



Manchester and Stockport  
Methodist District



## **District Partnership Fund (DPF) – One Year On!**

The DPF was set up, in response to the concerns raised by Churches and Circuits in the District, seeking advice or expertise in helping with their Church or Circuit mission. Some of these have included: Property, Finance, Governance, new ways of working and being church.

### **Who administers the DPF?**

TCC – Transforming Churches and Communities, run DPF on behalf of Manchester & Stockport Methodist District by providing professional, expert advice and information to those in the scheme. Accountability is through the District Grants Committee who oversee the working of the DPF.

### **How do I access information?**

TCC provide a dedicated telephone and email service, monitored at all times with a minimum response time of two working days.

### **Some of the ways we can help you:**

#### **Property**

*Do you need guidance on:* Property consents process; Quinquennials; Health and Safety issues; Risk Assessments; Finding contractors for surveys and repairs; Grants?

#### **Finance?**

*Do you need guidance on:* Standard Form of Accounts; Cash and Investment summary; Gift Aid; Tax implications for work done on manses; How to create a Business Plan?

#### **General advice**

*Do you need guidance on:* Employment – how do we employ a cleaner or children and family worker; Being a trustee – what it means and responsibilities?

### **How can my church or circuit become a member?**

Membership is based on the money that is held in the church or circuit accounts at the end of the financial year and is invoiced at 1% of the total amount. For example: if you were to join in February 2019 the 1% fee is based on the end of year accounts for 2017/18, the subsequent two years will be based on the 2018/19 and 2019/20 accounts.

Membership is for three years and once you are a member of the DPF you will be able to access the support as many times as you like.

**Some examples of what this might mean for your church or circuit:**

<b>Total value of accounts held</b>	<b>1% invoice amount</b>
£500	£5
£1,000	£10
£1,500	£15
£10,000	£100
£50,000	£500
£150,000	£1,500

*A copy of end of year bank statements will need to be provided of all accounts.*

### **What will happen to our contributions to DPF if we don't use it?**

The money received from all membership contributions go toward covering the cost of the DPF service contract with TCC. However, if you join and don't use the services then your contribution goes towards supporting others in the scheme. All contributions are non-refundable.

### **For further information contact TCC by:**

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Alternatively contact: William Swires or Revd. Rod Hill (see District Directory for details)