

Role Pack

Volunteer
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Thank you for expressing an interest in this role. It is a volunteer appointment working hybrid, for an initial three years. (Two meetings on Zoom, One meeting in person, One 24 hour residential per year)

Background

The Methodist Church in Britain celebrates its diversity. There are an estimated 7,000 to 10,000 members and adherents worshipping in languages other than Welsh and English in Methodist gatherings and services. The Methodist Church is one church with many languages spoken in it, and with English as a lingua franca.

There is currently a Connexional Committee, which oversees the ministries of the language diverse groups. There are eighteen different languages involved. This committee is referred to as the Fellowships and Cultural and Language Diverse Sub-Committee of the Mission Committee. It meets regularly via zoom and this year will meet twice for a residential meeting. Fellowships and Cultural and Language Diverse Sub-committee as reports to the Mission Committee. It previously reported through the Ministries Committee. The Connexional Fellowships vary in size and expressions at present there is 17 Fellowships and Cultural and Language groups across the connexion. The level of complexity of these groups varies, some are fellowships in a local church, like a class, or are a language group organised by gender or age or interest, others are already fully fledged Methodist Societies. In all cases, and in general, they are based on networks of culture and language affinities and also of specific expressions of common spiritualities.

The fellowships and language diverse congregations offer the possibility of gathering people and creating community. Shared culture and language(s) and a shared Methodist identity this in turn contributes to the diversity of Methodist Church as we work towards a growing, inclusive, evangelistic, justice seeking Church. Initially the newly formed Global Communities Sub-Committee will work alongside members of the current Fellowships and Cultural and Language Diverse Sub-committee till September 2025 when the Global Communities Sub-Committee will come into being

Terms of Reference for the Global Communities Sub-Committee as set out by the Missions Committee

The Global Communities Ministries Sub-Committee shall be a sub-committee of the Mission Committee the responsibilities of which shall be:

- To advise the Mission Committee on policies relating to Global Communities, their mission and ministry. In particular in the area of discipleship, vocation and development of lay and ordained leadership in the MCB from the Global Communities and in regard to the development and facilitation of new models and partnerships for the formation of new Methodist societies
- To recommend to the Mission Committee specific points of learning from these communities that could enrich the wider mission and ministry of the MCB.
- To receive and review an annual report from each of the Global Communities Groups. This report should include a celebration of their mission and ministry, the challenges they face, an account of the ministry of the Coordinator, and any financial statements and accounts for monies held and distributed by the group.
- To encourage both Global Communities and the Districts, Circuits, and local churches in ways in which they might relate and work together more closely.

- To advise the Global Relationships Committee on when or if a MoU with a partner church is needed (or needs revising) regarding clarity of roles and relationships regarding Global Communities within the MCB.
- To work with the Global Communities, NP/NP and Church at the Margins Connexional Officers to ensure the efficacy of Connexional support for this area of work with the groups.
- To ensure that there are appropriate opportunities for Global Communities Ministries Coordinators to meet together for learning and in order to share in fellowship, to exchange ideas, and to offer mutual support and encouragement.
- To report annually to the Mission Committee (and if necessary through it to the Connexional Council) on the work of God in the Global Communities Ministries and the needs of the groups with regards to resources for the groups and the wider church with particular reference to the JDS strategy.

Constitution

The Global Communities Ministries Sub-Committee shall comprise 6 members chosen in an open interview process complying with JDS strategy. The nominating panel shall be comprised of a group from the Mission Committee. A chair of the sub-committee will be appointed in an open interview process with the same nominating panel. The Global Communities Officer will attend meetings and administrative support for meetings will be provided by the Mission Team of the Connexional Team. The Sub-Committee shall meet 3 times per year and once a year with the Global Communities Forum.

Please review the Role Description and person specification, attached to this posting.

Timetable for Recruitment

Closing date for expressions of interest	15 th November 2024 by 9am
Interviews on Zoom	29 th November 2024
Candidates Informed of outcome	By 1 st December 2024
Proposed start date	January 2025

Disability: Please let us know if you require adjustments making to any aspect of the application process or provide us with any information you feel relevant whilst we consider your expression of interest.

Experience, knowledge, skills and abilities: The person specification lists minimum requirements for this role. When shortlisting, the selection panel will only consider information contained in your expression of interest form and assess this against the person specification. They cannot make assumptions about the nature of the work you have done or your experience from a list of job titles so it is important that you demonstrate how you meet the requirements.

References: All role offers are conditional on the receipt of two satisfactory references from those able to comment about your suitability for the role. These should be from people who know you well and not be related to you.

Data Protection: The information you provide on the expression of interest form will be held in the strictest confidence. We process this information in line with our privacy policy. If you succeed in your volunteer application the information will be used in the administration of your volunteering with us. By completing and signing the expression of interest form we assume that you agree to the processing of your personal data as described above in accordance with our [Privacy Notice](#) – see Annex 5.

To apply – Please select the apply button which will lead you to our expression of interest form. On your application form, please ensure you have included the following:

Applications need to be complete and submitted by 9am on 15th November 2024. If you have any questions, please email The Global Communities Officer at cowgilln@methodistchurch.org.uk