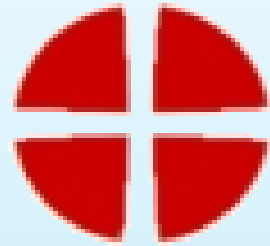


# **National Forest East Methodist Circuit Meeting**



***Growing disciples with deep roots in Jesus***

***Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2026***



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# **1. Welcome and Devotions**

## **Reading Acts 1:12-17, 21-26**

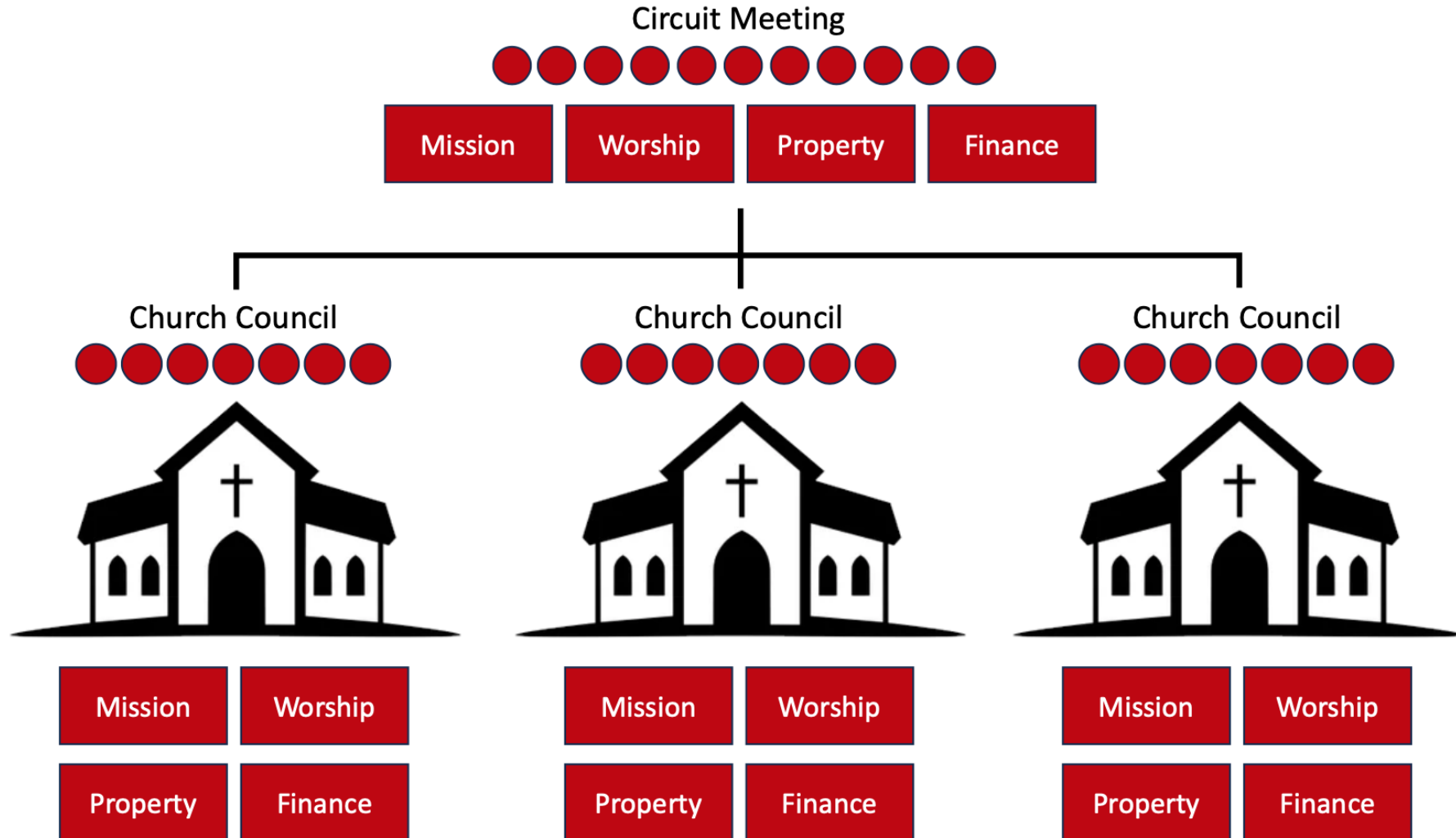


# **Proposal for an Organisational Restructure of the Churches in the National Forest East Methodist Circuit**

This proposal has been put together by  
the Circuit Leadership Team with support  
from various experienced Methodist Church Members  
from across the Circuit and  
from the wider Methodist Connexion



