**Cumbria District/Circuit/Church EDI Officer/Solidarity Group Champion**

**or Group Member**

**Expression of Interest for all Protected Areas of Human Diversity**

 **Age/Ageism, Gender, Transgender, Racial Justice/Ethnicity,**

**Sexuality/ LGBTQ+,** [**Socio/ Economic Justice**](https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/23176/edi-toolkit-3-0921.pdf)**,**

**Living with/Holding the identity of Disability or Impairment**

**Here is an opportunity to explore if you are being called to serve Christ by** supporting

the EDI Inclusive Church Strategy

**Are you someone who –**

* Believes that every human being is valued and worthy of the affirmation that all people are made in the image of God, and from the amazing and wonderful diversity of humanity, all are welcome to participate safely in the life of the church and society.
* Believes that all people are equal in God’s eyes, unique and precious, and that all people are included within the gracious love of God, because we are all children of God.
* Is a good listener.
* Is non-judgemental.
* Has a good understanding of appropriate boundaries of confidentiality.
* Is keen to interact with and learn from people of all ages and backgrounds.
* Is interested in how the Church can be truly fully inclusive and free of all forms of discrimination.
* Is committed to the EDI Inclusive Church Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity.
* Is supportive of all churches developing structures and processes which allow everyone to participate fully and has a leadership which reflects the diversity of our membership.
* Is able to uphold the Methodist Church Conference 2021 adoption of the God in Love Unites Us report and to relate positively to people who hold the different theological perspectives within it.
* Has an awareness of self in relation to others and ability to have an open cultural conversation with someone of another culture.
* Has a willingness to continue to learn and to develop further understanding of all areas of human diversity.

Name Address

Phone number Email

Please outline your interest in being involved in supporting the EDI Inclusive Church Strategy

Please share any special experience and/or special area of interest that you can bring to this work

Are there any particular EDI related voluntary/charitable organisations with which you have been involved?

Please tell us anything else that you think may be relevant, including any support needs for

provision to be made for you to be able to have appropriate full participation in this work.

Thank you for completing this form. We will be pleased to have a follow up conversation with you and forward an application form to you.

Please return this Expression of Interest to:

**Revd Tim Cooke - tim.cooke@methodist.org.uk**