

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

Report to Synod for the period 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

**1. Ministry Grants Paid**

Circuit	Project	£
Oxford	Wesley Memorial Refugee Scheme	5,000
Leicester West	Circuit Mission Enabler	8,000
Loughborough	Chinese Presbyter	6,000
Loughborough	Chinese Presbyter (TMCP Grant)	10,000
Loughborough	Youth Lay Pastor	10,000
Hinckley	Stoke Golding MC - CAMEO	8,000
Melton Mowbray	Exceptional Ministerial Costs	12,500
Northampton	Production of Podcasts	1,200
East Mercia	Making Connexions	3,500
East Mercia	Growth & Nurture Support Worker	8,000
East Mercia	Corby Lay Community Chaplain	7,000
East Mercia	Paddox Families & Children's Worker	3,000
Peterborough	Westgate New Church – BOB	5,000
Peterborough	Lay Pastoral Assistant	8,000
Peterborough	Pioneer Team Leader (grant returned)	-5,000
District	District Mission Enabler	57,500
District	St. Philip's Centre	10,000
District	St. Philip's Centre – Spiritual Abuse Project	15,000
District	Ecumenical Subscriptions	8,472
District	FEAST	28,000
		<u>209,172</u>

**2. Property Grants Paid**

Circuit	Project	£
West Oxfordshire	Carterton Methodist Church	7,998
Hinckley	Stoke Golding MC - CAMEO	15,000
Hinckley	Earl Shilton Hall and toilets	25,500
Nene Valley	Earls Barton 2020 Project	50,000
Nene Valley	Hope MC Car Park	30,000
		<u>128,498</u>

**3. Mission Start-Up Grants**

Circuit	Project	£
Oxford	Bladon – Stage Lighting Control Board	1,800
West Oxfordshire	Chipping Norton Church Fellowship	200

Banbury	Marlborough Road – Warm Welcome	500
3 Bs	Thornborough – Lyrics and Lunch	1,000
Leicester Trinity	Birstall Warm Space	500
Leicester West	Men’s Shed	1,000
Hinckley	Barwell Stay & Play	350
Hinckley	Puppet Ministry	800
Melton Mowbray	Upper Wreake Warm Space	500
East Mercia	Rothwell Baby & Tots Group	600
Peterborough	Elton Community Hub TV	1,010
Vale of Aylesbury	Lighthouse Projects	1,000
		<u>9,260</u>

#### 4. Future Commitments

2023/24	Property	163,502
2023/24	Ministry	247,655
2024/25	Ministry	214,700
2025/26	Ministry	205,450
2026/27	Ministry	145,700
2027/28	Ministry	102,000
		<u>1,079,007</u>

#### 5. Summary of Accounts

<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
Levies rec’d from Circuits	212,187.60	Ministry Grants Paid	209,172.00
CPF distribution	163,754.00	Property Grants Paid	128,498.00
Interest	39,704.41	Start-Up Grants Paid	9,260.00
Manse Proceeds	516,936.00	CMTF Refund	54,459.00
		Manse Purchase	532,027.76
		Management Charge	3,239.26
Total Income:	<u>932,582.01</u>	Total Expenditure:	<u>936,656.02</u>
Total Income	932,582.01	Balance from 31.08.22	1,136,582.76
Total Expenditure	<u>936,656.02</u>	Net Income	<u>-4,074.01</u>
	<u>-4,074.01</u>	Balance at 31.08.23	<u>1,132,508.75</u>

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

Many circuits and churches are finding it difficult to commit to new projects as church life recovers after the pandemic. Although we are not receiving many grant applications, we know that this may change soon, and we are encouraged by the number of start-up grants that have been awarded. It is our policy to keep the uncommitted balance as low as possible and the current figure of £53,502 is similar to the £42k at the start of the year.

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 2023