

## Potteries Mission Circuit – Mission Statement – Sept. 2023

A: Worship	B: Learning and Caring	C: Service	D: Evangelism
<b>Share the Good News of Jesus Christ and seek to develop spiritual growth</b>	<b>Support and resource the life and ministry of the churches in the Circuit</b>	<b>Challenge injustice wherever we see it and work with others to create better communities</b>	<b>Grow a Christian presence in the city and make more followers of Jesus Christ</b>
Discover and use the gifts and specialisms of our paid staff and our congregations - providing both opportunities and training	Promote the reading/study of biblical and wider Christian literature	Support the work of agencies such as All We Can; MHA and Action for Children	Encourage and build links between the Circuit churches and our ecumenical friends
Develop appropriate opportunities for people to grow in confidence and faith striving for spiritual renewal of the whole Circuit	Make better use of resources by encouraging Circuit-wide events and working as part of the wider Methodist family	Continue to promote support for people in need through work such as food banks, night shelters and projects across the circuit	To 'fish in deep water' (Luke 5 <sup>4</sup> ) – try new things without fear of doing things differently in order to make progress
Develop the prayer ministry of our churches	Create a culture in which all people feel welcome	Promote Fair Trade, increasing the number of churches adopting Fair Trade policies	Support and help resource the mission & outreach of the Circuit's churches using where appropriate tools such as 'Hope', 'Alpha, etc
Continue to develop the work and worship with children and young people	Creating safer spaces	Raise awareness of injustices locally and nationally in partnership with organisations such as JPIT & MWiB	Find ways to train people in faith sharing
Offer quality resources, training and continuing development for preachers and leaders of worship	Offer quality resources, training and continuing development for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circuit &amp; church stewards</li> <li>• Pastoral visitors</li> <li>• Those using technology</li> </ul>	Encourage churches to engage in working with other ethical organisations in their local context and aim to become Eco Churches	Use IT and social media to publicise and expand our work
<b>Governance</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Create a culture of financial probity, legal compliance and organisational clarity by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• making realistic decisions and facing the hard questions that need to be addressed</li> <li>• Providing robust financial oversight &amp; accountability</li> <li>• Applying clear safeguarding and data protection policies across the circuit</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Hold regular reviews of circuit and church strategies including staffing levels, work allocations and manse situations</li> <li>○ Offer practical help &amp; guidance to churches with grant applications and property schemes</li> </ul>			