



SEED

SEED is a contemporary reimagining of Methodism. It is less about doing something new and more about rediscovering old Methodist ways and principles.

SEED is just beginning and we invite you to join us and see what God might grow.
Invite others whom it may suit.



The Methodist Church
In Ireland

SEED's FOUNDATIONS

A group spent several months in 2017/18 exploring early Methodism to identify the key principles to build upon:

Space for God to speak
Community and mission
Missional small groups
Permission to wrestle with faith
Freedom to evolve
Inclusivity

SEED GATHERINGS

Larger gatherings offer worship, learning and sharing. People are encouraged to participate through discussion, Q&A etc. This is where the wrestling with faith in community can happen. Gatherings could also enable those in missional groups to share their stories and receive support for their mission activities.

MISSIONAL GROUPS BASED ON GOD'S CALL

SEED hopes to help people find God's call upon their lives and support them in following that call. Small missional groups comprise people with a similar mission calling. They meet for support and accountability but, primarily, to engage in mission, both individually and together. The group defines its focus and format. Initial groups may have a broad missional focus but as the number of members increases, groups may arise with a more specific focus e.g. the materially poor, students, young mothers etc. Social events can also help the group gel. People can join groups at any time.



SOME QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE

Q Has SEED been around for long?

This current phase of gatherings and intention to form missional groups, only started in February 2019. So things are really just beginning. A good time to get involved.

Q Must I be a Methodist to get involved with SEED?

No, but our foundations are rooted in Methodism.

Q If I commit to SEED, must I leave my church?

No. SEED could run parallel. Indeed, it may be through a local congregation that mission can happen. Engaging with what is already happening can sometimes make sense.

Q Must I join a small group in order to come to gatherings?

No, not at all. But the hope is that people will want to join the missional groups with others who share their missional call.

Q I'm already in a small group. Could it link with SEED?

If it's a 'missional' group, then talk to us.

Q Who organises SEED?

Tim & June Dunwoody and Jonny & Lisa Best currently organise things. As SEED develops, the intention is that others will take on responsibilities. The council of reference is Rev. Dr. Heather Morris and Rev. Dr. Brian Fletcher. SEED comes under the Home Mission Department of the Methodist Church in Ireland.



GATHERINGS

Belfast Central Mission (BCM)

Grosvenor House
5 Glendale Street
Belfast, BT12 5AD

7:00 to 9:15 pm

BCM has its own car park to left of building

Sunday 17th February

Re-imagining Methodism for the 21st Century

Sunday 24th March

What's so unique about Methodism?

Sunday 28th April

Mission at the core of discipleship

Sunday 26th May

Where is my mission?

Sunday 23rd June

Time for a new model of church?

There is a progression in the themes. Best if you can come along to all but don't let that put you off. May and June's meetings will introduce the idea of missional groups.

NB Recordings can be found on the website

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