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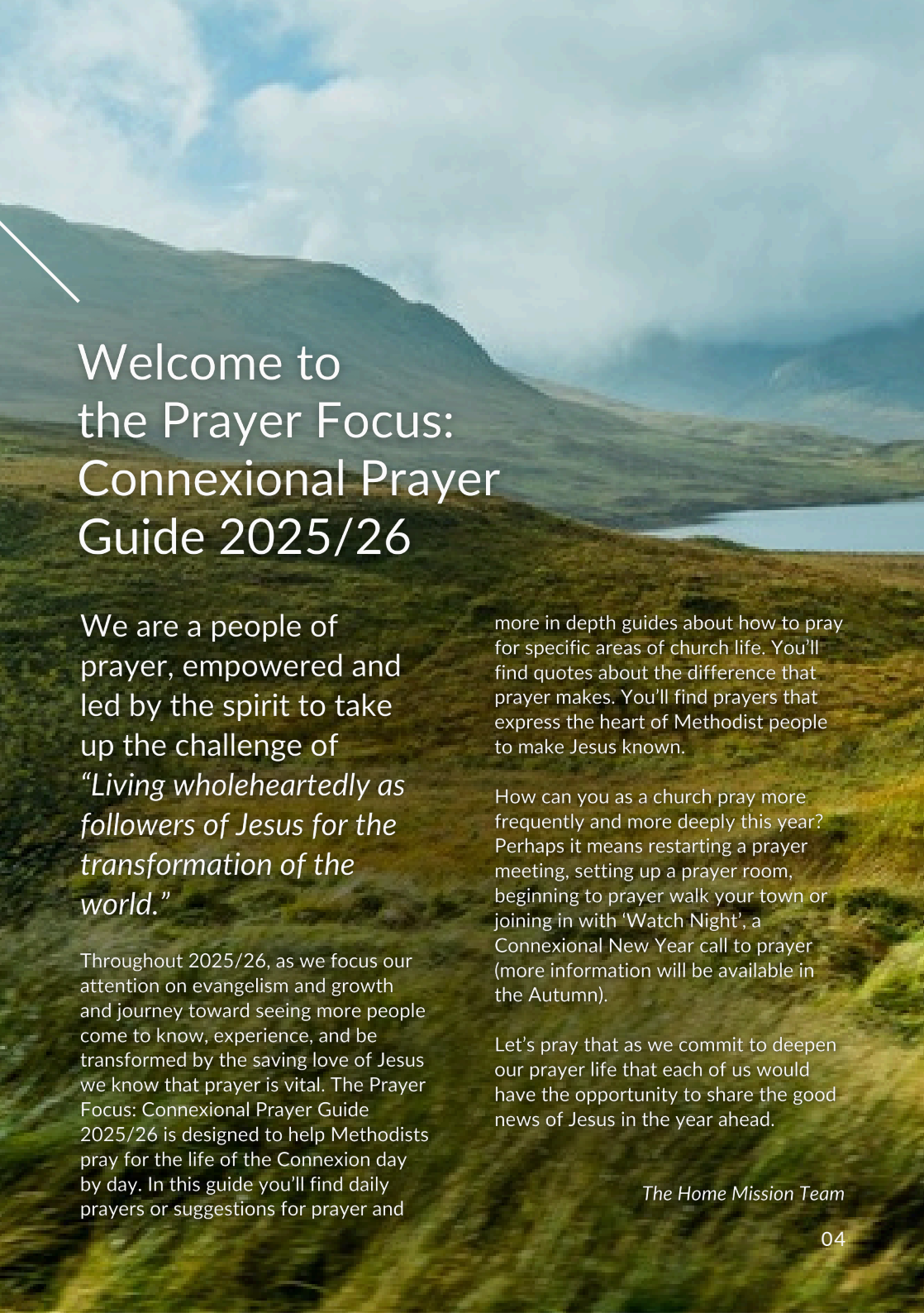
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Visit the **Connexional Prayer Hub** at irishmethodist.org/prayer for resources to help you pray together as a church.

Visit irishmethodist.org/prayer-focus to download a PDF of this prayer guide.





Welcome to the Prayer Focus: Connexional Prayer Guide 2025/26

We are a people of prayer, empowered and led by the spirit to take up the challenge of *“Living wholeheartedly as followers of Jesus for the transformation of the world.”*

Throughout 2025/26, as we focus our attention on evangelism and growth and journey toward seeing more people come to know, experience, and be transformed by the saving love of Jesus we know that prayer is vital. The Prayer Focus: Connexional Prayer Guide 2025/26 is designed to help Methodists pray for the life of the Connexion day by day. In this guide you'll find daily prayers or suggestions for prayer and

more in depth guides about how to pray for specific areas of church life. You'll find quotes about the difference that prayer makes. You'll find prayers that express the heart of Methodist people to make Jesus known.

How can you as a church pray more frequently and more deeply this year? Perhaps it means restarting a prayer meeting, setting up a prayer room, beginning to prayer walk your town or joining in with 'Watch Night', a Connexional New Year call to prayer (more information will be available in the Autumn).

Let's pray that as we commit to deepen our prayer life that each of us would have the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus in the year ahead.

The Home Mission Team

A word from the President and Lay Leader

As Irish Methodists we hold to the vision statement that we are to, live *'wholeheartedly as followers of Jesus for the transformation of the world'*, and for the last three years we have journeyed with this statement, and taken to heart the significance of the words it contains.

This year we want to respond to what God might be asking of us as we live wholeheartedly, and that has led us to dwell on 2 Corinthians 5:11-21, and to the word, '**COMPELLED**'.

At first glance it may appear a negative word, perhaps conveying something against our will – but we want to hear the challenge in Paul's letter to be ambassadors of Christ - so compelled, so convinced, so transformed by the love of Christ that we have experienced, that we cannot remain the

same, cannot keep this to ourselves: compelled to share this love.

We see it in Acts. We see it in the first days of Methodism. Christians captivated by God's love, filled with the Spirit, who live out their faith graciously and unashamedly, exercising generosity and welcome, caring for those who lived in poverty, who were lonely or in need. With passion, grace and urgency compelled to share the good news of Jesus and the Church grew.

As Methodists across the island join together in prayer through Prayer Focus, our prayer is that, we might be a wholehearted Methodist people, filled with a passion and conviction for Christ, and that by the power of the Spirit, we might be compelled to love, compelled to speak, compelled and restless to make Christ known, for the transformation of the world.



Rev Alan Wardlow
PRESIDENT



Elaine Barnett
LAY LEADER

President's Diary

2025-26

SEPTEMBER 2025

7TH GLENBURN
14TH LUCAN & BLANCHARDSTOWN
21ST CORNERSTONE
28TH BALLYNANNY

OCTOBER 2025

5TH COMBER
12TH THOMAS STREET
19TH DONARD
26TH BLOOMFIELD

NOVEMBER 2025

2ND ENNISKILLEN
9TH DONEGAL, BALLINTRA, INVER
23RD SEYMOUR STREET 150TH ANNIVERSARY
30TH GREENISLAND

DECEMBER 2025

7TH DUBLIN CENTENARY & DUBLIN KOREAN
14TH BELFAST CENTRAL MISSION

JANUARY 2026

4TH EPWORTH
11TH CULLYBACKEY
18TH TANDRAGEE & RICHILL
25TH SYDENHAM

FEBRUARY 2026

1ST FIVEMILETOWN
8TH CARRICKFERGUS
15TH GLASTRY

MARCH 2026

1ST INISHOWEN
8TH DUNDONALD
15TH BALLINAMALLARD
22ND ARMAGH
29TH SOUTH EAST LEINSTER

APRIL 2026

5TH EDENDERRY
19TH BALLYCLARE
26TH BATTLEHILL & MAHON

MAY 2026

3RD DONAGHADEE
10TH KNOCK
17TH NEWRY
24TH CARLOW & KILKENNY
31ST CREGAGH



THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF CONFERENCE

The General Secretary of the Methodist Church in Ireland fulfils the function of chief executive of the Church, reporting to, and held accountable by the Governance Board. The Secretary of Conference is responsible for ensuring that the direction which the Conference has set is implemented across the life of the Church.

Secretary: Heather Morris
Operations Manager and HR Manager: Gillian Skillen

Safeguarding Officer: Nicky Blair

Head of Finance: Nicola Robinson

Accountants:

Sharon Brown & Laura Graham

Finance Officer: Maureen Crothers

Estates Manager: Simon Kinghan

Estates Officer: Michael Clarke

Facilities Manager and IT Support:

Wayne Mulholland

Executive Assistant to the Secretary of Conference:

Ruth Campbell and Paul Jardine

STATUTORY TRUSTEES

We thank God for the Statutory Trustees and for their wise stewardship of the resources which God has entrusted to us.

Chair of Trustees: John Clarke

THE PRESIDENT, LAY LEADER AND PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE

You will find the President's Diary for 2025-26 on page 6. Please pray for the President and Lay Leader throughout this year as they undertake various engagements.

President: Alan Wardlow

Lay Leader: Elaine Barnett

President Designate: Janet Unsworth

Lay Leader Designate: Laura Griffith



THE GOVERNANCE BOARD

While the Conference remains the ultimate governing body of the Church, the Governance Board is the body charged with the day-to-day governance and oversight of the Church. The members of the Board act as the Charity trustees for the Methodist Church in Ireland (in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland).

Chair: David Best



CONNEXIONAL TEAM

The Connexional Team has responsibility for holding God's mission at the front of the whole Connexion's attention and for co-ordination and alignment of vision across teams and Departments.

Convenor: Cheryl Patterson

PRAY

Gracious God, we are thankful for your leading and guiding presence. Grant wisdom to those on Connexional Team that they would sense your Spirit in their discussions and decisions. Enable them to lead with passion and vision, compelled to make you known across this Connexion. Amen

STATIONING

The Sub-group of the Connexional Team is responsible for discerning, consulting, and then bringing proposals to the Conference as to the appropriate matching between ministers and circuits. The Stationing Sub-Group is made up of the President of the Conference, the Lay Leader of the Conference, the Secretary of Conference, the President-Designate of the Conference, the District Superintendents, and the Ministries Team Leader.

CONNEXIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Connexional Communications Team work together to help societies, circuits and districts of the Church achieve their mission objectives. The team oversees the continual development of the Connexional website, social media channels for all teams, and produce various print and digital media for use across the Connexion. The team are available to offer advice and support.

Press and Communications Manager:
Stephen Mayes

Communications Officer:
Andrew Matthews

THE CONNEXIONAL SAFEGUARDING BOARD (CSB)

The CSB was established at Methodist Conference 2020 to guide and promote safe practices for the Methodist Church in Ireland for all ages.

