**Manse Report for Spring Synod 2025**

In the District we have 24 manses which are currently overdue an inspection and we continue to make arrangements for these to be carried out. Since September 2024, the District Office Administrator, Hilary MacCallum, has very ably organised a refresh of the manse inspection organisation structure. While there is an ongoing shortage of volunteers that the office can call on for help to conduct these visits (and this inevitably hinders the work, delaying inspections); due to a cross-circuit initiative, the office has been able to implement inspections for the most urgent outstanding cases.

In light of the new organisation structure the office is hopeful that the backlog of manse inspections can begin to be cleared. We are always looking for volunteers however, and here is a brief description of Manse Inspector duties;

The role of the volunteer involves visiting a manse in a neighbouring Circuit. This normally takes an hour or so plus travel time, and we ask that a form be completed with regards to the state of the property. This is a very fulfilling way of assisting in the life of the Methodist Church, as we have pastoral responsibility and must ensure that manses are ‘fit for purpose’ for our Ministers to be able to work comfortably and effectively. Travel expenses are paid for by the District.

Please do consider whether you could offer some time to help, as a one-off arrangement rather than an ongoing commitment. Please contact the District Office if you would like to support us in this important pastoral work for our Ministers.

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