

The Joseph Rank Trust

Introduction to Joseph Rank Trust

The Joseph Rank Trust (JRT) is not a Methodist Church institution. It is not part of the Connexion. It is an independent grant-making charity which supports the Methodist Church of Great Britain, and the Methodist Church in Ireland.

Previously JRT supported property grants which were applied for through the Resourcing Mission Office in Manchester and MAYC projects which were submitted through the Children and Youth Team at MCH London. As of the 1st January 2010, they are welcoming applications direct from Churches, Circuits and Districts to fund local Mission work.

Applying for a Grant

1. Individual Churches, Circuits and Districts can now apply directly to JRT.
2. All applications *must* be submitted through Synod Chairs to ensure District approval and/or knowledge of the application.
3. Applicants are encouraged in the first instance to visit the Trust website and if necessary then contact the Secretary Dr. John Higgs who will be happy to have an initial conversation about the work they are doing and offer advice on the preparation of a funding application.
4. There is no application form for JRT grants. The main elements of your project should be expressed on two pages of A4 paper. Any further information, such as budgets, Gantt charts, District Mission Policy may be attached as appendices but the two pages of A4 are critical and must express what you are doing, why you are doing it and who it is benefiting.
5. There is no maximum or minimum limits of grant.
6. JRT does not support the entire costs of a project and would expect to see reasonable contributions from churches/circuits/districts/other sources/funders.
7. Before an application for funding is considered by the Trustees it may be visited by Dr. Higgs.
8. Further information and contact details are available at www.ranktrust.org

What The Joseph Rank Trust supports

JRT has a restricted fund which is used to support Methodism. In 2009 they committed £914k to Methodist work. They are interested in funding:

- a. Property Schemes which provide improved facilities both for the church itself and the local community.
- b. Family workers (at Church, Circuit or District Level)
- c. Youth workers (at Church, Circuit or District Level)
- d. Other areas of local Home Mission work. This will follow the JRT's interpretation of what Home Mission is, which can be expressed as supporting the Church's role within the community. Further information is available at www.ranktrust.org

Grant are available to support ongoing Church work, however, the JRT offers only time limited grants and will not look favourably on an application to support work to which it has previously awarded funding. JRT will not fund delayed church maintenance or LEP's.

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