The principal aspects of the work are training, resourcing and advising the Church in Safeguarding procedures, policies and practice.

Chair and Convenor:
Lindsay Conway OBE

Connexional Safeguarding Officer:
Nicky Blair

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

The Southern District comprises almost 50 societies and 11 circuits with a membership of almost 4,500 people. The District Superintendent and the District Lay Leader seek to be available and to travel widely, often together, offering encouragement and support. Listening and interacting is very important, and guidance is also given wherever appropriate.

It has been a joy to witness the depth of faith within the societies and to see the positive effects within their communities of committed Christians living wholeheartedly as followers of Jesus. Their work and witness within their local areas have helped to transform their world.

Prayer for this faithful witness to increase throughout the Southern District will encourage and strengthen all who proclaim Christ as Lord to share the good news of the salvation He offers.

District Superintendent:

Andrew Dougherty

District Lay Leader: Rodney Goodwin

World Mission Partnership Champion:
Lorna Kingston

DUBLIN SOUTH CITY, COMPRISING METHODIST CENTENARY, RATHGAR (BRIGHTON ROAD), DUBLIN KOREAN CHURCH AND AN SOLAS (TALLAGHT METHODIST CHURCH)

“Greek has two words for ‘time’. There is *chronos*, clock time, and there is *kairos*, the right time, a special time” (Encounter with God, 22/5/25).

There is a stirring amongst us that ‘the hour has come’ (Romans 13:11). All four of the churches on the Dublin South City Circuit are welcoming new members these days.

We feel that following extensive renovations to Wesley House, this is our moment to consolidate growth, deepen discipleship and possibly develop a new congregation that better serves the needs of a substantial community of East Africans who worship with us.

Superintendent Minister:

Andrew G. Kingston

Minister: Yongnam Park

Facilities Administrator: Don Black

PRAY

Loving Father, as we consider the context of our local situations, we pray for wisdom in decision making, discernment in choosing leaders, and the anointing of the Holy Spirit on all preaching, worship, small group activities and ministries; in the Name of Jesus, Amen.

PIONEER MISSION – BREATHE

“Breathe” is the name of a small group of people aiming to hang out in Dublin city, asking the question, “What is God up to here – how can we join in?” We are about being rather than doing. We want to be fully present in our workplaces, our homes, our neighbourhoods. Breathe is a living, walking, working, sleeping, eating, laughing, crying community who believe God is still breathing in this world.

Pioneer Mission Leader:

Anne Baenziger

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Prayer, especially contemplative prayer and times of silence, have been at the heart of Breathe from its origin; we find it so powerful for our spiritual and mental health and it is very practical and accessible.

PRAY

We pray for the city of Dublin. We pray for those who feel isolated, marginalised, and alone - may the Church be the hands and feet of Jesus to walk with, comfort, mourn, celebrate, and love those around us well. We pray for our Breathe community to be salt and light in our everyday, ordinary lives as we work, live, and have our being in Christ in Dublin!



WDR PARTNER: METHODIST HOSPITAL, WENCHI

The Methodist Hospital in Wenchī serves as a referral centre for 19 health facilities within Wenchī Municipality, Tain and Banda Districts (west-central Ghana). The hospital provides quality, affordable healthcare to local people and those who travel for many miles to be treated; over 100,000 people each year.

MISSION PARTNER: GEMMA BARCLAY

Gemma Barclay is based in San Antonio, Ibiza. Her ministry focuses on caring for the emotional, physical and spiritual needs of the community. Alongside teams of short and long-term volunteers, Gemma’s work includes outreach on the streets, prayer for the people of Ibiza, and a centre which offers support for vulnerable people. Gemma serves through 24-7 Prayer, with financial support from World Mission Partnership.

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PRISON AND HEALTHCARE CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE

To support and promote Christian chaplaincy ministries of healing, care and restoration among vulnerable people.

Chairperson: Derek Johnston
Secretary: Ken Connor

Healthcare Sunday is normally a Sunday near to St Luke's Day, 18th October 2025.

Prisons Week NI is 12-18 October 2025. See prisonsweek.org/about

PRAY

Transforming and restoring God, we pray for those who serve you in prison and healthcare environments. By your Spirit, encourage and empower them in challenging circumstances to bear fruit for your glory. Bring your transforming and restoring love and peace to those who need your touch. In Jesus' name. Amen.

URBAN JUNCTION

Based in Blackrock, Dublin, our church family is called Ignite. Keeping our focus outward, we work alongside our community to share the hope that we have.

Superintendent Minister:

Andrew Dougherty

Leadership Team: To be appointed
Community Development Worker:

Isaac Harris

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We met together weekly to pray for an important transition of leadership. There was a sense of trust in God, whatever the outcome.

PRAY

We pray for our new leadership team as they settle in, get to know the community, share with us their gifts and experiences and help us to make Christ known as we serve together.



Parent and Toddler Group, Urban Junction

SOUTHEAST LEINSTER, COMPRISING DÚN LAOGHAIRE, BRAY, WICKLOW, ARKLOW AND GOREY

The South-East Leinster circuit covers a large geographical area, from Dún Laoghaire in County Dublin, through County Wicklow and down into County Wexford. This is an area of population growth; as housing becomes more expensive in Dublin, more people are living along the coast and commuting into Dublin.

Superintendent Minister: David Nixon (Dún Laoghaire)

Ministers: Mark Forsyth (Bray and Wicklow), Fadzanayi Jongoro (Arklow and Gorey)

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Since Bray started a weekly online prayer meeting about 18 months ago, they have more people praying, and more people attending both Bray and Wicklow churches.

PRAY

*Faithful God,
we acknowledge our utter
dependence on you for spiritual and
numerical growth in our churches.
Convict us to prioritise times of
prayer, both individually and
corporately. Help us also to
cultivate the practice of your
presence throughout each day, that
we may delight in you and your
ways. Almighty God, as the
congregation in DunLaoghaire
spend time working on their vision
and mission enable them to clearly
hear your voice and lead them to
focus on the ways to make you
known to the community. Grant the
Circuit a passion for evangelism. As
they work on their Youth and
Children's Strategy, guide them in
their listening, dreaming, planning
and acting so that your children
may grow in their discipleship.
Amen*

CHURCH IN CHAINS

Church in Chains is an Irish Christian charity dedicated to supporting persecuted Christians. It raises awareness about religious persecution, encourages prayer and advocacy among Irish churches, and provides support to individuals and communities facing oppression—particularly in countries such as China, Egypt, Eritrea, India, Iran, Nigeria, North Korea, and Pakistan. Church in Chains shares points for prayer through World Mission Partnership, to help Irish Methodists pray for the persecuted church.

World Development & Relief

Tackling global poverty with people, not projects.

Through World Development & Relief, Irish Methodists continue to walk alongside twelve long-term partners working in communities burdened by extreme poverty.

MCI's development work addresses issues around water, agriculture, education, healthcare, vocational training, rights, modern day slavery and trafficking. Partners are active in Ghana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Lebanon, Nepal, Palestine, Honduras, México, Uruguay, Argentina and South and East Asia. Prayer entries for individual partners can be found throughout this prayer manual.

WDR believes that relational partnership is the most effective way to achieve lasting change. Our partners are people of integrity and knowledge, with hearts for justice. We follow their lead as they are best placed to identify local solutions to their local problems.



Happiness Phusi has benefitted from the support of our WDR partner Church Land Programme

Convener: Paul Maxwell
Team Leader: Tim Dunwoody
Communications & Fundraising
Coordinator: Laura Kerr

PRAY FOR:

The poor, that

- They may be shielded from harm, exploitation, and abuse
- They may have access to food, clean water, and life-giving opportunities
- They may find connections that empower and uplift them

The supporter, that

- Our concern may lead to deeper understanding of others' struggles
- Our faith may inspire meaningful prayer for the poor and those walking alongside them
- Our generosity may move us to give generously to WDR

The WDR partners, that

- They may feel our love, support, and solidarity
- They may continue to act with wisdom in every decision
- They may be protected, encouraged, and fruitful in difficult circumstances

The WDR Committee and staff, that

- They will be guided by faith, compassion and knowledge
- The staff will have the capacity to be as effective as they can

We continue to give thanks for the Methodist Church in Ireland's decision, over 50 years ago, to establish WDR and walk alongside the global poor.



Website:
irishmethodist.org/world-development

[Facebook.com/methodistwdr](https://www.facebook.com/methodistwdr)
[Instagram.com/irishmethodistwdr](https://www.instagram.com/irishmethodistwdr)

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IRISH METHODIST YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S TEAM (IMYC)

The Methodist Church in Ireland believe that children and young people matter. We love them, we have a heart for them, and we carry a mission imperative to engage them.

The team exist to empower and equip the church in this mission imperative. They endeavour to love and serve children and young people and those who lead them, desiring to help them take their place in God's mission through the local, connexional and world Church.

Team Leader: Gillian Gilmore
Office Administrator: Dani Lorimer
Young Adults & Events Co-ordinator: Lisa Best
Youth Ministry Co-ordinator: Matthew McCrea:
Children & Family Ministry Co-ordinator: Heather Bailie
Youth & Children's Ministry Development Worker (Northern Ireland and Co. Donegal): Paula Lough
Youth & Children's Ministry Development Worker (Republic of Ireland excluding Co. Donegal): Joseph Ambrose

PRAY

Please pray for the staff team as they seek to serve the Connexion.

DUBLIN CENTRAL NORTH WEST

A newly created Circuit of six Societies covering approximately half of Co. Dublin. The Circuit also includes Dublin Central Mission CLG (Company Limited by Guarantee)

Superintendent Minister:

Laurence Graham

Ministers: Ivor Owens (Lucan and Blanchardstown), Tawanda Sungai (Sutton & Clontarf), Michael Jones – PT (Sandymount Christ Church)

DUBLIN SOUTH (DUNDRUM)

We exist to glorify the Father, Son and Holy Spirit by being loving, vibrant witnesses in our local communities and personal living.

Superintendent Minister:

Stephen Taylor

Wesley College Chaplain:

Ruth Matthews

Family & Children's Worker:

Rachael O'Donoghue

Youth Pastor: Nash Chipuriro



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WDR PARTNER: DABANE

Dabane is a non-governmental organisation in Zimbabwe, working largely in the arid and semi-arid regions of Matabeleland. They work alongside local rural communities to access water (often through the use of sand dams and boreholes) and manage the use of this precious commodity. Dabane also helps locals to establish vegetable gardens. These initiatives help secure food and water for future generations.



Dabane help communities manage scarce water resources.

