

Voice of Methodism Association- VMA Trust

(Charity registration 233722)

Application form for Grants and Loans

Name of Church / Circuit / Organisation

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Address for all

correspondence.....

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..... Post Code.....

Name of

correspondent.....

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Position in

organisation.....

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Telephone.....

Email address.....

Objects of the Voice of Methodism Association

The objects of the Voice of Methodism Association are:

[1] To defend the constitution of the Methodist Church as laid down in the Methodist Church Union Act 1929 and the Deed of Union 1932 and, in pursuance of this, to support the continuation of an independent Methodist Church.

[2] To educate the public and members in the objects of the charity, including the implications of any organic union between the Methodist Church and other Churches.

[3] To stimulate the maximum fellowship between the ministries and membership of all Christian Churches.

The Voice of Methodism Declaration

[1] The Charity recalls the Methodist Church to the Deed of Union 1932 with its affirmation that, 'It ever remembers that in the providence of God Methodism was raised up to spread Scriptural Holiness through the land by the proclamation of the Evangelical faith and declares its unfaltering resolve to be true to its divinely appointed mission.'

[2] Further, believing that the mind of Christ is expressed in Oneness of Spirit rather than in the uniting of ecclesiastical structures the charity seeks to stimulate the maximum fellowship between the ministries and membership of ALL Churches recognising that each can offer its distinctive witness within Christendom and to the world outside it.

[3] In furtherance of this declaration, the charity pledges itself to educate and organise our people in order to achieve these objectives.

[4] The charity calls our people to prayer that the bond of charity and fellowship be not broken.

For your request for a grant or loan to be considered by the trustees, please answer the following questions as fully as possible, and supply the information requested. Please use additional sheets of paper if required.

[Question 1] Do you agree with, and accept the objects and Declaration of the Charity?

YES / NO

(If you have to answer no to this question then the Trustees are sorry but they are unable to process your request any further.)

[Question 2] Give a detailed statement on the purpose for which the request for a grant is being made. **The Charity can only release money for projects which support the objects of the Charity.** Please explain in detail how you feel your project supports one or more of these objects.

What is the total value of the grant / loan for which you are applying?
£.....

[Question 3] Please indicate the voting of your Church Council / Circuit Meeting / organisation managing committee that allowed this application to be made:

NUMBER FOR..... / AGAINST..... / NEUTRAL or NOT VOTING.....

The meeting took place at (place)on (date).....

Minute or reference number.....

[Question 3b] If this application is for staff costs of any description, please note that VMA is unable to support any such application unless the employment of the person or persons is being made from funds that have been, or are being handled through an Independent Trust. VMA understands that the Connexion assesses Churches and or Circuits on the basis of the number of their employees, approximately £3,500 per annum per employee. The Voice of Methodism Association is not prepared to pay towards such costs.

Please send a copy of the Job Description and Person Profile for the post.

[3b] If the application is for staff costs, please give details of the Trust established for this purpose

[Question 4] If the application is for equipment, please indicate the source from which you propose to acquire this equipment.

[Question 5] Please indicate what funding you already have for the project and whether or not this is conditional or already secured.

[Question 6] Do you have a matched funding element within your total budget for this project? YES / NO

If so, how much is this? £..... What percentage of the total is this?

Please indicate what other sources of possible funding you have approached and the responses you have received.

[Question 7] For Methodist Applicants

Please indicate the value of the Circuit Advance Fund £.....

What current commitments are there on this fund?

Please indicate whether the Circuit has indicated that some support might be forthcoming from this source and the value of such support.

For Non Methodist Applicants

Please indicate any money held in a reserve fund which may be used for this kind of work. £.....

[Question 8] Please indicate if the application is for a period longer than one year in the instance of personnel, or part of an ongoing and increasing acquisition of equipment that will be supplemented in the following year or years.

[Question 9] If this application is for a loan kindly indicate the period for which it is required and the repayment plan that you intend to follow. It may be that VMA would be prepared to waive the payment of interest, and this would be discussed with you during the process of your application.

[Question 10] Please provide a copy of your Church / Circuit / Organisation accounts for the last financial year.

[Question 11] Please enclose a current copy of your Circuit Plan or Directory.

[Question 12] Is there any other information you consider it necessary for the Trustees of the Voice of Methodism Association to know? (Use an extra sheet of paper if required)

Signed.....
(Position).....

(Secretary of Church Council or governing body)

Signed.....
(Position).....

(second member of Church Council or governing body)

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Please return this form to:-

The Secretary, VMATrust, 9 Ash Avenue, Galgate, Lancaster LA2 0NP