

Expectations for applicants to become a Local Preacher in Training

A person seeking to respond to God's call by applying to become a Local Preacher in training takes a brave step of faith. The individual should be given the opportunity to read the Manual of Laws pertaining to Local Preachers (...). The Preachers' Meeting/Circuit Executive will be trying to see potential whilst noting that there are some minimal expectations:

1. Vocation (Call and Commitment)
 - a. The ability to speak of their Christian experience
 - b. A sense of call to explore leading worship and preaching
2. Vocation (Ministry in the MCI)
 - a. Be a member of good standing in the Methodist Church In Ireland
3. Relationship with God
 - a. Someone who loves God and desires to be a faithful disciple
 - b. A faith that is sustained by visible use of means of grace including:
 - i. Regular attendance at worship
 - ii. Regularly receiving Holy Communion
 - iii. Faithful in prayer
4. Personality and Character
 - a. A recommendation to the Preachers' Meeting by either a local Church Council or by her/his minister or a member of the Preachers' meeting.
 - b. Compliance with Church's safeguarding requirements
 - c. Awareness of her/his own strengths and weaknesses and the potential of self-development
 - d. A commitment to fashion his/her life to promote the glory of the Lord
5. Being in Relationship with Others
 - a. The ability to relate to a variety of people
 - b. The ability to see God in others
 - c. A willingness to work with a mentor and tutor and with others involved in leading worship
6. The Church's Ministry in God's World
 - a. Willingness to commit to the mission of God
 - b. The ability to articulate an understanding of what it means to be a Methodist.
7. Leadership and Collaboration
 - a. A willingness to explore leadership in worship
 - b. A willingness to share in the journey of faith
 - c. A willingness to work with others
8. Learning and Understanding
 - a. An expressed desire to grow in understanding of the Christian faith
 - b. An openness to receive and reflect on the feedback
9. Communication
 1. Confident mastery of the vernacular language of the communities they feel called to serve

