



## MILTON KEYNES MISSION PARTNERSHIP

**Minutes of the Mission Partnership Assembly** which took place on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021**  
via Zoom

**There were 50 Attendees:**

Adrian Prisk <i>(MKMP Treasurer)</i>	Ian Herbert	Nicola Martyn-Beck
Alison Drury <i>(MKMP Chair of Trustees)</i>	Ian Pearce	Paul Smith
Angela Miller	Irene Farr	Robin Kyd
Ann Beaton	Janet Nelsey	Rod Ruston
Ann Harris <i>(Minutes)</i>	Jean Mattinsley	Ruth Gookey
Anne Jones	Jenny Bond	Sophia Pond
Barry Lotz	Jo Watson	Stephen Norrish
Beryl Spikings	John Robertson <i>(MKMP DEM)</i>	Stephen Roberts
Carolyn Marshall	Jonathan Bailey	Steve Barnes
Charmaine Howard	Julie Gillam	Stuart Kean
Chris Batten	Kathryn Cole	Susan Gander
Chris Linford	Kim Weston	Susan Jackson
Christine Scotcher	Linda Kirk	
David Hart	Lynn Castle	
David Miller	Maggie Greaves	
Don Mahon	Marilyn Mahon	
Douglas Sellars	Mary Borrett	
Elisabeth Clarke	Matt Trendall	
Helen Rouse	Mike Morris	

**Apologies:**

Carolyn Sanderson	Jan Forrest	Ruth Maxey
Catherine Butt	Jan Weatherley	Sandy Grey
David Lewis	Nicola Vidamour	Sharon Grenham-Thompson

**1. Opening Worship** was led by Barry Lotz

**2. Business** – Alison Drury

- a) **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were agreed. It was noted that since the last Assembly MKMP have established The Vine intentional discipleship groups.
- b) **Ecumenical Oversight News** – Nicola Martyn-Beck

The Ecumenical Oversight Group has continued to meet via Zoom and have held two meetings since our last Assembly. Work continues in supporting LEPs registering as Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIO); this has involved seeking legal advice and working closely with the National Ecumenical Officers. While we are mindful of the delays caused by the pandemic we are still working to the deadline date of 31.03.21. Watling Valley are close to being ready to submit their application.

Since the beginning of the year we have been involved in discussions regarding financial situation of LEPs, initiated a review of the EOG, considered possible changes to LEP reviews and begun conversations about the possibility of Mission to the City Centre.

- c) **Independent Examiner** – Until now MKMP have employed an independent examiner to inspect the yearly accounts. Due to financial constraints, Alison asked that if anyone knew of someone who could independently audit our accounts voluntarily, to please contact the MKMP office. Please consider this request prayerfully.
- d) **Date of next Assembly:** The date of the next Assembly, which is also our AGM, is Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021.

**3. Piecing it Together: the Mission Partnership Mosaic** – John Robertson

- What's the big picture?
- Where are we going?
- How do I connect?
- Where do I make a difference?

As many attending the Assembly have been involved in some element or another of what MKMP does, this meeting attempted to give a broad understanding of the whole picture.

See John's presentation appended to these Minutes.

After John's presentation, attendees went into breakout rooms to look at three questions:

1. What have I learnt?
2. How can I support?
3. Where can I get involved?

Feedback:

Christine asked about the Jeremiah quote that John had mentioned in his presentation.

*“Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.”*

Jer. 29 v 7

John noted that this quote mentions “Shalom” which means “Welfare”. This is wanted for our city.

Christine also mentioned that in this period of lockdown/loneliness, technology connects us. John noted that some do not have access to technology. He also noted that we have talked about Loneliness before. The church is ideally placed to tackle loneliness. It is at the root of Christian faith.

Stephen R noted that the city is changing so fast with huge numbers of housing being built. John noted that we need places to talk about this. The City Centre Chaplaincy project is for those people who are coming in and going out of the city. Radically different solutions will be required in MK due to the scale of growth, maybe something possibility through Greenhouses (lay not ordained). How do we generate small spaces where faith can be generated and nurtured?

Please be in touch with MKMP if there is something you would like to bring forward. Tonight’s meeting is not the only opportunity!

#### 4. **Prayer for the City**

The meeting closed in Prayer.

