

# New Places for New People (NPNP) Update

March 2024

## Rural & Wild Pilgrimage learning community

Have you ever adventured into the wild and taken time to listen? Is it somewhere that helps you find headspace to notice, wonder and listen to God? Our termly online [rural & wild pilgrimage gathering](#) connects those leaders looking to gather and journey with others in the outdoors.

Here are some examples of rural-based reflections:

- What roots and grounds me?
- Who has been part of establishing my root system?
- How does God see me? Do my own feelings show me a true picture?
- Am I too eager to quicken towards outwards growth rather than put in the work on my roots?



Winter Oak. Photo credit – Paul Rose



The next gathering is 18 April, 7-8.30pm. [Rural & Wild - Pilgrimage Learning Community Tickets | Eventbrite](#). You are most welcome to join!

This space is hosted by Tim Lea (FX), Paul Rose (Carlisle Diocese outdoors & education pioneer enabler), and Sarah Hulme (rural mission & ministry officer)

The full blog, written by Sarah Hulme, can be read here [freshexpressions.org.uk/rural-wild-pilgrimage-learning-community](https://freshexpressions.org.uk/rural-wild-pilgrimage-learning-community)

## Events and Training

### Faith-Rooted Community Organising

**April 5-7 2024**, at Cliff College. For people beginning an NPNP. Bookings: [www.methodist.org.uk/organising](http://www.methodist.org.uk/organising). Faith-rooted organising offers a way to resource and enable people to find out where God is at work in their communities, and join in.



### Come and pray with us

A monthly online prayer gathering for the NPNP/Church at the Margins movement. Running from 18.30 to 18.50 (a fixed 20-minute duration) on the second Monday of each month. Next month's session is on **8 April** (led by David Newlove), come and join us in connecting, supporting, and growing the NPNP movement. Sign up [here](#).

## CAM Practitioners Network

The **Church at the Margins Practitioners Network** provides an online space to encourage people who are supporting or nurturing new Christian communities amongst economically marginalised people. It takes place monthly on Tuesdays from 4 to 5pm. Details on this page [methodist.org.uk/camnetwork](https://methodist.org.uk/camnetwork), book for the next session on **9 Apr 2024**, you can book other dates on the main page.

## Young Adult online workshop

**What do you think?** A workshop for young adults, **18 April**. Whether you're a creative genius, a tech enthusiast, or just someone with an opinion, if you're aged 18-30, [this online workshop is perfect for you](#). We'll be discussing hot topics like digital discipleship and designing a church for and by Gen Z. See you there! There is also a survey for those who can't make the date <https://r1.dotdigital-pages.com/p/BVI-1C7Y/what-do-you-think>.



## NPNP Activists Gathering

This will be taking place at Cliff College on 21 May, please save the date.



## Church Planting Intensive (online)

**11 to 13 October**, fully funded course for those planting NPNPs (30 places), bookings: <https://forms.office.com/r/5HDCB5fqwg>.

## Black Light

**Black Light** (starts **2 May**) explores the presence and contributions of black people in the Bible, in church history and in Britain today. It celebrates the remarkable growth of the church in Africa and the exciting 'reverse mission' impact on Europe. It does not shy away from looking at the legacies of Christendom and colonialism.



Interested? Register for a place at [blacklightcourse.uk](https://blacklightcourse.uk) or contact [admin@urbanexpression.org.uk](mailto:admin@urbanexpression.org.uk) for more information.

## Multiply

We have arranged free places for Methodists at these Multiply events, on **11, 12 and 13 June** at Leeds, Birmingham and London. These events will equip you to grow, plant and lead a Younger Church that reaches new people, in new and renewed ways. Book your free ticket here: <https://ccx.org.uk/multiply>, use the code **MC24** when you book.

## Methodist Pioneering Pathways

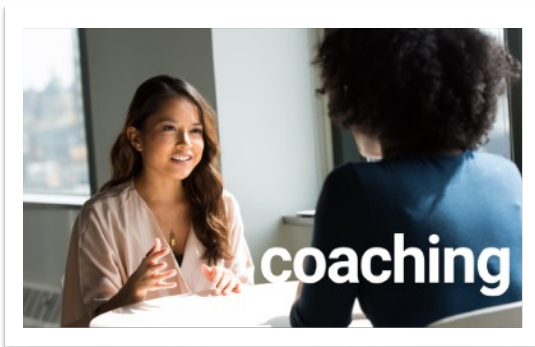
MPP continues to grow as a community. The online Third Thursday gatherings have become a place of honest sharing and building deeper relationships across the NPNP movement. The monthly webinars, led by guest contributors, have become an important place to enable theological reflection and explore key insight together. Book grants are available for those on the MPP.

We offer learning support via the **Pioneer Ministry Short Course (March 2025)**, at Cliff College, details and booking here [cliffcollege.ac.uk/courses/onsite-short/pioneer-ministry](https://cliffcollege.ac.uk/courses/onsite-short/pioneer-ministry). This is a general introduction to pioneering in all its forms. Book a free place, using the code **PioneerPathwaysX**. You will still go through the payment process but you will not have to pay. If you're interested in the Short Course but haven't yet joined the MPP please use the link above.



## Pioneer vacancies

[Pioneer Evangelist, Southampton District. Closing Date: 12noon on Sunday 31st March 2024](#)



## Coaching

The recent visits by coaches to pioneer communities and feedback from those being coached show how helpful it is. The regular reflective space enables leadership development and give focus to resolving issues arising in the context. Our hope is that every pioneer is matched from our network of coaches. To find out more, to be coached or explore being trained to coach others, go to [methodist.org.uk/coaching](https://methodist.org.uk/coaching).

## Funding news

The Circuit NPNP Guide, is available here [methodist.org.uk/circuitnnpnfunding](https://methodist.org.uk/circuitnnpnfunding), together with forms and process outline (get in touch if you would like a hard copy of the Guide). See funded NPNPs here: [methodist.org.uk/nnpndistricts](https://methodist.org.uk/nnpndistricts).

The next meeting of the Mission Committee will be on **21 May 2024**. The deadline for the Project Funding Officer to submit a report to the Mission Committee is **3 May**. Ideally, all submissions will be received by 8 April (this gives time for any discussion and feedback). If you would like any submission to be seen by the Mission Committee and you cannot do this by **8 April**, please contact Julian Bond [bondj@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:bondj@methodistchurch.org.uk) to agree a timescale.

The Mission Committee will meet again in September/October (2024/25 dates not yet available).

## And finally...

Our first reader response survey <https://forms.office.com/e/hUfvQRsxx3>.