

## Ian Buchanan, CEO of LWPT outlines the role of LWPT

LWPT (The Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust) was started by Methodists in order to support those ministering in UK churches for the benefit of God's mission into this world. In the early 21st century we were asked to take our Methodist passion (investing in every-member ministry) and make it a reality through lay and clerical Christians in the UK, but this time to all denominations. In 2005 that dream became a reality.

Why is that Methodist passion so important? At LWPT, we believe that the Methodist commitment to everymember ministry must spread to all denominations in the 21st century. For most denominations and many churches, the luxury of just having a few paid ministers is no longer an option. They need to give their congregations the confidence they need to minister effectively on the front line of ministry. In other words, the 21st century is our Kairos time, the ideal time.

Is there a defining core to the ministry of LWPT that shapes all we do? The incredible value of God's word, intended for all people on the front line of his mission into the UK, drives us. This incredible treasure needs to be communicated well through people who love the Author and understand how well it shapes all of life.

What is the big picture that shapes LWPT? Much like all of God's people, we believe that we exist for the same reason that God's ambassadors and his church exist ... for the furtherance of God's mission into this world.

We want to give the church in the UK the tools and confidence to be able to communicate well, knowing that they are well-resourced and well-trained for all that God calls us to do.

LWPT supports the churches in the UK through three distinct ministries:

## Better Bible-based communication training.

Whether your ministry is leading the church in worship, preaching from a pulpit, leading a house group, teaching the Bible or simply using God's word in counselling or evangelism, LWPT wants to help you to communicate well. We offer online webinars and workshops FREE to all. See our YouTube gallery at youtube.com/@PreachMagazine/videos

Better Bible-based resources for individuals and churches. We produce items that churches will find useful for their daily ministry. If you are interested in being better prepared for your local church-based ministry, LWPT wants to help. Take a look and subscribe or purchase at: <a href="https://lwpt.org.uk">lwpt.org.uk</a>

1. Better access to tuition grants for further Bible-based studies. We offer tuition grants (up to £2,000 for tuition and £500 for books/resources) to people who wish to study further. We offer grants to people who are studying certificates, diplomas and undergraduate degrees in UK learning institutions. However, in keeping with our Methodist concern, we also have restricted funds set-aside for Methodist applicants only. If you want to invest more in your church-based ministry through further formal studies, please consider applying at: lwpt.org.uk/vocational-grants