

# Fresh Expressions in the Methodist Church

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# Working in Partnership

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# Methodology

- Stratified random sample
- Use of existing Statistics for Mission data
- Telephone conversations
- Questionnaires and interviews

# Questionnaire

## Methodist fxC Final Questionnaire

### 1. Basic data about this expression of Church

What is its name .....

District/Circuit .....

Public start (yyyy.mm e.g. 2009.02) .....

Normal meeting place.....

Road and Number.....

Town/Village.....

Post Code.....

Website (if any).....

### 2. Leadership

2a. Name of leader or key contact person .....

2b. Address .....

2c. Phone .....

2d. Email .....

2e. Number of people on leadership team. ....

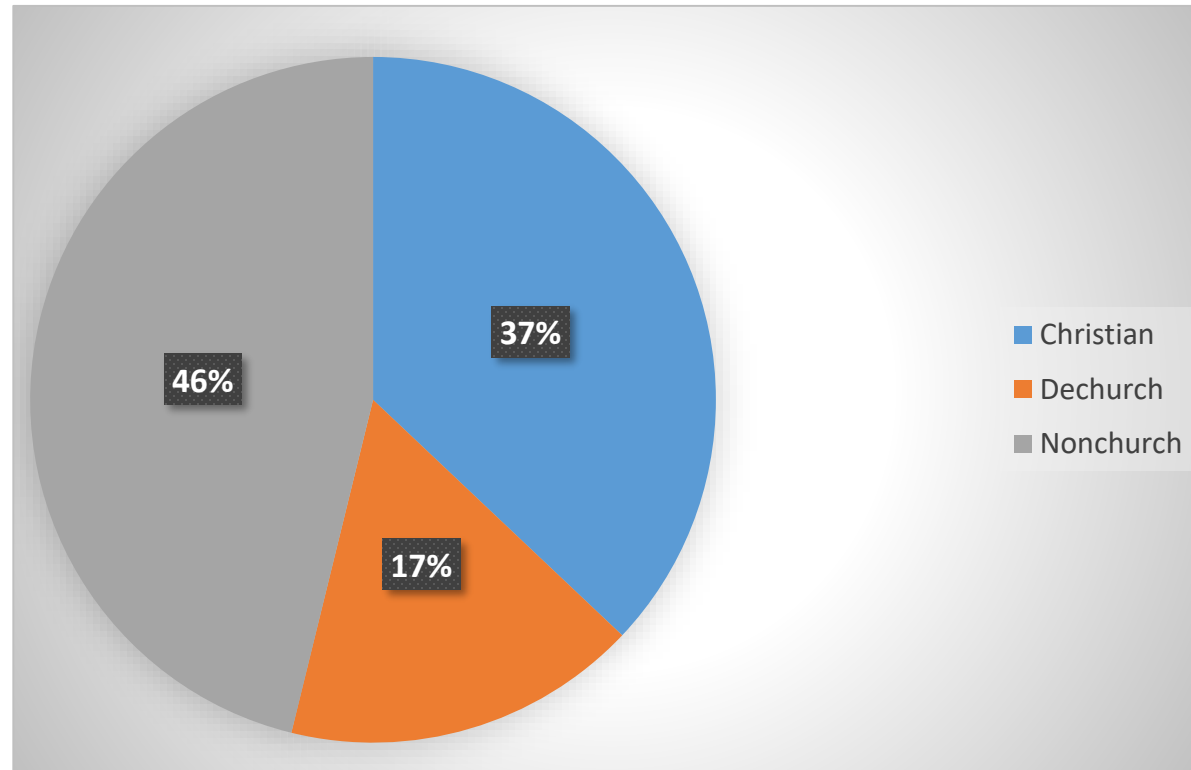
2f. Is this leader/key contact person:  Lay or  Ordained?

2g. What specific status has the current leader, or key contact?  
Preferably tick one designation  
 Presbyterian  Chaplain  Lay person  Lay Employee (  Pioneer  
(On pioneer pathway)  Deacon  Local Preacher  
 Other .....