# Current Circuit Situation





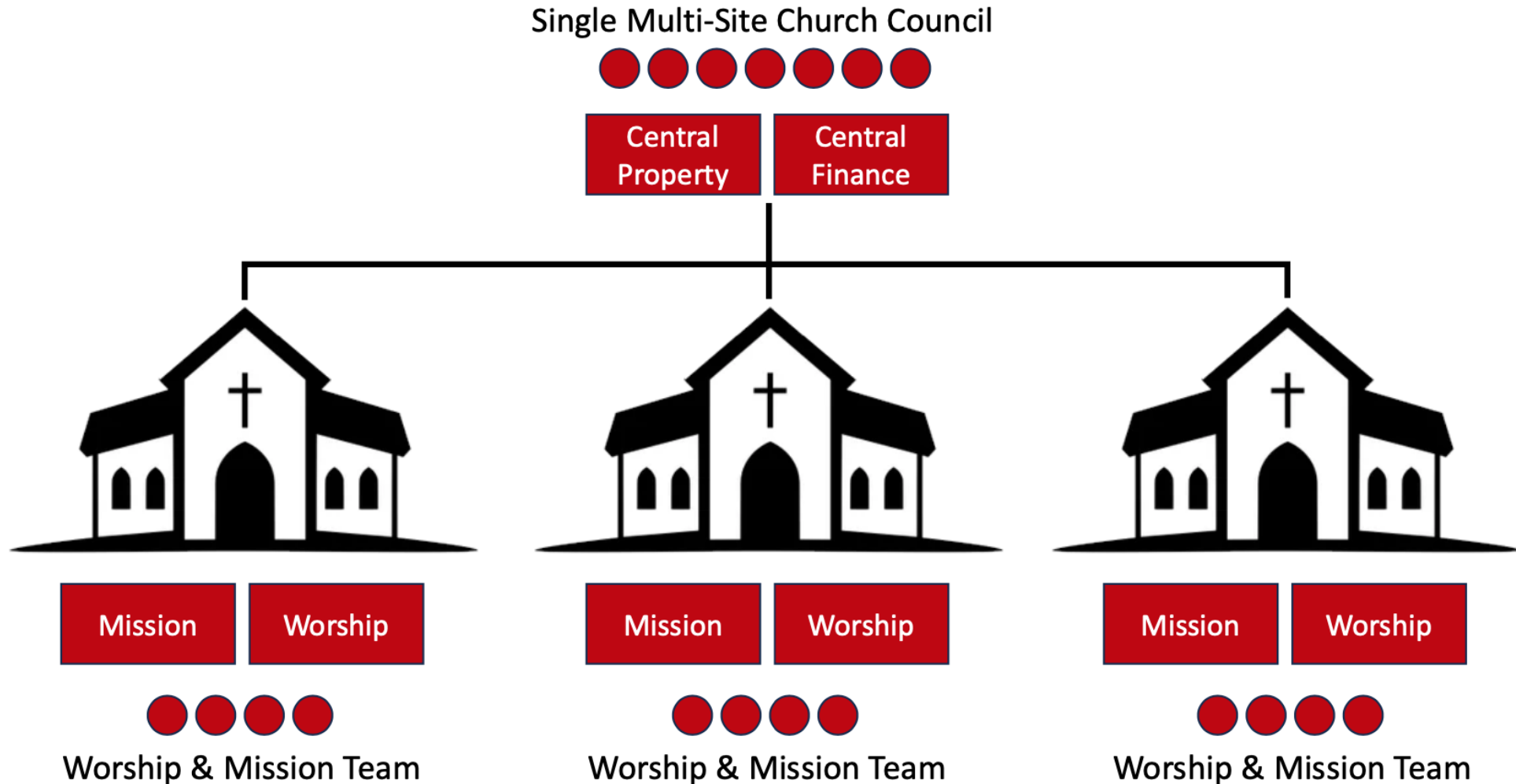
## **Current Circuit Situation**

This has always meant

- **Multiple roles to be filled in each church**
- **Multiple Church Council meetings**
- **Inevitable focus on Property and Finance**
- **Ministers time cannot be focussed on mission**
- **Churches planning in isolation**