THE CONTAINER MINISTRY

Staffed by volunteers, the Container Ministry supplies resources and equipment which have been requested by partner churches. These resources are largely donated by church members, businesses and public bodies. Part of World Mission Partnership, the Container Ministry offers tangible expressions of God's love through the containers and pallets they send around the world.



PIONEER MISSION - DUBLIN

We give thanks for the creative spaces opened through the cake workshops, which have helped build relationships and offer hospitality in multicultural Dublin. We continue to engage in missional activities in the city centre and are exploring future collaborations with community-focused groups. Amid daily challenges shaped by migration and cultural diversity, we seek God's guidance to respond with grace and purpose. Our vision includes developing a community care hub, offering support for those navigating paperwork and transitions. We trust the Holy Spirit to continue working in hearts and lives, and are deeply grateful for the support of the Methodist Church in Ireland.

Team: Stefanie Gabuyo and Antonio Flores Montano (Pioneer Mission Leaders)



KILKENNY AND CARLOW

From its home at William Street, the Kilkenny Methodist Church Family continues to share God's love with the people of Kilkenny City and surrounding areas, recently through a Street Feast where God's love was shared through hospitality and fellowship. Some members share God's love through Community Connect a group offering vital support to families in need across the country. We also reach the preschool children and parents through a fortnightly time of Praise & Play in our church.

The Carlow Methodist Society continues to grow as a welcoming and vibrant faith community in this expanding county town. The Food Pantry (Food Bank) operates out of our



Preparing for Street Feast, Kilkenny

cellar and reaches hundreds of families each year with special weeks for Christmas and Back to School in September. Many hundred Ukrainians and refugees from Africa are living currently within the immediate vicinity of our church. Our Ukrainian friends hold weekly Wednesday evening Ukrainian Café for adults and Saturday Ukrainian Culture and Language classes for their children.

Partnering with local NGOs such as Carlow Women's Aid and the Be Kind Project has allowed us to share God's heart for the community of Carlow.

Superintendent Minister:

Katherine M Kehoe

METHODIST HOME MISSION

The Home Mission Team works alongside the District Superintendents, Committees/Boards of the Church and other Connexional Departments and Teams to support Districts, Circuits and local congregations to participate in the mission of God.

The role of the Home Mission Team is to:

- 1.To resource and challenge the Connexion as it implements mission strategy.
- 2.To resource and encourage the Connexion in prayer.

Chairperson of the Home Mission

Advisory Team: TBA

Team Leader: Kathryn Harte

Pioneering and Planting Specialist:
Simon Kilpatrick

MINISTRY OF HEALING COMMITTEE

The Committee exists to promote and facilitate the ministry of healing across the Connexion. Join us in praying for the Lord's wisdom and guidance as we engage and resource the ministry of healing across the Connexion. Our vision is to see Methodist societies across Ireland equipped as spaces where the Holy Spirit brings spiritual, emotional, and physical healing to those in the surrounding neighbourhoods.

Chair: Mark Durrell

Secretary: Chris Mathison

PRAY

Please pray that as a Committee, we will remain open and obedient to God's purposes for this much-needed ministry.

THE METHODIST CHURCH THE GAMBIA (MCTG)

Christians are a minority in Gambia, where most people are Muslims. Despite their small numbers, Gambian Methodists have had a profound influence on their society. They have demonstrated God's love in practical ways, especially through education, and under the leadership of Bishop Bannie Manga, are constantly looking for effective ways to witness to His love. Through WMP, Irish Methodists have supported MCTG to establish a theological training centre and an income generation project.



UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE CHAPLAINS

University College, Dublin:

Brian Hickey

Trinity College, Dublin: Brian Hickey

Dublin Institute of Technology: TBA

Dublin College of Surgeons: TBA

Dublin City University: Ivor Owens

University College, Cork:

Andrew Robinson

University of Limerick: TBA

University College, Galway: Helen Freeburn

Queens University Belfast: Danielle McCullagh (CofI/MCI)

Ulster University – Belfast and Jordanstown Campuses:

Ms Gail Mercer

Coleraine Campus:

Samuel Livingstone

Magee Campus, Londonderry:

Christian Arnold



METHODIST WOMEN IN IRELAND

"To know Christ and make Him known."

There are approximately 1,750 members around the island who meet under this banner.

President: Alexa Brown

Secretary (Interim): Carmel Irwin

Treasurer: Maureen Young

Missionary Secretary:

Elizabeth McWatters

PRAY

*Heavenly Father,
we lift up every woman in this
world and entrust them into Your
tender care. May we celebrate one
another's gifts, encourage one
another in our callings, and stand
together as a reflection of Your
love and grace. Let us encourage
one another to grow in the
knowledge of Jesus, being
compelled to make Him known.*



MWI evening with Pam Rhodes

NORTH TIPPERARY, COMPRISING BORRISOKANE, CLOUGHJORDAN, ROSCREA AND SHINRONE

Three active congregations engaged with the wider communities in which they are associated and seeking to live wholeheartedly as followers of Jesus Christ for the transformation of those communities and the world.

Superintendent Minister:

Denis Maguire

Retired Minister Assisting:

Tom Kingston

PORTLAOISE, COMPRISING PORTLAOISE, ATHY AND MOUNTMELICK

Portlaoise Circuit consists of three societies in the towns of Portlaoise and Mountmellick in County Laois, and the town of Athy in County Kildare.

Our church development worker, Beverley Barbour, continues to spearhead a programme of mission activity, helping the people called Methodist to live wholeheartedly as followers of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This includes 'our lovely horsebox' (or coffee dock), situated in the grounds of Portlaoise Methodist Church, from which we offer refreshments and a chat to weary rail passengers.

Superintendent Minister:

Denis Maguire

Church Development Worker:

Beverley Barbour



FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE

The Faith and Order Committee includes Officers of the church and others from the Connexion, both lay and ordained. The Committee is tasked with serving the Church in its reflection on issues related to Methodist theological understanding, worship and church order. Other matters may also be assigned to it by Conference for consideration.

Joint Chairs: Alan Wardlow and Elaine Barnett

Convener: Janet Unsworth

BIRR, ATHLONE, TULLAMORE AND LONGFORD

Four small Midland churches, where the people called Methodist are building bridges into their communities, seeking to live wholeheartedly as followers of Jesus for the transformation of those communities and the wider world.

Superintendent Minister: Denis Maguire
Minister (Part time): Nigel Gill



CORK SOUTH, KERRY AND WATERFORD

A large circuit geographically, comprising six churches aiming to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to their local communities.

Superintendent Minister:

Andrew Robinson

Ministers:

Alison Gallagher, Sahr Yambasu

Minister in Training on Placement:

Mary King

Manager Ardfallen Grove Sheltered

Housing: Geraldine Fitzpatrick

Manager St. Patrick's Gateway Centre:

David Rees

METHODIST CHURCH CUBA

Against all odds, the Methodist Church in Cuba is a story of amazing growth. Despite government opposition, including a ban on building new churches, Cuban Methodists continue to passionately share the Gospel message and have witnessed its power to transform lives.

In 2025, MCI President Alan Wardlow visited Cuba and was inspired by their ministry. Their growth is an encouragement to MCI, and WMP will be looking for ways that our churches can work together to continue growing God's kingdom in both Ireland and Cuba.

ADARE AND BALLINGRANE AND CHRIST CHURCH LIMERICK

A small country circuit in West Limerick with two rural congregations and a congregation in the centre of Limerick, worshipping in an historic building. Adare village is a tourist attraction with its historic thatched cottages and other heritage buildings.

Ballingrane is the birthplace of Philip Embury and Barbara Heck, cousins who were very instrumental in the start of Methodism in New York City.

Superintendent Minister:

Andrew Dougherty

Minister: John McNair

PIONEER MISSION – GALWAY

'*Dídean*' has opened as a house of welcome and opportunity on the edge of Galway city, beginning to host gatherings in the autumn. Various pastoral relationships and secondary school involvement continue to be built upon throughout east County Galway.

Pioneer Mission Leader: Steven Foster

PRAY

Dídean, meaning Refuge/Shelter, is at 70 Fionnuiisce, meaning Freshwater.

God, bring this reality to Dídean: 'God changed wasteland into fresh pools of water, arid earth into springs of water, brought in the hungry and settled them there; they moved in – what a great place to live!' (Psalm 107:35,36 MSG)

PROPERTY BOARD

The Property Board supports local churches in managing and adapting Connexional property for local mission.

Chair: Thomas Clarke

Secretary: Colin Gracie

Treasurer: Mark Forsyth

Plans Committee: Clem McKee

WEST CORK, COMPRISING BANDON, BALLINEEN, CLONAKILTY, DRIMOLEAGUE, SKIBBEREEN AND GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP

Introducing people to Jesus and making disciples through the Church.

Superintendent Minister: Jeremy Nicoll

Minister: Susan Gallagher

WDR PARTNER: OPEN SCHOOLS WORLDWIDE (OSWW)

OSWW bring hope to impoverished communities by delivering a life-changing literacy and numeracy programme to out-of-school and at-risk children across Africa and South America. This basic education can help children reconnect with local schools and break out of the vicious cycle of poverty. OSWW trains local volunteers who teach classes wherever the children are: under a tree, on the edge of a dump or in the shelter of a shack.



JJ, staff member with Open Schools Worldwide

WDR PARTNER: CHURCH LAND PROGRAMME

Church Land Programme, based in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, works to affirm, learn from and journey with those who are systematically excluded and impoverished in their struggles related to land and housing injustice. Without land or a home, it is impossible for people to get a foothold in society to improve their lives.



CLP support rural women's efforts to produce food

MISSION PARTNERS SERVING OVERSEAS

In conjunction with the Methodist Church in Britain, Irish Methodists support a number of Mission Partners serving overseas, including: Matthew Laferty (Italy), Rachel and Sylvester Deigh (The Gambia), Annekathrin and Matthias Buchold (South Africa), and Sarah Lowe (currently on furlough). You can find a list of current Mission Partners on irishmethodist.org/world-mission-those-serving

NORTH WESTERN DISTRICT

The 24 circuits in the North-Western District have a lot of differences due to being spread across much of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland and ranging from rural communities to towns and cities. We are united in our desire to share the good news of Jesus and help people become his followers.

We thank God for growing churches in our district and continue to seek blessing on new initiatives in mission, especially in Letterkenny where two new Methodist communities have begun.

District Superintendent:

Alan Wardlow (Acting DS)

District Lay Leader: Robert Colvin

ENNISKILLEN: COMPRISING ENNISKILLEN, KNOCKNINNY, FLORENCE COURT, LETTERBREEN AND BLACKLION

Seeking to be biblical, God-honouring and Kingdom-expanding servants.

