Please complete this form and return to David Goodall, District Mission Enabler (by email: [mission@ywmethodist.org.uk](mailto:mission@ywmethodist.org.uk)).

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| **Contact Details:** | |
| Circuit: |  |
| Place of potential NPNP: |  |
| Possible Name of potential NPNP: |  |
| Contact Name: |  |
| Contact Telephone No: |  |
| Contact Email Address: |  |

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| **Describe the Potential NPNP:**  If it is helpful and feasible you could tell the story of your proposed NPNP by creating a video. If your video answers the questions below please do not feel you need to complete that box as well. If your video does not cover an answer please still complete that box so we have all the information we need. | |
| Background:  *How did the idea for this new community come about?*  *How has the ground been cleared?* |  |
| How:  *How have you engaged and listened to the needs, wants, and hopes of the people of the community?* |  |
| Discernment:  *How have you discerned God is leading you or your community to do this work?* |  |
| Why?:  *Why is this new Methodist community wanted and needed?* |  |
| Team:  *Who is currently involved?*  *Who are members of your Steering Group?*  *Does your Steering Group have agreed Terms of Reference?*  *Are your Steering Group committed to the District support for Steering Groups?*  *Who is praying for this new community?* |  |
| Staff:  *Do you envisage the NPNP having a staff member or staff team?*  *What sort of staff member or team do you envisage? Do you think they will be lay or ordained?* |  |
| Vision:  *What is your vision for this new community?*  *Does your project relate to Church at the Margins?* |  |
| Nurturing Faith:  *How do you hope new people will explore and discover faith?* |  |
| Growing:  *Describe how you hope, new, people will intentionally nurture and be supported in faith development.* |  |

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| **Risk, Safeguarding and Inclusion** | |
| Risk:  *What risks have you identified for this new community and how will you mitigate them?* |  |
| Safeguarding practice and policy:  *Please include a safeguarding policy for your new community written in consultation with the District Safeguarding Officer.*  *Please include the date you spoke with the District Safeguarding Officer.* |  |
| Inclusive Methodist Church:  *How will your new community be inclusive? See here for background and the commitments of the Methodist Church to full inclusivity* [*methodist.org.uk/*](http://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-church/the-inclusive-methodist-church/)*inclusive-church* |  |

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| **Planning and Monitoring:** | |
| Transformation:  *What changes are you hoping to see after the first year and beyond? How will you seek to achieve and monitor the ‘fruitfulness markers’  (see Chapter 12 of the Circuit Guide:* [*methodist.org.uk/media/30512/starting-new-christian-communities-npnps-section-4.pdf*](https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/30512/starting-new-christian-communities-npnps-section-4.pdf)*)* |  |
| Evaluation:  *How will you develop a culture of reflection and learning?* |  |
| Sustain:  *How will you work towards sustaining the new community e.g., people and financial resources?* |  |
| Inspire:  *Describe the various ways in which your new community could encourage others to follow your example in their local contexts.* |  |

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| **Budget** | | | |
| Budget & Funding:  *Amount applied for:* | £  *Please attach a full budget, showing details of matched funding, in a spreadsheet or PowerPoint slide.* | | |
| Bank Details:  *Please provide the details of the bank account into which the funding should be paid (if agreed):* | Account Name: |  | |
| Account Number: |  | |
| Sort Code: |  | |
| Bank Name: |  | |
| **Declaration & Approval** | | | |
| **By Circuit:**  I declare that the information I have supplied here is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate at the time of writing. I understand that if any of the information is found to be false, untrue, misleading, or misrepresenting then the funding may be forfeit. I understand that I may be contacted to provide more information to support this funding request. I consent to this form being kept securely by the Connexional Team of the Methodist Church in Britain, in line with GDPR guidelines. (For more information, see our privacy policy at [methodist.org.uk/privacy-and-cookie-policy](http://www.methodist.org.uk/privacy-and-cookie-policy))  I understand and accept this Counter Fraud statement: The Methodist Church takes the offence of fraud (this includes the separate offences of theft, corruption and bribery) very seriously and we work with a number of agencies to prevent such fraud. If this application leads to funds being awarded then, where fraud, or an attempt of defraud, occurs we will take robust action against those who defraud the Methodist Church/any other body associated with the NPNP, including informing the police and seeking recovery of any losses. | | | **Signed by Superintendent:** |
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| **Superintendents Name:** |
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| **Date:** |
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| **By District:**  This application has been through our District NPNP Process and approved by the Equipping Mission and Ministry Group. | | | **Signed by District Chair:** |
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| **District Chair’s Name:** |
| Rev. Kerry Tankard |
| **Date:** |
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Completed forms will be sent to Julian Bond in the Connexional Team by the District NPNP Lead.

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| **A picture containing colorfulness, circle, graphics, art  Description automatically generated** | **NPNP Application**  **Assessment Form** |

This is the form the NPNP Team will use to assess your application and make decisions about awarding funding. We are including it here to be as transparent as possible. These are based on the NPNP Criteria on page 58 & 59 of the Circuit NPNP Guide.

| **Criteria** | | **Criteria**  **Met or Unmet?** | **Comments** |
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| 1 | A clear sense that the District’s Core Parameters[[1]](#footnote-2) for NPNPs have been met. |  |  |
| 2 | A clear foundational *gospel vision*, including evidence of listening to God and prayer. |  |  |
| 3 | Be focused on *intentional* evangelism and discipleship. |  |  |
| 4 | Have done substantial *contextual discernment* about community needs and local church/circuit resources  For Church at the Margins projects – people with ‘lived experience’ from the community involved in design and development of the project. |  |  |
| 5 | A good *manager/overseer/coaching culture* and support from the Circuit Leadership Team and Superintendent (or in some circumstances district support) |  |  |
| 6 | Has a Steering Group in place which is committed to the NPNP and the District’s Support for Steering Groups |  |  |
| 7 | Have plans in place for how the project will *inspire* other circuits/churches |  |  |
| 8 | Meet Connexional policies for *safeguarding* and *EDI*. |  |  |
| 9 | Have DPC and senior district leaders’ *ownership* through the District NPNP Team |  |  |
| 10 | Have a fully costed *budget* and funding plan. |  |  |
| 11 | Have clear and realistic *outcomes or fruit* emphasising missional culture change. |  |  |
| 12 | Have a *biannual review process* planned based on the Fruitfulness markers. |  |  |

1. 1. The ground has been cleared.
   2. Methodism is called to be present.
   3. There is a committed to discipleship and mission.

   [↑](#footnote-ref-2)