



**Welcome** to the autumn edition of Supervision News. The newsletter targeted at all those accredited to serve as supervisors within the church. We are excited that our work embedding the newly approved Supervision Policy can now begin in earnest (if you need to take a look at any point you can find it [here](#)) and look forward to sharing all that's happening across the connexion around supervision.



At the moment we have 494 trained supervisors with another 36 in training so our number of skilled practitioners across the church is really strong. We are thankful for your time and commitment to this work.

## Things to Notice

Many of our forms changed in the early part of the connexional year. If you have forgotten to double check if you are using the right one then now is the time to do it. More changes may be on the way as we receive feedback so please do pay attention in coming months too. You may want to use a best practice approach of downloading the form direct for the website as you prepare for supervision each time just to be sure and we will of course try to flag things up as they develop through our newsflash system. As ever our forms can all be found [here](#).



## Supporting our Supervisees



Some of our supervisees may be new to supervision or never had any kind of briefing that will enable them to use their space well. The Learning Network is running a series of sessions to help new supervisees and those who want to find out more about getting the most out of supervision. The details can be found on the attached flyer [here](#). If you think your supervisee would benefit then please point them towards the opportunities available.

A calendar of Continuing Development in Supervision events and Briefing Events for Supervisees can be found [here](#). Events will appear on the calendar as they are added, so keep checking back.

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## New Development Modules in the Pipeline

There is very exciting news about a suite of new development modules for supervision. A team of experts and practitioners have gathered together to develop a series of pick and mix options that will begin a roll out in 2022. Subjects are wide and varied ranging from listening theologically in the supervision space through to handling agreed records and everything in between.

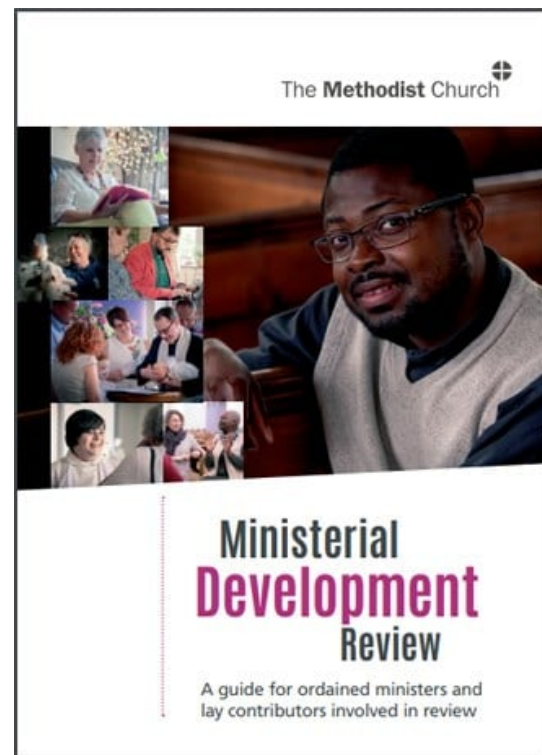
More detailed news on when and where they are available will follow in the early spring. In the meantime if you want to know more about the development on offer please contact your [Learning Network](#) team in your region and they will be able to signpost what's happening where you are.



