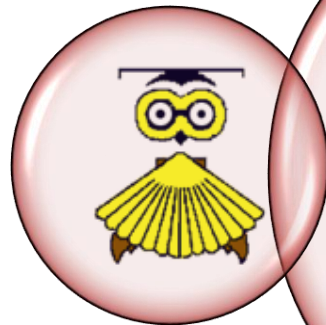
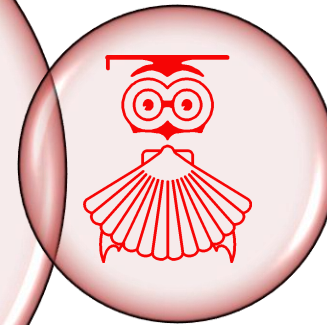


**Leyland
Methodist
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Our Vision Statement Document



*Love,
Serve,
Celebrate
Together*



This document has been designed to capture the discussions and thinking that went into the formulation of a joint vision statement for the two schools.

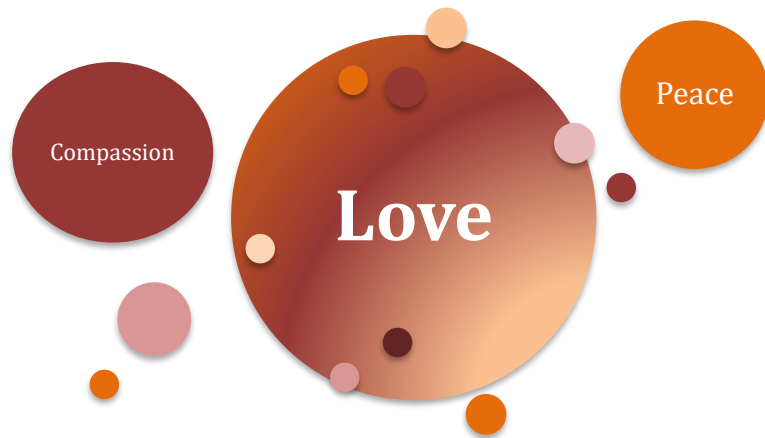
In September 2018, the two schools entered into a collaboration, which signalled the start of much closer working together for the benefit of the children across both schools. The governors recognised that the formulation of this document represented a great opportunity to bring the benefits of the collaboration into operation straightaway. This has been so much more than revisiting an old vision or indeed bringing two separate visions together; this has been an exciting opportunity to bring about a new combined way of thinking and working that will hopefully bring clarity to our purpose as Methodist Church Schools in providing the very best for our children and our school community.

This document has been devised following work undertaken by a Joint Working Party of Infant and Junior School Governors and with staff from both schools. Consultation with staff and pupils has taken place. Consultation to parents and the wider community is planned to take place early in the Spring Term 2019.

Joint Working Party:	Role in School:
Rev Phil Gough (Chair)	School Chaplain; Chair of Joint Ethos and Curriculum Committee; Foundation Governor of Leyland Methodist Infant School and Foundation Governor of Leyland Methodist Junior School
Ms Julie Moss	Foundation Governor Leyland Methodist Infant School
Ms Ollie Woodcock	Co-opted Governor, SMSC Governor, Leyland Methodist Junior School
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At our Leyland Methodist Schools, we...





‘Love one another as I have loved you’ **John 13 v34**

In our schools, we believe that God’s love surrounds us all. This part of our vision guides our way in setting the highest aspirations for the relationship we enjoy with both God and each other. **This is why we do what we do.**

In our school community, it is important to show that love for each other in the ways we act towards others. Everyone is welcome. We value compassion and peace, respecting each other and accepting difference so as to live in harmony.

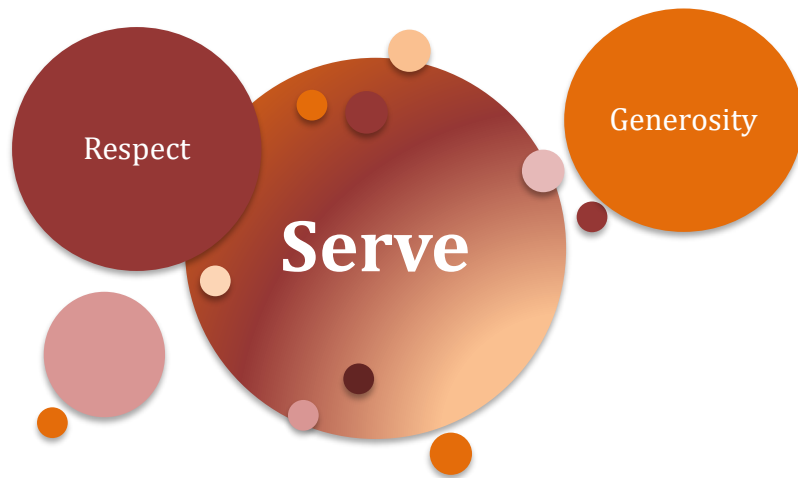
Each one of us is precious in His sight.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Replace the word ‘Love’ with ‘Our School’.

John Wesley (co-founder of the Methodist movement) urged us to ‘watch over one another in love.’



Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.

John Wesley

'Not to be served, but to serve.'
The Servant King

John Wesley urged Methodists to do all the good we can. This guidance is reflected throughout our lives at our Methodist Schools. We are called to serve and this part of our vision is very much about action. **This is what we are called to do.**

We aim to be sensitive to the needs of others, to give without expecting to receive. We should be active in working to help those in need even if we feel our contribution may only be in the smallest of ways – we still try.

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.



Rejoice, Rejoice, again I say
Rejoice!

Philippians 4 v4

For us, the final two parts of our vision describe **how we are going to do what we do.**

We are inspired by the wonderful gifts of God's creation. We aim to truly value and respect the amazing world that has been entrusted to our care with the awe and appreciation this great gift deserves.

As we are part of God's creation, it is important that we value the talents that God has given to us and to others. Our talents represent our potential and the Christian faith urges us to make every effort to achieve our potential, not just for our own benefit but also to the benefit of others and our wider world. The Christian faith teaches us to learn and grow as people who give their best and contribute, giving true thanks for our gifts.

Using and Celebrating our God-given Talents

Jesus' Parable of the Talents Matthew 25:14–30

A man decided to go on a long trip, so he called his servants and asked them to take care of his house, his belongings and his money.

The man trusted his servants and believed that they would take care of his special and valuable things.

The man decided to give one servant five talents of money, to another he gave two talents and to the last servant he gave one talent. He gave each servant a large amount he thought they could handle or according to their ability. The man left on his trip and the servants each did something with the money that they received.

The man with the five talents went right away and used his money and got five more! The man with the two talents also used his money wisely and gained two more talents.

But the man with one talent took his talent and buried it in the ground to keep the money safe. He didn't even try to do something with it.

After a nice long trip the master came back and wanted to know what his servants did with his money. The first man with the five talents said, "You trusted me with five talents and I made five more!"

His master smiled and replied, "Great job, good and faithful servant!" You are trustworthy with a few things so I will put you in charge of lots of things. Come celebrate with me!

Then the man with the two talents came and said, "You trusted me with two talents and I made two more!"

His master smiled and replied, "Great job, good and faithful servant!" You are trustworthy with a few things so I will put you in charge of lots of things. Come celebrate with me!

Then the man who received the one talent came and told his master, "I know you work hard for your money, so I was afraid to lose any of it. I decided to bury it and keep it safe. Here is your one talent back."

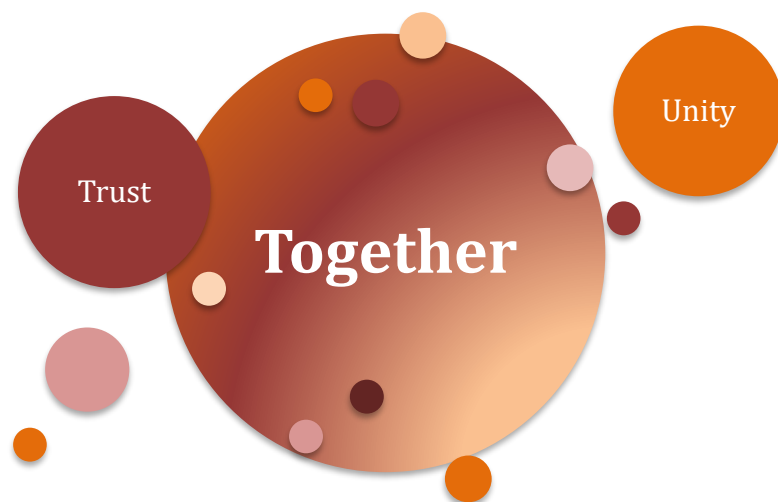
The master was not impressed and said, You lazy servant! At the very least you could've taken the money to the bank and you would've at least collected some interest from it."

He immediately took the talent away from the man and gave it to the first man who used his money to make more.

John Wesley encouraged Methodists to celebrate and rejoice through inspirational and heart-warming music and song:

'I recommend it (hymns, songs, music, singing) as a means of raising the spirit of devotion; of confirming faith; of enlivening hope; and of kindling and increasing the love to God and others.'

(preface to Collection of Hymns, 1780)



‘Bind Us Together, Lord.’

As St Paul describes, the individual parts of the body only realise their fully functioning potential when working together as one. John Wesley’s words ‘I look on the world as my parish’ remind us that we are part of a great Christian family that is spread over the globe. We aim to be a valuable part of that family, doing all we can to carry out God’s work in this place.

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

One Body with Many Parts

The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles,^[a] some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.^[b]

Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. If the foot says, “I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand,” that does not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear says, “I am not part of the body because I am not an eye,” would that make it any less a part of the body? If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything?

But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. How strange a body would be if it had only one part! Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. The eye can never say to the hand, “I don’t need you.” The head can’t say to the feet, “I don’t need you.”

In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care. So we carefully protect those parts that should not be seen, while the more honourable parts do not require this special care. So God has put the body together such that extra honour and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad.

All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.

‘Unite together, to encourage and help each other.’

John Wesley’s ‘Advice to a People Called Methodist’