

New Places for New People (NPNP) Update

This month we share some thoughts on leadership and power from Eunice Attwood, Church at the Margins Officer. These thoughts are intended as a starting point, the beginning of an on-going conversation.

- What resonates with you?
- What do you find helpful/unhelpful?

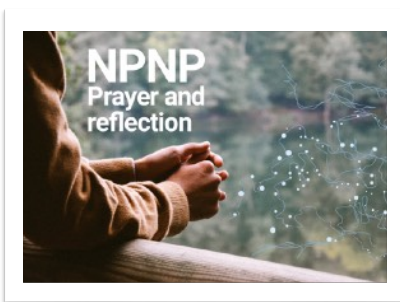
[Five thoughts on healthy uses of power](#)

As a taster, here are the five thoughts, click the link above for the full blog.

1. Enable people to recognise God's power
2. Embrace your limitations
3. Prioritise people more than programmes
4. Listen to people experiencing poverty
5. Stay healthy



Events and Training



Come and pray with us

A monthly online prayer gathering for the NPNP/Church at the Margins movement. Running from 18.30 to 18.50 (a fixed 20-minute duration) on the second Monday of each month. Next month's session is on **8 July** (led by Leslie Newton), come and join us in connecting, supporting, and growing the NPNP movement. Sign up [here](#).

CAM Practitioners Network

The **Church at the Margins Practitioners Network** provides an online space to encourage people who are supporting or nurturing new Christian communities amongst economically marginalised people. Monthly from 4 to 5pm on Tuesdays. Details on this page methodist.org.uk/camnetwork, book for the next session on **9 July 2024**, you can book other dates on the main page.



Hidden Hardship

Explore hidden rural poverty with this fabulous new resource from Coventry University, written in consultation with Sarah Hulme, our Rural Officer and Eunice Attwood, Church at the Margins Officer.

<https://hiddenhardship.coventry.ac.uk/index.php/next-steps/hidden-hardship-devotional-study-guide>



Church Planting Intensive (online)

11 to 13 October, fully funded course for those planting NPNPs (30 places), bookings: <https://forms.office.com/r/5HDCB5fqwg>.

Faith-Rooted Community Organising

8 to 10 November, at Cliff College. For people beginning an NPNP. Bookings: www.methodist.org.uk/organising. Faith-rooted organising offers a way to resource and enable people to find out where God is at work in their communities, and join in.



Wholehearted 2025

We're excited to let you know of our plans for the Wholehearted Conference 2025: A weekend to connect, inspire and get unstuck!



When: Friday 28 February - Sunday 2 March 2025
Where: Yarnfield Conference Centre ST15 0NL

We'd love to see some new faces at next year's conference, so we invite you to spend the time between now and registration opening to think about who you would invite to come with you to the conference. We are exploring ways to prioritise places for new people at the event. For any questions, please email evangelism@methodistchurch.org.uk. Do save the dates, booking details and themes to follow.

Fresh Expressions at the economic margins

20 June, 7pm. An online ecumenical 'brave' space for church at the economic margins advocates and practitioners of fresh expressions of church, hosted by Fresh Expressions and the Methodist Church - Tim Lea, Fresh Expressions Networks facilitator and animator and Eunice Attwood. Theme: Let's End Poverty, guest speaker: Hannah Fremont-Brown, Let's End Poverty Movement Coordinator. Book here: <https://freshexpressions.org.uk/event/fresh-expressions-the-economic-margins-an-online-ecumenical-gathering-june24>.

Methodist Pioneering Pathways

MPP continues to grow as a community. The online Third Thursday gatherings have become a place of honest sharing and building deeper relationships across the NPNP movement. The monthly webinars, led by guest contributors, have become an important place to enable theological reflection and explore key insight together. Details here: methodist.org.uk/mpp.



Funding news

The Mission Committee met in May and approved funding for NPNPs from Bristol and Wales Synod Cymru districts (read about them here: [Funded NPNPs](#)). Future Mission Committee meetings and funding submission dates:

- Committee meeting, 24 October 2024. Deadline mid-September.
- Committee meeting, 14-15 February 2025. Deadline mid-January.
- Committee meeting, 12 May 2025. Deadline early April.

Everything you need for NPNP is on this page and its sub pages methodist.org.uk/for-churches/evangelism-growth/new-places-for-new-people.

Get touch if you would like our hard copy resources ([District NPNP](#), [Circuit NPNP](#), [Beginning a Church at the Margins](#)).

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