

**THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (YORKSHIRE PROVINCE)
TRUST LIMITED**

Charity registered no: 1068103

Company registered no: 1562723

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2020**

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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This report fulfils the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 for a Trustees' Annual Report, and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 for a Directors' Report.

Objectives and Activities

The United Reformed Church (Yorkshire Province) Trust Limited ('the Charity') is established to advance the Christian religion and propagate the Gospel in accordance with the doctrines, principles and usages of the United Reformed Church with particular responsibility for the Yorkshire Synod of that Church.

The Charity exists to support the United Reformed Churches of the Yorkshire Synod in their search to obey the will of Christ in their witness to the world. The main objective of the Charity is to provide resources, funded by the Charity's assets, to enable the churches to do this.

Currently, the main strategy of the Charity is to maximise income through the Executive Council, in partnership with the Investment Sub Committee; and to apply the resources so generated in response to requests from the appropriate councils of the United Reformed Church in Yorkshire and in accordance with the United Reformed Church Acts 1972, 1981 and 2000.

Significant activities

Encouraging churches to undertake mission activity relevant to their variety of contexts.

Provision of information, advice, support and encouragement to churches covering...

- Property maintenance and development
- Legal and compliance issues
- Terms of settlement for existing and new ministers
- Accounting requirements
- Management of the Mission and Ministry Scheme

Administering the investments and property of the churches.

Advising and assisting with establishing, grouping, amalgamating or dissolution of local churches within the United Reformed Church and with other denominations.

Developing a strategy for the deployment of ordained ministry within the Synod and assisting churches during times of vacancy.

Providing training and resources for the enabling of;

- Both lay and ordained ministers
- Adults and young people
- Safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults

Grant making and other financial support for church buildings and mission projects.

Management and maintenance of investments and properties held for the use of the Charity.

Public Benefit

The Charity has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The Charity proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ, with its long established moral framework, and strives to develop spirituality and spiritual well-being through relationship with the God of the Bible.

This benefit is available to all communities who are within reach of one of more of our 93 churches which are situated across Yorkshire. Further details are to be found throughout the remainder of this report.

Objectives and Activities (continued)

Grants Policy

The objects of the Charity dictate that grants can only be made to United Reformed Churches and Local Ecumenical Partnerships which are part of the Yorkshire Synod of the United Reformed Church.

Normally, the only individuals who can receive a grant are retired ministers or their widow(er)s and these welfare grants are awarded in response to applications made to the Welfare Committee each year. Applicants must be resident within the Yorkshire Synod.

United Reformed Churches in Yorkshire may apply for assistance from the following funds:

Church Extension Fund	interest free loans for church building projects
Closed Churches Fund	for 25% of the cost of church survey reports
Synod Mission Fund	for Mission projects assessed against the "Ten Statements of Mission" which have been adopted by the United Reformed Church

Synod Mission Fund grant applications are considered by the Mission Fund Panel, which meets four times a year. The Panel consists of the Synod Clerk, Synod Evangelist, and Conveners of the Synod Pastoral, Ministries, Property and Financial Resources Committees.

From time to time other funds may be made available with the approval of the Synod.

Applications for interest free loans will be considered by the Synod Financial Resources Committee.

All grants are accounted for once a decision has been reached and the church notified, and if applicable has accepted the terms of the grant. Grants will be held for a maximum of three years, any delay longer than this will require a fresh application.

Achievements, Performance and Future Plans

The Charity has maximised its income, subject to compliance with its ethical investment policy, and applied its resources in response to requests from the appropriate councils of the Church and has employed staff to carry out the activities shown on page 1.

The performance of the investment portfolios was assessed by the Investment Sub Committee on behalf of the Trustees and the income received was some 13% lower (2019: 18.5% higher) than the budget set by the Synod for 2020. Considering the impact of Covid-19 on the financial markets, it was felt that this was a very acceptable result. There is also some optimism for markets due to the unrolling of the vaccination programme, a Brexit deal being agreed and US political situation being resolved.

Just as for all other organisations, the coronavirus pandemic has been the dominating factor of 2020. However, the Synod was quick to respond in the following ways:

- (i) Creating an emergency fund for congregations incurring additional expenses related to maintaining contact with their community;
- (ii) Making sure every congregation was aware of the advice from the URC National Headquarters;
- (iii) Sending a letter of support to all Treasurers assuring support for any congregation that is experiencing financial difficulties and to help them find a way through these;
- (iv) Following up Step iii with a telephone call to all church Treasurers;
- (v) Weekly bulletins from the Synod Clerk
- (vi) Ongoing support offered to Church Secretaries with bi-monthly Zoom sessions at which joys and sorrows, frustrations and hopes are shared.

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Achievements, Performance and Future Plans (continued)

With the pandemic continuing into 2021, the Synod has attempted to move things online. As awful and catastrophic as the pandemic has been it has also created an opportunity to re-think and re-imagine how the church might fulfil its calling to be the body of Christ.

Training and development continues to affect almost every aspect of Synod life, as it needs to if the church is to be best equipped to meet the challenges of the 21st century. The Synod has a rich offer of resources which support the development of discipleship, both individually and as church communities. These have been built up separately in recent years but seen together present a coherent picture of a Synod life focused on resourcing the local church.

All these aspects; Leading Your Church Into Growth, Lay Preacher development, Elders' development, Appreciative Inquiry Steering group and the Inviting Forward process, Wilderness, Stepwise and the IT task group have been taken online during lockdown to a greater or lesser extent and have the potential to be continued online at least in part. In addition there have been Zoom gatherings to provide a forum for office staff, church leaders, officers, convenors and Church secretaries to gather for discussion and mutual support.

