

Group Supervisor Role Outline

In the year 2025/26, the Methodist Church is planning to deliver a pilot course in Group Supervision which will enable employed lay workers to reflect together on their practice in a supervisory group setting. The church is seeking experienced supervisors willing to train in this advanced skillset through a bespoke course developed for the denomination in order to meet the requirements of the Methodist Supervision Policy.

What you need to be able to offer

- Accreditation to supervise under the Methodist Supervision Policy
- Evidence that you have been offering regular supervision to at least 2 supervisees during the last 12 months
- A passion for supporting lay ministry within the church
- A desire to learn and develop supervision skills in new settings
- An effective communication style
- An ability to show balance and consideration for all, taking care to meet the needs of all ages, cultures, ethnicity, gender and abilities
- A clear understanding of the importance of maintaining confidentiality
- A robust broadband connection (or access to one) for those times when training happens online
- A willingness to share stories of your own ministry in a supervisory setting

What you will do

- Attend a bespoke training programme comprising of a 5 day residential & 5 online modules over 8 months
- Within that participate in a larger learning group and a smaller dedicated & consistent experiential supervision group
- Undergo an assessment session with peers and course leads
- Prepare for the learning event by completing reading and reflection as prescribed by the course leaders (circa 8 hours)
- Revise learning from the initial Responsible Grace handbook
- Identify a group of 6 lay people who will work together to reflect on their ministry and be prepared to work with them in situ or online over a minimum of 2 years. The first 5 sessions of which will take place during the timeline of the course
- Build a group in time for the course start date
- Be prepared to engage in Group Supervision work for 3 years post course

What the church can offer-

- Training to be a Group Supervisor under the Methodist Supervision Policy
- Conversations and support from other course members and course leaders
- Ongoing online training and support
- Travel (via the circuit/district route), accommodation and other reasonable expenses as necessary

What the Methodist Church needs to have/do

- A DBS check before embarking on a role if appropriate or confirmation of having undertaken the advanced safeguarding module
- Confirmation that your circuit/district is able to release you for this work

To express an interest please send a 200 word summary of why you think you could be involved together with a reference from your supervisor outlining your suitability for this type of work

to Jane Bingham binghamj@methodistchurch.org.uk by 14 May 2025

After that date someone from the team will ring you for a chat and talk about what happens next.

Please do reserve the dates described on the attached flyer in your diary in readiness

Thanks for thinking prayerfully about this.