

## Finance & Grants

The District Executive decided that the District Expenses Fund assessments in 2026-27 would be increased by 27.6% to £163,824 compared with the 2025-26 figures. However, the decrease in the District's MCF assessment means that overall assessments will increase by 0.93%.

Significant changes to the budget include the removal of any Safeguarding costs and the inclusion of an item for Deputy District Chairs.

We continue to keep the assessments as low as possible, but £9,244 will be required to restore our reserves to the £20,000 that is stated in our policy.

### District Expenses Fund Draft Budget 2026-27

	2024-25		2025-26		2026-27
	Revised Budget £	Actual £	Budget £	Revised Budget £	Budget £
<b>Income</b>					
Assessments	204,782	204,782	128,412	128,412	163,824
Contribution to Assessments (from DAF)	4,518	0	58,178	0	0
Mission Enabler (from DAF)	68,500	62,500	67,500	67,500	72,500
From General Fund Reserves	0	7,230	0	6,888	-9,224
Safeguarding (from DAF)	25,000	27,500	0	0	0
Interest	5,000	4,836	4,000	2,500	4,000
	<u>307,800</u>	<u>306,848</u>	<u>258,090</u>	<u>205,300</u>	<u>231,100</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Chair's Expenses	4,000	3,042	4,200	3,500	4,000
Deputy Chairs	0	0	0	0	16,000
Mission Enabler	68,500	67,986	67,500	71,000	74,000
Safeguarding - DSO	72,600	112,330	15,000	0	0
Safeguarding - Training	39,200	inc. above	40,900	0	0
Insurance Water & Council Tax	4,800	4,514	5,400	4,750	5,000
Manse Repairs Fund	5,000	5,000	5,500	5,500	6,000
Telephone (net)	2,200	1,907	2,500	2,100	2,300
Administration Support	55,000	57,677	56,700	60,000	62,700
HR Officer	20,000	20,103	20,600	21,000	22,000
Office Equipment Maintenance	2,500	1,134	2,500	2,000	2,000
Synod Expenses	2,500	3,952	2,750	4,000	4,200
District Office-Bouverie Court	8,640	8,640	8,640	8,640	8,640
Travel & Committee Expenses	4,500	3,700	5,000	3,900	4,100
Postage & Printing	2,000	474	2,500	750	800
Further Ministerial Training	7,500	5,677	8,000	6,000	6,500
Other Training	1,500	2,630	2,000	2,800	3,000
Supt & New Ministers Meeting	7,000	7,733	8,000	8,100	8,500
Independent Examination / Audit	300	288	300	1,200	1,300
Bank Fees	60	60	100	60	60
Total Expenditure	<u>307,800</u>	<u>306,848</u>	<u>258,090</u>	<u>205,300</u>	<u>231,100</u>

The Benevolence Fund income in the 2024-25 year amounted to £496, including £43 interest. The expenditure was £120 and the balance on August 31st, 2024, was £1,210 (£834 at 31.08.24).

## General Fund Balances

	01.09.23	31.08.24	31.08.25
Debtors (Paid in advance)	3,632	3,367	4,832
Creditors	(1,564)	(4,049)	(3,289)
CFB Account	81,575	67,674	35,908
CAF Bank Account	5,749	5,195	6,215
Total	<b>89,392</b>	<b>72,187</b>	<b>43,666</b>

## District Advance Fund

The report for the period 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025 may be found on the District website at <https://www.northamptonmethodistdistrict.org.uk/lib/file-982934.pdf>

Other Funds	Manse Repairs	Local Preachers	Ministerial Training	Training	Educ. & Youth
Balance on 1st September 2024	17,919	12,888	5,231	7,207	10,063
Interest	811	474	238	336	820
Income	0	0	584	0	0
Expenditure	0	(2,600)	0	0	(280)
Transfers to/from the General Fund	(1,414)	0	0	6,376	9,924
Balance on 31st August 2025	<u>17,316</u>	<u>10,762</u>	<u>6,054</u>	<u>13,920</u>	<u>20,527</u>

## Methodist Church Fund District Contributions and District Expenses Allocation 2026-27

The total amount to be charged to the circuits is £1,030,704, an increase of 0.93% from 2025-26 and the District Executive Committee has agreed to the following amounts being collected from each circuit.

Methodist Church Fund District Contributions and District Expenses Allocation 2026-27					
Circuit		Annual Methodist Church Fund	Annual District Expenses	2026-27 Annual Total	2026-27 Quarterly Total
1	Oxford	49,741.47	9,325.49	59,066.96	14,766.74
2	Wantage & Abingdon	43,334.11	8,417.33	51,751.44	12,937.86
3	West Oxfordshire	56,232.67	10,245.53	66,478.20	16,619.55
5	Banbury	30,669.64	6,622.32	37,291.96	9,322.99
6	Buckingham Bicester & Brackley	35,857.56	7,357.64	43,215.20	10,803.80
7	Leicester Trinity	85,273.55	14,361.65	99,635.20	24,908.80
9	Leicester West	37,336.30	7,567.22	44,903.52	11,225.88
10	Charnwood & Mowbray	47,574.07	9,018.29	56,592.36	14,148.09
11	Hinckley	33,674.43	7,048.21	40,722.64	10,180.66
13	Northampton	34,720.56	7,196.48	41,917.04	10,479.26

14	East Mercia	98,263.14	16,202.74	114,465.88	28,616.47
15	Stamford	41,088.23	8,099.01	49,187.24	12,296.81
21	Peterborough	26,433.49	6,021.91	32,455.40	8,113.85
23	Nene Valley	25,332.99	5,865.93	31,198.92	7,799.73
26	Milton Keynes	37,101.95	7,534.01	44,635.96	11,158.99
27	High Wycombe	61,559.13	11,000.47	72,559.60	18,139.90
28	Amersham	57,103.18	10,368.90	67,472.08	16,868.02
29	Vale of Aylesbury	65,583.53	11,570.87	77,154.40	19,288.60
Total		866,880.00	163,824.00	1,030,704.00	257,676.00

## District Grant Applications

At its August 2025 and February 2026 meetings, the District Executive Committee agreed to award the following grants.

Reference	Circuit	Project	Grant
<b>Personnel</b>			
25/07/003	Leicester Trinity	Youth & Families Worker	22,500
25/07/004	Northampton	Emmanuel Group of Churches – Mission Support	30,000
25/07/005	Wantage & Abindon	Circuit Administrator	50,000
25/07/006	Nene Valley	Extension of Church & Community Enablers Contracts	60,000
25/07/007	West Oxfordshire	Carterton MC – Brize Norton RAF Base – Brize Community Outreach Worker	50,000
26/01/001	Leicester Trinity	Bishop Street Centre Co-ordinator	12,000
26/01/002	Leicester Trinity	Mission Enabler	8,000
26/01/003	Leicester West	Lay Pastor	9,000
<b>Property</b>			
25/07/507	Loughborough	Open the Door Project	12,700
25/07/508	Peterborough	Solar Panels	12,500
25/07/509	Northampton	Solar Panels	17,100
25/07/510	Northampton	Linked Storage Room	16,500
25/07/513	3Bs	Towcester MC – New Heating System	10,000
26/01/501	Oxford	Woodstock Upgrade and Refurbishment	9,244
26/01/502	Oxford	Rose Hill Refurbishment of kitchen, toilets and entrance	50,000

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