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Human Resources	Employees of District	contact details	To hold an active postal and email address (to ensure that payroll are able to send salary details to employee)	1 c - legal obligation	employer	Stewardship - payroll	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files)	Retained during length of employment. Retained after employment in case of need to contact re. pension issues for up to 1 year	No
		sensitive details such as passport/visa number; NI number; salary information	To record that the employee is legally entitled to work in the UK; for processing tax payment contributions; to record salary payments	1 c - legal obligation	employer	Stewardship - payroll	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files)	Retained for length of employment and then disposed of after 3 months of leaving date	No
		DBS – see safeguarding section below								
		Personal indemnity Insurance	For those roles that require enhanced insurance protection	1c – legal obligation	Employer	Methodist Insurance	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files)	Current tax year +6 years (or duration of employment – whichever is greater)	No

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		Employee tax, pension and insurance records	To record the District's financial and legal obligations towards an employee	1 c – legal obligation	employer	HMRC if required	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files)	Current tax year + 6 years (or duration of employment – whichever is greater)	No
		Contractual information	To hold an active legal account of employment	1b - contractual basis	employer	No	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files) and hard copy filing	Retained during length of employment, may be subject to amendment. Retained for up to a year after employment.	No
		bank details	To ensure payment for employment or expenses	1b - contractual basis	employer	Stewardship – payroll company; auditors	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files)	Retained for length of employment	No
		Pensions	To ensure pension benefit supplied to employees	1b - contractual basis	employer	Stewardship – payroll company; BenPal (Pension provider)	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files)	Current tax year + 6 years (or duration of employment – whichever is greater)	No (but employee can opt out of pension)

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		application form including past employment details and references	To process interview for position and manage successful recruitment	1 c - legal obligation	employer	Application form may be shared with an external person who will sit on the interview panel, but personal data from the candidate will not be shared	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files)	Successful applications retained during employment	No
		Probation reflections	To conclude individuals probationary period, determining whether probation is concluded; learning lessons for employee and employer	1 f - legitimate interest	employer	No	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files) and hard copy filing	Retained for length of employment	No
		Appraisal information	To review staff members performance over the year	1 f - legitimate interest	employer	No	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files) and hard copy filing	Retained for length of employment and up to 1 year thereafter	No
		Performance improvement plans	A tool for ongoing performance improvement if required	1 f - legitimate interest	employer	With disciplinary committee / District Council if required	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files) and hard copy filing	Retained for length of employment and up to 1 year thereafter	No
		Sick leave	To record employees sick leave	1 c - legal obligation	employer	Disciplinary committee / District Council / Auditors / response to reference requests (figure only) / Stewardship	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files) and hard copy filing	Retained for length of employment (or up to four years) and then up to one year after employment has ended	No

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		Expense claims (bank details)	To reimburse out of pocket expenses	1b – contractual basis	employer	Auditors	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files, CAF, Xero), Hubdoc	Current tax year + 6	No
	Unsuccessful recruitment applications	contact details; application form	To ensure no biased/discriminatory methods are used within selection processes and to enable feedback for the candidates	1 c - legal obligation	applied for a position within the District	Application form may be shared with an external person who may make up a shortlisting panel, but personal data from the candidate will not be shared	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files)	Unsuccessful applications destroyed after six months	No
	Unsuccessful applications for voluntary positions in District (e.g. office holders; conference reps etc)	contact details; application form	To ensure no biased/discriminatory methods are used within selection processes and to enable feedback for the candidates	1 f - legitimate interest	applied for a position within the District	No	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files)	Unsuccessful applications destroyed after six months	No
Training	Unsuccessful applications for training	contact details; application form	To ensure no biased/discriminatory methods are used within selection processes and to enable feedback for the candidates	1 f - legitimate interest	applied for a training position	London Regional Learning & Network Team	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files))	Unsuccessful applications destroyed after six months	No

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Successful applications for training		contact details; circuit/church; tutor/mentor reports; preaching observations	In order to run the course and for the Course Administrator and Course leaders to be able to provide support	1 f - legitimate interest	individual has applied for the training course being run by the District	Connexion; London Regional Learning & Network Team; Mentors; Circuit; Eventbrite (third party software platform); Theology X (third party software platform)	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files); Eventbrite (third party software platform) / Beacon (District CRM system); Theology X (third party software platform)	Retained for length of training and up to one year following completion	No
		Registration details to confirm attendance with date attended and outcomes of the course. Where applicable the church and circuit of the applicant. For safeguarding training – see safeguarding section	To ensure that the District holds proof of training	1 f - legitimate interest; AND 1 c - legal obligation	Individual has applied for the training course being run by the District	Connexion; London Regional Learning & Network Team; Circuit	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files); Eventbrite (third party software platform) / Beacon (District CRM system)	Up to five years following completion	No
		Bank details (for reimbursement of paid events where necessary)	To repay individuals who have booked onto training or events which is cancelled	1 c – contractual obligation	Individual has applied for the training or event being run by the District	Auditors	Yes	Eventbrite (third party software platform) / Beacon (District CRM system); CAF; Xero	Current tax year + 6	No

