

## Basic Information for Potential New Members

**Name of Council or Committee:** Mission and Discipleship Council (MDC)

**Brief Summary of Area of Work:**

MDC looks for members who have passion to inspire others to build God's kingdom, particularly through resourcing the local congregation.

Our work includes mission development, work with children, young people and young adults; worship development, leadership development, resourcing through events, publishing through Saint Andrew Press and supporting the business dimension of Life and Work (L&W) and the Scottish Storytelling Centre (SSC).

**Names of Convener and Secretary:**

*Convener:* Rev Norman Smith

*Secretary:* Rev Angus R Mathieson

**Number of Members:**

MDC membership consists of a Convener, three Vice-Conveners and 25 members appointed by the General Assembly, one of whom will also be appointed to the Ecumenical Relations Committee and Safeguarding. The Finance Manager allocated to Mission and Discipleship, a representative of the Guild, and the Convener of the Committee on Church Art and Architecture (CARTA) are on the Council.

**Frequency, timing and venue of meetings:**

MDC meetings are held five times per year, with one possible overnight meeting. There is an induction meeting held for new members.

**Details of Sub-Committees, Task Groups etc:**

MDC members are expected to serve on additional working groups of the Council as needed. These meet independently of the Council.

**Expectations of Members:**

MDC members are expected to prepare for and attend all Council meetings and any working groups in which they are involved and to work towards furthering the remit of the Council.

**General Skills/Experience Sought from 2019:**

There are three of the Council's objectives with which require further support to deliver at this time:

- **to inspire and empower the people of God to make disciples and foster a discipleship culture**
- **to encourage and enable every congregation to explore the option of creating new expressions of church**
- **to stimulate and support the development of local ministry with children and young people.**

The specific roles, experience and skills needed this year are:

- expertise in emerging church, mission and new forms of ministry, with a view to involvement in the Joint Emerging Church Group
- experience in developing various ways to evangelise e.g. how life stories can share the good news
- an innovative thinker to reimagine ministry with children (3-11) and young people (12-16)
- experience in developing leadership and/or alternative roles for eldership e.g. a non-ordained person interested in discipleship and equipping or an ordained person (minister or elder) passionate about empowerment of lay people
- business acumen, particularly in the printing and publishing world
- financial management to enable MDC to utilise a significant budget, maximise its capital and deliver the business aspects of Life and Work and the Scottish Storytelling Centre
- social media marketing experience to enable the Council to engage with and resource a wider community
- understanding of and experience of rural church
- someone who can contribute to the ongoing discussions of worship development at local and national levels.
- expertise in developing fresh insights into Holy Communion, particularly with regard to the involvement of children
- expertise in creating resources for worship and writing liturgy