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Property Strategy

Darlington Methodist Circuit Pilot



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Property Types.

- Church buildings.
- Manses in use.
- Unused manses, both let and un-let.
- Let residential investment properties.
- Let commercial investment properties.
- Commercial properties operated by the church.
- Miscellaneous.



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1. Circuit Leadership team
Commitment
2. Nominated CLT visitor to each
Church Property

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3. Church Background Information
already available:

Quinquennial reports

Church Statistics

Local Church Property Profile		
<p>The purpose of filling in this document is to get an over view of your local area and how the building can best serve the local mission. Sample answers have been provided to help give you an idea of how to answer the questions.</p> <p>If you have any questions, please contact your District Property Secretary or Property Support.</p> <p>Please note that there are 2 worksheets to complete (Church Profile and Church Attendance & Use)</p>		
Site details		Description of potential answers
Name		Name of property
Address of Property		Address of property
Use (Manse/Church/Hall/Annexe)		List all the uses the property encompasses - it could be one or all of the choices
Condition of Church		Date of last Quinquennial
Date of most recent Quinquennial		
Condition of Buildings		List out the condition of each part of the building (see example below) Church - Satisfactory condition in relation to its age and type Hall - Serviceable condition although there is need for some minor repairs
Urgent		List out any urgent repairs from the Quinquennial inspection
Within 12 months		List any recommended works with 12 months from the Quinquennial inspection
Within 18-24 months		List any recommended works with 18-24 months from the Quinquennial inspection
Within Quinquennial Period		List any recommended works with the Quinquennial period (5 years)
Desirable		List any desirable alternations
Other Comments		List any other comments

Church Information (over the last year)		
Membership		Average membership over the last year
Worship Attendance		Average worship over the last year
Age Profile		Average age of those in attendance (use the Church Attendance to calculate)
Who else uses the building? Attendance of church-run activities, external groups, other organisations, projects or events (AGAPE)		Use the Church Attendance worksheet to list out the names of the groups, average attendance and frequency. Then put the total weekly attendance in this field
Mission Context		
Local demographic and MID data (If unsure, contact your DPS)		The link to the Advanced Web has links to other website which can provide the details for these questions
Click here to view Statistics (Advanced Web map)		
Indices of Multiple Deprivation % of most deprived communities		
Most Deprived		
Population Density - Persons per Ha		
Most Densely Populated		
Weekly Household Income		
Lowest Household Income		
Job Seekers of Working Age		
Highest Unemployment		
Other churches in context		List out other churches in the local area
5-10 year ahead perspective		
Congregation trend		List how the congregation would look in 5-10 years time
Community need		List out any needs in the community (examples could include - food bank, community space, café, gardens, social gatherings, play groups, etc) And potentially who would attend? (clubs, young people, older people, families, etc)

(If) Stay as is		Is this a possibility?	
Regular costs		<i>List out regular costs of keeping the building in use</i>	
Potential repairs		<i>List out potential future repairs</i>	
Membership numbers		<i>List out membership numbers as well as others who use the building</i>	
Income opportunities		<i>List out possible sources of income to cover the above costs</i>	
Current church funds		<i>List out amount of current funding held church accounts. For example - bank accounts, legacies and pledges.</i>	
Downsizing?		<i>Is there a possibility of downsizing?</i>	
(If) Cease to Meet		<i>Is this a consideration?</i>	


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Some questions you may want to
 consider from the Property
 Strategy:-

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Alternative use of the property/site
as an expression of Methodist
mission and ministry?

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Site Location

A Christian Presence

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Alternative uses of the site

Ecumenical opportunities

Alternative sites for mission

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REACH A DECISION

- Stay
- Refurbish and repair
- Pursue new Mission and membership
- Development by Circuit – Consider JV Partners with developers or third parties such as NHS to enable the Mission to remain
- Cease to meet and pursue alternative Mission
- THE VERY VERY LAST resort Cease to meet and sell

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