

Memorandum of Understanding *between* Methodist Church in Britain *and* Christian Aid



Shared values and aims

Building on the Methodist Church in Britain's [A Justice-seeking Church](#) report and Christian Aid's [Standing Together](#) the following shared values and aims are evident:

- Love. Our motivation to love and care for others and Creation by standing alongside those who struggle against poverty, powerlessness and injustice
- Equality. Our conviction that all individuals and groups have the right to equality of voice, opportunity and outcomes
- Dignity. Our belief that every human being is of equal worth and should be given the opportunity to realise their potential
- Justice. Our determination to empower communities and to challenge the structures and systems that create poverty and prevent people from rising out of it



Responsibilities and commitments

This MoU will be approved by The Methodist Council of the Methodist Church in Britain and the Board of Christian Aid.

Together we will seek opportunities to maximise the impact of our prophetic voices and actions to overcome global injustice and poverty.

There will be at minimum an annual meeting between the Head of Mission at The Methodist Church in Britain and the Fundraising and Supporter Engagement Director at Christian Aid, to assess the on-going effectiveness and validity of this MoU.

The Methodist Church in Britain will receive an annual report from Christian Aid. This will be made to the Methodist Council via the Mission Committee and will outline its work and its relationship with the Methodist Church in Britain.

The Methodist Church in Britain will participate as a voting member at the annual general meeting and other formal meetings of the members of Christian Aid.

Christian Aid and the Methodist Church in Britain will seek to use their global networks and relationships to deliver maximum impact on shared concerns of international justice. Both organisations will strive to bring leadership and a prophetic voice.

The Methodist Church in Britain, in consultation with its global partners and Christian Aid, will give consideration to appropriate ways of cooperating where there is a partner church in a particular country in which Christian Aid is working.

The Methodist Church in Britain will be vigilant and reflect before endorsing in public advertisements or literature the work of other organisations engaged in the same work as Christian Aid.

The Methodist Church in Britain will promote its relationship with Christian Aid wherever possible and support its appeals, campaigns and initiatives. In particular, this relates to Christian Aid Week and emergencies.

The Methodist Church in Britain and Christian Aid will seek an atmosphere of cooperation and complementarity and pursue ways in which work in mission and development can be undertaken in partnership where appropriate.

Christian Aid will seek to advise the Methodist Church in Britain on work that has specific relevance for the Methodist community. It will provide opportunities for the Methodist Church in Britain to give, act and pray with other denominations to fulfil the gospel mandate to the poor.

Christian Aid will provide briefings, reports, resources and information as appropriate to support the advocacy and action of the Methodist Church in Britain in seeking global justice.

It is explicit in the membership relationship that Christian Aid and the Methodist Church in Britain have significant responsibilities to each other, expectations of each other, and mutual accountability.



Agreement

The parties confirm that the relationship and arrangements set out in this MoU are established in order to contribute to the implementation of the values and the fulfilment of the aims and objectives of our partnership together. It is recognised that this joint model is not simply a transactional arrangement, and contributions may be made in staff time and other in-kind support, at varied levels recognising availability and other limitations of participating organisations.

Subject to the above, the parties agree as follows:

- a) they will act reasonably and in good faith in performing their responsibilities under this MoU.
- b) they will maintain good and open communications between themselves, with scheduled meetings twice per year between executive offices and key programme staff/managers or advisers.
- c) they will inform each other in a timely manner as to any change or development or other issue relevant to their relationship under this MoU.
- d) this MoU is binding in honour only.

The Revd Helen Cameron, President of the Methodist Conference

The **Methodist** Church 

Mrs Carolyn Godfrey, Vice President of the Methodist Conference

The **Methodist** Church 

The Revd John Plant, Christian Aid

