 **The Methodist Church**

 **East Anglia District**

**East Anglia District Vision Statement**

This Vision Statement was first agreed by the East Anglia District in **March 2013** and over successive years it has been refined and renewed in the light of a changing context. This iterative process has been supported by regular away days for the District Policy Committee which has enabled further reflection upon context. The following Statement was agreed in **2017 (and reviewed in 2022)**.

The East Anglia District aims to enable, encourage and enthuse the people of God to create and sustain hospitable and inclusive Christian communities in which people can:

* come to faith
* grow in faith
* own their faith
* share their faith
* celebrate faith

Our vision is to achieve this through:

* inspirational leadership in churches, Circuits and the District
* passionate worship and prayer
* the imaginative use of resources and buildings that prioritises innovation
* a significant investment in pioneering ministry
* the development of District intergenerational programmes that nurture discipleship, learning, mission and an understanding of our heritage
* the District Officers and District Staff Team providing good, relevant, and professional support
* working in collaboration with the Regional Learning Network
* effective networking and communicating across the District and the Region
* sharing knowledge and experience across the District
* sharing responsibility in meeting the requirements of the Methodist Church and statutory authorities

All the above is intended to develop confidence in God that, with ongoing prayer, leads to

* the transformation of people and communities through the presence of the Holy Spirit
* imaginative risk-taking, with a commitment to learn from failure