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	Previous students to accredited courses (e.g. Proclaim/London Course)	contact details; circuit/church; tutor/mentor reports; preaching observations	To enable the ex student to proceed onto over avenues e.g. candidating; to enable the student to be better supported/provision of feedback in the event that they have not passed the course	1 f - legitimate interest	District ran the course on which the student partook	London Regional Team; Circuit	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files)	Retained for up to one year following completion	No
Ministry	Candidates	contact details; circuit/church; connexion/circuit/committee reports	In order to provide support during the candidating process	1 f - legitimate interest	Candidates need support of District Candidates Committee to proceed in process	Connexion; District Candidates Committee	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files) and hard copy filing	During the duration of the candidating process and up to one and a half years following to enable support through the connexional candidating process	No
	Previous Candidates applicants	contact details; circuit/church; connexion/circuit/committee reports	to enable the candidate to proceed into other avenues e.g. ministry with full support/ to retain provision of feedback in the event that they have not passed the process this time around	1 f - legitimate interest	previous candidates went through the process within the London District	Connexion	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files)	One and a half years following the District Candidating process	No

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	Minister widow(er)s	contact details; circuit	To enable the District Chairs to maintain an interest in the wellbeing of the families of previous Ministers/Deacon in the London District	1 a - consent required	Widow or widower of former Ministers in the London District	Printed in Directory and provided to connexion; Synod representatives; Circuit Administrators; District Staff and office holders	Yes and No	Electronically (District Sharepoint files) and hard copy filing	Until death or move away from District	Yes
	Ministers	contact details; circuit; stationing details; pastoral care notes; probationer/early years reports	to enable the District to support Ministers in their roles through pastoral care; supervision; stationing; training opportunities etc.	1 f - legitimate interest	Pastoral charge	Connexion; MailChimp	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files / Microsoft Office 365), MailChimp (third party software platform) / Beacon (District CRM system) and hard copy filing	Duration of being stationed in District	No
		Who Ministers supervise or are supervised by	to enable the District Chairs to provide required supervision of Ministers across the District and oversee the supervision of other Ministers within the District	1b – contractual basis	District's responsibility as part of the Supervision Implementation Plan	Connexion	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files / Google Sheets)	Duration of supervision within the London District	No

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		Supervision notes as supervisor or as third party overseer	to enable the District Chairs to provide required supervision of Ministers across the District and oversee the supervision of other Ministers within the District	1b – contractual basis	District's responsibility as part of the Supervision Implementation Plan	New Supervisor when it is appropriate	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files) – protected files	Duration of supervision within the London District	No
		contact details; circuit; District committee membership	to enable the District as a whole to contact and support Ministers for preaching; church; circuit support	1 f – legitimate interest	Pastoral charge	Printed in Directory and provided to connexion; Synod representatives; Circuit Administrators; District Staff and office holders	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files) / Beacon (District CRM system) and hard copy filing	Duration of being stationed in District	No
		Safeguarding details – see safeguarding section								
		Event registration details	To enable the District to know attendance at events; to communicate relevant details for the event; to communicate any follow up required	1 f – legitimate interest	Individuals have signed up to attend the event	Connexion	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files); Eventbrite / Beacon (District CRM system); Tockify	Up to three months after the event	No

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			Consent to hold sensitive data, such as medical access information/dietary requirements; photo/recording permissions	1 a – consent required	Individuals have signed up to attend the event	Dietary requirements and/or physical access issues may be disclosed to event venue organiser and catering	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files); Eventbrite / Beacon (District CRM system); Tockify	Consent held for up to 6 months after event for access and medical requirements; consent held for up to two years (repeated if necessary) until archived	Yes
	District Committee membership	Dates of holding membership	To retain Committee membership details; offer support within the District	1 f - legitimate interest	Serving on District Committee	Connexion; District Directory	Yes	Electronically in Beacon (District CRM system)	Retained for duration of being stationed in District	No
		District Office Holder	Email addresses published on website	1 a - consent required	Serving on District Committee	Publically available; Wix	Yes	Electronically on Wix server	Retained for duration of holding position	Yes
	Elected Methodist Conference Reps	Contact details; length elected as rep; application form to stand as representative	In order to provide the representatives with conference details to fulfil their role of representing the District	1 f - legitimate interest	Representing District	Connexion; District Directory	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files) / Beacon (District CRM system) and hard copy filing	Until elected duration of service has ended, and up to one year following	No
Lay	Employees of Circuit / Churches	contact details; hours worked	District supports Circuits/Churches and provides bridge between them with Connexion	1 f - legitimate interest	Overview for employment within the District	Connexion / District HR Group / MailChimp (email address only)	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files / Microsoft Office 365), District Directory and hard copy filing	Updated annually	No

