New Places for New People (NPNP)/ Church at the Margins Update September 2024

Welcome to the new Connexional year, which is also known as the 'hinge year' for God For All.

The extended God For All programme, agreed by this year's Conference, with new NPNP funding begins next Connexional year - 2025/26. Next year is also the final year for requesting NPNP funding under the current allocations and arrangements. We hope that this year (2024/25) will be key for circuit-based funding submissions.

The next meeting of the Mission Committee is imminent (24 October 2024) so I'm including it here, and my report of district and circuit submissions is due by 4 October.

Julian Bond Funding Officer

Events and Training

CAM Practitioners Network



Church at the Margins (CAM) Practitioners Network, an online space to encourage people who are supporting or nurturing new Christian communities amongst economically marginalised people. Monthly from 4 to 5pm on Tuesdays. Details on this page methodist.org.uk/camnetwork, book for the next session on 8 October 2024, you can book other dates on the main page.

Church Planting Intensive

Church Planting Intensive (residential), 11 to 13 October, fully funded course for those planting NPNPs (30 places), bookings for October and March 2025 (online): Church Planting Intensive. Book ASAP or get in touch if you would like to attend in October.

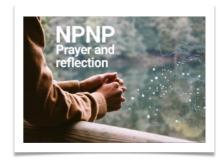


Faith-Rooted Community Organising

Faith-Rooted Community Organising, 2025, at Cliff College. For people beginning an NPNP/CAM. November's course is full (but get in touch to join the waiting list). Bookings 2025 (January, April, October) can be made here: methodist.org.uk/organising. Faith-rooted organising offers a way to resource and enable people to find out where God is at work in their communities, and join in.

Come and pray with us

Come and pray with us - Monthly online prayer gathering for the NPNP/Church at the Margins movement. Running from 18.30 to 18.50 (a fixed 20-minute duration) on the second Monday of each month. Next month's session is on 14 October, come and join us in connecting, supporting, and growing the NPNP movement. Sign up here.



Methodist Pioneering Pathways



MPP continues to grow as a community. The online Third Thursday gatherings are a place of honest sharing and building deeper relationships across the NPNP movement. The monthly webinars, led by guest contributors, are an important place to enable theological reflection and explore key insight together. See our new videos and find more details here: methodist.org.uk/mpp..

Wholehearted

The weekend will include worship, storytelling, great speakers, workshops and lots of chat. We'd love you to come! Click eventbrite.co.uk/e/wholehearted-2025-registration-902204246187?aff=pioneering to register on the Eventbrite page. Any questions? Please email Evangelism@methodistchurch.org.uk.



Funding news

Future Mission Committee meetings and funding submission dates (see existing Funded NPNPs):

- Committee meeting, 14-15 February 2025. Deadline mid-January.
- Committee meeting, 12 May 2025. Deadline early April.

Everything you need for NPNP is on this page and its sub pages www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/evangelism-growth/new-places-for-new-people. Get touch if you would like our hard copy resources (District NPNP, Circuit NPNP, Beginning a Church at the Margins).

Please complete our reader response survey https://forms.office.com/e/hUfvQRsxx3

Other events

Mission 3vangelical for a Post-Christian World

Have you experienced the saving health of Jesus and, at the same time, felt dread at the "E" word (evangelism)? Or felt as if "mission" is hopelessly entangled with the violence of its colonial and imperial past? The Urban Theology Union's Mission 3vangelical for a Post-Christian World is designed for the Odd Evangelical, a beautifully complicated person who nevertheless wants to share the beautifully complicated story of Jesus' generosity, love, and healing. Led by Revd Dr Rob Hoch-Yidokodiltona (Athabascan Nation), with Revd Dr Neil Johnson.



For more information:

https://utusheffield.org.uk/2024/07/11/mission-3vangelical-for-a-post-christian-world/

Beyond Conference, 17 October

Join us in October to gather with members of the FYT Movement and Curbs network for this 1-day interactive conference. Hear stories of practice from children's and youth work on the margins of culture and society. Listen to practitioners working in creative ways to engage with and learn from the margins. Listen to inspiring short Ted talk style presentations followed by roundtable discussions with the speakers to explore the themes further. Connect with others passionate about journeying with children and young people on the margins; be inspired; and make space for reflection.

Gather with us on the 17th of October to challenge and inspire each other as we dream BEYOND our walls. Book now on **Eventbrite**.