# Scale and Contribution within Methodism

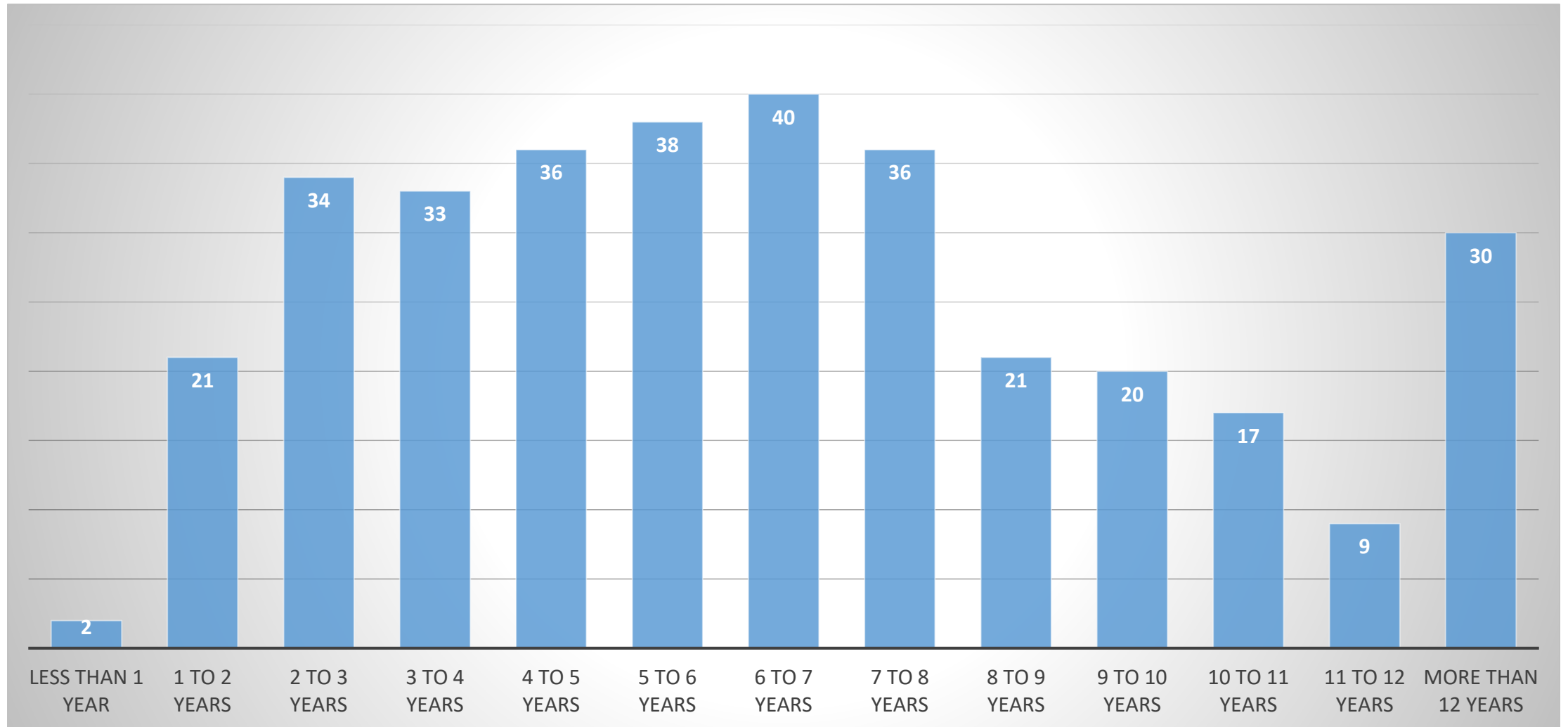
- The research identified 337 Fresh Expressions of Church (FxC) within the sample. (With a 60% inclusion rate)
- This gives an estimated 1,021 nationally.
- FxC within the sample had a total attendance of 11,572
- This gives an estimated national total of 38,769.
- The average attendance of a Methodist FxC is 34.3

