

Minutes of Kettering & Corby Circuit Meeting
14th November 2019, 7.30 p.m. Burton Latimer Meth. Ch.

1. Welcome and thanks were made by R.Andrew F
2. Prayers were led by R.Andrew F.
3. The constitution of the meeting had been circulated. This was agreed as correct. A signing-in sheet is kept as a record of attendance.
4. Apologies were accepted from Mary-Ann Andsell, Fiona Schofield, Hannah Jeffrey, Sue Walters, Ruth Fitch, Trish Hone, Pauline Smith, Ron Rudge, Joan Gray, Alan Dean, Don & Jenny Spooner, and Ann Ellson. It was agreed that minutes would be taken by R.Andrew F
5. Agreement of minutes of meeting 11th September 2019 (circulated) were agreed as a true record. (see note below).
6. There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere
7. Mission:
 - a. Finance
 - i. The Circuit Reserves Policy prepared by Peter Candlin and circulated in advance was AGREED.
 - ii. Circuit Grants previously awarded. R.Andrew.F proposed that, as part of a learning cycle, the CLT arranges to review with local churches the recent Circuit grants. This was AGREED and a report is to be presented at the next Circuit Meeting.
 - b. Circuit Leadership Team.
Proposal to delegate authority to the Circuit Leadership Team to:
 - i. Approve all property consents not requiring Circuit funds. AGREED
 - ii. Make all arrangements: to sell Hinton Avenue Manse (46166). AGREED
 - iii. To purchase a replacement manse (46195) AGREED
 - iv. Stay within the £100K budget agreed for the price difference between sale and purchase and any alterations needed at the replacement Manse. AGREED
 - v. Appoint Solicitors and Surveyors. AGREED
 - vi. Prepare a Circuit Office at Central MC, Kettering with a budget of up to £5k. AGREED.

Notice to quit has been served on the Tenants at Hinton Ave. They have indicated that they may wish to purchase the property. We have a rough valuation guide of £200-220K. CLT have identified a potential Manse on Connolly Drive, Rothwell. An offer of £265k has been accepted. Full valuations and reports will be gained for both properties.

- c. Overstone: A request to partly finance this District project of a Community Chaplain (paper circulated) has been received. Rev. Jill Marsh (District Mission Enabler) gave an outline of the project and responded to questions. Peter Candlin indicated that there may be Circuit Funds to make a further grant towards the project. It was AGREED to grant, in addition to the first-year grant of £2,500 already paid, a second-year grant of £2,500. It was AGREED to review this in one year with a view of increasing grant or making further commitments.

8.10 P.M. The meeting moved into four groups who received the following presentations

Developing Mission Strategies:

Group presentations:

Kim Rowbotham (St Giles Church):	working with the bereaved and memorial services.
Rob McKnight (Rothwell MC):	establishing local Pastoral Care in a Methodist Church.
Fiona Farrington:	building relationships with young children and families.
Andrew Farrington:	outreaching within communities

The individual presentation took approx. 20 mins each to deliver. Each Group encountered three of the presentations.

9 10 p.m. Plenary.

Some comments:

General thanksgiving that time had been given for this process.

The need to be flexible in our processes and responses.

To adapt to peoples' needs and giftings.

To have fun.

To be prepared to encounter the Holy Spirit already at work beyond the 'church'.

Take time, listen, and growth trusting relationships.

Be alongside those already within our midst.

Encouragement to continue prayer and discernment. Agreement that the conversation will continue at Church Councils

Thanks were given to Kim, Fiona, Rob and Andrew for their time, inspiration and insight.

8. Young Leadership Scheme. Details of the scheme were given to meeting. Option to offer a one-year appointment of up to 3 hours paid employment per week to those aged 16-23 years. Grants may be available. Circuit Contacts are Caroline Barrett and R.Andrew. F.

9. Circuit events:

I. **God who in love unites us. 14th March 10 a.m. -12.30 p.m. Central, Kettering.**

Study Guides were given to every attendee.

II. Inter-faith dialogue. AGREED to pursue an opportunity to work with St Philips Centre, Leicester. Likely first event will be a sharing with someone of the Muslim faith.

III. Aldersgate Day celebration. AGREED to ask Lesley Sturman to encourage/organise a Circuit trip to London for the Aldersgate Celebration.

10. Safeguarding. An update. We now have a list of approx. 80 people those appointed across the Circuit whose roles require varying levels of mandatory Creating Safer Space training and DBS certification. Too few have attended the required level of training. There is still confusion and uncertainty regarding recoding and reporting. There is much urgent work to be done across the Circuit. This is a priority and it is important that we follow the advice from the District and Circuit Safeguarding Officers.

Advanced Module Training 29th April 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Central, Kettering.

A report prepared by Susan Walters to be distributed with the minutes.

11. With appreciation presence of Rev. Jill Marsh the meeting closed with prayer at 9.30 p.m.

Next meetings:

24th March, 7.30 p.m. Rothwell

17th June 7.30 p.m. Desborough.

After the meeting closed Maureen Johnson noted that the minutes of 11th Sept contained did not wholly reflect the report given regarding the ecumenical Alpha Course run by churches in Burton Latimer or the information regarding a young Steward. We agreed that, whilst it was not material to the minutes, we would make a record of the variance in these minutes.