**TOWARDS A POLICY FOR METHODIST INVOLVEMENT**

**PART ONE Homelessness**

**Holistic Model**: Reduction, Respite, Recovery, Reconnection

**Reduction**:

Debt advice

Tenancy support

Employment opportunities

Volunteering placements

Mental Health support

Wellbeing activities

Addiction advice and support

**Respite**:

Day Centre

Drop-in

Food provision

Clothing and footwear supply

Street Outreach

Emergency provision

**Recovery**:

Housing First engagement

Temporary accommodation

Supported Accommodation

Advice and wrap around support

Positive activities

**Reconnection**:

Help to sustain a permanent tenancy

Employment opportunities

Volunteering

Creative activities

Advocacy and Peer Support

Policy involvement

**Campaigning**:

● End no fault evictions - prevent people being unhoused due to economic factors

● Retract No Recourse to Public Funds legislation

● Introduce a Universal Basic Income

● Local Housing Allowance increase and

Increases to Universal Credit

● Creation of a benefits application process based on trust not sanctions

● Have an integrated health offer - #HealthNow

● Invest strategically and sustainably in homelessness prevention, especially by tackling poverty including Reset the Debt

**Principle**:

Work in Partnership

**PART TWO Housing**

**Internal Methodist Church**:

Empty properties

Redundant manses

Church premises

Best value disposals

Community Land Trusts

Partnership arrangements with Registered Social Landlords and Homelessness Charities

**External**:

Social Housing

Safe Housing

Affordable Housing

**Campaigning**:

● Build social and affordable housing to meet need

● Recognise that housing and other human rights e.g. access to food, water and sanitation and culture are an essential provision as part of a humanitarian public health crisis response and must continue as long as it exists

● Landlords in receipt of housing benefit should be forced to ensure their properties meet the ‘Decent Homes Standard’

**Principle**:

Increase contribution to Housing Stock