Superintendent Minister:

Gregory Alexander

Minister: Brian Donaghy

Retired Ministers: Maureen Hassard and Robin Toner

PETTIGO AND IRVINESTOWN

Seeking to share the good news of Jesus Christ, to bring hope, encourage personal faith and use our gifts to build up the ministry of the Church and serve the community.

Superintendent Minister: John Beacom

Retired Minister: John Corrie

Lay Pastoral Assistant:

Jonathan Simpson

PRAY

*Gracious God,
we humbly ask for your Spirit to
ignite within us a renewed passion to
make Christ known in our
community. Fill us with boldness,
wisdom and love as we seek to share
your good news, that lives may be
transformed, hope restored, and faith
deepened. May we be faithful
stewards of Your gifts, always
reflecting Your grace and truth in all
we do. Amen.*

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION AND TRANSLATION (BIBLE SOCIETY NI)

Bible Society in Northern Ireland is part of a global fellowship (United Bible Societies), and seeks to reach everyone with God's Word in a language and format they can access and afford. Through World Mission Partnership, Irish Methodists are supporting Bible distribution to prisoners and security services in Honduras, and Bible resources for children and families in Pakistan.

LISBELLAW, MAGUIRESBRIDGE AND TEMPO

Seeking to glorify God through worship, strengthening community relationships and deepening our experience of God in daily life.

Superintendent Minister:

Richard Rowe

Lay Evangelist: John McConnell

PRAY

Please pray for our churches and especially our children, young people and Sunday School teachers who do a wonderful job. Also pray for 'Hope Fermanagh,' a combined evangelistic outreach in County Fermanagh during September and October 2025. Please pray that God's Spirit would move in and through it to save lost souls and bring revival to County Fermanagh. Amen.

WDR PARTNER: PHAKAMISA

Based in Pinetown, South Africa, Phakamisa seeks to serve and uplift local impoverished communities. They do this through their early childhood development programme, skills and livelihoods training, support groups for orphan caregivers and those affected by, and infected with, HIV and AIDS. Their target groups are largely pre-school children and women.

SPRINGFIELD, CHURCH HILL AND DERRYGONNELLY

The Springfield, Derrygonnelly and Church Hill circuit comprises three small societies close to Enniskillen. They are rural and seek to maintain and advance their witness in their areas. Each church has a different emphasis, and yet they work together for the advancement of the gospel and the glory of God.

Superintendent Minister:

Gregory Alexander

Lay Pastor: TBA

UPPER ERNE, COMPRISING BROOKEBOROUGH, LISNASKEA, NEWTOWNBUTLER, DRUMADY AND CORLESPRATTEN.

Through prayer and reading of his Word, grow deeper with God. Through loving actions, share God's grace to those beyond our church families in local communities and in homes where Christ is not yet known.

Superintendent Minister:

Richard Rowe

Retired Minister: George A Bowes

Lay Pastor: Dorothy McConnell



Zethu, director of Phakamisa

CAVAN TOWN

We continue to grow in Cavan and demonstrate a different way to be a Methodist church and community with local volunteer leaders providing all the spiritual and pastoral support for the congregation.

Superintendent Minister:

Stephen Skuce

FIVEMILETOWN, COMPRISING FIVEMILETOWN, CLABBY AND CREAGH

Three churches seeking to work together as disciples of Jesus Christ in faith, love and unity, as they reach out to the communities around them, sharing His love and grace.

Superintendent Minister:

Mark Liddicoat

Probationer Minister:

Jacqueline Whittle

LOCAL PREACHERS

Local preachers contribute significantly to the ministry and mission of the Methodist Church in Ireland. Men and women from all walks of life, who are passionate about preaching, bring their own experiences, personalities, gifts, and graces to help build Christ's Church, complementing the local ministry team.

As part of the Ministries Team of MCI we are grateful to the staff at Edgehill House and their considerable contribution to the training of Local Preachers.

Connexional Local Preachers'

Coordinator: Laura Griffith

North Eastern District Local Preachers'

Coordinator: Jackie Wright

North Western District Local

Preachers' Coordinator: Anne Scott

Southern District Local Preachers'

Coordinator: Heather Brown

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Prayers have been answered in providing six new mentors who journey alongside our 29 Local Preachers in training.

PRAY

*Father God,
we pray for those who are discerning a call to preach and lead worship, especially those who are younger. May they hear your voice and receive encouragement and affirmation that enables them to take the appropriate steps to commence the training process.
Amen.*

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WDR PARTNER: METHODIST RELIEF

Irish Methodists partner with Methodist Relief as they work with rural people in Ghana. They are particularly expert in WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) amongst isolated rural communities, often drilling boreholes to access scarce and clean water sources.

THE MINISTRIES TEAM

We are greatly encouraged by the growth in numbers for those in training to become Local Preachers. The flexibility of self-led study, workshop days and the experience of developing a Worship Leading and Preaching Portfolio within the local context, has greatly enhanced the training itself, as well as the lay ministry support in our circuits.

Last year Conference directed that all churches would become Safe Places; an initiative which both raises awareness and provides access to support for all victims of Domestic Abuse. While there is still some way to go in meeting the directive, we have been encouraged by the growth in numbers at our training sessions.

We are grateful to those in our local churches/circuits, lay and ordained, who have prayed for, encouraged and supported those training for ordained ministry in their context-based formation ministry placements and stations.

Director of the Ministries Team:

Revd Dr Janet Unsworth

Learning and Development Officer:

Grace McGurk

Learning Resources Officer:

Lindsay McAlinden

Operations Administrator:

James McClure

The Ministries: Learning and Development Committee Chair:

Mike Anderson

The Ministries: Policies and Procedures Committee Chair:

Revd David Nixon

Those in Context-based Formation:

Cheryl Bruce*, Julie Craythorne*, Brian Donaghy*, Jennifer Gault*, Colin Houston, Mary King, Ruth Mathews*, Jackie Whittle* (*denotes those who have been commissioned as probationer ministers)

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We are so thankful that prayers for more lay people to step into leadership have been answered. The increase in the numbers of local preachers in training and the requests that we are receiving to facilitate various forms of lay training and development bear witness to this.

PRAY

*Loving God,
may we discern the leading of your Spirit as we plan our work so that we continue to support the Methodist Church's priorities for lay and ordained disciples of Jesus. We pray for the empowerment and filling of the Spirit, and a renewed passion and conviction for all to make Christ known.*

Connexional Youth and Children's Strategy 2023 - 2028

The Methodist Church in Ireland has affirmed a strategy for Children and Young People. The task of reaching and walking with the 'next' generation is a whole Church mission, and our prayer is that together we can journey in this strategy and vision well.

The IMYC team exist to empower and equip the church as they live out this strategy over the coming years.

The audacious goal is that by 2028 there will be a substantial increase in the numbers of young people who are wholehearted followers of Jesus for the transformation of the world.

THERE ARE FOUR KEY PRIORITIES:



1. EVERY CIRCUIT STRATEGY

that each circuit would develop a plan to enable them to be intentionally discipling and actively reaching young people and their families.



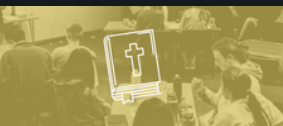
2. NEW FAITH COMMUNITIES

that new faith communities would be supported and pioneered with the primary goal to reach young people and their families.



3. LEADERS WHO ARE YOUNG

that there would be an Intentional passing on of leadership, engaging and releasing the under 25s into leadership.



4. THEOLOGICAL RESOURCING

that we will be a church that is engaging and informing on cultural issues so that young people have safe spaces to process and question.

PLEASE PRAY

- For the circuits who are on a journey to develop existing work or begin new work to be intentionally discipling and actively reaching young people and their families through the 'Every Circuit Strategy process.' Pray for the leadership teams and the IMYC accompaniers who will walk with them, that they would sense God's leading and anointing as they discern.
- That God will stir and raise up people and contexts where new faith communities focused on walking with young people, children and their families, may grow in the coming years.
- That young people and children would know that they have a place of belonging and acceptance as part of the family of God, the church, as they explore faith, and work out what it means to be a follower of Jesus.



- For us as a Church, that we would create environments and relationships of welcome and acceptance so that young people and children would experience the love of Jesus, through us.
- For spaces and places both locally and connexionally where young people and children are heard and valued, where they feel safe to ask and wrestle with their questions of faith and life.

Connexional events have proven to be significant in young people coming to faith in Jesus and growing in that faith, as well as providing opportunities to serve and lead. Pray for the young people, leaders and volunteers who will be involved in:



Ages 13 - 18
24th – 26th October, 2025



Ages 14+
6th – 8th February, 2026



Ages 9 - 13
6th – 7th March, 2026

Website:
irishmethodist.org/imyc

Facebook.com/imycd
Instagram.com/imycd

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BALLINAMALLARD AND TRILICK

Seeking to grow in faith, love, and unity and to follow Christ as he leads us into mission.

Superintendent Minister: John Beacom

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Through steadfast prayer, the communities of Ballinamallard and Trillick have nurtured a deeper spiritual connection and found strength to embrace their mission with faith and unity.

PRAY

Gracious God, we come before You with hearts open and yearning, seeking a renewed passion to make Christ known in the communities of Ballinamallard and Trillick. Guide us, O Lord, as we seek to bring the love of Christ into the community through Ember Community Hub. Inspire both young and old to draw near to you. Let our lives be a living testimony, drawing others into the embrace of Your eternal love. Amen.



NORTH CONNACHT, COMPRISING BALLINA, COLLOONEY, MANORHAMILTON, AND SLIGO

To share the love of the Lord Jesus Christ and his gifts in the church and community.

Superintendent Minister:

John Montgomery

Minister: Rev Kevin Tully (UMC)

PRAY

Our Father, we thank you so much for your faithfulness to your people on this circuit. You have been so close to us in trials and difficulties. Help us to grow in faith and to be willing to love others as you do. Help us Lord, to have grateful hearts for what You have done in the past, but also to never be lacking in zeal for what You are doing now and what You are calling us to be a part of. Amen

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METHODIST RESIDENTIAL AND NURSING HOMES

All Residential and Nursing Homes exist to provide a caring, sheltered environment for older people of any faith or none, where a sense of independence can be maintained, and support is provided as it is needed.

Dublin Central Mission:

Ailt an Óir Independent Living
Margaretholme Independent Living
Mount Tabor Nursing Home.

