Coventry and Nuneaton Methodist Circuit

Application to the Model Trust Fund to support Growth

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| **Church name:** |  |
| **Contact person’s name:** |  |
| **Contact person’s phone:** |  |
| **Name of project:** |  |
| **Total cost of project:** |  |
| **Amount applied for:** |  |
| **Date of application:** |  |
| **Date considered by the CLT:** |  |
| **Recommendation of the CLT:** |  |
| **Date considered by the Circuit Meeting:** |  |
| **Decision of the Circuit Meeting:** |  |

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| **Outline of Project:** |
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| How will the project promote growth? |
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| **How does the project fit in with the mission objectives of the Church and circuit?** |
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| **In what ways does the Church have the human resources to support the project?** |
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| **Is there an intention to stop other work in order to focus on the project?** |
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| **In what ways is the Church willing to adapt to support the project?** |
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| **How will the Church sustain the project when the funding stops?** |
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| **What are the measurable criteria and landmarks for success agreed for your project?** |
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Please attach copies of:

* Church Mission Statement
* Church Accounts
* Church’s Reserve Policy

The Circuit Leadership Team will assess applications using the criteria. Formal recommendations will then be made to the Circuit Meeting.

Please send your application for the attention of the Superintendent Minister to The Circuit Office, Bedworth Methodist Church, Mill Street, Bedworth CV12 8JZ, or by email on **office@covnunmethodist.org.uk**

Policy of the Circuit Meeting for

Application to the Model Trust Fund

Adopted 16th September 2014

Standing Order 917 indicates that the Circuit Model Trust Fund is to promote the work of God. In the Coventry and Nuneaton Circuit our work over the next few years must focus on growth.

Priority will be given to projects involving direct engagement (for example personnel, training etc.). Projects that facilitate engagement (for example capital projects) will be considered, but the amount of money available will be restricted on a year-by-year basis.

Any Local Church may request funds in order to undertake a project to promote the work of God in their locality; such applications will be assessed by the Circuit Leadership Team using the following criteria. Formal recommendations will then be made to the Circuit Meeting.

Criteria

1. The project should promote growth in the life of the local church, which would include one or more of the following:
* Growth in spiritual depth
* Making more disciples of Jesus Christ
* Growth in outreach into the local community
1. The project should fit in with the mission objectives of the circuit
2. The project should be sustainable once the funding has stopped
3. Churches should demonstrate to the Circuit Leadership Team that they have considered the following:
* Does the church have the human resources to support the project?
* Will other work need to be stopped to focus on the project?
* Is the church willing to adapt to support the project?
* Has the church offered measurable criteria and landmarks for success?
1. An LEP will need to demonstrate a strong link to the mission of the circuit in order to apply for funding.

The CLT will expect to see the Church’s Mission Statement, the Church’s Reserve Policy and an up-to-date copy of the Church accounts.

The CMT is available for up to 50% of capital costs (eg. property) of any given project.