**DISCERNING ORDAINED VOCATION CONNEXIONAL COMMITTEE – ‘DOV2’**

**Application form for new members of the Committee to serve from September 2024**

Thank you for your interest in serving the Connexion on the DOV Committee. This is a significant commitment and we need to ensure that the panels who discern the vocation with candidates and ministers of other churches and conferences, can work together as effectively as possible.

Great care is taken over balancing gifts, experience and characteristics on each panel. So we pay attention to a balance of gender, age, lay / presbyter / deacon, representation from different ethnic backgrounds and other aspects. Please indicate as many aspects of your identity as you wish to.

Please complete this form as fully as possible.

If you are not selected on this occasion, it may only be in the interests of obtaining full diversity on the panels.

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| Your Name |  |
| Your email address |  |
| Your phone number |  |
| Are you a lay person or a presbyter or a deacon? (please specify which of these three) |  |
| If you are a lay person, please state the name of the Methodist Church (or LEP where Methodism is one of the partner denominations) where you are a member  |  |
| If you are a lay person, please state the number of years you have been a Methodist member |  |
| If you are a presbyter or a deacon, please state the year of your ordination |  |
| All members of DOV have to be trained in safeguarding. Please state the date of your last safeguarding training and whether it was the foundation or the leadership module. If you have not completed this training please indicate the date when you intend to complete it (which must be before you start serving on DOV) |  |
| If you have attended unconscious bias training please add the date here or, if you have not, indicate if you have any opportunity of attending this in the future. It is helpful if DOV Committee members have an awareness of unconscious bias. |  |
| Please describe why you are interested in being part of DOV? |  |
| Please describe any relevant experience and skills you have |  |
| What would you bring to the process? |  |
| Are you involved in theological education at a theological institution (full or part time)? Or have you been in the past? This does not include school teaching or local preacher training. |  |
| We try to ensure balance on the panels in terms of age, so if you are willing please indicate which age bracket you fall into | 18-24 |  |
| 25-34 |  |
| 35-44 |  |
| 45-54 |  |
| 55-64 |  |
| 65 and above |  |
| Name of either your local minister, your superintendent minister or your Chair of District. We will be approaching them to request a reference. Please note that we cannot accept references from anyone who is related to you.Please ensure that they have given permission for us to contact them. |  |
| Please state if this person is your local minister, superintendent minister or Chair of District |  |
| Email address for your referee |  |
| Telephone number for your referee |  |
| Your signature (please scan or insert a photograph of your actual signature) |  |
| Date |  |

Appointments are made by the Methodist Council annually and confirmed at Conference.

Please be aware that being a member of this committee entails attending each year:

* Training: residentially for 2 weekdays in November. On occasions this is extended to 3 days.
* Panels for candidates: 3 days (Friday to Sunday) in February

Some DOV Committee members are also asked to serve on:

* Panels for transferring ministers seeking to change status. These are full or part day face to face meetings in October and may be required for up to 3 non-consecutive days.
* Panels for new transferring ministers. These are usually online (but sometimes in person) for 2-3 days in November, either immediately before or after the DOV Committee training.

Once we have your applications, we will then take up their reference, then the Co-Chairs of the DOV2 committee will consider your applications in relation to the necessary balance on the committee, and then nominations and reasoned statements will be sent to the Methodist Council in March. The list of members of DOV2 Committee for the forthcoming Connexional year will then be taken to Conference in June 2024 for appointment.

Not all members are needed on all panels, however, you can only serve on panels if you have attended the November training in the same Connexional year as the panel. Your first year is considered as a probationary year in order for you and the committee to discern whether this role fits you well.

You can claim your travel expenses and if need be you can claim some support towards loss of earnings to enable you to attend, if that affects you. All meals and accommodation are paid by the Methodist Church.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY EMAIL TO:** **candidates@methodistchurch.org.uk**by the end of November 2023

Thank you for your interest.