Dublin: Eastwell

Cork: Ardfallen Grove

County Limerick: Embury Close

Belfast Central Mission:

Kirk House

Copelands



Rev David Campton and Mrs Julie Craythorne, Methodist minister in training and NI's first Anna Chaplain, alongside chaplaincy participants and family at Copelands, Millisle

PRAY

Gracious God,
we thank you for the vision of Anna Chaplaincy, for ministry among older people and its launch in BCM's Copelands Care Home. May it flourish and support the spiritual well-being of residents, families and staff, as well as local churches and communities. Grant all those engaged in such chaplaincy to older people, daily compassion and wisdom to appreciate that each person is made in Your image and is beloved, so that your love might be reflected through their care and presence. May this ministry develop, compelled by your love, drawing others to your transforming grace in Jesus Christ. Amen



Mr Nicky Conway, CEO of BCM, Mrs Debbie Ducille, UK Ministry Lead for Anna Chaplaincy, and Mr Rowan Black, Chair of Trustees for BCM

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CASTLEDERG, COMPRISING CASTLEDERG, LISLEEN, CAVANDORAGH AND AGHYARAN

To connect people to Jesus Christ and to bring the community together in his love.

Superintendent Minister:
Andrew Topley

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The members on circuit were very keen to have the weekly prayer meeting resume when I arrived in October. Through this we are seeing God begin to bless our circuit and town.

PRAY

*Father God,
our heart's desire is to see your
Kingdom come on the island of
Ireland and beyond. We ask for a
renewing of the Holy Spirit on our
members, churches, and town. We
pray that many souls will be won and
that your name will be lifted high.
Amen.*

LONDONDERRY, INISHOWEN, LIMAVADY AND STRABANE MISSION

With 7 city, town & rural congregations and two centres in the city supporting homeless men, and very vulnerable women and children, the circuit seeks to show and share God's love with all.

Superintendent Minister:

Stephen Skuce

Ministers: Marlene Skuce, Peter Morris,
Ruth Watt (PT)

Probationer Minister: Jennifer Gault

PRAY

*Lord, bless the people
on this geographically large and
diverse circuit. Draw them closer
to Your throne of grace as they
join in prayer, fellowship, and
worship. Encourage them in their
witness for You.*

THE COVENANT COUNCIL

The Covenant Council is the joint working body which oversees the implementation of the Covenant made between the Church of Ireland and the Methodist Church in 2002. While the introduction of Interchangeability of Ministry in 2014 has allowed for a deepening of the mutual recognition of ministries, the Council continues to examine the opportunities, as well as the challenges, that this presents for engaging with each other and co-operation in mission.

Co-Chairs: Bishop Michael Burrows,
Rev Dr John Alderdice

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OMAGH AND FINTONA INCLUDING DRUMQUIN, MAYNE AND TOGHERDOO

We want the life and work of our five churches to bring glory to God, who always invites us to become involved with Him in His work, rather than for our own satisfaction or gain.

Superintendent Minister:

Eleanor Hayden

Lay Pastoral Assistant: Emma Fleming

PRAY

*Father of all,
You have called us to be your people.
Through your grace you have
welcomed us into your family, united
in Christ. By faith we have become
members one of another. Teach us
that we belong together. Help us
constantly to discover new avenues
of service to one another, new
opportunities to further your
kingdom, new ways in which we can
make known your love. In the name
of Jesus Christ our Lord
and Saviour. Amen.*



Lay Pastoral Assistant, Emma Fleming

GROWING CHURCHES OFFICER (IRELAND)

As a Connexion we are seeking to honestly face the challenges of decline and explore the hope of growth. The stationing of Rev Dr Stephen Skuce as the Growing Churches Officer (Ireland) is a sign of the Church's firm belief that, in the power and grace of God's Spirit, growth is possible and of our common commitment to working towards that growth.

In this role, Stephen will support District Superintendents in their work as mission enablers and will encourage coordination of our Teams and resources as we focus on growth.

We are doing this in partnership with the Methodist Church in Britain: as a Church we have a long historic relationship with MCB. Currently we partner with them in many ways, for example, much of our ministerial training is done in partnership with Cliff College and our Home Mission and Youth & Children's Teams already work closely together with colleagues in Britain. This new partnership is an extension of these existing partnerships.

PRAY

*Our hope and prayer is
that this new post will provide
encouragement and support for all
of us across the Connexion. At the
heart of the transformation for which
we long is the transformation of the
human heart which God makes
possible. We continue to pray that
God will grow the Church and that
the whole life of the Church will
be to God's glory.*

DONEGAL, BALLINTRA AND INVER

In seeking to share Christ we enjoy partnering with other Christian traditions, sharing services in Holy Week, Advent, and monthly Contemporary services. We host a monthly interdenominational children's Bible club in Ballintra, an interdenominational Youth Drop-in, and a Seniors' Luncheon Club for all the community, both in Donegal. Inver hosts the annual Watchnight, Tea Meeting, and Doorin Rock services all of which have ecumenical congregations, reaching people far and wide. We seek to live the Methodist standard of being friends of all and enemies of none.

Superintendent Minister:

John Montgomery

Retired Minister: Ian Henderson

PRAY

Lord, help us to be friends to all. Help us continue to reach out to people no matter what their backgrounds are. Help us to provide for all at every age and stage of life. Lord, may we be your light and your presence in the world and especially in Donegal. Amen

DUNKINEELY AND ARDARA

We are two small churches in Southwest Donegal, a very beautiful part of the country. Most of our people work on the land or in the fishing industry in Killybegs. There are also quite a number that work in the care field and of course there are other professions. The area attracts a lot of holiday makers.

Superintendent Minister:

Desmond Davis

Retired Minister: Brian Griffin

PORTADOWN, COMPRISING THOMAS STREET, EDENDERRY MEMORIAL, EPWORTH, MAHON, BATTLEHILL, DERRYANVILLE, TULLYROAN AND CRANAGILL

The Portadown Circuit has 8 churches with 2 stationed ministers and 2 helping part time.

Each church has its own personality with various weekly activities. We are thankful to have seen some growth which is tempered by the challenges of ministering in multiple places and sadly decline. We are thankful for those who help with working in Sunday School and uniformed organisations and who serve in various ways. Please pray for us as we grapple with Charles Wesley's famous words, "to serve the present age our calling to fulfil". Indeed, may the Holy Spirit breathe new life renewing and reviving us.

Superintendent Minister:

Alan Wardlow

Minister: Darrin Thompson

Retired Minister assisting:

Tommy Stevenson

RETIRED MINISTERS' FELLOWSHIP

The Retired Ministers Fellowship is an important get-together to pray for one another and have conversation around topical issues, meeting on the third Tuesday morning of each month, from October to March. The one exception is the December meeting which meets on the second Tuesday, when spouses join us as the President and Lay Leader share interesting reflections from their travels Overseas and around the Connexion.

Chairperson: Billy Davison

Secretary: Ken Lindsay

PRAY

Gracious God, we give thanks for the opportunity to share together in prayer for one another, for the work of mission and outreach, and the healing of our broken world. We remember in our fellowship those too frail or ill to join with us, or those in hospital, and families who have suffered the loss of a loved one. We pray for wisdom and guidance in seeking to provide a warm fellowship where retired colleagues can meet to share God's great love in Christ. Amen

DUNGANNON, COMPRISING CASTLECAULFIELD, DUNGANNON, LAGHEY, MOY AND NEWTOWNKELLY

A close-knit circuit which meets faithfully and has embraced technology as a means of worshipping together and spreading the gospel. There are many organisations within the circuit which meet regularly and the premises are always in constant use. In everything we seek to serve others and glorify God.

Superintendent Minister: Philip Agnew

Lay Evangelist: Andrew Witherall

NEWRY, BESSBROOK AND WARRENPOINT

We give thanks and praise to God as we prepare to celebrate 175 years of faithful Methodist Witness in Newry.

Superintendent Minister:

Dave Sweeney

Retired Minister Assisting:

Louise Donald

Retired Minister: Graham Hamilton

PRAY

May you grace us with a fresh flow of the Holy Spirit, affirm and strengthen us that we find ourselves 'compelled' to share the story of Jesus life, death and resurrection with all whom we meet, that 'lost souls' would find their 'hearts strangely warmed' and know the joy of eternal life, lived with and for your glory. Amen.

ARMAGH, COMPRISING ARMAGH, KILLYLEA, KILLYMADDY AND MARKETHILL

The circuit comprises three rural church communities and one church in the city, situated between Armagh's two Cathedrals, close to the site where John Wesley preached.

Superintendent Minister:
Colin Gracie

AUGHNACLOY AND MONAGHAN

A cross-border circuit made up of a society in Monaghan town, along with the Tyrone societies of Aughnacloy and Ballynanny.

Superintendent Minister: Philip Agnew
Retired Ministers Assisting: Ken Lindsay, Ken Robinson

COOKSTOWN AND SOUTH DERRY

The Cookstown and South Derry Circuit consists of Cookstown and Magherafelt Methodist churches. The Probationer Minister who is going into her second year on the Circuit has made tremendous progress. Gaining the confidence of both societies she has brought new life and vision to the circuit. Pray that this continues and is consolidated in the year ahead.

Superintendent Minister:

David Clements

Probationer Minister:

Cheryl Bruce

Retired minister assisting:

Brian Sweeney

THE LAY WITNESS MOVEMENT IRELAND

The Movement is a fellowship of ordinary people of all ages and backgrounds who share their personal experience of Jesus. Members come together in teams to visit churches, all by invitation, for a weekend of praise and personal witness to what it means to be a follower of Christ in today's world.

(Contact may be made via the website, www.laywitnessireland.org)

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Prayer for the Lay Witness Movement has sparked a fresh interest in churches hosting Lay Witness Weekends.

PRAY

*Lord God,
we pray that the forthcoming weekends that are taking place in Whitehead/Islandmagee and also in Togherdoo, early in 2026 will be times of great blessing for these congregations. As stories of faith are shared by team members, may your Spirit awaken and stir the hearts of many and renew the passion of Christ as they seek to follow you.*

GLENNAVY AND MOIRA, COMPRISING GLENNAVY, MOIRA AND CRAIGMORE

A circuit across 3 counties, including Craigmore, Co. Armagh, Glenavy, Co. Antrim and Moira, Co. Down.

Superintendent Minister:

Philip Gallagher

Retired Minister Assisting:

Ken Lindsay

PRAY

*Lord, thank you for
stirring our hearts to seek you
more and more every day. As our
roots go deeper into the soil of your
unfailing love may the fruit of loving
witness and service abound from our
lives in all seasons, to the glory of
Your name.*



Christmas Pantomime, Moira

LURGAN, COMPRISING HIGH STREET, LURGAN; QUEEN STREET, LURGAN; BALLINACORR AND BLUESTONE

A four-church circuit operating in a provincial town and rural settings in the Lurgan/Craigavon area.

