

Local lay-pastors work closely and collaboratively with ordained ministers and lay leaders.

Each role is created locally and is unique. All local lay-pastors share in pastoral care and leadership for a local Methodist church or circuit. They help members to discern how God is calling them into ministry and mission by supporting, encouraging and enabling the witness of the local church.

"Come with me, come wander, come welcome the world where strangers might smile or where stones may be hurled; come leave what you cling to, lay down what you clutch and find, with hands empty, that hearts can hold much."

John L. Bell & Graham Maule, from the song Sing Hey for the Carpenter

- Where do you hear the voice of God in your local community?
- What are you holding in your heart that might bless and benefit others?