

Angels' Den Grant Applications

Introduction

All applications will be considered in relation to the wider vision and values of the Methodist Church as set out in the *Priorities of the Methodist Church* and *Our Calling*, as well as the District Vision:

Priorities for the Methodist Church

In partnership with others wherever possible, the Methodist Church will concentrate its prayers, resources, imagination and commitments on this priority:

To proclaim and affirm its conviction of God's love in Christ, for us and for all the world; and renew confidence in God's presence and action in the world and in the Church

As ways towards realising this priority, the Methodist Church will give particular attention to the following:

- Underpinning everything we do with God-centred worship and prayer
- Supporting community development and action for justice, especially among the most deprived and poor - in Britain and worldwide
- Developing confidence in evangelism and in the capacity to speak of God and faith in ways that make sense to all involved
- Encouraging fresh ways of being Church
- Nurturing a culture in the Church which is people-centred and flexible

Our Calling

The Church exists to:

- **Worship** Increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love.
- **Learning and Caring** Help people to learn and grow as Christians, through mutual support and care.
- **Service** Be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice.
- **Evangelism** Make more followers of Jesus Christ.

District Vision

The district priorities are set out in the District Vision document

The Bolton and Rochdale District:

- seeks to provide leadership at district level that allows the effective sharing of good practice;
- encourages and inspires all members and the wider communities in Christian Faith.

It will support projects which:

- offer the Good News of Jesus;
- encourage bold ventures where churches seek to deepen discipleship.

The District has 3 areas of focus:

- Leadership
- Local communities
- Discipleship

Criteria for grant application

All projects must be in keeping with the *Priorities of the Methodist Church, Our Calling* and the District Vision.

All applications must:

- Have a completed application form that clearly indicates how the project fits with the District and wider Church priorities.
- Be approved by the circuit superintendent or a person appointed by the circuit to oversee the grant applications. This approval can be given by email.

Please note that:

- If the situation to which any grant is awarded is not used for the purpose to which it was intended it should be returned to the District.

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