



South West Peninsula District Vision & Mission Policy Statement

*Our mission is intended to develop confidence in God that, with ongoing prayer,
leads to the transformation of people and communities
through the presence of the Holy Spirit*

In living out “Our Calling” we seek to respond whole- heartedly to the Gospel of God’s love in Christ as we engage in worship, learning and caring, service and mission and evangelism across the South West. We are committed to creating a culture where safeguarding is foundational, underpinning everything we do, and our local churches, circuits and district are safe spaces for all.

As a District we will do this through the following core values:

Being Authentic & Christ-Centred (Worship)

Equipping Discipleship & Growth (Learning & Caring)

Encouraging Community-Engagement & Connectivity (Service & Mission)

Encouraging Inclusivity & Outward focus (Evangelism)

*The over-arching dynamic of all the core values is love.
Affirming the value and worth of every person.*

We will be a district where circuits, local churches, and people of every generation are accompanied and encouraged to respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ, participating in God’s mission through the power of the Holy Spirit. We will recognise and value every person—honouring the richness of context, age, culture, religion, neurodiversity, ability, disability, gender, and sexuality—celebrating the image of God in all.

As a district we aim to do this by being alongside and supporting circuits and local churches in the following ways:

WORSHIP *(Authentic & Christ-Centred)*

- Encouraging and enabling whole-hearted worship and prayer
- Encouraging local churches to explore and trial new ways of being 'church'
- Developing resources to support worship in the different contexts across the district.

LEARNING & CARING *(Discipleship & Growth)*

- Encouraging and resourcing Christian learning and discipleship across the district
- The development of district intergenerational programmes that nurture growth, learning, mission and an understanding of our heritage
- Developing and implementing pastoral care and wellbeing that is accessible and supportive for lay, ordained and the wider community, with embedded training and safeguarding throughout.

SERVICE & MISSION *(Community engagement & Connectivity)*

- District Officers and District Staff Team providing good, relevant, and professional support through effective networking to circuits and local churches.
- Developing partnerships within the district and the wider global and ecumenical context focused on mission, and to engage with the inter-faith landscape.
- Enabling effective Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) implementation in every circuit, and encouraging a focus on being a justice seeking church.
- Encouraging & enabling every local church/circuit to work towards Eco Church awards wherever possible.

EVANGELISM *(Inclusivity & Outward focus)*

- Giving priority in using our finite resources to resource and empower people, churches and circuits that are engaging positively in evangelism and mission planning.
- Encouraging the imaginative use of resources and buildings that prioritises innovation and significant investment in creative opportunities for mission and ministry, including New Places for New People (NPNP) and Church At the Margins (CAM) where appropriate.
- Enabling imaginative risk-taking, underpinned with firm foundations of good governance and best practice.

All the resources across the SWP District flow from this framework.

Information about all the District resources and the support each can bring to the churches and circuits can be found in the District Directory and on the District Website.