The Synod meeting has also moved online and this has facilitated a Synod wide conversation based on Appreciative Inquiry principles to share priorities and concerns through the Synod café and the Synod Open House.

One key area of reflection has been around inclusion. Some people are excluded from whatever is done online, on the other hand going online has provided access for people who were excluded from the physical meetings. The issue of exclusion and inclusion will become more complicated as the Synod enters a hybrid world and care will need to be taken not to shut the door on those who wish to be part of our community of believers.

With the retirement of the Synod Development Officer in October, the post currently remains vacant. The plans which were put in place have been thwarted by the pandemic but this also enables a rethink of the Development Officer post, whilst assessing what the Synod needs.

Plans for Elders made for 2020 included the Annual Conference and a 24 hour meeting at Wydale Hall to be led by the new Synod Moderator. Both these events were, of course, cancelled but in 2021 plans for the annual conference with the title "Wise and wonderful: the gift and responsibility of God's creation" have been revisited. It is now planned to hold an online conference on this theme on 17th April 2021. Other Elders plan include 24 hours at Wydale Hall at the end of September 2021, with, our Moderator, Revd Jamie Kissack leading the event.

Wydale Hall is also the venue in November 2021 for a 2 day minister's residential.

Finally, there is one student currently in the final year of a four-year training course for the Ministry of Word and Sacraments.

The Synod Mission Fund continued to help churches establish creative and innovative missionary projects throughout the year. In 2020, the fund made 10 awards totalling £221,381. The projects receiving awards ranged from the Centre for Mission at Darnall to a Film Club at West Melton.

The fund has continued to benefit from the 'Synod Policy for Redundant Manses and Manse Funds' which was adopted in October 2011. Where Manse Funds are declared redundant, 75% of the fund is released to the local church, with 25% being transferred to the Synod Mission Fund. In 2020, £63,030 was received from a manse fund being declared redundant.

The fund has also benefited when a church is sold and it is forming an LEP. In these circumstances, 50% of the proceeds go to the church and 50% to the Synod Mission Fund. In 2020 £192,038 came to the fund from such a source.

The Executive Council had planned as part of its Vision and Opportunity Initiative to distribute a further £500,000 in 2020, this is in addition to the £500,000 already distributed to churches in 2019. However, with the onset of the coronavirus crisis it was felt that it would be prudent to review this decision. It was agreed that £300,000 should be made available for churches to develop property for mission purposes, as envisaged.

Achievements, Performance and Future Plans (continued)

A decision on the criteria whereby the remaining sum of £200,000 is distributed has been deferred until lockdown has ended.

Other discussions taking place in 2020 and continuing into 2021 are about the URC ministers pension scheme. It is expected that contributions to the scheme will be required from the various Synods in order to alleviate the deficit on the scheme. Talks are currently underway with a way forward expected by summer 2021. To give the Synod flexibility in meeting a challenge, it is proposed that at the Synod meeting in March 2021 the Synod be asked to redirect funds, which would ordinarily go to the Synod Mission Fund. These funds which come from the sale of church buildings and manse, would be ring fenced, for less restrictive use. This proposal is to be reviewed at the October 2021 Synod meeting once the extent of the Synod's commitment to the pensions challenge is clearer.

Financial Review

Results for the year

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) issued in January 2015.

The excess of expenditure over income for the year amounted to £300,313 (in 2019, the excess of income over expenditure £240,223).

Reserves policy and going concern

Reserves are unrestricted funds, which are not held as fixed assets. Reserves will normally be held to finance the work of the United Reformed Church in Yorkshire including the Yorkshire Congregational Union, together with its responsibilities to the work nationally, for a period of 12 months. The average resources expended from unrestricted funds, over the three years, to 31 December 2020, was £450,337 and the level of reserves at that date was £64,738.

In 2018, the Trustees became aware of a serious incident related to one particular church, disclosure of which was made by the YCU to the Charity Commission. This matter is still ongoing, and the trustees continue to do their utmost to resolve the issue. Financial support from the Trust to the YCU would be put in place if required.

In light of the global pandemic the trustees have regularly reviewed and evaluated the financial impact on the Synod and concluded that there is no going concern uncertainty. They will continue to monitor as required.

The assets are available and adequate to fulfil the obligations of the Charity. Each fund has sufficient resources in an appropriate form to meet its obligations. All the assets of the Charity are used for the direct charitable purposes of the Charity and were acquired in accordance with powers vested in the Executive Council. The financial position at the Balance Sheet date is satisfactory and will enable the Charity to meet future obligations.

Investment policy and Investment powers

On the 19 January 2021 the Executive Council reviewed the Investment Policy Statement and confirmed the Policy Document of that date. This document outlines the responsibilities of the various committees within the Synod and contains details of the Discretionary Management of the Investments by Brewin Dolphin Securities Ltd. The policy document also outlines the Requirements, Restrictions, Recording, and Reporting under which the Managers will operate.

Property

All property under the control of the Charity is shown at market value as indicated in notes 9 and 11 of the Financial Statements. The valuations used were those provided by Walker Singleton as at 31 December 2020.

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Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee under the provisions of the Companies Act 2006. The governing instrument is the Memorandum & Articles of Association which is dated 19 May 1981.

