

## **Policy for use of the Circuit Benevolence Fund**

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The CBF (Circuit Benevolence Fund) is to be maintained by the Circuit Treasurer on behalf of the Wolverhampton Methodist Circuit.

**The Fund is available for the relief of poverty and distress.**

Contributions towards the Fund are welcome at any time. In particular offerings from circuit services and events may be allocated. Adequate notice will be given for such offerings.

The Fund shall be applied, at the confidential discretion of the Superintendent, at the request of ministers and probationers appointed to the Circuit, and the Circuit Stewards, for the relief of poverty and distress in the congregations and in the neighbourhood of the Circuit or, if so recommended by the Chair of District, of some other Circuit or Circuits in the Districts, and allocations may be made out of the fund to a District Benevolence Fund, applicable at the confidential discretion of the Chair of District for the relief of poverty and distress in the District.

Details of the Fund shall be included in the annual accounts. Once a year the Circuit Meeting shall decide whether monies are surplus to expected needs, and if so, what allocations may be made to the District Benevolence Fund, the Methodist Relief and Development Fund, or any other Fund for the relief of poverty and distress, provided that no allocation shall be made which would be contrary to any purpose of the Methodist Church or to Methodist Discipline.

*(CPD – See Standing Orders 527 & 651)*

*Date:* .....

*Approved at:* .....

*Signed by:* .....