



The London District Vision

The London District of the Methodist Church currently comprises 19,000 members, 241 ministers, 235 churches and 36 circuits and their projects together with a number of educational institutions. We are a diverse group of people originating from many different countries and communities who find ourselves worshipping and witnessing together in urban, suburban and more rural areas. We have come together in the belief that we are better together and our intention is to contribute to the well-being of each other, of this global city and the surrounding areas; and of the wider Methodist Church.

As the people, churches and projects of the London regional District of the Methodist Church our mission is:

To share the good news of Jesus Christ throughout Greater London and the surrounding areas, and to improve the well-being of people and their communities, by:

- **Engaging pastorally and prophetically with the communities in which our churches are located and with the wider region**
- **Equipping and developing faithful and fruitful disciples and congregations**
- **Equipping and developing faithful and fruitful preachers and ordained ministers**

From September 2011, the delivery of work in these areas will be facilitated respectively by:

- the Social Responsibility Commission;
- the Discipleship and Congregational Development Commission; and
- the Authorised Ministries Commission.

Our ways of working include:

- Engaging in theological reflection and prayerful discernment which will help us to understand our mission more fully
- Building quality relationships across our circuits, with wider Methodism and with ecumenical, inter faith, and community groups
- Building quality relationships with civic and political authorities in the area covered by the District
- Seeking to communicate effectively and work collaboratively
- Living and working creatively with diversity and difference

- Deploying the resources over which we have stewardship effectively and flexibly
- Developing and sharing best practice

Text in Bold was approved by the Synod on 9th April 2011

London District Goals

The District amended Goals for 2014 – 2017 were adopted by Synod in April 2014.

1. To develop lay leadership – in breadth, depth, numbers and confidence
2. To ensure that every minister and Local Preachers is engaged in an intentional review and development of their ministry
3. To increase participation in social and civic action by identifying and sharing good practice and promoting networks of practitioners – rooting such engagement in our Methodist identity

Note:

These goals relate both to the three main foci of the Vision and to the work of the Commissions charged with implanted that Vision through their ongoing work.

It is clear that the goals by no means exhaust the wider remit of the Commissions or embrace anything like the range of essential activities carried out in the name of the District. They are, however, intended to help focus the major developmental work that is seen to be key to the next phase of the District's life as it seeks to support the ministry and mission of the local churches and Circuits and to engage with the wider context of London as a global city.