Superintendent Minister:

Andrew Gibson

Minister: Lorna Dreaning

Youth Pastor: Mark Hand

MINISTERS SERVING WITH THE ARMED FORCES

Royal Air Force:

John Mbayo, Colin Weir

WDR PARTNER: FAID SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Established in 1957, FAID is a Christian School in Beirut, Lebanon, for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. All are welcome, irrespective of religion, ethnicity or wealth. Their aim is to teach and prepare students for life through their education and life-skills programmes. FAID also work beyond their walls, reaching into the wider community and they have an active outreach programme amongst the Syrian refugee community.

BANBRIDGE AND DONAGHCLONEY

Banbridge and Donaghcloney Circuit consists of three churches: one situated in Banbridge town centre and two rural churches in the villages of Donaghcloney and Blackskull. Our circuit's vision statement is to be a caring, Christ-centred fellowship of believers, where the transforming power of God's Holy Spirit is evident and influences our communities and beyond.

Superintendent Minister:
Dave Sweeney

TANDRAGEE AND RICHHILL

Three churches that are situated in the heart of the Orchard County, Armagh, and in the heart of Jesus, that are seeking to live out and proclaim the good news of Jesus.

Superintendent Minister:
Nick McKnight
Pastoral Assistant: Clive Webster

WDR PARTNER: KOPILA-NEPAL

Kopila is dedicated to the protection of human rights and the psychosocial wellbeing of single mothers and widows, particularly in lower-caste and Dalit communities, and their children. Kopila's work is wide-ranging and includes mental health and wellbeing, education, agriculture, gender equality, advocacy and economic empowerment.



Bina of Kopila hears about a woman's challenges

JUNIOR MISSION FOR ALL (JMA)

JMA is an annual resource designed to help children engage with world mission. As a Church with strong global connections, it is important that MCI's youngest members know that they are a valued part of God's global mission. With the help of volunteer leaders across Ireland, in 2025-26 JMA will focus on a Youth Arts programme run by the Methodist Church in Barbados.



JMA Campers at Barbados Defence Force



NORTH EASTERN DISTRICT

With around 60 societies, this district provides a huge variety of context, mission and ministry: from rural to urban, and from traditional to pioneer mission. We give thanks for faithful witness and for the many green shoots of growth.

Churches continue to face many challenges and are seeking to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to them. As we seek to be wholehearted followers of Jesus, may we be filled with the enabling power of the Spirit as we play our part in God's work of transformation.

District Superintendent:

John Alderdice

District Lay Leader: Pat Jamison

COLERAINE, PORTRUSH, PORTSTEWART AND BALLYMONEY

Located in the Causeway Coast and Glens Council Area, the members of our four societies seek to work together to witness to the love which our Lord has for all people, whether they are attached to one of our societies, or are people we meet in the wider community as we live out our lives under God.

Superintendent Minister:

Ruth Patterson

Minister: Sam Livingstone

Retired Ministers Assisting:

Sam McGuffin

Pioneer Mission Leaders in Portrush -

Coastal: Chris and Hannah Agnew

WDR PARTNER: EAST JERUSALEM YMCA REHABILITATION PROGRAMME

Since 1948, EJ-YMCA has pursued its mission to develop and empower youth to reach their full potential in mind, body and spirit. EJ-YMCA works with young people in the West Bank who have disabilities; offering vocational training, counselling and psychosocial support. Through WDR, Irish Methodists support the EJ-YMCA Rehabilitation Programme in their work to restore hope and provide opportunities for young people.

SAT-7

SAT-7 is a Christian media network, which seeks to make the Gospel available to the people of the Middle East and North Africa - especially those who might never otherwise hear it. Through WMP, Irish Methodists are supporting SAT-7's work in North Africa, including satellite TV programmes which are tailored to the unique spiritual needs and challenges faced by believers and marginalised groups in the region.

PIONEER MISSION - COASTAL

Coastal is a new church community in Portrush seeking to be a missional presence in the area. We exist as a family of families on mission, seeking the flourishing of Portrush and the surrounding area, and joining God in the reconciliation of all things. It is where we live.

Team: Chris & Hannah Agnew (Pioneer Mission Leaders)

Global Mission Fellow: Phimphone (Esther) Muenpanakhone

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Everything we have done began in prayer - from prayer walks round the town, prayer and worship nights held in the church, Town Hall and local homes, to the unvoiced but desperate longings in our community. Back in November, we began to pray for some wise sages to join our community of mostly millennial and Gen Z's with children. A local older couple had a dream at the beginning of November they felt they could not ignore about a new season and found their way to us. After they communicated their desire to commit and serve with us, we shared that we'd been praying for people like them, and it was a wonderful confirmation and joy to celebrate answered prayer together!

PRAY

God, we thank you that when you walked this earth, so often we read about finding you at a meal, going to a meal, or coming from a meal. We thank you that in this regard, we can follow you well, as we also love food in this country. Help us to reimagine our tables as places where you are constantly present, places where we can welcome others into your presence, and, by the power of your Spirit at work in and through us, introduce you, Jesus, to those that we gather. Fill us up so that we cannot help but overflow with your hope in the everyday moments. In Jesus' name, Amen.



WDR PARTNER: INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION

IJM, is the largest anti-slavery organisation in the world. Through WDR, Irish Methodists are supporting IJM's work in Asia to combat trafficking and violence against the poor. IJM work to rescue people from bonded labour and slavery, support survivors, bring perpetrators to justice and strengthen justice systems.

PIONEER MISSION - PLAY IT BY EAR

Play it by Ear is a Christian drama company which provides performances, workshops and resources for churches, schools, events and community groups. It is run by Chris Neilands and Ross Jonas who are passionate about equipping churches to use drama to share God's love.

Find out more at playitbyeardrama.com

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We are thankful for the prayerful support of those around us which has seen God open doors to unexpected work which will sustain our ministry.

PRAY

As we celebrate 10 years in full time ministry we are also seeking prayer for what is to come. Please pray for fresh creativity and inspiration as well as a renewed excitement and passion through which the people we come across will encounter God in a very tangible way.



NEWTOWNABBEY METHODIST MISSION, COMPRISING NORTH BELFAST MISSION RATHCOOLE, WHITEABBEY, GLENGORMLEY, GREENCASTLE, MOSSLEY AND MONKSTOWN (CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD - WITH THE CHURCH OF IRELAND)

A circuit on the edge of North Belfast seeking to equip God's people for works of service, so that God's people may grow in faith and love, and that Christ's amazing love may flow into the lives of all among whom we live and work.

Superintendent Minister:

Karen Spence

Ministers: Michael Spence,
Nathan Ervine (Church of Ireland),
Sam Campbell

Retired Minister Assisting:

Stephen Sheerin



ANTRIM

A church in the heart of Antrim dedicated to serving the community, glorifying God and proclaim His Son Jesus Christ until He returns.

Superintendent Minister: Ruth Patterson
Minister: Mark Durrell

LARNE

A circuit of three societies on the beautiful Antrim Coast, centred around the historic port of Larne: an older town-centre church in Larne; a 1950s church-plant in Craigyhill; and a seaside village church in Carnlough.

Superintendent Minister:
Julian Hamilton
Youth and Children's Worker:
Diana Farrelly

PRAY

Please pray for our ministry to young people through Larne High School where we work alongside the 'Empower to Change' project through YouthLink.

CARRICKFERGUS, COMPRISING CARRICKFERGUS, GREENISLAND, WHITEHEAD AND ISLANDMAGEE

Straddling the East Antrim coast, the circuit covers both large town and rural communities. The four churches work faithfully seeking to serve God and share His love with the wider community.

Superintendent Minister:
Mark Liddicoat
Minister: Stephen Woods
Lay Pastor (Greenisland):
Nelson Thomas-Raja

WDR PARTNER: MENNONITE SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION (CASM)

Honduras is in the 'dry corridor', mostly inhabited by indigenous ethnic groups (Maya and Lenca) and desertification is accelerating due to climate change. CASM aims to help people identify the underlying problems and increase their involvement in national consultations over resources and land management. CASM is also supporting 100 families each year to use adaptive farming techniques, strengthen their ability to make decisions based on local climate information and move towards clean energy sources.

SIXMILE METHODISTS (BALLYCLARE, BALLYNURE AND DOAGH)

THREE Churches ONE Big Family – To follow Christ in all we do and lead others to follow.

Superintendent Minister: Christopher Skillen

Pastoral Assistant: Nigel Murphy (PT)

Retired Minister: Desmond Curran

Circuit Secretary: Shan Munce



MISSION PARTNERS: BARRY & GILLIAN SLOAN

Gillian and Barry are based in Chemnitz, formerly part of East Germany. Atheism is the dominant ideology in Chemnitz, a legacy of the old communist government. Barry and Gillian serve with INSPIRE, a “fresh expression” of church which seeks new ways of reaching those who are uninterested in – or hostile to – the traditional church. Barry serves through the Methodist Church Britain, and also works as their Partnership Coordinator for Europe. Gillian serves through the United Methodist Church, with financial support from World Mission Partnership.





BALLYMENA

Seeking to be a church at the heart of our community - a welcoming church - with open hearts, open minds and open doors to serve, to care and to share with all whom we engage.

Superintendent Minister:

Ruth Patterson

Living Rooms Co-ordinator:

Elaine McDonald

CULLYBACKEY

A single-church circuit in the heart of a rural community with a mission to glorify God. In a busy church with activities every day of the week, pray for lasting spiritual fruit and a deep impact on the community around us. Pray for a developing outreach to many Filipino workers and their families who live near the village, and for developing youth ministry in the church in the year ahead.

Superintendent Minister:

David Clements

BELFAST NORTH, COMPRISING, JENNYMOUNT, JOANMOUNT SHANKHILL, AND WOODVALE

A Circuit with wholehearted followers of Jesus who are seeking the transformation of North Belfast in both familiar and innovative ways.

Superintendent Minister

(Jennymount): Alan Lorimer

Minister (Shankhill and Woodvale):

Alan Conly

Minister (Joanmount): Daphne Hanna

Retired Ministers Assisting: Brenda

Weatherill (Jennymount), Jim Rea,

Brian Fletcher (Shankhill)

Woodvale Community and

Youth/Children's Worker:

Emma-Jayne Speers

PRAY

*Lord in our worship
transform us so that we reflect your
desire. Help us to persevere daily
and be faithful to your call in the
years and decades to come.*

**BELFAST CENTRAL AND SOUTH,
COMPRISING BELFAST SOUTH,
CORNERSTONE, THE CHURCH
OF THE RESURRECTION (QUB),
DONEGALL ROAD, FINAGHY,
AND GROSVENOR HALL**

A diverse circuit that works together well yet covers areas of the city that are socially and culturally very different. We are exploring what our mission is going into the future, how we can support one another in that, and our relationship to neighbouring circuits.

