

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE WEST METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1127327

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2008-12-30
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Bell Villas Ponteland Newcastle Upon Tyne NE20 9BE
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Activities

Objects: The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of -(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Activities: We have promoted the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the methodist church by organising weekly acts of worship and meetings for fellowship. We have supported the charitable purpose of the church at connexional, district, circuit and local levels and other charitable organisations subsidiary or ancillary to the church.

Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City
- Northumberland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£238,494	£331,602	-	-
2023-08-31	£317,798	£273,790	-	-
2022-08-31	£217,580	£316,434	-	-
2021-08-31	£206,436	£229,184	-	-
2020-08-31	£262,336	£227,347	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Timothy David Woolley	Chair	2014-09-19
ALAN GOLPHIN		2012-10-04
ANDY COWAN		
Alison Bates		2022-02-22
Alison Boyson		2016-09-19
Andrew Hislop Anderson		
Ann Cooper		2023-04-24
BRYAN ASHFORD		
Barbara Lanyon		2015-09-23
Christine Armstrong		2016-09-19
Christine Mary Ford		2015-03-24
DAVID FORRESTER		2014-09-18
Diane McFarlane		2025-02-18
Dr YVONNE HART		2023-06-27
Eileen Bell		2014-02-28
Evelyn Elizabeth Warren		2018-10-22
GEOFFREY THOMAS WESLEY DENT		
Hazel Sargeant		2018-07-10
JOHN STANLEY AUSTEN DODDS		
JULIA ANNE HARBOTTLE		
JUNE EDITH WILSON		
Judith Ann Scott		2014-09-19
Karin Tapson		2016-09-19
LEONORA LIGHTFOOT		2012-10-04
Lynn Forrester		2016-09-19
MALCOLM ATHEY		2012-10-04
Melvyn Brown		2014-01-30

Name	Role	Appointed
Morne Van Niekirk		2023-06-22
Nigel Bates		2018-07-17
PAMELA VARLEY		
PAULINE BETTY GROVES		
PETER JOSEPH WILLEY FCA		2016-09-19
PHILIP BALLARD		2013-01-10
Peter Dalby Michell		2022-03-10
REV PATRICIA ANN BROOKS BA / MTH.		
RICHARD JOHN VARLEY		
ROBERT HARLE		
ROSEMARY GRAY		2017-06-22
Rachel Wood		2016-09-19
Rev COLIN BARRICK		2018-09-01
Rev JOHN GORDON WYNNE		
Rev Lynda Coulthard		2022-09-01
Rev MAUREEN LLOYD		2014-01-30
Rev ROBIN RONALD BROOKS		
Susan Gimson		2018-10-22
Val Myers		2022-06-07
Wendy Chinery		2022-06-07

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Accounts

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THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended

31st August 2024

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

The Circuit Stewards, who are the treasurers of the Circuit fund:

Mr M Brown
Mr N Bates
Mr A Anderson
Mr D Forrester

The Managing Trustees

Revd. J Sewell (Chair)
Revd. K Albans
Mr A Anderson
Mrs C Armstrong
Mr B Ashford
Mr M Athey
Mr P Ballard
Revd. C Barrick
Mrs A Bates
Mr N Bates
Mrs E Bell
Mrs A Boyson
Revd P Brooks
Revd R Brooks
Mr M Brown
Mrs B Carss
Mrs W Chinery
Mrs G Clennell
Mrs A Cooper
Revd. L Coulthard
Mr A Cowan
Mr G Dent
Mr J S Austen Dodds
Mrs C M Ford
Mr D Forrester
Mrs L Forrester
Miss S Gimson
Mr A Golphin
Mrs R Gray
Mrs P B Groves
Mrs A Harbottle
Mr A Harle
Mr R Harle

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Managing Trustees continued...

Mrs Y Hart
Mrs B Lanyon
Mrs L Lightfoot
Revd M Lloyd
Mr P Michell
Mrs V Myers
Deacon M Patchett
Miss S Renner
Mrs J Scott
Prof. R Stephenson
Mrs K Tapson
Mr M Van Niekerk
Mrs P Varley
Mr R Varley
Mrs R Vickers
Mrs E E Warren
Mr P Willey
Mrs J Wilson
Miss R Wood
Revd T Woolley
Revd G Wynne

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE DISTRICT

THE NEWCASTLE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Principal Address

Ponteland Methodist Church
Bell Villas
Main Street
Ponteland
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE20 9BE

Independent Examiner

Mr J Lyall
c/o Willey & Co
379 Stamfordham Road
Westerhope
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE5 2LH

Bankers

Lloyds TSB Bank plc
3 Wesley Court
Blaydon
Tyne & Wear
NE21 5BY

Solicitors

Sintons LLP, Solicitors
The Cube
Barrack Road
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE4 6OB

Custodian Trustees

The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
Central buildings
Oldham Street
Manchester
M1 1JQ

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st August 2024

Financial statements

The Trustees submit their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in 2005 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the Charity.

