

AM I CALLED TO PIONEER AND PLANT?

A journal to help you explore

BEFORE YOU BEGIN



Pioneers and planters are a diverse group of people from many different backgrounds, contexts and people groups. And yet they share common characteristics, which means they have the instinct and ability to start new Christian communities.

This journal explores these characteristics using some gentle questions to help you sense if it is right for you to develop your call to pioneer and join Methodist Pioneering Pathways.

How to use this journal

- Find a space that will be best for you to reflect in. It could be in silence or with background music, sat still or a long walk. You choose.
- Give yourself plenty of time to do this – it could be one long sitting or over a few days.
- You may want to fill in the journal and come back to it after further reflection
- Use the ways you feel most comfortable to record your reflections. It could be mix of music, writing, photography, sketching, voice or movie recording.
- Don't be restricted to the boxes of this journal; if you need more paper that's fine.
- We encourage you to be honest about yourself, there are no right answers. Remember, God is calling you as you are and you don't have to be the finished article or try to be like someone else.
- It may be you feel you have lots in response to one question and little or none for another. This is absolutely fine, we all have areas we thrive and others that can grow.

**Why do you feel called to begin new places for new people?
What in your faith journey has brought you to this point of
discernment?**



**When have you begun something new before?
This could be in or outside of a church setting.
Describe what it felt like? How did you go about it?**

Reflect on a time when you formed a vision for something that was yet to be started and encouraged others to be a part of it.



**Do you sometimes feel that you do not quite fit in with an established church because you express faith or understand mission differently?
If so, how?**

When did you last share your faith with someone who would not identify as a Christian?

How did that moment come about and what happened next?

In what ways are you comfortable talking about Jesus?



Where are you most at home as part of a team?

Reflect on how you feel about different roles.

**When and how do you feel close to God?
Is there one word or picture that describes for you
being in the presence of God. Unpack this a little.**

**Do you feel you should explore applying
to join Methodist Pioneering Pathways?
If yes, what next steps will you take?
Who is the person you can talk with?**

**Can you think of a time when you
have learned from a mistake?
What did you do differently as a result of this?**

We are delighted that you are exploring your call, whether it is to pioneering or another place in the Methodist Church. Please remember we are here to help.

If you would like to make an application to join Methodist Pioneering Pathways get in touch with your Learning Network contact or if you are unsure of who that person is email pioneering@methodistchurch.org.uk