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	Office holders in Church / Circuit	contact details; position (s) held. For safeguarding positions – see safeguarding section.	District provides support and training opportunities across London	1 f - legitimate interest	District provides essential information for their specific role from the Connexion; training opportunities from the District or DMLN	Connexion; Regional Team; MailChimp	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files) / Beacon (District CRM system) and hard copy filing	Retained during service and thereafter deleted	No
		contact details; position (s) held	To offer transparency for the District support opportunities across the District for Churches/Circuits printed within the Directory	1 a - consent required	Serving on Circuit/Church group or position	District Directory	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files) / Beacon (District CRM system) and hard copy filing	For duration of holding position(s)	Yes (to print the data)
	Office holders in District	contact details; position (s) held	To retain Committee membership details; offer support within the District	1 f - legitimate interest	Serving on District Committee	Connexion; Regional Team; MailChimp	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files / Beacon (District CRM system)) and hard copy filing	Retained for duration of holding position	No

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		Event registration details	Consent to hold sensitive data, such as medical access information/dietary requirements; photo/recording permissions	1 a – consent required	Individuals have signed up to attend the event	Dietary requirements and/or physical access issues may be disclosed to event venue organiser and catering	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files); Eventbrite / Beacon (District CRM system); Tockify	Consent held for up to 6 months after event for access and medical requirements; consent held for up to two years (repeated if necessary) until archived	Yes
	Elected Synod Reps	contact details	In order to provide the representatives with Synod details as the elected reps from their Circuit (or District reps)	1 f - legitimate interest	Attendance at bi-annual Synod	Directory	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files) / Beacon (District CRM system) and hard copy filing	Retained while elected by Circuit	No
	Office holders in Circuits/Districts	Contact details	To print in the District Directory annually	1 a – consent required	Hold a role within the District or the Circuit	Printed so technically shared with whomever may read Directory; participants in the Directory; Connexion	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files); Beacon (District CRM system) and printed hardcopy	District copy archived	Yes

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	Elected Methodist Conference Reps	Contact details; length elected as rep; application form to stand as representative	In order to provide the representatives with conference details to fulfil their role of representing the District	1 f - legitimate interest	Representing District	Connexion	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files); Beacon (District CRM system) and hard copy filing	Until elected duration of service has ended and up to one year following	No
Safeguarding	Employees of the District	DBS	For those roles that require an enhanced criminal record check via the DBS service because the role may bring them into direct contact with children or vulnerable adults and/or sensitive information	1c – legal obligation	Employer	No	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files) and DBS system (third party)	Retained 75yrs+	No
	Volunteers and District Office holders	DBS	For those roles that require an enhanced criminal record check via the DBS service because the role may bring them into direct contact with children or vulnerable adults and/or sensitive information	1c – legal obligation	Employer	No	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files) and/or Beacon (District CRM system) and DBS system (third party)	Retained 75yrs+	No
	LAY AND MINISTERS: Training	Registration details to confirm attendance with date attended and outcomes of the course. And name of church and circuit of the applicant.	To ensure that the District holds proof of training.	1 c - legal obligation	individual has applied for the training course being run by the District	Connexion; London Regional Learning & Network Team; Circuit	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files); Eventbrite (third party software platform) / Beacon (District CRM system); Theology X (third party software platform)	Retained 75yrs+	No

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MINISTERS: safeguarding details		DBS; training dates and refresher indicator; for Ministers within London District	to retain necessary safeguarding information on Ministers as duty of care	1 c - legal obligation	Pastoral charge and District is legally responsible	connexion; Districts; Circuit; Church	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files) / Beacon (District CRM system) and hard copy filing	Retained 75yrs +	No
		Safeguarding complaints/reports on Ministers within London District	to retain necessary safeguarding information on Ministers as duty of care	1 c - legal obligation	Pastoral charge and District is legally responsible	connexion; Districts; [Circuit; Church where and when appropriate]; [legally responsible third parties, e.g., police; local authorities where and when appropriate]	Yes (No in the cases of more extreme safeguarding reports)	Secure Electronically (District Sharepoint files) and hard copy filing	Retained 75yrs +	No
		DBS; training dates and refresher indicator for Ministers who have left London	To ensure that the District complies with providing the correct details for the stationing appointment for Ministers and retains for necessary duty of care	1 c - legal obligation	Connexional responsibility	connexion; Districts; Circuit; Churches	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files) / Beacon (District CRM system) and hard copy filing	Retained 75yrs +	No
		Safeguarding complaints/reports on Ministers who have left London	To ensure that the District complies with providing the correct details for the stationing appointment for Ministers and retains for necessary duty of care	1 c – legal obligation	Connexional responsibility	connexion; Districts; [Circuit; Church where and when appropriate]; [legally responsible third parties, e.g., police; local authorities where and when appropriate]	Yes (No in the cases of more extreme safeguarding reports)	Secure Electronically (District Sharepoint files) and hard copy filing	Retained 75yrs +	No