The membership consists of the members for the time being of the Synod Council of the Yorkshire Synod of the United Reformed Church. At 31 December 2020 the number of members totalled 14 (2019 – 13). In the event of the Charity being wound up, every person who is a member, or who has been a member within one year, is liable to contribute to the debts and liabilities of the Charity a sum not exceeding £1.

The business of the Charity is managed by the members of the Executive Council who are Trustees of the Charity and Directors of the United Reformed Church (Yorkshire Province) Trust Limited for the purposes of company law. Members of the Executive Council are the members for the time being of the Financial Resources Committee of the Synod. The members of the Financial Resources Committee are recruited from the membership of the churches of the Yorkshire Synod, the appointments being approved by the Yorkshire Synod Council and ratified by Synod. Synod also appoints the Treasurer, Synod Moderator and the Synod Clerk who are ex-officio members of the Committee. However, following the appointment of a Synod Clerk as an employee of the Charity, on the 9th March 2019, the Synod Clerk will not be a member of the Executive Council. The Directors of the Charity are listed on page 7.

The Revd Kevin Watson retired after 12 years as Synod Moderator on the 30th June 2020 and was replaced on the 1st July 2020 by the Revd Jamie Kissack. Jamie is well known to the Synod, having served as a minister in Hornsea and then as part of the Sheffield team. Jamie was appointed to the Executive Council on the 15th September 2020. The role of Synod Treasurer was filled from 1st January 2020 by the Revd Simon Copley, who was also additionally appointed to the Executive Council. Mr Willie Duncan resigned at the beginning of 2020 due to personal circumstances. The role of Company Secretary was filled by Revd Dr Matthew Prevett to 21st January 2020 and from then by Mr Alastair Forsyth.

The Charity is aware of the need to enable and equip Trustees and takes steps to make available Charity Commission publications and newsletters.

The Financial Resources Committee of the Synod meets six times a year and is responsible for all financial decisions, except the decisions about Synod Mission Fund Grants which are made by the Synod Mission Fund Panel (see Grants Policy on page 2). Investments are monitored by a sub-committee on which the Treasurer serves. This sub-committee meets four times a year and implements investment strategies established by the Trustees. Currently the Investments are managed by Brewin Dolphin Securities on a discretionary basis. Minutes of the Investment Sub-Committee meetings are circulated to the Trustees.

The Charity operates as an autonomous body but, along with twelve other Synods (or regions), is part of The United Reformed Church and this brings a share of national responsibilities. A resource sharing process is in place to enable Synods with more resources to help those less well equipped. Historically, Yorkshire has been a net contributor to this scheme but since 2010 has adopted a neutral position neither giving nor receiving from the process.

Connected Charities

The United Reformed Church (Yorkshire Province) Trust Limited is connected with the Yorkshire Congregational Union (Incorporated) (YCU). The YCU holds investments as Custodian Trustee for many of the local churches of the United Reformed Church in its Yorkshire Synod, and holds property as Trustee for most of those churches. The YCU shares the United Reformed Church (Yorkshire Province) Trust Limited offices and administration, for which it pays a small charge based on its income. The Trustees of the United Reformed Church (Yorkshire Province) Trust Limited are also Trustees of the YCU, but the Chair of Trustees of the YCU is not a Trustee of the Charity.

Risk Management

The Executive Council has a risk management strategy in line with the guidance published by the Charity Commission organising risk into three headings – Governance and Control, Operational Risk and Financial Risk. Control procedures are then agreed to contain, mitigate or even totally remove the risks. The Risk Management Strategy is reviewed annually.

As with most organisations, the Covid-19 outbreak has had an impact on the Synod and its churches. The Synod has responded with new ways of working and support has been offered to all of its churches and this remains so. The Synod will continue to monitor the situation closely and regularly to enable a quick and flexible response.

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Reference and Administrative Details

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Charity registration number:	1068103
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Web Site:	www.urcyorkshire.org.uk
Trustees & Directors:	Mr J Charlesworth Rev S K Copley (from 1 January 2020) Rev A Crump Mr W Duncan (to 21 January 2020) Mr C Evans Mr S Gooder Rev J Kissack (from 15 th September 2020) Rev K Watson (to 30 th June 2020)
Secretary to Trustees & Company Secretary:	Rev Dr Matthew Prevett (to 21 January 2020) Mr Alastair C Forsyth (from 21 January 2020)
Bankers:	National Westminster Bank plc Leeds City Branch, PO Box 154, 8 Park Row, Leeds, LS1 1QS
Solicitors:	Lupton Fawcett LLP Yorkshire House, East Parade, Leeds, LS1 5BD
Auditors:	SMH Jolliffe Cork Audit Ltd Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor, 33 George Street, Wakefield, WF1 1LX
Investment Managers:	Brewin Dolphin Ltd 10 Wellington Place, Leeds, LS1 4AN
Property Advisers:	Walker Singleton Property House, Lister Lane, Halifax, HX1 5AS

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Statement of Responsibilities of the Executive Council

Company law requires the Executive Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the year end. In preparing those financial statements, the Executive Council should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Executive Council is responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity and which enable it to ascertain its financial position and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and regulations thereunder. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as each member of the Executive Council at the date of this report is aware,

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Charity's auditor is unaware; and
- the Executive Council have taken all steps which they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

These financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and with the requirements of the Charity's governing document.

