



Twinned with the Methodist Church of Sierra Leone

## District Advance Fund Grants Policy and Guidelines

### Scope:

Grants will be considered for mission-oriented new and ongoing projects that demonstrate a clear understanding of specific, identified needs within the church and the community. Examples of such needs may include, but are not limited to, community outreach, youth work, social justice initiatives, or the purchase of AV equipment and initial installation of Wi-Fi and first year running costs only.

### Eligible Expenses:

Grants may be allocated for personnel, equipment, or resources necessary for the project. Property-related schemes are not eligible under this policy.

### Applicant Eligibility:

Applications are primarily invited from local church councils. However, in exceptional circumstances, such as inter-church collaborations or community partnerships, other groups may apply with prior permission from the District Policy Committee (DPC).

### Types of Awards:

1. **Single Grants:** One-time grants with a maximum award of £2,000.
2. **Termed Grants:** These are recurring grants, up to £2,000, awarded annually for a maximum duration of three years. Following these three years, a new grant application may be submitted.

### Application Process:

1. **Application Form:** Applications must be submitted using the approved form on the Methodist Church Isle of Man website.
2. **Submission:** Completed applications should be sent to The District Grants Officer, **Jane Foxon**, at [grants@methodist.org.im](mailto:grants@methodist.org.im)
3. **Review Process:** The DPC will review applications and allocate grants according to the scheme criteria. Applicants can expect a decision shortly after the DPC meeting date.

**Application Deadlines and Grant Periods:**

There are four grant periods each year, aligned with the quarterly DPC meetings, usually in **September, November, February, and May**. Please ensure you submit your grant application for review by the DPC at least two weeks before their meeting. Please refer to the District and Circuit Diary for the DPC meeting dates. Applicants are encouraged to submit for the next grant period in case of missed deadlines.

**Accessibility and Additional Information:**

- For individuals without email access or requiring assistance with the application, please contact **Jane Foxon** (Tel: 01624 833154).
- Questions regarding the application process or eligibility can be directed to the above email or telephone number.

**Policy Review and Updates:**

This policy is subject to annual review and may be updated to reflect church and community needs, changes, or funding availability. Any updates will be made in September, at the beginning of the Methodist year.