Preamble

The Methodist Church is said to have been created after John Wesley's conversion on 24th May 1738, it is a Free Church. The calling of The Methodist Church is;
Worship, to increase awareness of God's Presence and celebrate God's love.
Learning and caring, to help people to grow and learn as Christians.
Service, to be a good neighbour to people in need and challenge injustice.
Evangelism, to make more followers of Jesus Christ.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity's treasurers of the Circuit Fund are the lay Circuit Stewards. Of the Managing Trustees listed above all are lay people excepting the four Ministerial staff all of whom are employed by The Methodist Church. Circuit Meetings are held three times per annum and include representatives of all the Societies in the Circuit. The Superintendent Minister (who supervises the work of the other Ministers in the Circuit) reports to this meeting as do the Circuit Stewards.

The governing body of the Circuit is the annual conference of The Methodist Church. The Methodist Church Act 1976 gives the authority under which The Methodist Church acts. The constitution practice and discipline of The Methodist Church together with The Deed of Union (Act of 1929 adopted 1932) govern the activities of the Circuit.

The Methodist Church was previously excepted from the need to register as a charity by the combined effects of Section 46(4) (A) of The Charities Act 1993 and Paragraph 4(2) (C) of the Charities (exception from registration) Regulations 1996 as amended by Statutory Instrument 2005 No2655. However changes to this exemption mean that on 30th December 2008 the charity registered at the Charity Commission with the reference number 1127327.

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year-end are set out on pages 1 and 2. The treasurers (Circuit Stewards) are appointed annually by the Circuit Meeting and the Managing Trustees are appointed either by (a) the Societies of which they are members (b) the Preachers' Meeting (c) by being ex-officio (Ministers in good standing or holding a District Office). In practice, up to four Circuit Stewards are appointed who serve for a minimum of 3 years and a maximum of 6. The principal address of the Circuit's advisors are given on page 4.

The Trustees are responsible for the detailed examination of the Financial Statements and for recommending their adoption by the Circuit Meeting.

The Circuit is one of 12 of the Newcastle District and has 9 Churches, of which 1 is an LEP within shared building. They are contactable via the principal address of the Circuit.

Funds are transferred to the Circuit on a quarterly basis to meet the commitments to the District and the upkeep of the Circuit.

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st August 2024 (continued)

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its' financial activities for that period together with its assets and liabilities at the end of the period, and adequately distinguish any material special trust or other restricted fund of the Charity. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the appropriate SORP on Accounting and Reporting by Charities and the Accounting Regulations and with applicable Accounting Standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

and

- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

Manses

In accordance with the recommendations made under Charities SORP 2015 (FRS102) the value of the Circuit manses have been shown at their original purchase cost of £394,479. These properties are currently insured for £1,740,067.

Former Bond Manse

The cost of this property amounted to £726. It is insured for £430,670. This property is regarded as income generators for the Circuit to help with the operation and aims of the charity.

Objectives and activities

The Circuit is constituted to advance the effective deployment of the resources of ministry, which include people, property and finance, as they relate to the Methodist churches in the Circuit, the District and Connexion, to Churches of other denominations and to participation in the communities served by the Circuit and in ecumenical work in the area. The Constitution and Enumeration of Circuits is set out year by year in the Stations appointed by the Conference.

Activities during the year and achievements

The Circuit has continued to fulfil its basic role of providing ministers for the Societies (Local Churches) which make up the Circuit and to support the churches in various ways including providing financial help for their work. We provide ministers with manses and see that, through The Methodist Church of Great Britain, they are paid their stipends and allowances.

There were three Circuit Meetings held, the Circuit Mission Statement is at the centre of the Circuit's mission

'OUR CIRCUIT SEEKS TO PROMOTE THE AWARENESS OF GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE, TO FOSTER AND SUSTAIN THE REALISATION OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE AND ENCOURAGE ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY LINKS'.

The Circuit Stewards are the Lay Leaders of the Circuit, they are Managing Trustees as are all members of the Circuit Meeting and as stewards they are responsible for managing the day to day operation; of all Circuit affairs in consultation with the Superintendent Minister.

The Circuit continues to be blessed with the continuing ministry of our Supernumeraries.

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st August 2024 (continued)

To support Our Mission Statement we:

We have been funding an additional Minister from capital reserves but this has now finished as of 31st August 2024.

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st August 2024 (continued)

Internal financial controls

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that there is in place an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise, to provide reasonable confidence and assurance that:

- the Circuit's administration is operating effectively and efficiently
- the assets of the Circuit are properly safeguarded against unauthorised loss or damages
- proper records are maintained, and information produced for management control, fiscal and statutory reasons
- the Circuit complies with the relevant laws and guidelines.

Investment policy

Surplus funds of the circuit are held in a Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church (CFB) deposit account. The Model Trust (previously the 'Circuit Advance Fund') is administered by the Trustees for Methodist Church purposes.

The policies and procedures adapted by the CFB and TMCP are agreed by Conference.

Reserves policy

The definition of "Reserves" is:

"Income which becomes available to the Charity and is to be expended at the Trustees' discretion in furtherance of the Charity's objects, but which is not yet spent, committed or designated."

