

## **A Methodist Way of Life**

### **Information for Superintendents**

Information on a Methodist Way of Life has been accessible online since late April (<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/life-and-faith/a-methodist-way-of-life/>). This includes the commitment card and questions, in a variety of languages, a short introductory video, and a longer webinar first shared in June 2020. Various additional resources are being added to the webpage as they become available during the summer and beyond. All printed resources will also be available in pdf downloadable form.

An A6 format booklet, *A Brief Guide to a Methodist Way of Life*, together with the Methodist Way of Life commitment card will also be provided in printed form with 2020-21 membership tickets when these are distributed.

In addition, copies of an A5 study guide, *Finding the Way*, with more information and exercises to support the practice of a Methodist Way of Life, will be provided to all circuits and local preachers and worship leaders in the autumn.

There has already been wide interest in and uptake of a Methodist Way of Life, and the hope is that Covenant Services in January will provide a particular focus and means for deepening engagement with the Way of Life. To support this, an outline for a short Advent study will be available on the website in the autumn. It will draw on *Finding the Way* and other resources. In addition, there will be resource material for sermons on each of the twelve commitments of a Methodist Way of Life. The material for these sermon topics is being written by a range of different authors from across the Connexion.

Superintendents may wish to take account of this in preaching plans for 2021. It is not expected that circuits or churches will run a 12 week preaching series on a Methodist Way of Life (although they are, of course, free to do so if they wish). Circuits, and preachers, can make use of these resources in whatever way may be best in their circumstances, whether this might be in the form of services once a month over a year, each focused on one of the Methodist Way of Life commitments, or simply by drawing from the material for sermons on the Way of Life (or Our Calling) as required.

A strategy for embedding a Methodist Way of Life that can be used in local churches, with circuit or district support as may be desired, will also be made available on the website.

Questions about a Methodist Way of Life can be directed via Tony Moodie, discipleship coordinator in the Evangelism & Growth Team ([moodiet@methodistchurch.org](mailto:moodiet@methodistchurch.org)).