Auditors

SMH Jolliffe Cork Audit Ltd offer themselves for reappointment as auditors in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



Rev Simon Copley (Executive Council Member)



Rev Alan Crump (Executive Council Member)

Date: 30.03.2021

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (YORKSHIRE PROVINCE) TRUST LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The United Reformed Church (Yorkshire Province) Trust Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet, cash flow statement and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2020, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that individually or collectively may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements of our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report (incorporating the Directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 7, the Trustees (who are also the Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charitable company through discussions with the Treasurer and other informed management which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charitable company and thereafter, the audit team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud and considered the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims and reviewing correspondence with the charitable company's legal advisors.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Date 10 June 2021

Claire Lawton FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of SMH Jolliffe Cork Audit Ltd
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THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (YORKSHIRE PROVINCE) TRUST LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2020 Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2019 Total Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:									
Donations and legacies	2	45,883	3,353	-	49,236	78,538	38,618	-	117,156
Charitable activities	3	27,803	354,459	-	382,262	41,632	315,027	-	356,659
Investments	4	236,176	13,783	-	249,959	283,770	21,377	-	305,147
<i>Profit on sale of tangible asset</i>		24	10,731	-	10,755	-	-	-	-
Total	16	309,886	382,326	-	692,212	403,940	375,022	-	778,962
Expenditure on:									
Raising funds	5	20,777	23,099	4,574	48,450	22,976	24,702	4,971	52,649
Charitable activities	5	462,678	373,395	-	836,073	473,251	574,517	-	1,047,768
<i>Loss on sale of tangible asset</i>		-	-	-	-	-	561	-	561
Total		483,455	396,494	4,574	884,523	496,227	599,780	4,971	1,100,978
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	11								
<i>Realised</i>		-	(181,566)	(32,212)	(213,780)	-	28,864	9,143	38,007
<i>Unrealised</i>		-	88,085	17,693	105,778	-	431,496	92,736	524,232
Total		-	(93,483)	(14,519)	(108,002)	-	460,360	101,879	562,239
Net income/(expenditure)		(173,569)	(107,651)	(19,093)	(300,313)	(92,287)	235,602	96,908	240,223
Transfers between funds	16	3,112	(3,112)	-	-	4,220	(4,220)	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):									
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	9	-	113,182	-	113,182	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(170,457)	2,419	(19,093)	(187,131)	(88,067)	231,382	96,908	240,223
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward									
At 1 January 2020		235,195	8,033,392	1,132,775	9,401,362	323,262	7,802,010	1,035,867	9,161,139
Total funds carried forward									
At 31 December 2020	16 & 17	64,738	8,035,811	1,113,682	9,214,231	235,195	8,033,392	1,132,775	9,401,362

SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

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	2020 £	2019 £
Income as reported on the SOFA	692,212	778,962
Gains on investments	-	460,360
Gain on revaluation of fixed assets	113,182	-
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Gross income in the reporting period	805,394	1,239,322
Expenditure as reported on the SOFA	879,949	1,096,007
Losses on investments	(93,483)	
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Net (expenditure) / income for the year	(168,038)	143,315
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The Summary Income and Expenditure account excludes movements on the endowment funds. It is derived from the Statement of Financial Activities which together with the notes 1 to 20 provides full information on the movements during the year on all the Charity's funds.

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets:			
Tangible assets	9	1,408,921	1,234,382
Investments	11	7,182,506	7,326,151
<i>Total fixed assets</i>		8,591,427	8,560,533
Current assets:			
Debtors	12	29,514	165,569
Investments - Short term deposits		1,041,371	1,037,371
Cash at bank and in hand		11,791	48,549
<i>Total current assets</i>		1,082,676	1,251,489
Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(237,868)	(273,984)
<i>Net current assets</i>		844,808	977,505
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>		9,436,235	9,538,038
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(222,004)	(136,676)
Total net assets		9,214,231	9,401,362
The funds of the charity:	16 - 18		
Endowment funds		1,113,682	1,132,775
Revaluation reserve/(deficit)		177,034	63,852
Other restricted funds		7,858,777	7,969,540
Unrestricted designated funds	18	0	81,200
Other unrestricted funds		64,738	153,995
Total charity funds		9,214,231	9,401,362

The financial statements were approved by the Executive Council on 30th March 2021.



Rev Simon Copley

Executive Council Member



Rev Alan Crump

Executive Council Member

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020 Total Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
Cash flows from operating activities:		
<i>Net cash used in operating activities</i>	(232,936)	(696,449)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	249,959	305,147
Net proceeds/(costs) associated with the sale of tangible fixed assets	307	(467)
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(96,554)	(73,580)
Proceeds from the sale of investments	1,466,547	1,347,990
Cash (added to) /withdrawn from investments	-	(700,000)
Purchase of investments	(1,430,904)	(1,315,187)
<i>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</i>	189,355	(436,097)
<i>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</i>	(43,581)	(1,132,546)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	1,085,920	2,218,466
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	1,042,339	1,085,920
Reconciliation of net (expenditure)/income to net cash flow from operating activities		
	2020 Total Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(300,313)	240,223
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	34,822	33,513
Losses /(Gains) on investments	108,002	(562,239)
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(249,959)	(305,147)
(Profit)/loss on the sale of tangible fixed assets	(10,755)	561
Decrease /(Increase) in debtors	136,055	(140,396)
(Decrease) /Increase in creditors	49,212	37,036
<i>Net cash used in operating activities</i>	(232,936)	(696,449)
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
	2020 Total Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
Cash at bank and in hand	11,791	48,549
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	1,041,371	1,037,371
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,053,162	1,085,920

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Principal accounting policies**Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The United Reformed Church (Yorkshire Province) Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Incoming resources

Donations are included when they are received. Legacies are included when it is probable that they will be received. Investment income is included when it is receivable, and includes any recoverable income tax. Property rents and interest on loans are included when they fall due. Investments and other assets from churches which have closed are accounted for when the amount receivable can reasonably be ascertained.

