

NORTHAMPTON METHODIST DISTRICT

District Advance Fund

Trust No. 16023

Report to Synod for the period 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020 as required under S.O.963(3)

1. Ministry Grants Paid

Circuit	Project	£
Oxford	Café Coordinator at Rainbow House	2,500
Wantage and Abingdon	Deacon	8,000
3 Bs	Youth Worker at Well Street	2,500
3 Bs	Lay Worker	4,000
Loughborough	Chinese Presbyter	10,000
Loughborough	Chinese Presbyter (TMCP Grant)	10,000
Hinckley	Circuit Youth Worker	6,000
Rugby and Daventry	Lutterworth Dementia Coordinator	2,000
Rugby and Daventry	Gift of Years	6,000
Rugby and Daventry	RMCC Community Hub	1,000
Market Harborough	Development Worker	8,000
Peterborough	Pioneer Team Leader	7,000
Nene Valley	Young People's and Families' Worker	4,000
Amersham	Church2Community	5,000
District	District Mission Enabler	46,000
District	Safeguarding	12,000
District	St. Philip's Centre	8,000
District	Ecumenical Subscriptions	10,974
District	Young Leaders' Scheme	14,500
		<u>167,474</u>

2. Property Grants Paid

Circuit	Project	£
Wantage & Abingdon	Trinity Abingdon Entrance	8,000
Witney & Faringdon	Charlbury Windows	8,000
Witney & Faringdon	Witney High Street Refurbishment	8,000
		<u>24,000</u>

3. Mission Start-Up Grants

Circuit	Project	£
Banbury	Equipment for Messy Church and Fun Station	750
Northampton	Podcast Production	900
Rugby and Daventry	Covid 19 Emergency Response	1,000
		<u>2,650</u>

4. Future Commitments

2020/21	Ministry	148,300
2020/21	Property	181,500
2021/22	Ministry	114,100
2022/23	Ministry	77,500
		<u>521,400</u>

5. Summary of Accounts

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Levies rec'd from Circuits	223,608.28	Ministry Grants Paid	167,474.00
CPF distribution	38,747.00	Property Grants Paid	24,000.00
Repayment of unused grant	6,000	Start-Up Grants Paid	2,650.00
Interest	6,432.35	Management Charge	1,241.92
Total Income:	<u>274,787.63</u>	Total Expenditure:	<u>195,365.92</u>
Total Income	274,787.63	Balance from 31.08.19	620,958.96
Total Expenditure	<u>195,365.92</u>	Net Income	79,421.71
Net Income:	<u>79,421.71</u>	Balance at 31.08.20	<u>700,380.67</u>

6. District Officer's comments and report.

The Coronavirus pandemic has caused projects to be deferred resulting in a significant reduction in payments and commitments for future years. Our policy of committing funds and keeping the retained balance as low as possible has not been achieved this year as £178,981 remains uncommitted compared with £759 12 months earlier.

Circuits with large Circuit Advance Fund balances (over £100,000) are encouraged to use their funds imaginatively and grant applications are normally only considered if a Circuit contribution is being made. The District Mission Enabler (DME) communicates with Churches and Circuits to advise and support them. She also ensures that proposals follow the Mission Policies of the District and Circuits and the priorities of the Methodist Church.

7. Monitoring and Evaluation

Grant applications are considered after an evaluation report has been submitted to the Finance and Grants Committee by the DME. If a personnel project has been awarded a grant for more than one year, the second and subsequent payments will not be made unless a report of the activities undertaken has been received and approved by the F & G Committee. The District Mission Enabler routinely monitors these projects.

A Property Panel advises Churches at an early stage, particularly for larger property schemes and property schemes that were approved over 3 years ago are reviewed to ensure their continuing viability.

Presented by: Andrew Lewis
Position: District Treasurer and Grants Officer
Date: September 2020