

# Derby Methodist Circuit

## Briefing Notes about Grants for Training

The Circuit wishes to encourage and support both ministers and lay people to undertake training for their roles in the church. However, it must be borne in mind that resources are not unlimited, and that there must be consistency. The following information about what is available from the District, and the following guidance about what support can be sought from the Circuit, are offered. The information is believed to be correct at the time of publication, but will obviously change from time to time:

### A. Funding available from the District

1. Ministers (presbyters and deacons), can make application to the District (contact Peter Broekhuizen) for contributions towards training events and courses, such as the connexional Supervision course, or the District-run Mission Shaped Ministry course. The funding will be 'matched'. In other words, the District will generally pay half. The Circuit will meet the remaining half. Travel expenses would be met by the Circuit in the usual way.
2. The District has recently set up a Bursary Fund under which grants of up to £300 can be made to presbyters, deacons and lay workers (meaning lay people employed by the church) to 'broaden their experience of life outside British Methodism and learn more about Mission and Outreach in a multicultural world.' It is envisaged that this will generally involve travel to another part of the world. The District would expect the individual and their supporter group to contribute too, such that the 1/3 comes from the individual, 1/3 from the church, Circuit or other funding body, and 1/3 from the Bursary Fund. The funds available are limited, and will meet approximately five applications a year.
3. In addition, the District has a Students Fund, and in some circumstances application may be made to this to support the training of young people.

### B. Funding available from the Circuit

1. See A1 above for contributions to training events and courses undertaken by Ministers.
2. The District from time to time runs training courses for Worship Leaders and Local Preachers. These run over one year for Worship Leaders and two years for Local Preachers, and involve some residential stays. The District is subsidising the course, but currently £300/£600 per person remains to be paid by the Circuit or individual or a combination of the two. The Circuit will pay the whole of this cost, and will also meet travel expenses. It is hoped that if more than one person from the Circuit is on the course, there will some sharing of cars.
3. Where a Local Preacher or Worship Leader, or a Circuit officer (for instance, a Circuit Safeguarding Officer), wishes to attend a study event or course that is relevant to their role, the Circuit would expect to assist with funding. If the event or course is short and local and directly relevant, the Circuit would expect to bear the full cost,

including travel. If it is a longer course, or at a greater distance, or of more peripheral relevance, the Circuit will make a contribution. The individual should seek guidance from the Superintendent or Treasurer.

4. Where a lay person wishes to attend the District-run Mission Shaped Ministry course (11 Saturdays over a year £160), or a similar course, the Circuit will pay 2/3 of the cost, and expects the church to meet the remaining 1/3. The Circuit would expect the church to meet travel expenses if necessary.
5. When the Circuit pays for or makes a grant towards a course, this is on the condition that the participant attends at least 80% of the course. Otherwise (except in exceptional circumstances) part of the grant should be repaid.

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