Recognition and valuation of donated services

The services of the Synod's Development Officer and Evangelist, who are Ministers of Word and Sacrament in the URC, are provided by the URC under its Plan for Partnership in Ministerial Remuneration at no charge to the charity. These donations have been valued at the usual employment cost of a URC minister, reduced for the Synod Evangelist, which is not a full-time appointment. The cost is included in expenditure on charitable activities.

The Charity's activities are dependent on volunteer members of committees. Travel expenses are reimbursed but there is no recognition in these accounts of the time donated by volunteers.

Basis of allocation of costs

Grants payable are voluntary payments to individuals, local URC churches or URC organisations in accordance with the purpose of the relevant fund. They are accounted for when they have been approved by the Synod Council or Financial Resources Committee, the recipient has been told of that approval, and if applicable has accepted the terms related to the grant. Grants to URC churches are usually multi-year grants. A creditor is included for the full amount of the grant offered. Payment of the second or later year's instalment is dependent on receipt of a report on the previous year, showing the progress made on the project. Occasionally Synod Council will require repayment of grants which have not been spent.

Support costs incurred in maintaining the office and employing the office staff have been allocated to raising income, charitable activities and governance in proportion to the time spent by office staff on each activity.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Freehold and leasehold properties held for continuing use by the Charity are revalued by professional valuers every 5 years and are depreciated over 50 years. Long leasehold properties are defined as those properties with an unexpired lease term of more than 50 years. Properties acquired between valuations are included at cost and depreciated over 50 years. Properties sometimes pass to the Charity from United Reformed Churches in Yorkshire which have closed. If they are to be retained they are valued on acquisition. If the property is to be sold it is not revalued.

Office equipment is capitalised where a purchase or project costs over £500, and is included at cost less a provision for depreciation. This is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets by equal annual instalments over their expected useful lives, which are between 3 and 10 years.

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1 Principal accounting policies (continued)**Investment assets**

Investments listed or traded on a recognised stock exchange are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Investment properties are valued professionally every five years. In between the valuations the Trustees' best estimate of market value is used. In accordance with standard accounting practice, no depreciation is charged on investment properties. Concessionary loans to URC churches are valued at the amount paid less repayments received.

Current asset measurement

Debtors are included at their recoverable amount.

Current asset investments comprise working capital held on short-term deposit.

Cash at bank and in hand comprises the balance in the bank current account and the petty cash float.

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year are valued at settlement amount.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	2020	2019
	£	£
Donations		
Synod Levy	40	28,085
Notional Grant for Synod Development Officer and Evangelist	45,543	50,405
Gifts	3,653	38,666
	49,236	117,156

The Synod Levy, which was calculated at £10 per member per year, has not been charged in 2020.

3 Income from charitable activities

	2020	2019
	£	£
Net proceeds of redundant manse funds and sale of redundant churches	255,069	315,027
Income from church closed in the year	106,472	37,395
Contribution from Norther Province to safeguarding costs	15,445	-
Interest on loans to churches & ministers	8	79
Management charge (see note 13)	5,268	4,158
	382,262	356,659

When United Reformed Churches in Yorkshire close, the net assets and building pass to the Charity. The building is not included in fixed assets if it is sold within a year of closure. There can be significant variances in this income from one year to another.

From March 2018, the net proceeds from the sale of Closed Church property are to be divided 20% to the United Reformed Church Ministers' Pension Fund; 40% to the Synod Mission Fund and 40% to the Closed Churches Fund.

From March 2010 amalgamated churches, and those in local ecumenical partnerships, are required to transfer to the Charity 50% of the net proceeds of any United Reformed Church property sale, for use by the Synod Mission Fund.

From October 2011 any manse fund declared redundant is divided 75% to the local church and 25% to the Synod Mission Fund.

4 Income from Investments

	2020	2019
	£	£
Income from quoted investments	224,980	274,318
Investment property rents	22,756	22,756
Interest on bank balances	2,223	8,073
	249,959	305,147

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5 Expenditure on raising funds and charitable activities

Expenditure on raising funds	Direct costs	Grant funding	Support costs	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Managing investments</i>					
Investment management fees	27,673	-	-	27,673	29,673
Support costs	-	-	20,777	20,777	22,976
	27,673	-	20,777	48,450	52,649
Expenditure on charitable activities	Direct costs	Grant funding	Support costs	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Grant making</i>					
Grants to individuals					
Retired ministers and widows (6 grants)		5,000		5,000	6,900
Grants to URC institutions					
To churches for mission activities (10 grants)		221,381		221,381	152,484
To churches for property surveys (7 grants)		2,385		2,385	1,120
Vision & Opportunity to churches (15 grants)		125,076		125,076	396,282
Support costs			5,194	5,194	5,744
	-	353,842	5,194	359,036	562,530
<i>Other charitable activities</i>					
Training ministers and lay members	33,922		2,597	36,519	51,255
Youth, children and safeguarding	112,543		2,598	115,141	88,552
Administering churches' property and investments	1,046		62,331	63,377	69,844
Supporting committees and Synod	10,439		36,360	46,799	56,244
Pastoral work	1,183		20,777	21,960	24,148
Supporting and encouraging URC churches, districts and centrally	27,494		70,123	97,617	97,526
Chaplaincies, industrial mission and ecumenical relations	2,216		5,194	7,410	7,196
Management & maintenance of Synod properties	40,760		12,986	53,746	49,360
Sundry and contingencies	1,986		-	1,986	1,348
	231,589	-	212,966	444,555	445,473
<i>Governance costs</i>					
External audit fee	5,526		-	5,526	5,508
Internal audit and accountancy	1,596		-	1,596	1,794
Legal and professional fees	2,803		-	2,803	2,190
Recruitment fees	(20)		-	(20)	5,197
Revaluation fees	1,800		-	1,800	2,100
Support costs	-		20,777	20,777	22,976
	11,705	-	20,777	32,482	39,765
Total expenditure on charitable activities	243,294	353,842	238,937	836,073	1,047,768

