

Retirement Course Volunteer (advert)

Are you passionate about helping those in Ministry? Are you a recently “sat down” Presbyter or Deacon? Are you and your partner interested in enabling and equipping others to do new things and explore thinking around life as a Supernumerary minister? Then we may have a role for you.

The **Ministries: Vocations and Worship team** is part of the Methodist Church and committed to transforming people and the Church through Development. The team is looking for a volunteer couple to work alongside a dedicated retirement planning specialist to help others in Ministry plan for “retirement”

What you need to be able to offer

- An interest in helping Minister flourish in all phases of ministry
- A warm friendly approach
- A collaborative and flexible working style
- A confident communication style
- A willingness to share
- An ability to help others explore theological themes and church life
- Ability to show balance and consideration for all, taking care to meet the needs of all ages, cultures, ethnicity, genders, faiths and abilities
- A clear understanding of the importance of maintaining confidentiality
- A robust broadband connection

What you will do

- Support the Retirement programme by working alongside the specialist, co-leading the events and offering insights in life as a Supernumerary
- Lead dedicated sessions on Spirituality in later life and Ministry as a Supernumerary
- Lead prayers and worship
- Be contactable before and after the course for participants’ questions”
- Share a couples’ perspective on retirement in Ministry
- Participate in breakout spaces, recorded sessions and shared screen work as necessary

What the team can offer

- Training in how each event works
- Conversations with previous volunteers
- Updates and information to support your ongoing work
- Travel and other reasonable expenses as necessary

What the Methodist Church needs to have/do

- A DBS check before embarking on a role if appropriate
- The provision of references including one from your minister
- An informal interview to discuss your skills and expertise
- To re-evaluate your work as a volunteer every 2 years
- Evidence of attendance at the Safeguarding leadership module
- Have time to be able to attend 2 residential conferences (3 days) and 2 online conferences a year

If you could be such volunteers then please contact Jane Bingham binghamj@methodistchurch.org.uk or on 07799900487.

To express an interest please use the same contact and enclose just a 150 word summary of why you think you could be involved by 30 June 2021. After that date someone from the team will ring you for a chat and talk about what happens next.

Thanks for thinking prayerfully about this.