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**Summer 2023 Update**



***Hello Friends,*** as we come to the end of another connexional year its time to say thank you again for all you've done in relation to reflective supervision throughout the year.

In this newsletter there are details of training that will support you to enhance your skills, reminders of key tasks as you come to the year end and updates on what's happening in the Methodist world of supervision.

Please do take a look, it's a good way to keep up to date 😊



# Learning & Development



There are all sorts of ways to get involved with and learn more about supervision. Here are a few suggestions.

## **Supervision of Supervision**

The bookings are now open for the Supervision of Supervision programme for 2024. Offering supervision to those who are supervising others and those training to be supervisors can require an extra level of attention and understanding for the Supervisor. This 3-day course enables you to revitalise your supervision skills giving particular thought to what it means to supervise other supervisors and how best to use the tools in your toolkit to make that is a fruitful experience. It is a requirement of reaccreditation that you attend this course if you are supervising one or more supervisors and the hours accrued count for 30 of the 40 hours needed. The various dates are here and all the events are being held at **Eastwood Hall in North Nottinghamshire.**

You can find the registration details through the links below:

Supervision of Supervision Training Tickets for **9 - 11 April 2024** - [Click Here](#)

Supervision of Supervision Training Tickets for **11 - 9 July 2024** - [Click Here](#)

Supervision of Supervision Training Tickets for **8 - 10 October 2024** - [Click Here](#)

## **Continuing Development Modules**

Our suite of development modules will begin again in the autumn and run through the year to come. There are all sorts of topics that you may be interested in so please do take a look Dates and booking information can be found [here](#)

## **New to being Supervised**

The same page offers information about supervision briefings for supervisees targeted at those new to supervision or for people who have been out of the system for a while. If you know someone who would benefit from a refresher on what to expect from supervision please signpost them to these opportunities.

## **Specialist Training from Partner Providers**

The following Courses are available through IPSRP

### **Diploma in Cross-Professional Supervision**

Course Outline 1 - [Click Here](#)

Course Outline 2 - [Click Here](#)

Course Outline 3 - [Click Here](#)

**Certificate & Diploma Courses in Reflective Pastoral Supervision** (Wesley House Cambridge)

For Course Details & Outline - [Click here](#)

### **Initial Training**

It may be that you know someone who would be great as a supervisor – lay or ordained – because they have gifts and skills that they already use to work alongside others. Why not broker a conversation with your Chair to see what is needed within your District and then, with their agreement, think about how you could approach such an individual to consider supervision as part of the outworking of their vocation. After that, any such person could book onto the relevant course here <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/ministries/supervision/training-and-resources/training-events/> where more explanation of what is required and expected is available.

## **Reading & Wondering**



At the recent superintendents conferences a new set of prototype postcards was shared.

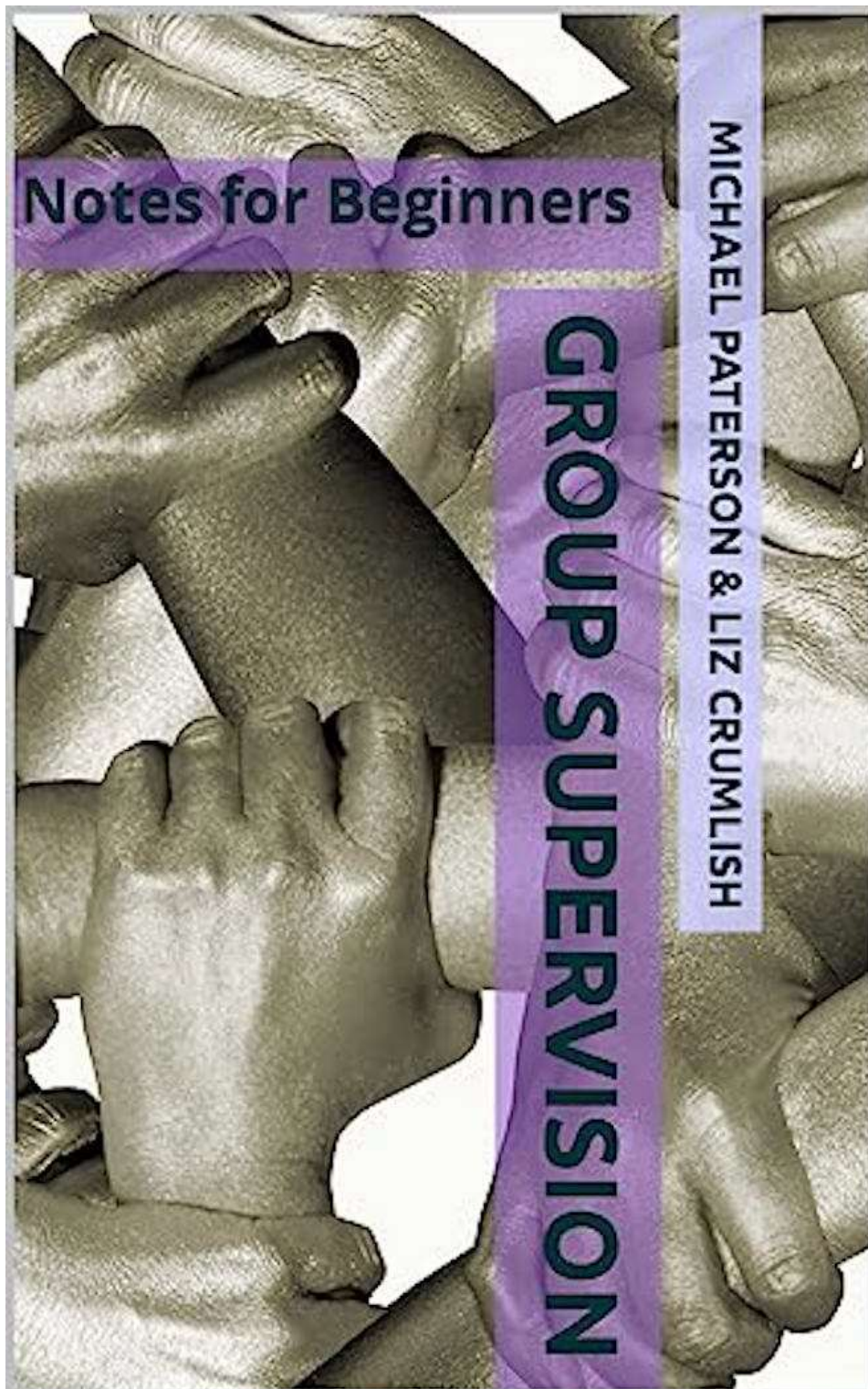
They are designed to help supervisors who are getting stuck in different ways as part of the process.