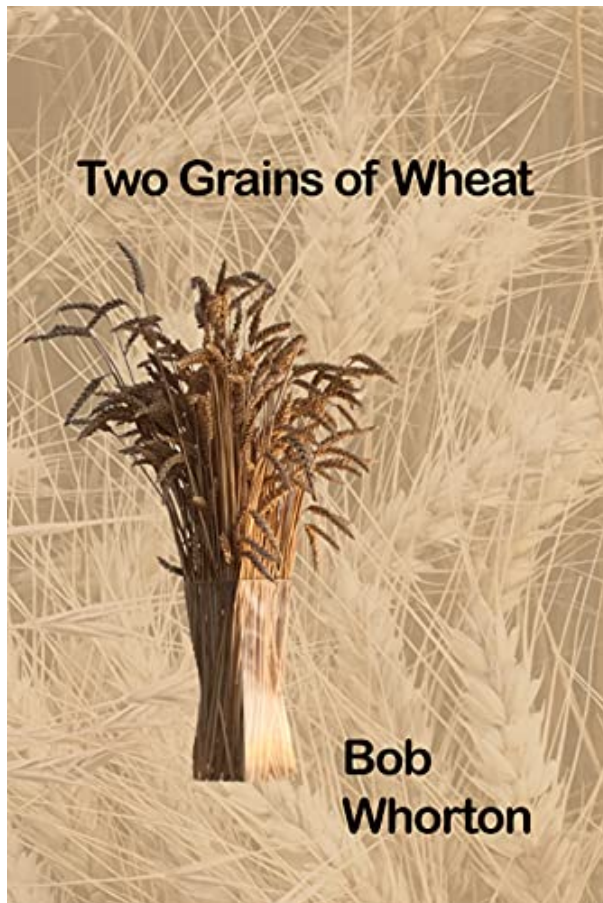
## Links to Ministerial Development Review (MDR)

We are often asked about supervision and MDR. How they fit together and whether we still need both processes.

After careful consideration the Ministries Committee has agreed that MDR is still needed and work is underway to ensure that its distinct place in church life is easily explained in a new pamphlet style guide. More updates will follow in the New Year but if you have any urgent questions then please get in touch with Jane Bingham who is leading on this work.





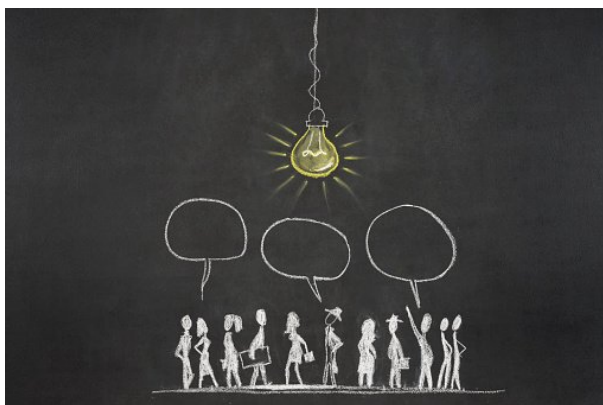


## New Reading!

Bob Whorton our fellow supervisor and lead trainer on Responsible Grace has written a new novel, ***Two Grains of Wheat***. The narrative is about the complexities of ministry and has characters within it who are in supervision. You can find it [here](#) on Amazon if you'd like to know more.

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## Theology of Safeguarding



This year at conference a new paper was published relating to the Theology of Safeguarding. This feels particularly important when approaching the supervision space, where complex issues are raised and serious questions of faith asked. The Supervision Reference Group of the Methodist Church have asked that this work is shared with all supervisors to enable them to be informed

## Wellbeing



The church has renewed its commitment to paying extra attention to the wellbeing of its ministers and lay folk with a number of key initiatives being used to offer support. The supervision space is one where people often express concerns or risk associated with their own wellbeing and these should be paid particular attention to ensure that appropriate suggestions and referrals around where to get

should questions around safeguarding and the church's responsibilities around it, arise. If you haven't had chance to take a look at it yet, or you need to share it with a supervisee at any point, you can find the paper [here](#). Or you can listen to a podcast with Tim Carter [here](#).

help are made. It may be that the agreed record needs to refer to such recommendations too.

More info can be found about support on the Methodist website [here](#).

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## That's all from us this time.

Remember if you want to know anything about supervision in the church the best place to start [here](#) on the supervision pages of the main Methodist website. We are all here though to offer any guidance and advice so please do get in touch if you need to.

Every blessing,

**Jane, Paul, & Sydney**



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*As we mentioned at the start you are being contacted as you are a fully accredited supervisor under the Interim Policy of the Methodist Church. As a consequence we have made legitimate use of your contact information to keep you informed of developments and ensure you are apprised of any changes that can help you as you continue to supervise in the Methodist context. If you have any queries about this then do please get in touch with Jane Bingham and she can help you.*

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