient resources to meet the material needs of individuals whether in an urban or a rural setting;
* There must be a commitment to work alongside those experiencing poverty and inequality of resources, thereby enabling them better to respond to their own sense of God’s calling.

**Process**

1. A meeting with the DME or alternative member of the District Staff arranged by the DME.
2. Approval of the Circuit Meeting and/or Church Council
3. Submission of completed Application Form (appendix A,)
4. DME and MSG comments presented to Finance & Grants Committee (F&G) through the Secretary and decision made electronically by F&G
5. F&G Secretary to relay decision to applicant and arrange payment if approved

**FAQ (to be on website?)**

**Is there a deadline?**

No, like with Missional start up grants, these grants can be applied for when needed.

**Can I apply for a MAPJ grant again?**

Yes, each year you can apply for a grant of up to £5000 so long as you meet the criteria set out

**How long should I expect to wait till I hear whether I have been successful or not?**

Between 4-6 weeks. If extenuating circumstances arise that cause a delay, we will ensure to keep you up to date,

**Why do we have this grant for work with ministries focused on poverty?**

As agreed by Methodist Council in beginning in September 2021, and for the following three years, £250,000 from the Mission in Britain Fund will be allocated to Districts using the current already approved DAF formula. **Northampton Methodist District has been awarded 14,188.81.** Use of this MAPJ money will be as outlined in SO 1004; that is advocacy of the Church’s commitment to those experiencing poverty and inequality of resources, and personnel or property schemes, primarily to local churches and circuits, to assist them in supporting those experiencing poverty and inequality of resources

**Appendix A**

**Northampton Methodist District- Action on Poverty and Justice Grant form (MAPJ)**

Questions that you'll need to answer for a MAPJ grant. Once complete, email your completed application to Matt Forsyth (District Mission Enabler) matt.forsyth@northamptonmethodistdistrict.org.uk

1. What is the Idea?
2. What is the total you need and how much is being provided by others?
3. How does the idea work to the aim of ensuring ‘advocacy of the Church’s commitment to those experiencing poverty and inequality of resources?’
4. What evidence is there to demonstrate insufficient resources to meet the idea? (Has the church and circuit been asked?)
5. What will you spend the money on? (If possible please offer some estimates)
6. When did the Church Council and/or the Circuit Meeting approve this project?

Contact Details

Name and position

Telephone Number

Email Address

Bank or CFB account details - for use if successful

Name of Bank:

Account Name:

Account No (do not use CFB account number 00260045.

Sort Code (not necessary for CFB payments):