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020 (continued)

6 Expenditure on raising funds and charitable activities - previous year**Expenditure on raising funds - previous year**

	Direct costs £	Grant funding £	Support costs £	2019 £
<i>Managing investments</i>				
Investment management fees	29,673	-	-	29,673
Support costs	-	-	22,976	22,976
	29,673	-	22,976	52,649

Expenditure on charitable activities - previous year

	Direct costs £	Grant funding £	Support costs £	Total 2019 £
<i>Grant making</i>				
Grants to individuals				
Retired ministers and widows (7 grants)		6,900		6,900
Grants to URC institutions				
To churches for mission activities (27 grants)		152,484		152,484
To churches for property surveys (7 grants)		1,120		1,120
Vision & Opportunity to churches (110 grants)		396,282		396,282
Support costs			5,744	5,744
	-	556,786	5,744	562,530

Other charitable activities

Training ministers and lay members	48,383		2,872	51,255
Youth, children and safeguarding	85,680		2,872	88,552
Administering churches' property and investments	918		68,926	69,844
Supporting committees and Synod	16,037		40,207	56,244
Pastoral work	1,173		22,975	24,148
Supporting and encouraging URC churches, districts and centrally	19,984		77,542	97,526
Chaplaincies, industrial mission and ecumenical relations	1,452		5,744	7,196
Management & maintenance of Synod properties	35,000		14,360	49,360
Sundry and contingencies	1,348		-	1,348
	209,975	-	235,498	445,473

Governance costs

External audit fee	5,508		-	5,508
Internal audit and accountancy	1,794		-	1,794
Legal and professional fees	2,190		-	2,190
Recruitment fees	5,197		-	5,197
Revaluation fees	2,100		-	2,100
Support costs	-		22,976	22,976
	16,789	-	22,976	39,765

**Total expenditure on
charitable activities**

226,764	556,786	264,218	1,047,768
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020 (continued)

7 Analysis of support costs

	Raising funds £	Grant- making £	Other charitable activities £	Governance £	Total £
Office staff costs	17,939	4,484	183,872	17,939	224,234
Office rates and maintenance	1,059	265	10,857	1,059	13,240
Office expenses and equipment	1,096	274	11,234	1,096	13,700
Depreciation	683	171	7,003	683	8,540
	20,777	5,194	212,966	20,777	259,714

Analysis of support costs - previous year

	Raising funds £	Grant- making £	Other charitable activities £	Governance £	Total £
Office staff costs	17,391	4,348	178,253	17,391	217,383
Office rates and maintenance	3,415	854	35,000	3,415	42,684
Office expenses and equipment	1,507	377	15,451	1,507	18,842
Depreciation	663	165	6,794	663	8,285
	22,976	5,744	235,498	22,976	287,194

Support costs are allocated in proportion to the time spent by office staff on the activities shown.

It has been accepted that the Synod Development Officer and Synod Evangelist are Ministers of Word and Sacraments under the terms of the United Reformed Church Plan for Partnership in Ministerial Remuneration and should not be classified as employees.

8 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses and the cost of key management personnel

	2020 £	2019 £
Salaries and wages	245,295	214,877
Employer's National Insurance	20,381	17,806
Pension contributions to defined benefit schemes	60,681	51,858
	326,357	284,541

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 per annum, and there were no other employee benefits other than those disclosed above.

The average number of employees during the year was 11 (2019 - 9).

The key management personnel of the Charity are the Trustees, who include the Synod Treasurer, and key employees of the charity, who are the Trust Secretary, the Property Secretary, the Synod Clerk and the Finance Manager. The employee benefits of the key personnel total £146,583 (2019 £116,275).

Trustees' expenses

Members of the Executive Council are entitled to claim travel expenses for attending its meetings. The Treasurer may claim other expenses (travel, telephone, stationery etc.) incurred in their capacity as trustee. No trustee nor anyone connected with the trustees received any remuneration in 2020 or 2019 except as noted below.