Jane has a few copies left if you would like one sending to you. Please contact her direct and she can make that happen.



If you took a set and have started using them, then please do send feedback on how you're getting on. It will help us decide whether to produce more and what may need adapting.

**Group Supervision – Paterson & Crumlish**



Whilst the Methodist Church is only beginning to dip its toe formally into the world of group supervision this book has lots of transferrable skills and knowledge that works in all sorts of spaces.

The poetry within it can be a great springboard into any reflective session and it's insights into group dynamics can be helpful when leading a group of any kind.

**Quick Tip**



The church offers all sorts of visual resources through its publishing wing. Some elements may be useful in supervision and in particular two spring to mind

**Methodist Modern Art Collection**

<https://www.methodistpublishing.org.uk/books/9781858525136/methodist-modern-art-collection-postcard-booklet>

**Intergenerational Prayer Cards**

<https://www.methodistpublishing.org.uk/books/EGIPC22/intergenerational-prayer-cards>

Why not take a look

## **FAQs and Records**



At this time of year there are often lots of changes to supervision relationships, with people on the move between appointments and new ministers to support. Please will you double check two things.

That you are using the very latest versions of the Covenant, Agreed Record and other forms. You can find them here <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/ministries/supervision/supervision-forms/>



That, if you are ending a supervision relationship, you have sent on your supervision file to whoever might need it and if you are starting a new one that you have the files from the previous supervisor.

All the information to do with records can be found here <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/ministries/supervision/faqs-about-supervision/> towards the end of the list.

## **A Gentle Reminder About Reaccreditation**





As you know approval to supervise lasts for 5 years. For some of you your commitment to supervision is already close to that time and reaccreditation is on the horizon.

There are some FAQs relating specifically to this and they can be found here <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/ministries/supervision/reaccreditation/>

We regularly write to all those working towards reaccreditation at the 4 year point but we also hope that if you were an early adopter you will have been contacted already and have gathered the information you need to send us your form.

Please remember if you were a very early adopter and you need to be accredited by August 23 then the hours of development you need to have recorded is reduced.

If your half completed form does happen to be languishing in your inbox then please do complete it and get it to us in good time.

## **Research Project**

In the spring of 2024 the church will embark on a new supervision research project.

It will take the time to assess the impact of Reflective Supervision on the life of the church and look forward to any changes to the policy that might be needed as the work progresses.

You will undoubtedly be approached for your insights so please do be prepared to be contacted and share your thoughts and views.



## **Farewells**

Well its all change here in the Supervision Team.



Paul Wood is off to pastures new and circuit ministry in Notting Hill.

Alongside that he has a fabulous new pioneering project supporting those in the theatre world. Paul has been a very strong advocate of Supervision and is a highly skilled practitioner. We will miss his wisdom and ability to make things happen.

I'm sure you will join me in offering prayers and blessings for all the future holds for him.

Sydney is not coming back to the team in the autumn but will be spending time focussing on little Oliver for a while.

We have all sorts to thank Sydney for not least a set of robust systems and processes which make supervision tick but also her friendly and helpful presence in every encounter.

We'll miss her but know she has left us a great legacy.







Ayeshea has found a new permanent post in the church and is now a key point of contact on Reception at Methodist Church House Westminster.

Ayeshea has been a fabulous colleague getting to grips with Supervision so quickly, looking after training groups and fielding queries. Its good to know she is still around but she has had to pass on the supervision baton as she gets embedded in new work.

## **Adiós**

So its goodbye for another year but we will be back together again in the autumn when we will have news about new colleagues and all things supervision as usual.

If you need to get in touch before then please contact me direct or use the supervision inbox and we'll come back to you as we're able.

Remember that back copies of all our newsletters can be found here - <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/ministries/supervision/training-and-resources/supervision-newsletter/>

Thanks and we hope you have a restful summer.

Every blessing,

**Jane**



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*As we mentioned at the start you are being contacted as you are a fully accredited supervisor under the 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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