

## Joint Leadership Team Meetings of the Whitehaven and the Keswick and Cockermouth Circuits bulletin.



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### Informal Meeting 26 February

1. Thumbnail sketches were presented about each area of work in the two circuits.
2. We considered the mission of the church, what happens at the moment and what could happen in the future. This has to be the priority in our discussions.
3. What is the point of the circuit? It is a facilitating enabling body which brings together resources, people and their skills, premises and finance which can then be shared as needed. Being part of a circuit is a contract to work together with others in the circuit.
4. What are the benefits in coming together?
5. Less people needed for Circuit Stewards, secretaries, treasurers etc freeing up people to use skills in other ways. As one circuit we become more attractive to ministers on the move especially when there is a shortage. If we can get 2 staff one could be a member of the Diaconal Order. Having the Superintendents Manse in Cockermouth is more attractive to incoming Presbyters because it is better placed for transport links around the country.
6. We noted that there is a lot to do in a short time.

### Formal Meeting 10 April

1. Both Circuit Meetings had approved the proposal for formal talks
2. A timeline was produced of what needs to be done by when
3. We need to reflect on Mission. Where does God want us to be at work
4. Part time worker in Whitehaven area and lay worker in K & C area are all important areas of work we do not want to lose.
5. We then have to look at how we finance everything with God's help.
6. Keswick Methodist Church's redevelopment presents new opportunities for that church
7. Need to look at what other churches are doing and is there a need for a pastoral care system which goes beyond the church?
8. Our mission will be helped by an administrator who is a Christian and familiar with the workings of the Methodist Church. This will release others for mission.
9. It would be ideal to have 2 ordained staff supported by paid lay workers and an administrator plus volunteers.
10. The Whitehaven will be the host circuit receiving assets of other circuit and then changing its name to become new circuit.
11. Finance people get together to review our financial positions and to produce budget for 2019/2020
12. Individual circuit profiles to be completed by each circuit and a joint one by all Circuit Stewards.
13. We have joint work to do on the new General Data Protection Regulations.
14. We have to keep members informed of what we are doing. This will be through a sheet like this and articles in magazines.