This definition therefore excludes restricted funds, designated funds, and funds already invested in fixed assets.

The reserves policy of the Circuit agreed by the Trustees is to hold the equivalent of the relevant annual expenditure, plus an estimate of any known fluctuations. These reserves are held in the Central Finance Board deposit account. The unrestricted funds are currently above this limit.

Policy on the Induction and Training of Trustees

There are no specific policies in place for training trustees, although all are nominated by their own churches and have considerable practical experience of church activities.

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st August 2024 (continued)

Safeguarding, working with vulnerable people

Children: the Circuit has a full policy on work with children and young people, in accordance with the policies of the Methodist church which requires that DAB checks be made on those people who work with children. These checks have been made.

Vulnerable people: the Circuit has reviewed the policy and subsequent to the year under report in these accounts adopted a policy, as approved by the Methodist Connexional body, on the 16th February, 2012. In the policy the

Rev. J Sewell was appointed as Complaints Officer and Safeguarding Officer.

The DAB checks are held in a locked safe under the personal control of the Superintendent Minister.

Risk Management

The Circuit's risk management policy is designed to identify and analyse operational and other risk and ensure that it is controlled, monitored and steps taken to mitigate the risks. The Trustees have examined the main risks and are satisfied

that proper controls are in place for monitoring and mitigating these risks. The main risks the Circuit faces can be categorised as follows

1. Strategic and Repetitious Risks

2. Financial Risks

3. Compliance Risks

4. Operational Risks.

The Trustees will monitor these risks and report regularly to the co-ordinating group.

The Circuit Stewards regularly review the insurances held to ensure that adequate cover is in place.

Managing Trustees

The Managing Trustees who have served during the year were as set out on pages two and three of this report. The Officers, (Circuit Stewards), being the Treasurers of the funds who served during the year were as follows:

Mr N Bates

Mr M Brown

Mr A Anderson

Mr D Forrester

Independent Examiner

A resolution to appoint Mr J Lyall of Willey & Co as Independent Examiner for the ensuing year will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

The Trustees who were in office on the date of approval of these financial statements have confirmed, as far as they are aware, that there is no relevant audit information of which the Independent Examiner is unaware. Each of the Trustees have confirmed that they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to the Independent Examiner.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 18th March 2025

Rev. T Woolley

Mrs H L Sargeant

T Woolley

H Sargeant

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

NEWCASTLE WEST	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	District	Circuit no	02
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1127327

If not a registered charity His Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number

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(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

REV J. SEWELL
REV T. WOOLLEY
REV L. COULTHAAD
DEACON M. PATCHETT

Circuit Stewards:

MR M BROWN
MR N. BATES
MR A ANDERSON
MR D. FORRESTER

Treasurer:

MR R.J. VARLEY

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Assessment/Share	219100			219100	209395
a3	Capital receipts					78673
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	6643	7268		13911	11170
a5	Grants					8060
a6	Other receipts	5483			5483	10500
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	231226	7268		238494 (a8)	317798

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	177539			177539	173467
b3	Manse Costs	30718			30718	16466
b4	Administration etc	4722	549		5271	5740
b5	District Assessment	59344	7127		66471	55994
b6	Grants & donations	1110			1110	3000
b7						
b8	Other payments	50493			50493	19123
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	323926	7676		331602 (b9)	273790

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(92700) (a7-b9)	(408)		(93108)	44008
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	164698	192544		357242 (c6)	316397
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2) 71998	192136		264134	360405
c4	Transfers and adjustments	28000	(22482)		5518 (c7)	(3163)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4) 99998	169654		269652 (c8)	357242 (c6)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS						
d (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)						
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					
e9					(e11)	(e12)
e10					(c6)	(c8)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	238494	331602	(93108)	5517	357242	269651
	(a8)	(b9)		(c7)		(c8)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS			(x)	(y)

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	39279	29958
f3		
f4	125419	70039
f5	192545	169654
f6		
f7		
f8	(c6)	(c8)
f9	(e11)	(e12)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	357243	269651
	(x)	(y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1	51899	55098
g2	394981	394479
g3		
g4		
g5		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
 f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
 g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Name of Circuit NEWCASTLE WEST No. 20/2

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer R. J. Varley Date 18-3-2025

Name and address of treasurer RICHARD JOHN VARLEY
7 REGENCY WAY, PONTELAND Post Code NE20 9AU

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 18/3/25

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Rev. T. Woolley

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV T. WOOLLEY Date 18/3/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

NEWCASTLE WEST Circuit

Charity Number 1127327

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the NEWCASTLE WEST Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages ... to As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit NEWCASTLE WEST No 02

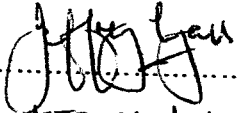
Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have ~~have not~~ obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner JEFFREY LYALL