Also associated with this circuit are Belfast Central Mission, Methodist College Belfast, Belfast City Centre Chaplaincy, the Belfast South Network Company (Agape Centre, Lisburn Road), The Commons (Pioneer Mission at Ballynafeigh), and the joint Church of Ireland and Methodist Student Chaplaincy. Each of these are continually exploring new ways of fulfilling their distinctive missions.

BCM employs around 260 staff and has about 70 dedicated volunteers. The Chaplaincy has its own staff team, working in different colleges across the city, staffing the Hub Café and looking after the chaplaincy residents.

Superintendent Minister: Robin Waugh
Superintendent of Belfast Central Mission: David Campton
Ministers: Matthew Ncube, Tanita Lee
Minister and Honorary Chaplain to Methodist College: Emily Hyland
Pioneer Mission Leaders: David and Jill Hines
Associate Chaplain to Methodist College: Ian Gibson
Universities' Chaplain: Danielle McCullagh (CofI Minister)
Non-Stipendiary Minister and Lead City Centre Chaplain: Andrew Irvine
BCM Chief Executive: Nicky Conway

PRAY

*Living God,
as your Spirit hovered over the
waters at creation would we become
aware of your presence with us
today. Disturb and bother us to be
followers of your Kingdom way and
not the way of the cultures around
us. Inspire us by your Spirit to be
people that love Christ and make
Christ known. Amen*

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*We continue to pray
every week-day morning on Zoom
as a community. It keeps us
grounded and outward focused,
it reminds us of our need for God to
make the difference in our lives and
in the lives of those we pray for.
And colleagues and friends who
know we pray often bring their secret
fears and struggles to us for a 'wee
word with the Big Man'. Miracles,
big and small are all around us, when
we realise that then prayer becomes
a privilege and a comfort.
(Dave Hines, The Commons)*



PIONEER MISSION – BELFAST CITY CENTRE CHAPLAINCY

Established in July 2018, the Chaplaincy provides pastoral support to people working, living or enjoying recreational time in Belfast City Centre. Understanding that every human being is made in the image of God, we provide care to everyone, irrespective of their beliefs or past. We exist to embody the Kingdom of God in the City, with love and without judgement.

Chairman of the Board: David Campton

Directors: Philip Agnew, Eileen Jamison, David Gallagher, David Patterson

Lead Chaplain: Andrew Irvine

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As our Chaplains pray for those they have met, day after day we see God answer these prayers in life supporting and often life changing ways.

PRAY

Heavenly Father, please gift each Belfast City Centre Chaplain, through a renewed awareness of your grace and love, with an increased passion for sharing Christ and His kingdom on the streets of Belfast City Centre. As your Spirit lives in and works through the Chaplains, may people see, hear and touch something of Christ.

BELFAST EAST

This new circuit brings together the 9 churches in East Belfast. While remembering that Mission needs to be the local churches' priority, the new circuit gives opportunity for collective discipleship, joint praise evenings and sharing of prayer opportunities. Identity will continue to be a key discovery this year - we are not 9 individual churches, but under Belfast East Circuit are a collective group of Methodists seeking to help build the Kingdom of God where we are, while building each other up. Our prayer is that we would be a listening circuit, to God and each other, and then to act according to the will of God

Superintendent Minister: Paul Maxwell

Ministers: Brian Anderson, Fiona McCrea, Alan Craig, Edem Dzunu, Nigel Murphy

Retired Ministers assisting: Ruth Craig, Colin Duncan

Minister in Training on Placement: Colin Houston

Pioneer Mission Leader: Neil Curran

Lay Pastoral Assistant: Pat Lennox

PRAY

*Loving God, ignite
in us a renewed passion to make
You known across our circuit. As we
seek Your will and discern Your
calling for us as a Circuit, guide our
hearts with clarity and courage.
May Your Spirit lead us to where
Your light is most needed, for Your
glory alone. Amen.*

METHODIST CHURCH UPPER MYANMAR (MCUM)

All churches face difficulties, but MCUM faces more than most. Persecution, civil war, and natural disaster have all contributed to the challenge facing Methodists in Upper Myanmar – but they continue to rise to that challenge, providing both practical and spiritual support to the people around them. Through WMP, Irish Methodists are supporting MCUM with prayer and finance.

WDR PARTNER: KG6 SCHOOL & CENTRE

KG6 located in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, provides rehabilitation and boarding facilities for 330 students with physical disabilities and those who are deaf; as well as many without a disability. Students range from 3 to 20-years-old. Many are orphans or come from low-income families. In a country where having a disability can carry great stigma and exclude people from opportunities, KG6 helps the young people gain skills for life so that they have a much greater chance of finding their niche and contributing to society and enjoying life.

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PIONEER MISSION – BRANIEL: YOU BELONG HERE

Braniel Church in East Belfast have felt a calling from God to move away from old habits to new ways of engaging with local community; altering how we "be church" without compromising on biblical principles. We see situations and circumstances in which God is at work and we want to get alongside Him in this.

BASE Braniel (Belong, Achieve, Support and Encourage) is a brand new community hub on the church site which will be used for community engagement projects that better support the community, and in turn allow us to share the good news of Jesus with them, changing from a Sunday centred community to living wholeheartedly as followers of Jesus 24/7.

Pioneer Mission Leader: Neil Curran

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Prayer has been the heartbeat of all that's happening in Braniel, guiding relationships, shaping vision, and opening new ways to connect with every home and heart in the estate.

PRAY

Lord, fill us again with passion to make Jesus known here. Help us see our neighbours with Your eyes, speak with Your love, and serve with Your grace. Let hope rise in every street, and may lives be changed as Your presence fills this estate.



MISSION PARTNER: MELISSA NEWELL

Melissa serves with the Methodist Church in Ecuador and is based in the town of Puerto Misahuallí. Her ministry includes teaching English, serving the church through children's and young adult ministry, preaching, and being part of the worship team. Melissa serves through the South American Mission Society (Ireland), with financial support from World Mission Partnership.



COUNCIL ON SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Council on Social Responsibility aims to bring theological insight to social, political and economic issues, and to provide realistic recommendations for actions. It has Northern and Southern Executives.

Chairs: David Clements, Steven Foster

Secretaries: _____, Sara Stephens

Treasurer: Bill Parkinson

THE WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL

The World Methodist Council brings together some 80 Methodist, Wesleyan and related Uniting and United Churches, representing over 80 million members in more than 130 countries. It engages, empowers and serves member Churches by encouraging unity in witness, by facilitating mission in the world, and by fostering ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue.

The Council emphasises responsibility for God's world at a time when climate change is affecting the most vulnerable. It offers encouragement and support to all who work for justice and peace, recognising that without justice there can be no true peace. The World Methodist Peace Award, inaugurated at the Council meeting in Dublin 1976 following a speech by the late Revd Dr Eric Gallagher, highlights those who,

with courage, consistency and creativity, pursue a path of peace. It has been made three times in Ireland. Through theological dialogue with churches of a number of traditions, the Council works for greater unity among Christians, based on faithfulness to the Gospel and in accordance with Christ's will that we might be one that the world might believe.

President: Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett (USA)

Vice-President: Joshua Rathnam (India)

General Secretary: Revd Dr Reynaldo Ferreira Leão Neto (Great Britain)

Geneva Secretary: Bishop Rosemarie Wenner (Germany)

PRAY

*Loving God,
we pray for the work of the World Methodist Council as it offers a place where 'the people called Methodist' may come together to affirm faith in you and love of each other. We thank you for the solidarity that strengthens us in our witness to the faith in so many differing contexts. At a time when issues threaten to divide the Body of Christ, grant us unity in our diversity and grace without limits to love as we have been loved. May the light of that love shine in the darkness, enabling your will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. AMEN*

World Mission Partnership

Together, Growing God's World Church

World Mission Partnership connects Irish Methodists to churches in other countries, so that we can help each other to grow. Together, we share ideas, resources and people so that the world can know God's love.

General Secretary: Laurence Graham

Treasurer: Ian Patterson

Partnership Coordinator:

David Nesbitt

Admin & Communications

Coordinator:

Rachel Worthington McQueen



Rev Alan Wardlow in Cuba



David and Rachel, WMP staff

ACTIVITIES:

- Developing relationships between MCI and our world church family.
- Providing financial support for mission work around the world, including grants to sister churches and support for Irish Methodists serving as mission partners.
- Encouraging children to be involved in supporting world mission, through 'Junior Mission for All' (JMA).
- Providing practical resources to world churches, through the Container Ministry.

PRAY FOR:

- Our sister churches, and partner organisations around the world.
- Those serving overseas.
- Guidance and wisdom for the World Mission Partnership committee.
- Irish Methodists to continue answering God's call to mission.
- David and Rachel, WMP staff.



PRAY

Loving Father,

Thank you for our world church family. Help us feel more connected to our brothers and sisters in other countries, as we work together to grow your church.

Teach us to be generous with what we have: our time, our finances and our prayers. Help us to be humble enough to receive from those who are materially poor, but rich in Your Spirit and wisdom.

Show us clear and practical ways to follow your call to mission, wherever we are.

We ask this in Jesus' name,

Amen

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irishmethodist.org/world-mission

WhatsApp:

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+44 7840 935 250 to join our
WhatsApp news group.

ARDS AND NORTH DOWN

This newly formed circuit brings together 9 churches in Bangor and Hollywood, Glastry and Portaferry, Newtownards and Comber and Donaghadee.

Superintendent Minister:

Philip Corrigan

Ministers: Colin Milligan (Regent Street), Sharon Connor (Holywood Methodist Church), Jordan Litchfield (Glastry and Portaferry), Louise McKee (Donaghadee), Alan Peek (Church of Ireland, Movilla Abbey), Pastor Denise Wilson (Christ Church Primacy)

Lay Pastor: Nicky Hazley (Comber)

Lay Pastor: Colin Burrows (Christ Church Primacy)

Youth Pastor: Laura Ewing (Regent St)

PRAY

We would very much value prayer as we go forward as a newly formed circuit. We are excited for the possibilities and are praying that this new union will know God's clear direction and blessing. Your prayers for all involved in leadership would also be much valued.

THE EUROPEAN METHODIST COUNCIL (EMC)

The European Methodist Council gives Methodist, Wesleyan, and Uniting Churches a shared voice in a changing European landscape. We work together to greater understand shared challenges and support one another so that we can all be more effective in God's mission. The Council meets twice per year - in person in the Autumn and online in the Spring.

