

An introduction to New Places for New People

New Places for New People (NPNP) are new Christian communities for people not yet part of an existing church. They may look quite different from established churches because they will always reflect these new people encountering the love of God.

Planting NPNPs

The Methodist Church hopes to plant many NPNPs over the next five years. We are committing significant energy and resources to encourage each circuit to imagine, begin and sustain something new. We also need people who are called and gifted to pioneer and plant them. The Church will support both in this wonderful and exciting ministry.

Resourcing NPNPs

God for All identifies significant match-funded resources to help districts and circuits start NPNPs and Church at the Margins. A total of £8,999,999 will be distributed among every district over four years (including £150,000 for each district's flagship NPNP). Districts are divided into three tranches (methodist.org.uk/npnptranches).

This new process enables:

- decision-making that comes from missional readiness, not rushed urgency.
- sustained collaboration between circuits and districts to be bold, dream, pray, plan, and test ideas together.
- planning rooted in the slower, spiritual practice of mutual discernment.
- honesty about resources that circuits and churches can contribute.
- a wide diversity of approaches to pioneering and planting.

Support for NPNPs

The Evangelism and Growth team equips and support district/circuits in building pioneering and planting strategies. A Project Funding Officer coordinates the funding of the process and makes recommendations to the Mission Committee. The Mission Committee makes decisions on recommendations and provides official oversight. This process changes the way districts and circuits access and steward funding for new Christian communities.

To help your planning:

- **Starting new Christian communities** (methodist.org.uk/npn-guide) contains a range of materials, including theological foundations and help on funding both, district and circuit-led NPNPs. If you have an idea in mind, please discuss this with your superintendent.
- **Funding Submission Form**
Details of the funding submission process can be found at methodist.org.uk/npnbegin

Read about the NPNPs whose funding has been approved at methodist.org.uk/npnpdistricts

Church at the Margins

Church at the Margins (CaM) focuses on the building **new Christian communities amongst economically marginalised people.**