**Call for Grant Applications for Circuit funding of Mission initiatives (from the Elm Road Fund) in 2020-2021 and 2021–2022**

As we move on from the pandemic and look forwards to the ‘new normal’ the Circuit has agreed to use the Elm Road fund for Mission initiatives within each church. If a church wishes to apply for such a grant an application should be completed using a template. This goes via the Circuit Administrator, to CLT for review and then to Circuit Meeting (CM) with a recommendation from CLT, for final decision. For the application form see Appendix 1. The grant will be match funding up to a total of 50% of project costs. Individual Churches or Circuit Churches working in partnership are encouraged to submit grant applications for multiple projects up to a maximum of £20,000 grant per church or partnership.

Grant applications for property development or maintenance will not be considered.

Priority will be given to grant applications for new work, satisfying one or more of the following criteria:

* Work with children, young people and those in the 25 to 40 age group
* New ways of being church (including technology for developing hybrid church initiatives)
* Mission initiatives
* Ecumenical initiatives
* Community based initiatives, especially in areas of new housing development

The Circuit is keen to support applications received in the connexional year 2020–2021. Grant applications for 2020–2021 must be submitted to the Circuit Administrator by 15 July 2021.

Grant Applications for 2021-2022 need to be submitted by:

15 October 2022

15 February 2022

13 May 2022

**Application for Mission Grant Support from the Southend & Leigh Circuit**

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| **About the Application** |  |
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| **About the Correspondent** |  |  |  |
| Correspondent name |  | Address (including postcode) |  |
| Telephone number |  | E-mail |  |

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| **About the Grant** |
| 1. Please give a brief description of the object of the grant application. Please attach any supporting documentation that you feel would be helpful in describing the work, including the latest Church Mission statement /policy. |
| 1. What results in terms of mission do you hope to achieve and how will you evaluate this? |
| 1. What is the amount for which you are applying and how have you raised the equivalent for match-funding? |
| 1. When would you like it to commence? |
| 1. Is it for more than 1 year? If yes, please give details. |
| 1. What other Grants have you applied for? |

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| **About the current financial situation** |
| 1. Please provide the latest set of audited accounts, the budget and forecast for the current connexional year and the current balances of each of the Church’s accounts, indicating if any part is restricted, and full details of that restriction. 2. Please also provide the budget, both total and monthly phased if appropriate, for this project showing how the grant applied for will support your work. |

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| Declaration |
| NB. All applications need to be approved by the church council.  I confirm that the above application has been approved by the church council on …………………………... (Please add dates of relevant meetings) |
| Signature of Minister in Pastoral Charge  Date |
| When completed, the form should be sent to the Circuit Administrator for submission to the Circuit Leadership Team  Administrator: Andreas Botzios, Southend and Leigh Methodist Circuit Office, Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh-in-Sea Essex SS9 3PT Email: [southendandleighcircuit@gmail.com](mailto:southendandleighcircuit@gmail.com) Tel: 01702 479 476 |