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) WILLEY & CO

Address 379 STANFORDHAM ROAD, WESTERHOPE

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE Post Code NES 2LH

Date 20-3-2025

* delete or circle as appropriate

NEWCASTLE WEST CIRCUIT

Sheet 1

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	2023-24	2022-23
GENERAL FUNDS			
RECEIPTS			
Assessments	1	219099.75	209394.75
Property Lettings	2	4000.00	10300.00
Interest		6643.13	5371.32
Circuit Services/Donations		483.10	200.00
Transfer from Circuit Advanced Fund		28000.00	2000.00
Lemington Church Project Donation		1000.00	8060.00
Total received		259225.98	235326.07
PAYMENTS			
Ministerial & Staff Costs	3	172553.49	167502.92
Manse Expenses	4	30717.96	16466.38
District Assessment		59344.00	51870.00
Admin Expenses	5	9707.34	11326.01
Quinquennial Inspections		4300.00	3250.00
Bond Church Insurance		573.63	527.02
Bond Church Hall		0.00	3612.00
Donations		1110.00	0.00
Lemington Church Project		45620.00	0.00
Total paid		323926.42	254554.33
Net Receipts		-64700.44	-19228.26
General Fund at start of the year		164697.90	183926.16
Ministers fund transfer			
General Funds in hand on 31 August		99997.46	164697.90

NEWCASTLE WEST CIRCUIT
 Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 August 2024
 2023-24

Sheet 2

2022-23

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Circuit Advance Fund		
Receipts - Interest	7267.93	5798.71
Bond Church	0.00	78673.60
	7267.93	84472.31
Payments		
Lerminston Project	10000.00	
Milbourne Church		3000.00
District Levy	7127.24	4123.56
Administration Fee	548.75	377.54
General Fund	18000.00	2000.00
CPF Levy	0.00	11734.72
Total	35675.99	21235.82
Net Payments	-28408.06	63236.49
Balance at start of the year	192544.84	132471.16
Net Payments/receipts	28408.06	63236.49
Sub Total	164136.78	195707.65
Gains/Losses on Investments	5517.19	-3162.81
Balance at end of year	169653.97	192544.84

RECEIPTS

General Fund	259225.98	235326.07
Restricted Fund	7267.93	84472.31
Total Receipts	266493.91	319798.38

PAYMENTS

General Fund	323926.42	254554.33
Restricted Fund	35675.99	21235.82
Total Payments	359602.41	275790.15

Net Payments/Receipts	-93108.50	44008.23
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities on 31 August

General Fund	99997.46	164697.90
Circuit Advance Fund	169653.97	192544.84
Total	269651.43	357242.74

Summary of how the Funds are held

Current Account	29958.32	39278.80
CFB Deposit Account	70039.14	125419.10
Circuit Advance Fund	169653.97	192544.84
Total	269651.43	357242.74

Endowment Funds

Balance at start of Year	51899.26	51358.37
Loss/Profit on invstments	3198.70	540.89
Balance at end of the year	55,097.96	51,899.26

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 August 2024

	2023-24	2022-23
Note 1 - Assessments		
Blucher	9482.50	8640.00
Denton Burn	26057.50	27495.00
Heddon	14100.00	13277.50
Lemington	10439.50	9829.00
Milbourne	9857.50	9280.00
Ponteland	78062.50	73495.00
Scots Gap	8443.75	8360.00
Stamfordham	2814.00	2676.00
Westerhope	59842.50	56342.25
Total	219099.75	209394.75
Note 2 - Property Lettings		
Bond Manse	4000.00	4000.00
Bond Hall	0.00	6300.00
Total	4000.00	10300.00
Note 3 - Ministerial Stipends		
Ministers	156315.59	152049.09
Supernumerary Fees	1680.00	1950.00
Administrator	13917.83	12886.50
Apprenticeship Levy	640.07	617.33
Total	172553.49	167502.92
Note 4 - Manse Expenses		
Aquila Drive	611.24	1611.88
Cheviot View	9601.20	577.10
Pilton Road	4880.94	1035.91
Rowan Drive	1276.00	390.00
Insurance	2238.00	1889.81
Council Tax	9890.66	8875.49
Water Rate	2219.92	2086.19
Total	30717.96	16466.38
Note 5 - Admin Expenses		
Local Preachers	422.50	0.00
Other	540.00	86.00
Printing & Postage	784.57	633.23
Stationery	602.86	1282.66
Telephone	2286.63	1967.78
Training	85.50	844.50
Travel	4985.28	5964.29
Stationing	0.00	0.00
Removal Expenses	0.00	547.55
Sabatical	0.00	0.00
Total	9707.34	11326.01

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and

- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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In accordance with the recommendations made under Charities SORP 2015 (FRS102) the value of the Circuit manses have been shown at their original purchase cost of £394,479. These properties are currently insured for £1,740,067.

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To support Our Mission Statement we:

We have been funding an additional Minister from capital reserves but this has now finished as of 31st August 2024.

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Internal financial controls

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The policies and procedures adapted by the CFB and TMCP are agreed by Conference.

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The reserves policy of the Circuit agreed by the Trustees is to hold the equivalent of the relevant annual expenditure, plus an estimate of any known fluctuations. These reserves are held in the Central Finance Board deposit account. The unrestricted funds are currently above this limit.

