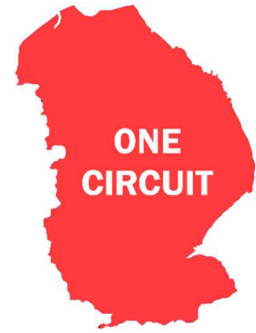


# One Circuit: Our Future, Reshaping for Mission



## Circuit Reshaping within the Bigger Picture.

The hopes and dreams of encouraging and enabling growth in discipleship and mission in the Methodist Churches in Lincolnshire does not exist in a vacuum.

The Connexional (Methodist nationwide) God for All Strategy is now in its second phase and much of what is offered in it are things which will be useful resources and tools for us. However, we need not wait until reshaping has taken place. These resources can be used whenever your church might be ready to adopt them to help you consider your own discipleship and your personal and congregational missional presence.

It is a broad strategy, with a number of different strands to it, consequently not everyone may be aware of some of the things it seeks to do.

There follows an overview from one of the pages on the Methodist Church website. There are many more with more detail information. Main link: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/evangelism-growth/explore-the-god-for-all-strategy/>

## God for All at the Methodist Conference 01 July 2024

*The Conference is the governing body of the Methodist Church and meets annually to discuss matters affecting the life of the Church, the nation and the world.*

A report received by the Conference detailed the work undertaken since the *God For All* strategy was agreed in 2020 and how this has since been shaping the mission and ministry of the Methodist Church while supporting its people in evangelism, discipleship, missional growth and leadership. The Conference voted to re-affirm the strategy, renewing its objectives until 2032.

Director of Evangelism and Growth, Trey Hall, detailed how *God For All* is already bearing fruit.

## A Methodist Way of Life

Over the past four years, more than 470,000 [Methodist Way of Life](#) resources have been requested to help both churched and unchurched explore their faith. The Methodist Church's digital presence has been used to spread the good news, with total social media content reaching 1.4 million people along with specific initiatives, such as the There is Room campaign during Christmas 2022 which reached over half a million alone.

## **New Places for New People and Church at the Margins**

The [New Places for New People](#) initiative has seen new communities in 18 districts with plans for more in a further eight. More than 240 leaders were trained with more than 300 attending events and webinars.

[Church at the Margins](#) saw developments to bring mission and ministry to those communities experiencing poverty while ensuring that existing churches in poorer communities are supported.

## **Every Church a Growing Church**

[Every Church a Growing Church](#) has seen local churches seek new missional direction for ministry. Over 40 percent of Methodist circuits have hosted meetings as part of their process of discernment for mission and evangelism.

## **Future plans**

Plans for **future mission** include funding and resourcing circuits and districts to begin and sustain increasing numbers of New Places for New People and Church at the Margins communities with connections to the growing '[Let's End Poverty](#)' movement.

Plans for **evangelism** include training, equipping, learning for church pioneering and planting by resourcing ministerial formation and training for pioneering ministry, including online Christian communities.

As well as expanding the Church's evangelistic presence at [festivals and major events](#), there will be support for circuits in attending their local events. Tools will be developed for exploring faith online, along with digital campaigns for evangelism and discipleship.

The commitment to missional growth and leadership will increase support for church and circuit teams to help them reflect on their mission planning while learning about growing healthy and differently sized churches, with particular attention to youth and children, [rural churches](#), and Culture and Language Diverse Fellowships and Congregations.

There will be support for churches to build relationships and ministry in their local schools and with uniformed organisations, a strengthening of Christian presence in rural communities and encouragement for the strategic use of property for mission.

***“God for All is a profound stimulus for Methodist renewal. It is not a compulsive tick-list that every individual, church, and circuit must work through and complete immediately, but a set of invitations to help individuals make reflective decisions about their calling and resources. God For All is enabling renewal, for the times we live in, not in a ‘one size fits all’ manner, but in a way that is deeply embedded in and faithful to the communities to which we belong and serve.”***

*The Revd Trey Hall, Director of Evangelism and Growth*