

## **GIFTS AND GRACES OF ACCOMPANISTS WORKING WITH EXPLORERS AND CANDIDATES FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY**

### **VOCATION (CALL AND COMMITMENT)**

An accompanist should be able to articulate their own vocation, be respectful of different experiences and articulations of God's calling, and have a desire to help others explore God's call on their lives.

### **VOCATION (MINISTRY IN THE METHODIST CHURCH IN BRITAIN)**

An accompanist will seek to celebrate and promote the diversity of the Methodist Church in Britain. They should have a good, and up to date, knowledge and understanding of the church and its ministry including an informed understanding of lay ministry and the distinctiveness of the two orders of ordained ministry.

### **RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

An accompanist is a person of prayer, grounded in an understanding of a God of love. They should be able to articulate a personal commitment to Christ and have a desire to accompany others on their spiritual journey.

### **PERSONALITY AND CHARACTER**

An accompanist has the gifts of self-confidence and humility. They will have the ability to listen carefully and challenge appropriately those they accompany, whilst seeking to respond to what they have heard rather than imposing their own opinions.

### **BEING IN RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS**

An accompanist will have the ability to relate to, and have a robust conversation with, a variety of people from within the diversity of the church. They should be able to offer sufficient time to an explorer and / or candidate to accompany their journey.

### **THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY IN GOD'S WORLD**

Accompanists will have a knowledge and understanding of the variety of approaches to mission and evangelism within the Methodist Church. They will be able to help others make imaginative connections between today's world and the gospel.

### **LEADERSHIP AND COLLABORATION**

Accompanists seek to model their knowledge and understanding of leadership with an appropriate degree of humility and confidence as they aspire to enable and empower others.

### **LEARNING AND UNDERSTANDING**

Accompanists will be able to help people with different experiences to develop their own theological thinking, including the capacity to use a range of tools and models of theological reflection.

### **COMMUNICATION**

Accompanists seek to help others to express their faith. They should have an awareness of the variety of communication tools and platforms and be able to discuss when it is appropriate to use them. They will have an openness, honesty and clarity in their communications with those they accompany.