

'Is there anything you'd like to ask...?'

You probably know what its like. You get to the end of a gruelling interview and you're asked '*so is there anything you'd like to ask us?*' If you're anything like me at this point you are desperately trying to think of anything to say, which isn't along the lines of '*so, have I got the job then?*'

But not this time. This time I was prepared. '*yes, I said, why is the job called 'Director of Mission' - sounds a bit' top down' to me.* At this point it did occur to me that questioning the title of the job was perhaps not the best way of getting it and that I might as well make my way to the M1 and head for home. Happily the District interview panel thought otherwise and so here I am.

The question I asked at interview was very helpfully answered for me by a comparison to the idea of a spiritual director. A spiritual director is one who accompanies, resources, challenges and encourages a Christian on their spiritual journey. A spiritual director doesn't have all the answers but does help to ask the right questions and suggest where answers might be found.

So as I say, here I am - to accompany resource, challenge and encourage Northampton District Methodists in mission and evangelism. If I can help your church or circuit, then please get in touch. (01604 784424, email t.r.woolley.00@cantabgold.net.) I certainly won't have all the answers but I can help ask the right questions and suggest where answers might be found, as together we seek to demonstrate Jesus Christ in the ever changing world of the 21st century.

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