Policy on the Induction and Training of Trustees

There are no specific policies in place for training trustees, although all are nominated by their own churches and have considerable practical experience of church activities.

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The Circuit's risk management policy is designed to identify and analyse operational and other risk and ensure that it is controlled, monitored and steps taken to mitigate the risks. The Trustees have examined the main risks and are satisfied

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The Trustees will monitor these risks and report regularly to the co-ordinating group.

The Circuit Stewards regularly review the insurances held to ensure that adequate cover is in place.

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This report was approved by the Trustees on 18th March 2025

Revd T Woolley

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Revd J Sewell

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NEWCASTLE WEST CIRCUIT

Sheet 1

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	2022-23	2021-22
GENERAL FUNDS			
RECEIPTS			
Assessments	1	209394.75	188589.75
Property Lettings	2	10300.00	4500
Interest		5371.32	1249.45
Circuit Services/Donations		200.00	950
Transfer from Circuit Advanced Fund		2000.00	20000
Lemington Church		8060.00	
Total received		235326.07	215289.20
PAYMENTS			
Ministerial & Staff Costs	3	167502.92	157338.89
Manse Expenses	4	16466.38	31691.66
District Assessment		51870.00	49154
Admin Expenses	5	11326.01	16490.56
Quinquennial Inspections		3250.00	2400
Bond Church Insurance		527.02	1870.58
Bond Church Hall		3612.00	390
Donations		0.00	1080
Ministers Pension Fund		0.00	30000
Total paid		254554.33	290,415.69
Net Receipts		-19228.26	-75126.49
General Fund at start of the year		183926.16	259052.65
Ministers fund transfer			
General Funds in hand on 31 August		164697.90	183,926.16

NEWCASTLE WEST CIRCUIT
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 August 2023

Sheet 2

	2022-23	2021-22
RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Circuit Advance Fund		
Receipts - Interest	5798.71	2290.65
Bond Church	78673.60	
	84472.31	2290.65
Payments		
Milbourne Church	3000.00	
District Levy	4123.56	5559.60
Administration Fee	377.54	459.40
General Fund	2000.00	20000.00
CPF Levy	11734.72	0.00
Total	21235.82	26019.00
Net Payments	63236.49	-23728.35
Balance at start of the year	132471.16	161191.93
Net Payments/receipts	63236.49	-23728.35
Sub Total	195707.65	137463.58
Gains/Losses on Investments	-3162.81	-4992.42
Balance at end of year	192544.84	132471.16
RECEIPTS		
General Fund	235326.07	215289.20
Restricted Fund	84472.31	2290.65
Total Receipts	319798.38	217579.85
PAYMENTS		
General Fund	254554.33	290415.69
Restricted Fund	21235.82	26019.00
Total Payments	275790.15	316434.69
Net Payments/Receipts	44008.23	-98854.84
Statement of Assets and Liabilities on 31 August		
General Fund	164697.90	183926.16
Circuit Advance Fund	192544.84	132471.16
Total	357242.74	316397.32
Summary of how the Funds are held		
Current Account	39278.80	33165.76
CFB Deposit Account	125419.10	150760.40
Circuit Advance Fund	192544.84	132471.16
Total	357242.74	316397.32
Endowment Funds		
Balance at start of Year	51358.37	54313.14
Loss/Profit on invstments	540.89	-2954.77
Balance at end of the year	51,899.26	51,358.37

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 August 2023

	2022-23	2021-22
Note 1 - Assessments		
Blucher	8640.00	8370.00
Denton Burn	27495.00	27049.00
Heddon	13277.50	11254.50
Lemington	9829.00	8490.00
Milbourne	9280.00	8051.25
Ponteland	73495.00	65577.50
Scots Gap	8360.00	7152.50
Stamfordham	2676.00	2372.00
Westerhope	56342.25	50273.00
Total	209394.75	188589.75
Note 2 - Property Lettings		
Bond Manse	4000.00	4500.00
Bond Hall	6300.00	0.00
Total	10300.00	4500.00
Note 3 - Ministerial Stipends		
Ministers	152049.09	145489.82
Supernumerary Fees	1950.00	1950.00
Administrator	12886.50	9322.00
Apprenticeship Levy	617.33	577.07
Total	167502.92	157338.89
Note 4 - Manse Expenses		
Aquila Drive	1611.88	7632.87
Cheviot View	577.10	1320.00
Pilton Road	1035.91	9811.40
Rowan Drive	390.00	436.00
Insurance	1889.81	1862.15
Council Tax	8875.49	8829.72
Water Rate	2086.19	1799.52
Total	16466.38	31691.66
Note 5 - Admin Expenses		
Local Preachers	0.00	163.66
Other	86.00	0.00
Printing & Postage	633.23	254.66
Stationery	1282.66	1493.73
Telephone	1967.78	2246.73
Training	844.50	925.00
Travel	5964.29	5378.72
Stationing	0.00	208.01
Removal Expenses	547.55	5170.05
Sabatical	0.00	650.00
Total	11326.01	16490.56

