

Background Information: Mid Glamorgan Mission Prayer Advocate

The Mid Glamorgan Mission Circuit (MGM) comprises 13 churches and covers some 200 square miles in South Wales. The circuit is made up of five post-industrial mining valleys; namely the Cynon, the Rhymney, the Taff and the two Rhondda valleys. The circuit lies north of the M4, either side of the A470 trunk road from Cardiff to Brecon and south of the A465 Heads of the Valleys trunk road. Whilst the valleys are now greened and ideal for leisure activities and there are some signs of regeneration, there is significant unemployment and social deprivation. The circuit came into being in 1978 when it was no longer possible to sustain separate circuits in each of the valleys.

This OPP post is based at Green Street Methodist Church, Aberdare, and Zion Methodist Church, Newtown (Mountain Ash) and will engage with communities throughout the Cynon Valley. The project title *If my people* is taken from the passage in 2 Chronicles 7:14 in which God promises to hear the prayers of his people and heal the land if they will humble themselves, pray, repent and seek his face.

The post brings together in a practical way recent teaching on mission and a recognition of the need for corporate prayer. The post is therefore intended to be a catalyst for prayer and community based evangelism. The vision was laid on the heart of the Superintendent minister and was warmly welcomed by the church stewards and leaders in the two churches directly involved.

In 2018/19 we will have an ordained staff of 3, comprising the Superintendent Minister who will be supervisor for this project, a presbyter and a probationer presbyter. There is an experienced and hard-working Circuit Leadership Team who are also very supportive of the vision.

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