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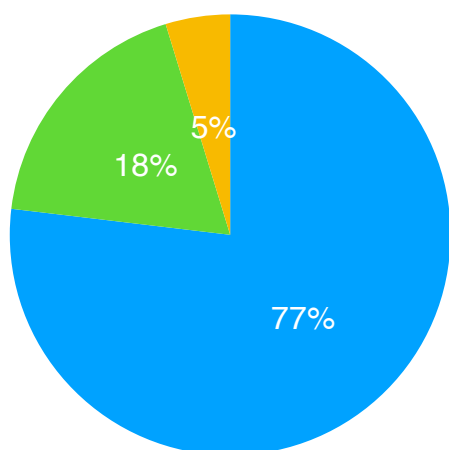
Where a little means a lot

Patron: Lord Boateng

Report to Spring Synods 2024

The Fund for Human Need has continued its work during the past connexional year, making almost 700 emergency payments to people who are in desperate need. In the name of the Methodist Church we give grants to families and individuals of any background. FHN seeks to relieve hunger and poverty in the UK by making grants to those experiencing hardship, including those who have known domestic violence, are homeless, suffering from medical or mental issues, are refugees or asylum seekers, or are awaiting their first universal credit payment.

Applications come from individuals but most are made by organisations on behalf of their clients. Over 110 charities, NHS trusts, local authorities and Citizen Advice offices apply for grants specifically for food, warm clothing, bedding, essential travel or other urgent need where the £100 to £130 grants we are able to offer will make a difference to their situation. Over the year 1,460 people benefitted from these payments, 481 of whom were children.



Responding to the increasing number of requests for assistance five years ago, the employment of a part-time administrator and fundraiser was made possible by an initial grant from Methodist Action on Poverty and Justice (MAPJ). Since then the income and the number and total of grants - £73,000 in the past year - has almost tripled and all costs are being met from fundraising. Income in 2022-2023 was £82,453 and total expenditure £91,198.

We express thanks to all who have committed to making donations, many by standing order - £63,393 in the year (77% of income) and to local churches for benevolence fund allocations and fundraising events which raised £15,158 (18%). Other income includes sales of cards and investment income of £3,902 (5%).

- In 2024 look out for our stand at the Methodist Women in Britain Swanwick Conference, the Cliff College May Spring Fest, the Methodist Conference and Greenbelt
- The FHN newsletter, with stories of how our grants have helped, is sent three times a year by email or post to all supporters and interested parties. Please contact the administrator to request a copy
- Many districts now have a *Friend of FHN* who is able to supply you with further information about our work
- Go to the FHN website to access recent years' Annual Report and Accounts
- See our adverts in the Methodist Diary (p 293) and Conference Minutes (p 367)
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