

Mission, Vision and Values Statement

Our Values (*the ethos by which we are known*), form the bedrock upon which all our work is based.

Love is at the heart of everything we are.

We are joyful, hopeful and prayerful people at ease with what we believe, valuing:

- honesty, openness and trust;
- integrity, respect and commitment;
- creativity, resourcefulness and responsiveness.

Our Purpose (*why we exist*) is what drives us.

To respond to Jesus's message of God's love by living out our discipleship in worship and mission.

Our Vision (*our intended destination*) is where we strive to be in the future.

We are a thriving part of the Methodist Movement, recognised for making the Jesus story relevant to 21st Century people by...

- ... **supporting** our local churches in their worship, learning and mission.
- ... **connecting** churches that serve their local communities.
- ... **advocating** for social justice in our local communities.
- ... **encouraging** individuals to address their spiritual well-being.

Our Mission (*our route map*) describes what we do to achieve our purpose and vision.

We represent the Methodist Church in the Greater Lincoln area, connecting churches, communities and individuals.

We are active within and beyond our churches: supporting; serving; sharing.

- We are active in our communities as a Circuit and in partnership with other organisations:
 - tackling social injustice and advocating for people unable to do so for themselves.
 - serving communities through projects;
 - sharing resources with other organisations that have the same objectives.
- We serve and welcome people where they are, in person and by developing use of social media:
 - supporting people to explore their spirituality through social media and in person;
 - serving the needs of individuals;
 - sharing our stories of faith.
- We support our local churches in their work:
 - providing expertise and pastoral support through various ministries;
 - encouraging whole life discipleship through A Methodist Way of Life;
 - sharing resources.

We resource our mission (the means) through:

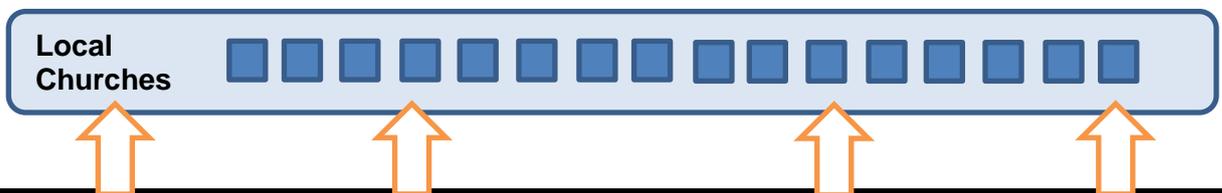
- **Good Governance.**
 - *Within the framework of the Church's Constitution, Practice and Discipline (CPD) we need local models of trusteeship and governance that work for our situation.*
 - *We need to be agile and responsive, while exercising probity and good risk management.*

- **People in Ministry.**
 - *Ministry takes many forms: ordained and lay; paid and volunteer;*
 - *full-time and part-time; circuit and local.*
 - *Our ministries must be supported through learning, mentoring and encouragement, as well as funding.*

- **Finance & Property.**
 - *We have a lot of our capital tied up in buildings. We need to have wise stewardship of what we have inherited. Getting the best return may be financial or missional outcomes.*
 - *Revenue will be through the generosity of our people or from investments or income earning enterprises.*

- **We will respond to the climate emergency and undertake to improve the way we are using the planet's finite resources.**

This can be shown diagrammatically.



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Our Purpose

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