**CANDIDATING FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY**

**D.5 DCC CANDIDATE’S CREATIVE PRESENTATION GUIDANCE FORM**

# Creative Presentation 2022-2023

The Revd Graham Thompson, the President of the Methodist Conference, said in his address to the Conference in June 2022:

*The phrase ‘global village’ epitomises our world today.  The development of global communications and, particularly, the internet means that my neighbour can live in a different time zone on another continent.  My neighbour can speak a different language and be of a different faith.  My neighbour can identify themselves very differently from me and yet they are still my neighbour and I am called to love them.  And I gladly love because God has created us all in God’s own image.  God in Christ has died for all - whether they know it or not - and it is God who, in response to my love for God and God’s love for me, invites me to love my neighbour as I love myself.*

The full text of his address can be found here :

[The President's Address to the Methodist Conference 2022](https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-conference/conference-2022/presidency/the-presidents-and-vice-presidents-addresses-to-the-methodist-conference-2022/the-presidents-address-to-the-methodist-conference-2022/)

**We would like you to offer a creative presentation entitled:**

**‘How do you feel a local Methodist church community might respond to God’s command to love our neighbours as ourselves in the modern world?’**

It is worth bearing in mind the guidance given in **G.6** **Steps in Candidating for Ordained Ministry** (Section 12):

The range of what you might offer as a creative presentation is vast. You could (for example) prepare a banner or painting, compose a hymn (with new or existing music), write (and maybe perform) a poem or short drama, dance or mime, or make and play a board game.

Please contact your District Candidates Secretary (DCS) to indicate to them what medium you would like to use at the DCC meeting, particularly if you need any additional resources.

At the DCC meeting, present your visual or verbal material using electronic media if you wish (but have a hard copy as back up). You will have a maximum of 10 minutes to present your material, so ensure it addresses the topic given to you (which will be known to the Committee). The Committee will then explore this with you.

Among other things, the committee will be looking for evidence of...

1. Imagination and creativity
2. Communication skills
3. Interpersonal skills
4. Theological thinking
5. The ability to relate discipleship to context
6. The ability to express a Methodist understanding of a topic
7. An awareness of the world in which we live

For all issues to do with the logistics of your presentation, the space available, equipment needed, or any other arrangements, please contact your District Candidates Secretary in plenty of time.