

NORTHAMPTON METHODIST DISTRICT
District Advance Fund
Trust No. 16023

Report to Synod for the period 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022.

1. Ministry Grants Paid

Circuit	Project	£
Oxford	Café Coordinator at Rainbow House	1,500
Leicester West	Circuit Mission Enabler	8,000
Loughborough	Chinese Presbyter	6,000
Loughborough	Chinese Presbyter (TMCP Grant)	10,000
Hinckley	Circuit Youth Worker	4,000
Northampton	Production of Podcasts	2,400
Northampton	Community Action Manager, Emmanuel Group	8,000
Rugby and Daventry	Gift of Years	2,000
Rugby and Daventry	Making Connexions	4,000
East Mercia	Circuit Manager	7,500
Market Harborough	Growth & Nurture Support Worker	8,000
District	District Mission Enabler	55,000
District	St. Philip's Centre	10,000
District	Ecumenical Subscriptions	11,022
District	NPNP - FEAST	10,000
		<u>147,422</u>

2. Property Grants Paid

Circuit	Project	£
Oxford	Kidlington Transformation Project	50,000
Leicester West	Glenfield MC 20-20 Vision Phase 3	50,000
Stamford	Stamford MC – Church halls windows	8,000
		<u>108,000</u>

3. Mission Start-Up Grants

Circuit	Project	£
Hinckley	Baby Basic Centre in Hinckley	800
Melton Mowbray	Upper Wreake MC – Children's Group	900
Northampton	Astcote MC – God's Mission in the Parish	870
High Wycombe	Flackwell Heath MC – Play and Praise	300
		<u>2,870</u>

4. Future Commitments

2022/23	Property	274,500
2022/23	Ministry	199,889
2023/24	Ministry	170,750
2024/25	Ministry	168,550
2025/26	Ministry	153,300
2026/27	Ministry	127,050
		<u>1,094,039</u>

5. Summary of Accounts

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Levies rec'd from Circuits	275,968.53	Ministry Grants Paid	147,421.50
MAPJ Grant	14,188.81	Property Grants Paid	108,000.00
CPF distribution	98,242.00	Start-Up Grants Paid	2,870.00
Interest	5,800.05	Pension Reserve	15,000.00
		Management Charge	2,902.95
Total Income:	<u>394,199.39</u>	Total Expenditure:	<u>276,194.45</u>
Total Income	394,199.39	Balance from 31.08.21	1,018,577.82
Total Expenditure	<u>276,194.45</u>	Net Income	118,004.94
	118,004.94	Balance at 31.08.22	<u>1,136,582.76</u>

6. District Officer's comments and report.

The effects of the Covid pandemic continue to delay some projects within the District as Circuits and Churches and several projects have been deferred causing a reduction in grant applications. It is our policy to keep the uncommitted balance as low as possible. This balance is now £42k compared with £350k twelve months earlier. However, the previous figure was unusually high due to the proceeds of the District Mission Enabler's (DME) manse that was 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 DME is in contact with Churches and Circuits to advise and support them and he will 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
Position: District Treasurer and Grants Officer
Date: September 2022