ACCOMPANYING

APPLICATION FORM A.1

For those wishing to accompany explorers and candidates

Please answer all questions fully and type all your responses.

Please return this form to [explore@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:explore@methodistchurch.org.uk)

Personal details

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| Title |  | |
| Surname |  | |
| First name |  | |
| The name you prefer to be known by |  | |
| Full postal address |  | |
| Telephone number (landline) |  | |
| Telephone number (mobile) |  | |
| Email address |  | |
| What is your age group? | Under 25 |  |
| 25-34 |  |
| 35-44 |  |
| 45-54 |  |
| 55-64 |  |
| 65 and over |  |
| How do you describe your gender? |  | |
| How do you describe your ethnicity? |  | |
| Do you have any particular needs that would impact this role? |  | |
| What is the geographical area you prefer to operate within? |  | |

Your church

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| In order to be an accompanist, you need to be a Methodist minister or a member of a Methodist Church or a Local Ecumenical Partnership in which the Methodist Church is a partner. | |
| The name and address of the church where you are a member |  |
| The name of your Superintendent minister |  |
| The name and number of your Circuit |  |
| The name of your District |  |
| Please list any roles you currently hold in your church, circuit, district or in the Connexion |  |

Safeguarding

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| All accompanists need to be DBS checked and trained in safeguarding | | | | |
| When was your last DBS carried out?  Please enclose a copy of your certificate |  | | | |
| When did you last receive safeguarding training? | Date | Level (foundation or advanced) | | Was this run by the Methodist church?  (if not please name the provider) |
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| Are there any safeguarding or other outstanding disciplinary matters which would prevent you from acting as an accompanist? | Yes | | No | |
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Justice, dignity and solidarity

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| In order to monitor the effectiveness of our Equal Opportunities Policy, we ask all accompanists complete the Equalities and Diversity Monitoring form A.2. Please include this with your application. | | |
| Have you done unconscious bias training? |  | |
| If yes – then please state the date of this training? | Date | Course provider (institution name) |
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| If no - are you prepared to do this in advance of taking on this role? |  | |

The role of Accompanist

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| Please refer to document A.4 The Gifts and Graces of Accompanists |
| Why are you are interested in this role?  (not more than 50 words) |
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| Please outline your experience in the church, highlighting areas which you feel would be helpful to the role of accompanist? Please focus particularly on areas related to supporting or training church leaders and ministers.  (not more than 100 words) |
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| Please state what gifts and characteristics you have that would be helpful for this role?  (not more than 50 words) |
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| Please outline your experience of diversity in the church and in wider society.  (not more than 50 words) |
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| This role is asking for significant time from you. Please outline the time you have available that you are prepared to give to this role. Please state how many hours per month and for how many years you feel you could hold this role. Please bear in mind that there will be opportunities to accompany an explorer/candidate for a period of two years. |
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| Would you prefer to carry out this role entirely in person or entirely on zoom or a combination of the two? |
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| What do you think that holding the role of accompanist will do for you? |
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References

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| Please provide details of two referees, one lay and one who is ordained (presbyter or deacon). These need to be people who are unrelated to you who have known you for at least 3 years. They need to be people who know your skills and experience and are willing to comment on these. They also need to be people who are equipped to comment on your suitability for the role.  Please ask each of them to download form A.3 from the Methodist Church website here [Become an accompanist (methodist.org.uk)](https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/ministries/candidating-for-ministry/become-an-accompanist/) and follow the instructions on the form. It is your responsibility to ensure that these references are provided. | | |
| Lay referee | Name |  |
| How you know them |  |
| Postal address |  |
| Email address |  |
| Telephone number |  |
| Ordained referee (your Minister, Superintendent or Chair of District) | Name |  |
| Their order of ministry |  |
| How you know them |  |
| Postal address |  |
| Email address |  |
| Telephone number |  |

Declarations

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| Your Minister, Superintendent or Chair or District | Name |  | |
| Role |  | |
| Email address |  | |
| Signature indicating their support |  | |
| Your signature | |  | |
| *When signing please scan in (or add a photograph of) your actual signature.* | | | |
| Date | |  | |
| Checklist of documents accompanying your application | | DBS certificate |  |
| A.2 Equalities and Diversity monitoring form |  |
| Privacy notice  The information that you provide on this form and within other data collection documents including your online DBS application form, will be used to process your application as an accompanist. We process this information in line with our privacy policy.  By signing this application form we will be assuming that you agree to the processing of your personal data (as described above), in compliance with General Data Protection Regulation.  If you would like further information, please read our privacy policy: [Privacy and cookie policy (methodist.org.uk)](https://www.methodist.org.uk/privacy-and-cookie-policy/) | | | |