

# Extending Discipleship, Exploring Vocation

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# Discipleship

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you”

*Matthew 28:19-20a*

# Vocation

“To all God’s beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints” *Romans 1:7a*

“Therefore, brothers and sisters, holy partners in a heavenly calling...”  
*Hebrews 3:1a*

# Who is this new scheme for?

## ▶ Everyone!

- *Including.....*

People who intend to offer for presbyteral or diaconal ministry

- *And.....*

People who do **not** intend to offer for presbyteral or diaconal ministry

# So what is it?

- ▶ It's Circuit based
- ▶ It's flexible
- ▶ It's focussed on supportive groups of explorers
- ▶ It's formation
- ▶ It's supported by the district which can help circuits with limited opportunities

# So what if I want to candidate?

- ▶ If you want to candidate this year you must have started foundation training

*Or...*

- ▶ Exceptionally... offer evidence of formation other than through foundation training ("C5")

Ok, I want to candidate next year  
without doing foundation training....

Then get started on EDEV!!!

I don't want to candidate, but I do  
want to grow as a Christian

Then get started on EDEV!!!

# Ok, so what's it involve?

- ▶ *Extending discipleship and Exploring vocation* (Discernment)
- ▶ *Theological reflection on Church and world* (Reflection)
- ▶ *Understanding Methodism and forming Methodist Identity* (Rooting)
- ▶ *Engagement with the Learning Church* (learning)

# Sounds Good, but how does it work?

- ▶ Get the support of your minister and circuit
- ▶ Join a group which meets regularly
- ▶ Discuss what God is doing
- ▶ Read Theologically together
- ▶ Worship and pray
- ▶ Serve
- ▶ Begin a journal

Hmm... Sounds like Wesley's class meetings...

▶ Well spotted!!

# So whats the difference between candidates and others?

- ▶ During EDEV.....

None at all

- ▶ Candidates candidate with a portfolio built up during EDEV

# So if I do EDEV and want to candidate how does that work?

- ▶ Meet with a district advisor to begin to discern if it's the right next step
- ▶ Contact Connexional officer and get the forms
- ▶ Get your circuit support
- ▶ Meet the District vocations Panel

# I'm a superintendent what do I do?

- ▶ Promote the scheme locally as a way of "extending discipleship"
- ▶ Form a group
- ▶ Seek opportunities for broadening participants experience
- ▶ Choose a book to read together

# Our circuit is too weak!! There's no way.....

- ▶ Team up with neighbours
- ▶ Tell the district you want to be part of it but cannot do it without help

# Ok, too much information...

- ▶ Ok, get excited, talk about it and then ask for help...