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8 Analysis of staff costs, Trustee remuneration and expenses and the cost of key management personnel

	2020	2019
The total of expenses claimed, by 4 (2019 3) Trustees, for the year was:	£ 2,943	£760

9 Tangible assets

	Freehold Property £	Leasehold Property £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2020	1,307,836	-	68,714	1,376,550
Reclassification	(234,000)	234,000	-	-
Additions	93,321	-	3,233	96,554
Revaluation	(4,557)	4,500	-	(57)
Disposals	(100)	-	(2,334)	(2,434)
At 31 December 2020	1,162,500	238,500	69,613	1,470,613
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2020	87,139	-	55,029	142,168
Reclassification	(18,720)	18,720	-	-
Charge for the period	21,428	4,680	8,714	34,822
Released on revaluation	(89,839)	(23,400)	-	(113,239)
Disposals	(8)	-	(2,051)	(2,059)
At 31 December 2020	-	-	61,692	61,692
Net book value				
At 1 January 2020	1,220,697	-	13,685	1,234,382
At 31 December 2020	1,162,500	238,500	7,921	1,408,921
Net carrying value of revalued assets on historical cost basis	1,112,260	225,045	-	1,337,305

Property**Net book amount**

The property is used for the direct charitable purposes of the Charity and comprises:	£
Housing for ministers of local churches or in Synod posts (a part share in 4 properties)	1,161,000
Synod office building	240,000
	1,401,000

The housing was revalued as at 31 December 2020 by Walker Singleton, external Chartered Surveyors, at market value with vacant possession, in accordance with the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors Valuation Standards. The Synod office building was similarly revalued as at 31 December 2020 at existing use value.

10 Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

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11 Fixed asset Investments	Investment properties	Listed investments	Balances at stockbroker	Concessionary loans	Total
Market value	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2020	477,626	6,814,349	14,055	20,121	7,326,151
Less:					
Disposals at opening book value	-	(1,670,356)	-		(1,670,356)
Deposits realised/(reinvested)	-	-	27,399		27,399
Investment management fees	-	-	(27,673)		(27,673)
Loan repayments	-	-	-	(9,971)	(9,971)
Add:					
Deposited for investment	-	-	-	-	-
Acquisitions at cost	-	1,429,178	-	2,000	1,431,178
Revaluation	-	105,778	-		105,778
At 31 December 2020	477,626	6,678,949	13,781	12,150	7,182,506
Historical cost					
At 31 December 2020	-	5,693,076	13,781	12,150	5,706,857
Disposals:					
Proceeds	-	1,456,576	-	-	1,456,576
Book value at 1 Jan 2020		(1,670,356)	-	-	(1,670,356)
Gain / (loss)	-	(213,780)	-	-	(213,780)

The investment property is 83.794% of the freehold at Aberdeen Walk, Scarborough, and was revalued as at 31 December 2020 by Walker Singleton, external Chartered Surveyors, at market value, in accordance with the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors Valuation Standards.

All fixed asset investments are held in the UK, in Nominee Accounts at the brokers. Details of the portfolio of listed investments are as follows:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Equity investments	1,903,728	2,179,543
Gilt-edged and fixed interest stocks	404,089	578,543
Investment and unit trusts	4,371,131	4,056,263
	6,678,948	6,814,349

Material investments (over 5% by value) at the end of the year:

	£	£
Baillie Gifford American W1 Dis	453,446	0
JP Morgan US Equity Income K	279,885	361,965
North American Income Trust	256,725	355,095

All concessionary loans are to churches within the URC Yorkshire province. The maximum repayment period is 5 years and simple interest is charged at 5%, 3% or 0%. Repayments of capital and accrued interest are made quarterly. No security is provided on any loan. The maximum capital outstanding on any loan at 31 December 2020 was £3,108 (31 December 2019: £6,000).

	£	£
Concessionary loans falling due within one year	7,861	9,971
Concessionary loans falling due after more than one year	4,288	10,150
	12,150	20,121

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12 Debtors	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts owed by group and associated undertakings:		
Yorkshire Congregational Union (Incorporated)	5,268	4,158
Cash in transit from YCU (Inc)	416	138,529
Prepayments and accrued income	23,830	22,882
	29,514	165,569

13 Related Parties

The Yorkshire Congregational Union (Incorporated) is a Charity administered by the same Trustees as the United Reformed Church (Yorkshire Province) Trust Limited, from the same office. It acts as Trustee for many of the United Reformed Churches in the Yorkshire Synod. The Yorkshire Congregational Union (Incorporated) has no employees; its administrative work is performed by employees of the United Reformed Church (Yorkshire Province) Trust Ltd, for which a management charge is made. The charge for 2020 of £5,268 (2019: £4,158) is a debtor in these accounts. In addition, one of the churches for which the YCU acts as custodian trustee owed the Trust £416 (2019: £138,529) at the year end. The Trust owed the YCU £nil at the year end (2019: £nil).

Trustees or people connected with the Trustees may also be Trustees of a church in receipt of a grant or concessionary loan from the Trust. Grants are awarded by a separate group from the Trustees, and members of that group will not take part in the decision if they have a conflict of interest.

Revd A Crump who is a minister at Knaresborough and Bilton Grange URCs and is also a Trustee, occupies a manse which is part owned by the Trust.

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals for grants payable	210,275	145,208
Accruals and deferred income	20,383	13,359
Other creditors	7,210	115,417
	237,868	273,984

15 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals for grants payable	222,004	136,676

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16 Movement in funds during the year