Name of Circuit NEWCASTLE WEST No. 20/2

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer R. J. Harvey Date 24-9-23
Name and address of treasurer RICHARD JOHN VARLEY
7 AGENCY WAY, PONTELAND Post Code NE20 9AV

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 13/3/2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Hewell
Name of the Chair of the meeting REV. J. SEWELL Date 13/3/24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

NEWCASTLE WEST Circuit

Charity Number 1127327

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the NEWCASTLE WEST Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages ... to As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit NEWCASTLE WEST No 20/2

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have ~~have not~~* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner JEFFREY LYALL

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 379 STAMFORDHAM ROAD WESTORHOPE

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE Post Code NES 2LH

Date 14-3-24

* delete or circle as appropriate

Form reviewed

May-23

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2023

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	District	Circuit no	02
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1127327

If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number

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Ministers:

REV J. SEWELL
REV T. WOOLLEY
REV L. COULTHARD
DEACON M. PATCHETT

Circuit Stewards:

MR M. BROWN
MR N. BATES
MR A. ANDERSON

Treasurer:

MR R.J. VARLEY

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

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e2								
e3								
e4								
e5								
e6								
e7								
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds				(e11)	(e12)		
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)		(a8)	(b9)		(c8)		
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT		317798	273790	44008	(3163)	316397 (x)	357242 (y)
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS					

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	
f2	Bank Current Account	33166
f3	Bank Deposit Account	
f4	Central Finance Board	150760
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	132471
f6	Other funds	
f7	SUB TOTAL	
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(c6)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	316397 (x)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	51358
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	394981
g3	Other Assets	
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	
g5	Other Liabilities	

f4 include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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NEWCASTLE WEST

Circuit

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SECTION F
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	33166	39279
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	150760	125419
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	132471	192545
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL	(c6)	(c8)
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		(x)	(y)

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g4		
g5		

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE WEST METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1127327

Accounts

CHARITY NUMBER: 1127327

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended

31st August 2022

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

The Circuit Stewards, who are the treasurers of the Circuit fund:

Mr M Brown
Mr N Bates
Mr A Anderson

The Managing Trustees

Revd. J Sewell (Chair)
Mr A Anderson
Mrs C Armstrong
Mr B Ashford
Mr M Athey
Mr P Ballard
Revd. C Barrick
Mrs A Bates
Mr N Bates
Mrs E Bell
Mrs A Boyson
Mr D Boyson
Prof. P Braiden
Revd P Brooks
Revd R Brooks
Mr M Brown
Mrs B Carss
Mrs W Chinery
Mrs G Clennell
Mrs B Collard
Mrs A Cooper
Mr A Cowan
Mr S Cowan
Mrs C Davison
Mr G Dent
Mr J S Austen Dodds
Miss V Edington
Mrs C M Ford
Mr D Forrester
Mrs L Forrester
Miss S Gimson
Mr A Golphin
Mrs R Gray
Mrs P B Groves
Mrs S Giuliani

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Managing Trustees continued...

Mrs A Harbottle
Mr A Harle
Mr R Harle
Mrs B Lanyon
Mr G Laws
Mrs L Lightfoot
Mr D Linkleter
Mrs E Linkleter
Revd M Lloyd
Mr P Michell
Mrs V Michell
Mrs V Myers
Mrs J Orton
Mr A Pay
Mrs G Pyle
Miss S Renner
Mrs L Richley
Revd N Routledge
Mr J Satterthwaite
Mrs J Scott
Prof. R Stephenson
Mrs K Tapson
Mrs M Tulip
Mrs P Varley
Mr R Varley
Mrs R Vickers
Mrs E E Warren
Mr P Willey
Mrs J Wilson
Miss R Wood
Revd T Woolley
Revd J Wriglesworth
Revd G Wynne

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE DISTRICT

THE NEWCASTLE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Principal Address

Ponteland Methodist Church
Bell Villas
Main Street
Ponteland
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE20 9BE

Independent Examiner

Mr J Lyall
c/o Willey & Co
379 Stamfordham Road
Westerhope
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE5 2LH

Bankers

Lloyds TSB Bank plc
3 Wesley Court
Blaydon
Tyne & Wear
NE21 5BY

Solicitors

Sintons LLP, Solicitors
The Cube
Barrack Road
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE4 6OB

Custodian Trustees

The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
Central buildings
Oldham Street
Manchester
M1 1JQ

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st August 2022

Financial statements

The Trustees submit their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2022. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in 2005 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the Charity.

Preamble

The Methodist Church is said to have been created after John Wesley's conversion on 24th May 1738, it is a Free Church. The calling of The Methodist Church is;
Worship, to increase awareness of God's Presence and celebrate God's love.
Learning and caring, to help people to grow and learn as Christians.
Service, to be a good neighbour to people in need and challenge injustice.
Evangelism, to make more followers of Jesus Christ.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity's treasurers of the Circuit Fund are the lay Circuit Stewards. Of the Managing Trustees listed above all are lay people excepting the four Ministerial staff all of whom are employed by The Methodist Church. Circuit Meetings are held three times per annum and include representatives of all the Societies in the Circuit. The Superintendent Minister (who supervises the work of the other Ministers in the Circuit) reports to this meeting as do the Circuit Stewards.

