**Property Inspiration Story Questionnaire**

Below are a list of questions that would help us to put together an article sharing the good news as well as the challenges regarding your property redevelopment. The aim is to help inspire other churches as well as sharing lessons that have been learned.

Examples of other church projects inspiration blogs can be found on [Looking for Inspiration? (methodist.org.uk)](https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/property/looking-for-inspiration/) and in particular, the story on [Balderton Methodist Church: Community Café and Redevelopment Project](https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/property/historic-building-conservation-listed-buildings/projects-and-development-at-historic-places-of-worship/balderton-methodist-church-community-caf%C3%A9-and-redevelopment-project/) is a good example. It would be useful to think about what you wished that you would have known before beginning your project and what could be helpful for others considering a project. By telling your story, this could help give other churches the confidence to start (or finish) a property project. Here are some questions that would be useful to answer:

1. Describe what led the church to embark on a new property redevelopment.
2. What was the church’s mission statement?
3. What was the church’s vision?
4. How did you involve your church membership?
5. What activities are run at the church?
6. How did you involve your local community?
7. Did you conduct a community audit? If so, what were the results?
8. What were the main aspects of the scheme?
9. Did you include any energy efficiency improvements? If so, please describe? Have these changes improved on the building’s energy efficiency?
10. How did the project go?
11. Would you be able to list out the total cost plus a list of funders? Funding is one area in particular area of interest for churches considering a property development. Having a list of where the funding came from can help other churches to both be realistic in their plans but also realise the need to diversify their funding options.
12. Would you be able to recommend any of the professionals or contractors, such as architects, surveyors, builders, etc? This could be of benefit to other churches who are considering a redevelopment.
13. Would be happy to be contacted by other churches about your project?

**Images**

Good quality images can really help tell your story. In order for the images to not pixelate on the website, we would need images to be high quality. It would be helpful if you could provide a few different images of the church. These could include a before picture of the church as well as an image of the completed project. The URC have produced a helpful guide for taking photos that can found [here](https://urc.org.uk/images/Communications/docs/Taking-photos-in-church.pdf).

If you would like to include pictures of people using the space, it is recommended to obtain permission from the adults. If children are in the photo, consent is mandatory. More information can be found on t how to obtain this can be found [here](https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/15565/use-of-photography-and-video-information-sheet-and-consent-form-for-parents-and-carers-updated-nov-2019.docx).

For more information about writing for the web, you can look on:

* [Ten top tips when writing for the web | The Church of England](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/digital-labs/blogs/ten-top-tips-when-writing-web)
* [Writing\_for\_the\_web\_and\_SEO.pdf (urc.org.uk)](https://urc.org.uk/images/Communications/docs/Writing_for_the_web_and_SEO.pdf)