# Alternative Multi Site Church – Long Term



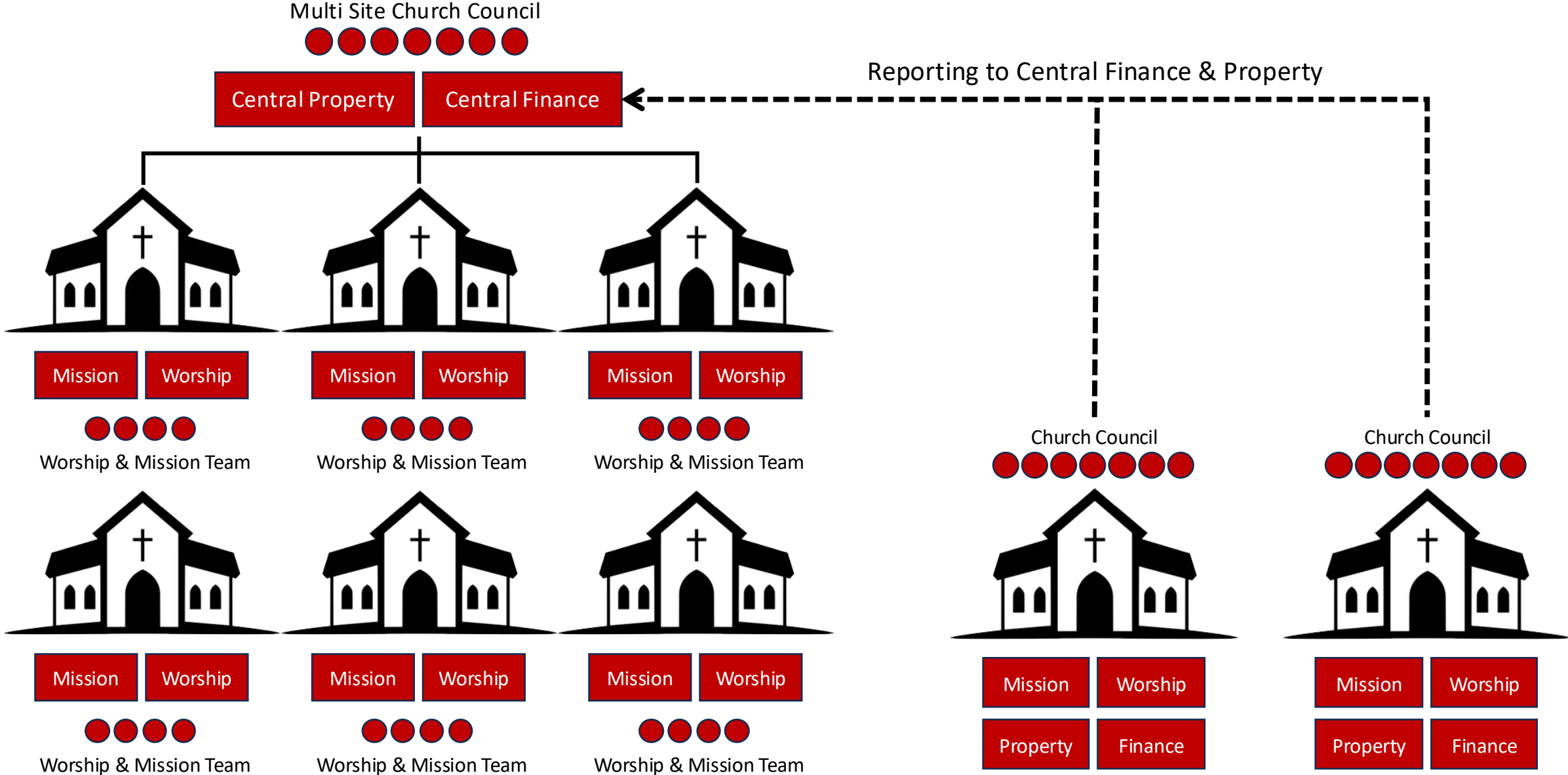


## **Improvement possibilities**

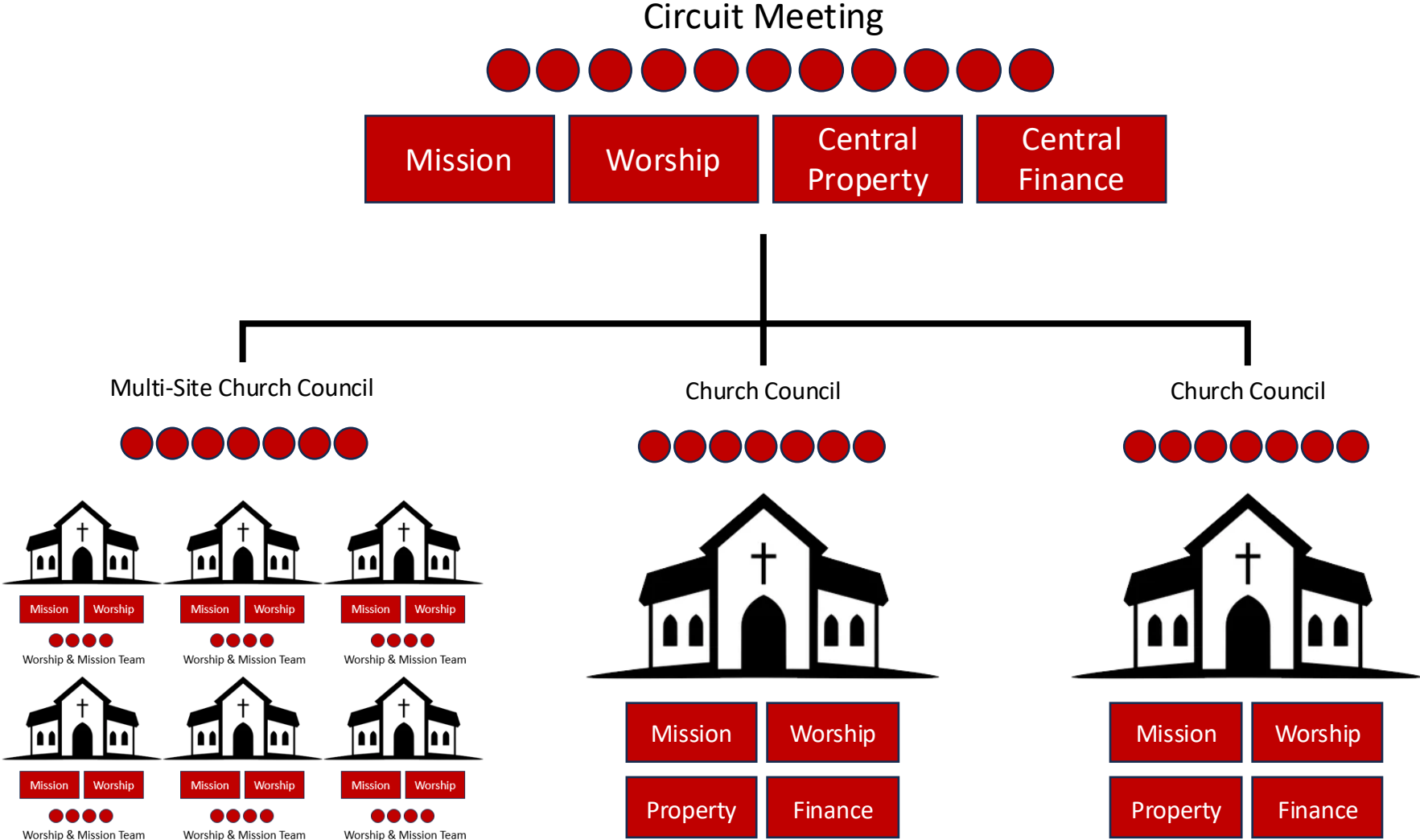
It could now be possible to have

- **One person managing finance process for all churches**
- **One person managing property process for all churches**
- **One multi-site Church Council meeting**
- **More time to plan mission and worship in each church**
- **Ministers with more time to support church mission**
- **Churches planning together**

