

NETWORKS

1. EVANGELISM AND MISSION

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also the Greek." Romans 1:16

Purpose

Sharing the gospel with the desire to see others become devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.
To create places for those on the outside of our church community to encounter God and delight in knowing and trusting in Him through Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling Jesus' commission in Matthew 28: 19-20

To engage in practical ways of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, therefore, outwardly expressing Christianity.

To meet God in ordinary places, among ordinary people and doing ordinary things.

Is this your calling?

We are looking for committed people who are:

- passionate about sharing the love of God with others
- exploring new ways of being church that are relevant and inviting to people on the outside of the church.
- have a desire for others to receive the gift of salvation

2. CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY

"But Jesus said, 'let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.'" Matthew 19:14

Purpose

To work with and offer support to children and young people's worker/s in the Circuit.
To encourage the nurturing of children and young people as disciples of Christ within the church family.

Do you feel gifted in this area?

We are looking for committed disciples:

- with a passion for sharing their faith with children, youth, and families
- to support dedicated Junior church and youth leaders
- to provide creative resources for development and engagement
- explore forums e.g., 3Generate* that would foster friendships, booster confidence and identity

*Methodist Children and Youth Assembly

3. FAITH DEVELOPMENT AND DISCIPLESHIP

"Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples.'" John 8:31

Purpose

To inspire churches in their spiritual growth through group meetings e.g., bible study, prayer meeting, house group fellowship etc., as a means of grace.

To remind churches that Christianity is a lifelong journey of discipleship that involves accountability and transformation.

To fulfil A Methodist Way of Life

Could this be your calling?

We are looking for committed disciples:

- with a love for pastoral care and group meetings/fellowship
- with a desire to see lives transformed into the people God created them to be
- create opportunities for people to be renewed in their faith and gain a deeper knowledge of God and the bible.
- with a focus for ongoing training in Pastoral care ministry

4. SOCIAL JUSTICE

"Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow." Isaiah 1:17

Purpose

To help provide for the needy and those outside of the boundaries of the church, which may come in the form of food, shelter, clothing and safe spaces and comforting presence.

Be a listening ear and be willing to engage in radical advocacy for victims of social inequality.

Be aware of environmental issues that are impacting the Planet and encourage the churches to engage with eco-friendly matters.

Is social justice part of your spiritual discipline?

We are looking for committed and compassionate disciples:

- with a burning desire to help and encourage people across the Circuit to work for God's justice and peace
- to exemplify Jesus' words in Matthew 25:35-40
- to provide resources that would assist churches to be more eco aware of the building and practices

5. WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the father seeks such as these to worship him." John 4:23

Purpose

To celebrate who God is and what he has done for us in Jesus Christ

To encourage a range of worship vibrancy across the Circuit that would appeal to members and attract others.

Seek ways to enable people to deepen their spirituality through various worship styles

Creating collaborative Circuit wide services

Could this be you?

We are looking for joyful worshippers:

-with different artistic and creative talents to work together to enhance our worship experience

-with different artistic and creative talents to stimulate our minds and revitalise our purpose for worshipping God

6. DIGITAL MINISTRY

“And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’ Romans 10:15

Purpose

Responding to the challenges the church faced resulting from the pandemic, by creating a positive online presence.

Explore ways of creating innovative worship and teaching of the Gospel

Use the opportunity to develop live stream services

Do you feel called to this ministry?

We are looking for inspired disciples who are:

-gifted in technology and willing to assist churches with technical issues (AV) where required

-committed to nurture and sustain an online ministry that would work best for each context

-passionate to build a thriving community of followers of Jesus online, who in turn will be willing to invite others from their network of relationships

-committed to ongoing learning and development in an evolving digital ministry

7. OFFICE HOLDERS AND STAFF WELL-BEING

“For the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.” 2 Corinthians 9:12

Purpose

To welcome, nurture, support, and care for all office holders

To empower them to fulfil their calling, address pastorally the needs of the people in the Circuit and foster growth in God's Kingdom.

Is this you?

We will welcome disciples who are willing:

- to be a listening ear
- to motivate and support pastorally
- gifted in Human Resources

WHAT KIND OF STAFFING LEVEL DO WE NEED?

To sustain the Networks the staffing level will consist of:

Volunteers in the Circuit churches

- Lay people as Network Facilitators
- Junior church (Sunday School) and Youth Leaders
- Local Preachers and Worship Leaders
- Artistic and creative people /Music Groups
- Audio Visual personnel
- Social worker background
- Lay Employees:** Circuit administrator; Young people/Family worker

“The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.” Therefore, the ‘Four Calling,’ or ‘A Methodist Way of Life’ which each member is asked to live out is found within the structure of the Networks.

WORSHIP (Worship and Spirituality)

LEARNING and CARING (Faith development and Discipleship)

SERVICE (Social Justice)

EVANGELISM (Evangelism and Mission)

“Our steps are made firm by the Lord, when he delights in our way; though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong, for the Lord holds us by the hand,” Psalm 37:23-24

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