

## Volunteer Role Description

### VOLUNTEER ROLE

**Member of the Mission Committee**

### ROLE PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The Mission Committee is charged with responsibility to keep in constant review the life of the Methodist Church as it relates to Mission, to indicate what changes are necessary or what steps should be taken to make the work of the Church more effective. The Mission Committee reports annually to the Connexional Council to enable the Church to develop and maintain a strategic vision for mission. The Committee may, in consultation with the Connexional Council, report to the Conference on matters of policy or process requiring the attention of the Conference.

### ROLE RESPONSIBILITIES

Members of the Mission Committee will be expected:

- To work collaboratively with other members of the committee to keep in constant review the life of the Methodist Church as it relates to mission. The work of the Committee involves:
  - (i) developing and supporting the mission of the Church both locally and globally;
  - (ii) developing, supporting and reviewing initiatives for nourishing, equipping, resourcing and accompanying those engaged in the mission of the Church both locally and globally;
  - (iii) overseeing connexional policy for mission;
  - (iv) determining the processes, and overseeing, monitoring and evaluating the disbursement of grants or funds, for mission in Britain.
- To prepare for and attend in person meetings (one of them being a residential for 24 hours).
- To prepare for and attend online meetings of the Committee (currently two per year).
- To contribute to discussions and decision making at the meetings having scrutinised reports presented to it and, as appropriate, to serve on task and resource groups of the Committee and any other work outside of the committee meeting.
- To participate in e-mail correspondence and, exceptionally, electronic decision-making between meetings.
- To uphold the collective responsibility of the Committee in reporting to the Council and giving direction to other bodies.
- To bring to the committee experience of involvement in missional activities in a variety of contexts, including mission overseas and in Britain, in rural and urban contexts, in ecumenical and denominational contexts.

# Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable	Assessment Method
<b>Experience</b>			
Experience of serving on a committee of the Methodist Church (local, circuit, district or connexional)		X	
Evidence of collaborative working	X		
Experience or interest in either cross-cultural mission, pioneering, growing churches, creative arts, funding and project management	X		
Experience of scrutiny of policy documents		X	
<b>Abilities, Knowledge and Skills</b>			
Ability to absorb quickly a wide-range of detailed issues	X		
Ability to confer about how the vision and policies for mission adopted by the Conference might be implemented in the Circuits and Districts	X		
Developing and supporting of a network of people committed to mission both local and global	X		
Ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing.	X		
Ability to work as part of a team	X		
<b>Personal Qualities</b>			
Demonstrates an understanding and is supportive of the work and mission of the Methodist Church	X		
Member in good standing of the Methodist Church in Britain	X		
Demonstrates innovative leadership skills with the ability to encourage new ways of thinking by the committee to support the Church.		X	

## DURATION OF APPOINTMENT

Nomination is by the Nominations Committee with appointment confirmed by the Conference. Committee members shall serve for an initial term of 3 years, renewable for a further 3 years. No Committee member shall serve for a continuous duration of more than 6 years.