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Dear Chairs,

Good News

During 2017 the Trustees for Methodist Church purposes have given grants to

- ten large building projects around the Connexion with funding up to £50,000.
- assist with funding three unusual costs for mission work.
- help with funding for a number of pastoral needs for lay and ordained people across the Connexion.
- provide annual funding for the President, Vice-president and Secretary of Conference to use at their discretion.
- help Districts covering Cumbria and Essex with funds restricted for use in their particular regions.

All of this is made possible because TMCP oversees Trusts that have been set up in the past, usually by bequests to fund the work of the Methodist Church. Some of these Trusts have very clear purposes but others are for any Methodist purpose. The details of these trusts will be able to be found on the TMCP website, the page being currently under construction.

In times when it can be difficult to find funding, this good news comes as a reminder, that if you have large building projects and are looking for grants, don't forget to apply to TMCP via our website where you will find an application form and other details.

If you have an exceptional opportunity in mission and are looking for small grants, then once again look at applying to TMCP.

If there is a need to respond to a pastoral situation with some funding (someone serving the church and receiving a stipend, pension or wage but who has difficulty funding a holiday, or children's special classes or equipment, has physical needs requiring purchasing special equipment) then think about applying to TMCP for some funding.

There is also a small fund for the relief of poverty, distress or further education for Methodist lay people.



You will realise that some of the purposes to which we can allocate funds overlap with the purposes of the funds managed by the Connexional Allowances Committee: TMCP is able to help sometimes when CAC cannot, and vice-versa. We simply ask that you are aware of both sources and apply to whichever seems most appropriate for the need at the time. You can also be assured that TMCP and CAC work together and sometimes pass requests on when the other is a better source.

All applications have to come with District approval and so we rely on you telling us where you want us to place this funding so that we can respond to the most needy and vital causes.

Obviously the funds are limited, so the Districts need to help us to discern the best use for the monies in these trusts. This is a shared activity and we are keen to resource the Methodist Churches across the Connexion with the monies that are available.

TMCP sends its support and prayers to you as we share in the work of God together.

Revd Doreen Hare (TMCP grants officer) and John Bell (who is also Chair of the CAC)

On behalf of the TMCP Board.