Co-Chairs: Doug Swanney (Methodist Church in Britain), Rev Dr Heather Morris (MCI)

Members of EMC from MCI: Heather Morris, Jeremy Nicoll, Kathryn Harte

Support Officer: Stefanie Gabuyo

THE METHODIST CHURCH IN ZIMBABWE (MCZ)

MCI is blessed to have many Zimbabwean members, and by the work of Zimbabwean ministers in Ireland. Rev Tawanda Sungai continues to serve on the Dublin Central North West Circuit, and in 2025 we welcome Rev Matthew Ncube to Ireland. Rev Ncube will be stationed in Finaghy, and will also serve as Chaplain of the Zimbabwean Fellowship. It is wonderful for MCI to receive this support from MCZ, as through WMP, we also explore ways to support their ministry in Zimbabwe.

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CASTLEWELLAN HOLIDAY WEEK

Castlewellan Forest Park is the venue each summer for the Holiday Week which aims through worship, teaching, friendship, and lots of fun, to encourage young and old in their faith and walk with God. Families, youth groups and single people, of all ages and denominations, gather from across this island, share their faith, their joys and their struggles and pray that God's Spirit will continue to move within them and across the land.

Chair: Laurence Graham

Secretary: _____

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CHW is bathed in prayer and members of our very committed Prayer Team pray personally with many people every day during the week.

PRAY

Please pray for our hardworking Committee and many other wonderful volunteers.

MINISTERS WHO ARE WITHOUT A STATIONED APPOINTMENT

Steven Foster serves as a Pioneer Mission Leader in Co Galway
Cheryl A Patterson works under the direction of the District Superintendent.

MINISTERS WHO CONTINUE TO UNDERTAKE SPECIALISED WORK

Kenneth Connor: serving with Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
Derek J Johnston: serving with Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
Philip R Meadows: serving with Inspire and Asbury Theological Seminary
John Wonnacott: serving with Northern Health and Social Care Trust

MINISTERS WHO SERVE WITH OTHER CONFERENCES

The Methodist Church in Britain:
John Purdy

MINISTERS WHO SERVE WITH THE CHURCH OF IRELAND

Victoria Lynch
Clodagh Yambasu

METHODIST CHURCH UGANDA (MCU)

Under the leadership of Bishop Ntoghonya, MCU is a church with a clear sense of mission and a commitment to evangelism. Although MCU faces many difficulties, it has also experienced significant growth in a country where almost half of the population is aged 18 or under. Through World Mission Partnership, Irish Methodists are supporting our Ugandan brothers and sisters as they build structures that will enable their mission for years to come.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education seeks to develop, in co-operation with other Churches, a clear and shared vision of education, shaped by the core values of Christian faith, and to equip and encourage church members and congregations to build close supportive relationships with their local schools.

General Secretary and Convener,
Northern Executive: Anita Gracie
Ministerial Treasurer and Convener,
Southern Executive: _____
Lay Treasurer: Ken Twyble

PRAY

Father God, we give you thanks for all who work in education, for the joys of teaching and the rich benefits of learning. We pray that all who are involved will use their skills wisely, feel themselves to be valued and help all students to grow and flourish.

The Methodist Church in Ireland is part of The Transferor Representatives' Council (TRC), representing the voice of the Protestant churches in policy and stakeholder discussions and consultations and works with the EA to administrate the nomination of church representatives to controlled schools' Boards of Governors.



LAGAN VALLEY & SOUTH DOWN

A circuit which comprises Ballynahinch, Broomhedge, Donard, Dromore, Magheragall, Priesthill, Seymour Street, the Church on the Hill (Maghaberry) and Trinity. We are nine church families in Down and South Antrim who are seeking to follow Jesus and share God's good news, love, and grace among the communities in which we are placed.

Superintendent Minister: David Turtle

Ministers: Ross Harte, Clare Kakuru (Church of Ireland), Leah McKibben, Philip Patterson, Richard Wright

Retired Ministers Assisting:

Billy Davison

Probationer Minister: Julie Craythorne

Pastoral Assistant: Shirley Carrington

Youth Pastor (Seymour Street):

Ashleigh O'Sullivan

Pastoral Visitor: Billy Bryson

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A small group from different churches in the town of Dromore have been prayer walking the town for nearly three years. Over this time we have also formed new relationships with people in the local community, some of whom have joined the church in the last year.

PRAY

Thank you God that you are already at work in the world drawing people to yourself. As we pray in the town of Dromore, and as we listen, bring us to the least and the lost that we might share your love with them. Help us to open our lives, be with people in their difficult situations and name Jesus in our conversations. May people find a home with your people, the church, and a home in you. Amen.

METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Preserving the past to inform the present and to shape the future.

President: Edmund Mawhinney

Vice-President: Samuel McGuffin

Secretary and Associate Archivist:

Jennifer Stutt

Treasurers: Derek Reid and Trudy Kelly

Archivist: Robin Roddie

Editor: Stephen Skuce

PRAY

Father of all, who called your servants John and Charles Wesley to spread and make known the Gospel through times of growth and change, we ask your blessing on our Society as it seeks to preserve, honour and share the heritage of Methodism in Ireland. May the stories of lives who have faithfully served you in the past and the artifacts we preserve, inspire us to cherish the roots of our faith, to grow steadfast to your will in the present and to give ourselves to your purpose in the future.

METHODIST CHILD CARE SOCIETY

The Society is the means by which we can reach out to families within the Methodist Connexion in Ireland who are experiencing financial hardship.

Ministerial Secretary/Treasurer:

David Sweeney

Lay Treasurer: Margaret Copeland

METHODIST COLLEGE, BELFAST

Methody Chaplaincy aims to make an active contribution to college life. Through the assembly programme, the Chapel Drop-In, the Focus On Faith initiative and support for faith groups, we've made progress. Next year we hope that contribution will grow: a new role in induction; fostering the theme 'Mind to be Kind,' inspired by the social engagement of John Wesley and providing a platform for discussion of topical issues within the school community. Staff Prayers begins each Friday at 8:00 and Communion closes each term.

Principal: Jenny Lendrum

Chair of the Board of Governors:

Revd Niall Johnston

Chaplains: Emily Hyland, Ian Gibson

PRAY

Our prayer would be that God would bless the efforts of all those who seek and serve Him in Methodist College.

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WESLEY COLLEGE DUBLIN

Wesley College has begun the year with a sense of great expectation after a summer of overseas visitors, summer camps, and pre-season training for our sports teams. We are enjoying a large influx of boarders, from across Ireland and the world, and especially those from Ukraine as we seek to provide a safe and secure refuge for those fleeing the worst of the war.

It is exciting to see a full programme of trips and fixtures and to know that many of these events will be incredibly positive for the students' social, physical, spiritual, and mental development.

Principal: Brian Moore
Chaplain: Ruth Mathews

GURTEEN COLLEGE

Gurteen College provides agricultural and related education with various courses up to degree level in a positive community, learning and working together to enhance life in rural communities. Praise God for the growth of the college with new Degree and Equine courses.

Principal: Jon Parry
Assistant Principal: Stephanie Scully
Chair of Governors: Roy Kingston
Chaplain: Steven Foster

RATHGAR NATIONAL SCHOOL, DUBLIN

This Methodist primary school, founded in 1896, has a current enrolment of 91 children. Ivan Pearson, a native of Letterkenny in Co. Donegal, is the teaching principal. There are three mainstream teachers, Special Education teachers and ancillary staff. Andrew Dougherty is Chair of the Board of Governors while Yongnam Park & Andrew Kingston conducts regular school assemblies.

Teaching Principal: Ivan Pearson
Chairperson: Andrew Dougherty
Chaplain: Yongnam Park

ST ANDREW'S NATIONAL SCHOOL, BRAY

A Christian school under the trusteeship of the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Church of Ireland Churches. Our Christian ethos not only informs our lessons in religious education but also in every other area of the curriculum and in our life together as a school community of children, parents/guardians and staff.

Principal: Daphne Wood
Deputy Principal: Róisín Mulligan

Connexional Calendar

2025

September

- 14 Education Sunday
- 16 Statutory Trustees
Faith & Order
- 17 Missional Property Sub-Group
- 18 Property Board
- 21 Peace Sunday
- 23 Connexional Team
- 25 Governance Board

October

- 24-26 Autumn Soul
- 30 Governance Board

November

- 5 Missional Property Sub-Group
- 16 Home Mission Sunday
- 18 Statutory Trustees
- 26 Faith & Order
- 27 Governance Board

December

- 4 Connexional Team

2026

January

- 4 Covenant Sunday
- 14 Missional Property Sub-Group
- 15 Governance Board
- 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 20 MWI General Executive Meeting
- 25 Social Responsibility Sunday

February

- 1 Ministry of Healing Sunday
- 6-8 Overflow (Young Leaders Weekend)
- 8 Racial Justice Sunday
- 15-22 World Mission Advocacy Week
- 17 Statutory Trustees
- 19 Governance Board

March

- 3 Faith & Order
- 4 Missional Property Sub-Group
- 6-7 Soul Mates
- 19 Governance Board
Property Board
- 26 Connexional Team

April

- 16 Governance Board
- 21 Statutory Trustees (AGM)

May

- 6 Missional Property Sub-Group
- 6 Faith & Order
- 10-16 Christian Aid Week
- 14 Governance Board

June

- 4 Conference opens
- 18 Connexional Team

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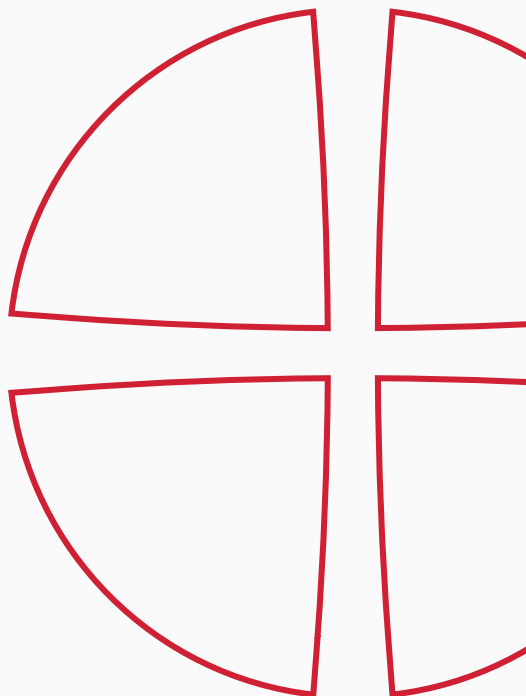
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