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	LAY: safeguarding details	DBS; training dates and refresher indicator on lay employees or volunteer office holders	to retain necessary safeguarding information as duty of care	1 c - legal obligation	Pastoral charge and District is legally responsible	connexion; Districts; Circuit; Church	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files) Beacon (District CRM system) and hard copy filing	Retained 75yrs +	No
		Safeguarding complaints/reports on lay employees or volunteer office holders	to retain necessary safeguarding information as duty of care	1 c - legal obligation	Pastoral charge and District is legally responsible	connexion; Districts; [Circuit; Church where and when appropriate]; [legally responsible third parties, e.g., police; local authorities where and when appropriate]	Yes (No in the cases of more extreme safeguarding reports)	Secure Electronically (District Sharepoint files) and hard copy filing	Retained 75yrs +	No
		Circuit and church safeguarding officers: name and contact details	District provides support and training opportunities across London and has oversight over safeguarding practices	1 f - legitimate interest	District provides essential information for their specific role from the Connexion; training opportunities from the District or DMLN	Connexion; Districts; Circuit; Church; police; local authorities;	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files; Beacon (District CRM system); MailChimp) and hard copy filing	Retained name of SO for 75yrs, and contact details retain for length of service or length of any potential investigation	No
	MINISTERS AND LAY: safeguarding concerns/risk assessments/complaints	DBS blemishes – DBS certificate; risk report and recommendations made, record of correspondence, information relating to criminal conviction history, contact details for those interviewed, auditing information	Duty of care to provide safeguarding for churches and congregations	1c – legal obligation	District is legally responsible	connexion; Districts; [Circuit; Church where and when appropriate]; [legally responsible third parties, e.g., police; local authorities where and when appropriate]	Yes (No in cases of extreme safeguarding reports)	Electronically (District Sharepoint files (restricted access); Beacon (District CRM system)) and hard copy filing	Retained for 75 years after appointment/employment ceases / confirmation of blemished DBS details	No

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		Contact details for those Ministers and/or Lay individuals on Monitoring and Support Groups	Duty of care to provide safeguarding for churches and congregations	1f – legitimate interest	District is legally responsible	connexion; Districts; [Circuit; Church where and when appropriate]; [legally responsible third parties, e.g., police; local authorities where and when appropriate]	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files) Beacon (District CRM system) and hard copy filing	Retain for 75 years after the conclusion of the matter	No
	AUDITING: individuals completing self-audits for circuits and churches	Contact details	To ensure the District has oversight of safeguarding practices	1f – legitimate interest	Pastoral charge	Connexion; Districts; Circuits; Churches; [legally responsible third parties, e.g., police; local authorities; charity commission where and when appropriate]	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files) Beacon (District CRM system) and hard copy filing (locked)	Retained for 75yrs after conclusion of audit	No
	Methodist Ministers outside of London, congregations etc.	Names; email addresses	In order to circulate training opportunities within the District; to promote the good news of the District	1 a - consent required	They have subscribed to District Newsletter	No	Yes	Electronically on MailChimp; Server	Until they notify us otherwise (can unsubscribe through the District Newsletter or via the office)	Yes
Public	Third Parties	Names; email address; telephone number	In order to process room bookings for third party arrangements that are beyond the normal District meetings, including invoicing if refreshments are ordered	1b - contractual basis	District are providing meeting room facilities	Central Hall Events team	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files) and room booking form hardcopy kept in folder on Admin Assistant's desk; invoicing details	Three months following booking if unique user; up to one year for continuous users; financial information retained for up to seven years	No

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								retained in CAF and Xero		
	Contractors / Service Provider	Names; contact details; bank details	To hire contractor or service to undertake work or provide a service within the District office or at District properties	1b - contractual basis	District hiring contractor/third party	If we were asked to promote their services, than there details may be shared	Yes	Electronically (District Sharepoint files) and in some cases in hardcopy (locked in cupboard); CAF; Xero; Hubdoc	Financial information kept for up to seven years; other information retained for one year following closure of contract (unless warranty requires longer retention)	No