	Balance 1 January 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers between funds £	Revaluation gains/losses £	Balance 31 December 2020 £
Permanent endowments						
General Purposes	759,887	-	(3,061)	-	(9,699)	747,127
Church Extension	257,537	-	(1,045)	-	(3,329)	253,163
Maintenance of Ministry	18,154	-	(74)	-	(235)	17,845
Welfare of Ministry	77,802	-	(315)	-	(1,006)	76,481
Home Churches	19,395	-	(79)	-	(250)	19,066
	1,132,775	-	(4,574)	-	(14,519)	1,113,682
Restricted funds						
Closed Churches capital	7,068,252	110,121	(174,283)	-	(93,483)	6,910,607
Closed Churches revaluation reserve	63,852				113,182	177,034
Synod Mission capital and income	511,888	257,134	(221,381)	-	-	547,641
Income funds						
Church Extension	378,280	11,000	-	-	-	389,280
Maintenance of Ministry	-	612	-	(612)	-	-
Welfare	9,741	2,803	-	(2,500)	-	10,044
Home Churches	1,379	656	(830)	-	-	1,205
	8,033,392	382,326	(396,494)	(3,112)	19,699	8,035,811
Unrestricted Funds						
General income	151,037	92,162	(464,618)	286,157	-	64,738
Designated funds (note 18)	81,200	-	-	(81,200)	-	-
Closed Churches income	-	217,724	(18,837)	(198,887)	-	-
Albion - capital and income	2,958	-	-	(2,958)	-	-
	235,195	309,886	(483,455)	3,112	-	64,738
Total Funds	9,401,362	692,212	(884,523)	-	5,180	9,214,231

The Charity is Trustee of all the funds, which are to be used by the United Reformed Church in its Yorkshire Synod.

Permanent Endowment funds represent those assets which must be held permanently by the Charity, principally investments. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments form part of the fund. Investment management charges are charged against the fund. Income arising on the endowment funds is either restricted or unrestricted depending on the fund.

The endowment investments are pooled and held within the Common Investment Fund. All gains and income are credited to the constituent endowment and income funds in the proportion of the assets originally pooled, which were general (66.93%), church extension (22.84%), maintenance of the ministry (1.61%), welfare (6.90%) and home churches (1.72%).

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16 Movement in funds during the year (continued)

Restricted funds are funds which have been given for particular purposes.

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

Designated funds are amounts of money within unrestricted funds which have been set aside for a specific purpose which will be achieved within less than three years.

General purposes fund - use of the income is unrestricted for the furtherance of religious and other charitable work of the United Reformed Church within its Yorkshire Synod.

Church extension fund - makes loans to local United Reformed Churches for the upkeep and repair of their buildings.

Maintenance of the ministry fund - provides a small income which is transferred to the general purposes fund where it is deemed to assist in the maintenance of the ministry of the Synod Moderator.

Welfare of the ministry fund - provides income which forms 50% of the grants made in cases of need to ministers, retired ministers and their dependants.

Home churches fund - represents a small amount of capital, the income from which forms part of the Synod's mission and ministry fund contributions to the United Reformed Church.

Closed churches fund - holds funds from churches closed after 1972, under the terms of the URC Trusts set out in the 1972 URC Act, as modified by the 1981 Act. The capital is available for use in accordance with the URC Act 1981, Schedule 2, parts I and II. Income from the investment of the capital is directed to the general purposes fund and is used to fund the work of the Synod.

Albion fund - consisted mainly of accrued income and was administered and managed as part of the general purposes fund. The fund was liquidated during 2018 to purchase a manse for a Special Category Minister appointed to work in the Synod with young adults (Generation Y). The remaining balance has been transferred to the general purposes fund in 2020.

Synod mission fund was set up in 2010 and incorporates the former Amalgamation fund. It receives funds primarily from property sales that arise as part of the closure or amalgamation of local churches, or the creation of Local Ecumenical Projects. Both capital and income are available for grants to local churches for any project that can be shown to promote the missionary work of the United Reformed Churches in Yorkshire.

Transfers between funds

The net income on the Closed churches fund is unrestricted and transferred to the General fund each year. The General fund also receives the income from the maintenance of the ministry and welfare funds, in line with the above descriptions.

17 Analysis of net assets between funds at the year end

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at the year end are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	7,921	238,500	-	246,421
Investments	-	6,069,087	1,113,419	7,182,506
Net current assets	56,817	792,728	263	849,808
Long term liabilities	-	(227,004)	-	(227,004)
Total net assets	64,738	6,873,311	1,113,682	8,051,731

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18 Designated Funds	Balance 1 January 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance 31 December 2020 £
Within the General Fund are the following:				
A temporary fund holding church contributions to the URC Mission and Ministry Fund	81,200	-	(81,200)	-

19 Pension costs

The Charity contributes to a URC lay staff pension scheme known as the "Final Salary" scheme, which is administered by TPT Retirement Solutions. This is operated as a defined benefit scheme but the Charity is not the only participating employer in the scheme and is ordinarily unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities - each employer in that scheme pays a common contribution rate.

During 2020 the Charity contributed 25.1% (2019: 25.1%) of basic salary in respect of members of the Final Salary scheme which includes 10.5% as deficit funding and 3.2% to meet expenses and levies. Members contributed at the rate of 7.5% (2019: 7.5%) of pensionable salary throughout the accounting period.

Triennial actuarial valuations of the Final Salary scheme are performed by a professionally qualified actuary. The most recent formal actuarial review of the scheme was at 30 September 2016, when the scheme had a deficit of £5,445,000. The assumptions underlying that valuation include:

Discount rate:	pre-retirement 4.9%, post-retirement 1.8%
Pensionable earnings growth:	2.45% for three years, 2.7% thereafter
Future pension increases:	2.2%
Retirement age:	65, with maximum commutation

In the event of no members continuing to contribute, there is a contingent obligation of an employer debt on withdrawal. The Charity's contingent obligation has not been quantified, but there is not currently any

20 Post Balance Sheet Events

After the year end one of the properties used as a manse by a minister was sold at a profit after costs of £22,392.