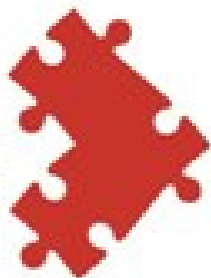


Worship:
leading &
preaching



The Appointment and Training of a Worship Leader

A Guide to the Training and Discernment Procedure

See Section 68 of CPD

	Standing Order
1. A member of the Methodist Church may offer themselves or be proposed to be a Worship Leader. A conversation should be had with their minister to explore the potential call and to explore their understanding of the Responsibilities of a Worship Leader as laid out in Standing Order 681.	681 682
2. The person submits a completed DBS (Safeguarding) form	682
3. The person's name is brought to the Local Preachers' Meeting for advise as to the applicants appropriateness for the work	682 (2)
4. The Local Preachers' Meeting advises the Church Council as to the appropriateness of the candidate.	682 (1)
5. The Local Preachers' Meeting Secretary informs Discipleship & Ministries of the candidate's details so that they can be registered onto Worship: Leading and Preaching, the course approved by the Methodist Council	680 (1)
6. A mentor is appointed by the Church Council who informs their Local Preachers' Meeting of the decision	
7. A probationary period is entered	682 (3)
8. The person is put in touch with the local tutor(s) by the Local Preachers' Secretary. They will oversee the candidate's study. (Local tutors may cover one or more circuits).	682 (3)
9. The person in training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. prepares and assists in leading services with the mentor(s). b. begins Worship: Leading and Preaching with the local tutor. 	
10. Reports on the person in training shall be received by the Local Preachers' Meeting using the Worship: Leading and Preaching Feedback Form on a regular basis. The Local Preachers' Meeting should then inform and advise the Church Council about the persons' progress	683(1)

11. A period of not more than three years is spent in training. During this time, the mentor will continue to work with the worship leader in training.	
12. The person continues in training to complete the study course, working with the local tutor who marks the assignments. Assessment is undertaken throughout the course and is both formative and summative.	
<p>Submitting a Portfolio</p> <p>At the end of Module 4 the person in training submits their portfolio to be marked locally and moderated Connexionally.</p> <p>Specific details of what must be submitted in the portfolio, and how, are listed in the Course Handbook.</p> <p>The portfolio must be submitted to the regional officer by 31st March or 30th September.</p> <p>A sample of the regional moderation will be moderated at a Connexional level.</p> <p>Discipleship & Ministries will inform the person in training whether the portfolio has 'met' the criteria or 'not yet met' the criteria in which case the portfolio will need to be resubmitted. The person in training shall inform the Local Tutor and the Superintendent.</p>	
13. Upon satisfactory completion of Worship: Leading and Preaching Modules 1-4 the Local Preachers Meeting shall inform the relevant Church Council	683(2)
14. The Church Council may then appoint the successful candidate as a worship leader within the life of the Local Church for a three year period.	683(2)
15. The Church Council(s) involve shall make arrangements for the newly appointed Worship Leader to share in a service of commissioning.	683(3)
<p>Serving beyond the Local Church</p>	
16. See Standing Order 683 (4) for details.	683(4)
<p>Ongoing Development and Training</p>	
17. It is the Worship Leaders responsibility to engage with Continuing Development and attend public worship in their Local Church regularly.	681(3)(4)
<p>Review of Worship Leader Appointments</p>	
18. The Local Preachers' Meeting shall review each Worship Leader appointment every 3 years referring to Standing Order 681 and inform and advise the relevant Church Council(s).	683(5) 681
19. The Church Council may then re-appoint the worship leader within the life of the Local Church for a further three year period.	683(5)

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