The governing body of the Circuit is the annual conference of The Methodist Church. The Methodist Church Act 1976 gives the authority under which The Methodist Church acts. The constitution practice and discipline of The Methodist Church together with The Deed of Union (Act of 1929 adopted 1932) govern the activities of the Circuit.

The Methodist Church was previously excepted from the need to register as a charity by the combined effects of Section 46(4) (A) of The Charities Act 1993 and Paragraph 4(2) (C) of the Charities (exception from registration) Regulations 1996 as amended by Statutory Instrument 2005 No2655. However changes to this exemption mean that on 30th December 2008 the charity registered at the Charity Commission with the reference number 1127327.

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year-end are set out on pages 1 and 2. The treasurers (Circuit Stewards) are appointed annually by the Circuit Meeting and the Managing Trustees are appointed either by (a) the Societies of which they are members (b) the Preachers' Meeting (c) by being ex-officio (Ministers in good standing or holding a District Office). In practice, up to four Circuit Stewards are appointed who serve for a minimum of 3 years and a maximum of 6. The principal address of the Circuit's advisors are given on page 4.

The Trustees are responsible for the detailed examination of the Financial Statements and for recommending their adoption by the Circuit Meeting.

The Circuit is one of 12 of the Newcastle District and has 9 Churches, of which 1 is an LEP within shared building. They are contactable via the principal address of the Circuit.

Funds are transferred to the Circuit on a quarterly basis to meet the commitments to the District and the upkeep of the Circuit.

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st August 2022 (continued)

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its' financial activities for that period together with its assets and liabilities at the end of the period, and adequately distinguish any material special trust or other restricted fund of the Charity. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the appropriate SORP on Accounting and Reporting by Charities and the Accounting Regulations and with applicable Accounting Standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

and

- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

Manses

In accordance with the recommendations made under Charities SORP 2015 (FRS102) the value of the Circuit manses have been shown at their original purchase cost of £394,255. These properties are currently insured for £1,447,469.

Bond Church Hall and Manse

The cost of these properties amounted to £726. They are insured for £1,541,366. These properties are regarded as income generators for the Circuit to help with the operation and aims of the charity. Since the end of the financial year the church hall has been sold.

Objectives and activities

The Circuit is constituted to advance the effective deployment of the resources of ministry, which include people, property and finance, as they relate to the Methodist churches in the Circuit, the District and Connexion, to Churches of other denominations and to participation in the communities served by the Circuit and in ecumenical work in the area. The Constitution and Enumeration of Circuits is set out year by year in the Stations appointed by the Conference.

Activities during the year and achievements

The Circuit has continued to fulfil its basic role of providing ministers for the Societies (Local Churches) which make up the Circuit and to support the churches in various ways including providing financial help for their work. We provide ministers with manses and see that, through The Methodist Church of Great Britain, they are paid their stipends and allowances.

There were three Circuit Meetings held, the Circuit Mission Statement is at the centre of the Circuit's mission

'OUR CIRCUIT SEEKS TO PROMOTE THE AWARENESS OF GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE, TO FOSTER AND SUSTAIN THE REALISATION OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE AND ENCOURAGE ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY LINKS'.

The Circuit Stewards are the Lay Leaders of the Circuit, they are Managing Trustees as are all members of the Circuit Meeting and as stewards they are responsible for managing the day to day operation; of all Circuit affairs in consultation with the Superintendent Minister.

The Circuit continues to be blessed with the continuing ministry of our Supernumeraries.

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st August 2022 (continued)

To support Our Mission Statement we:

Organised online services on YouTube for the whole of the Circuit on Sundays.

Circuit Meetings, CLT Meetings and Local Preachers Meetings were held as appropriate during the year via Zoom if unable to meet in person. Thereby, meeting government regulations for isolation during the Pandemic.

During the year the cash reserves have reduced considerably. We continue to fund our additional Minister from capital reserves which amounts to approximately £40,000 p.a. and due to Covid 19 the Circuit supplemented church assessments by way of a 10% reduction. A request from Connexion to use reserves to support the Ministers Retirement fund amounted to £30,000. Capital funding will reduce from 2024 onwards when the Circuit will reduce to three Ministers.

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st August 2022 (continued)

Internal financial controls

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that there is in place an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise, to provide reasonable confidence and assurance that:

- the Circuit's administration is operating effectively and efficiently
- the assets of the Circuit are properly safeguarded against unauthorised loss or damages
- proper records are maintained, and information produced for management control, fiscal and statutory reasons
- the Circuit complies with the relevant laws and guidelines.

Investment policy

Surplus funds of the circuit are held in a Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church (CFB) deposit account. The Model Trust (previously the 'Circuit Advance Fund') is administered by the Trustees for Methodist Church purposes.

The policies and procedures adapted by the CFB and TMCP are agreed by Conference.

Reserves policy

The definition of "Reserves" is:

"Income which becomes available to the Charity and is to be expended at the Trustees' discretion in furtherance of the Charity's objects, but which is not yet spent, committed or designated."