# Groups Reached by FxCs

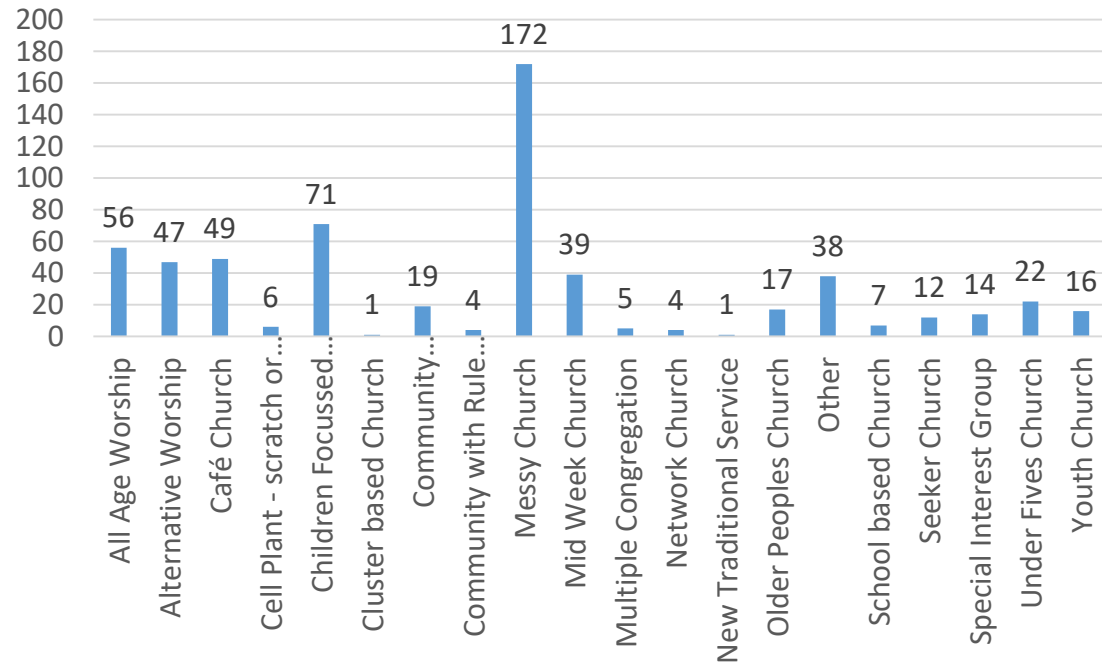


C.f. Day of Small Things – 38% Christian; 26% Dechurched; 35% Nonchurched

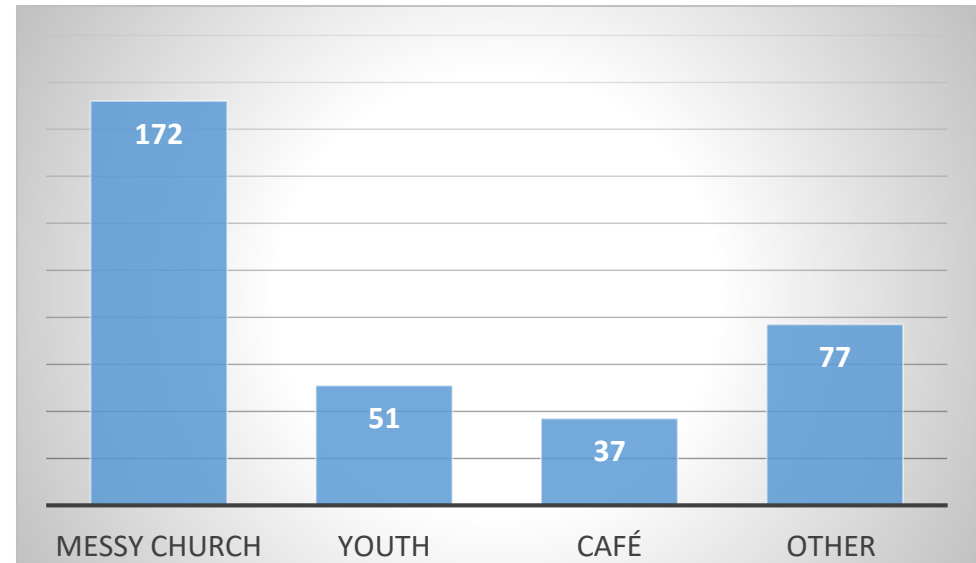
# Age of FxCs



# Types of FxC



$\Sigma = 337$





# Leadership of FxCs

Denomination	Ordained	Lay
Methodist	41.0%	59.0%
Church of England	51.6%	48.4%

Denomination	Full Time	Part Time	Spare Time
Methodist	40.1%	14.3%	45.6%
Church of England	52.9%	19.5%	27.5%

Denomination	Stipendiary	Local Paid	Voluntary
Methodist	38.1%	15.8%	46.1%
Church of England	45.3%	14.7%	40.0%

Denomination	Female	Male
Methodist	63.6%	35.5%
Church of England	49.4%	50.5%

# Activities of FxC

- 99.1% of Methodist FxC engage in at least one form of evangelism.
- 75.7% of Methodist FxC engage in at least one form of discipleship development.
- 95.5% of Methodist FxC engage with the bible in at least one way.

# Outcomes of FxC

- 55% of FxC reported having someone come to faith through their work.

	Baptism	Confirmation	New/Renewed Faith Commitment	Total
Adults	21	19	439	479
Children	122	24	359	505
Total	143	43	798	<b>984</b>