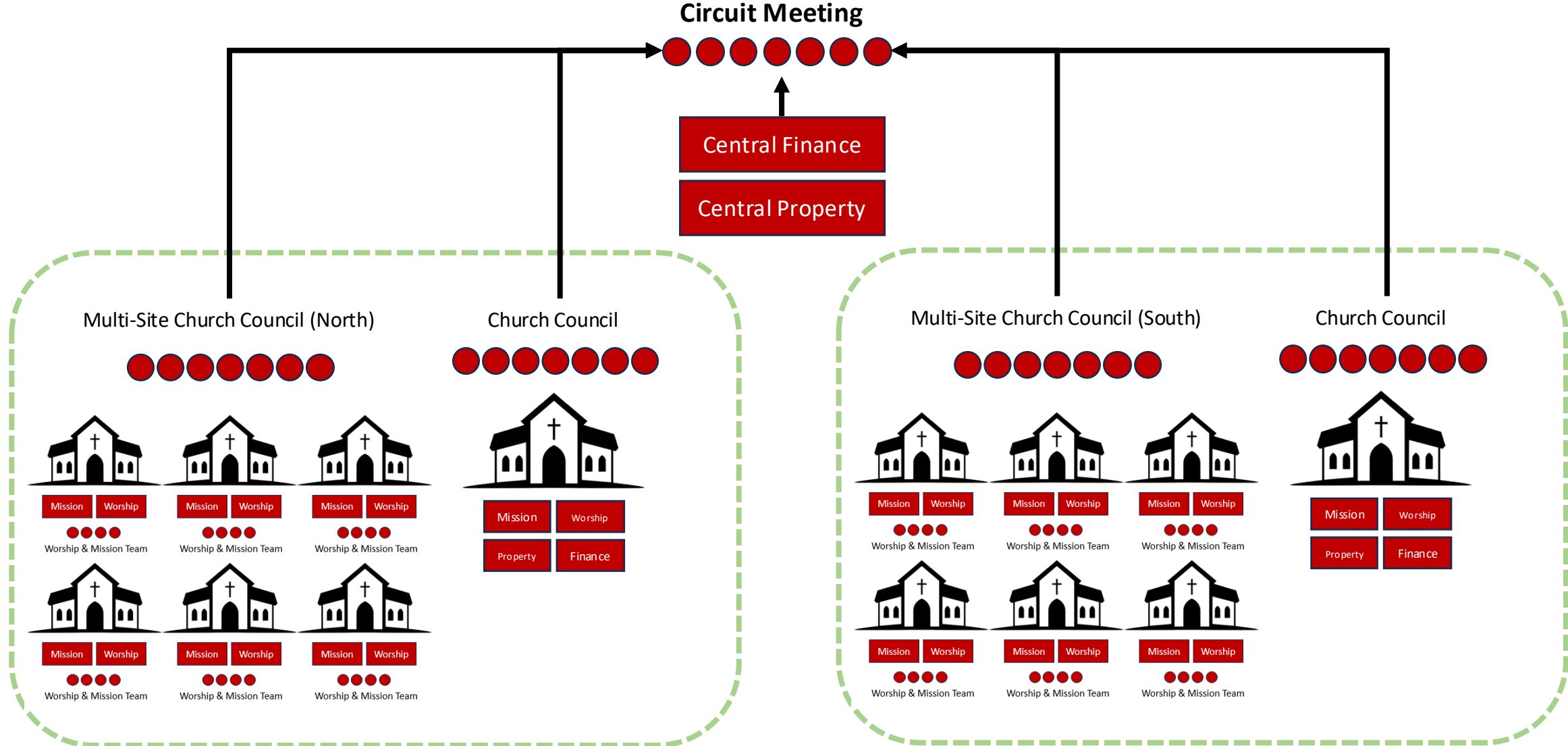
# Multi Site Church – Transition



# Circuit Meeting – Transition



# Multi Site Church (North & South) – Transition





# Timescales

**Tonight**

Explain the concept and potential advantages

**Before next meeting**

Collect responses, questions and concerns from churches

**September Circuit Mtg**

Confirm detailed proposal - but changes still possible



## Timescales

**Autumn  
Ch. Councils**

Ministers present proposals and feedback

**28th February  
2027**

Deadline for churches to decide on taking up option

**March to Sept  
2027**

Preparation of formal changeover for churches taking up option



# Timescales

**Church Year  
2027 - 2028**

First two multi-site Church Councils planned – with relevant representation appointed to the Circuit Meeting



## Circuit Staffing

- a) Lay Pastor to help churches focus on growing new disciples work.
- b) Finance Co-Ordinator to release local people for mission: functioning as Circuit treasurer and Church treasurer for some churches (est. 10 hrs pw potentially rising to 15hrs pw)



## Circuit Staffing

- c) Admin support – need to review role of Cct Office
- d) Property Officer – continuing central support
- e) Safeguarding continuing co-ordination from  
Circuit



## Circuit Staffing

### f) Ministers' stations

#### **Rev Phil**

Superintendency

Ashby

Hall Lane

Hugglescote

Marlborough Square

Moira

Whitwick

#### **Rev Nikki**

Castle Donnington

MMC@Melbourne

MMC@Weston

New Sawley

Sutton Bonington



## Churches and Congregations...

- a) What constitutes growth?
- b) When is enough enough with old buildings?
- c) Discerning when it's time to cease,  
and help to do that as well as possible.



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