This definition therefore excludes restricted funds, designated funds, and funds already invested in fixed assets.

The reserves policy of the Circuit agreed by the Trustees is to hold the equivalent of the relevant annual expenditure, plus an estimate of any known fluctuations. These reserves are held in the Central Finance Board deposit account. The unrestricted funds are currently above this limit.

Policy on the Induction and Training of Trustees

There are no specific policies in place for training trustees, although all are nominated by their own churches and have considerable practical experience of church activities.

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st August 2022 (continued)

Safeguarding, working with vulnerable people

Children: the Circuit has a full policy on work with children and young people, in accordance with the policies of the Methodist church which requires that DAB checks be made on those people who work with children. These checks have been made.

Vulnerable people: the Circuit has reviewed the policy and subsequent to the year under report in these accounts adopted a policy, as approved by the Methodist Connexional body, on the 16th February, 2012. In the policy the

Revd. J Sewell was appointed as Complaints Officer and Safeguarding Officer.

The DAB checks are held in a locked safe under the personal control of the Superintendent Minister.

Risk Management

The Circuit's risk management policy is designed to identify and analyse operational and other risk and ensure that it is controlled, monitored and steps taken to mitigate the risks. The Trustees have examined the main risks and are satisfied

that proper controls are in place for monitoring and mitigating these risks. The main risks the Circuit faces can be categorised as follows

1. Strategic and Repetitious Risks

2. Financial Risks

3. Compliance Risks

4. Operational Risks.

The Trustees will monitor these risks and report regularly to the co-ordinating group.

The Circuit Stewards regularly review the insurances held to ensure that adequate cover is in place.

Managing Trustees

The Managing Trustees who have served during the year were as set out on pages two and three of this report. The Officers, (Circuit Stewards), being the Treasurers of the funds who served during the year were as follows:

Mr N Bates

Mr M Brown

Mr A Anderson

Independent Examiner

A resolution to appoint Mr J Lyall of Willey & Co as Independent Examiner for the ensuing year will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

The Trustees who were in office on the date of approval of these financial statements have confirmed, as far as they are aware, that there is no relevant audit information of which the Independent Examiner is unaware. Each of the Trustees have confirmed that they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to the Independent Examiner.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 14th March 2023

Revd J Sewell

Mrs H L Sargeant

J Sewell

H Sargeant

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

NEWCASTLE WEST Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2022

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	02	
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District Circuit no

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REV J. WRIGLESWORTH

Circuit Stewards:

MR M. BROWN
MR N. BATES
MR A. ANDERSON

Treasurer:

MR R. J. VARLEY

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds £	Circuit Model Trust Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Totals this year £	Totals last year £
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Assessment/Share	188590			188590	200360
a3	Capital receipts					
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1249	2291		3540	2404
a5	Grants					
a6	Other receipts	5450			5450	5200
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	195289	2291		197580 (a8)	207964

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds £	Circuit Model Trust Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Totals this year £	Totals last year £
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	162717			162717	152459
b3	Manse Costs	31692			31692	17630
b4	Administration etc	1111	459		1570	4616
b5	District Assessment	49154	5560		54714	55133
b6	Grants & donations	31080			31080	350
b7						
b8	Other payments	4662			4662	4440
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	290416	6019		296435 (b9)	234628

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds £	Circuit Model Trust Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Totals this year £	Totals last year £
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(95127)	(3728)		(98855)	(26664)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	259053	161192		420245 (c6)	434584
c3	Sub total	163926 (c1+c2)	157464		321390	407920
c4	Transfers and adjustments	20000	(24992)		(4992) (c7)	12325
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	183926 (c3+c4)	132472		316398 (c8)	420245 (c6)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds £	Circuit Model Trust Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Totals this year £	Totals last year £
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

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e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	(a8)	(b9)		(c7)	(c6)	(e12)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	197580	296435	(98855)	(4992)	420245 (x)	316398 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	59206	33166
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	199846	150760
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	161192	132471
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	420244 (c6)	
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	420244 (x)	316397 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	54313	51358
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	394981	394981
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

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g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer R. J. Varley Date 7/10/22

Name and address of treasurer RICHARD JOHN VARLEY

7 REGENCY WAY, PONTELAND Post Code NE20 9AU

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 14/3/23

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: A Sewell

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev Jona Sewell Date 14/3/23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

NEWCASTLE WEST Circuit

Charity Number 1127327

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the NEWCASTLE WEST Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 1 to 3. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act, or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner JEFFREY LYALL

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) _____

Address 379 STAMFORDHAM ROAD, WESTERHOPPE
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE Post Code NES 2LH

Date 22-3-2023

* delete or circle as appropriate

NEWCASTLE WEST CIRCUIT

Sheet 1

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes	2021-22	2020-21
GENERAL FUNDS			
RECEIPTS			
Assessments	1	188589.75	200360.50
Property Lettings	2	4500	4900.00
Interest		1249.45	875.51
Circuit Services/Donations		950	300.00
Transfer from Circuit Advanced Fund		20000	0.00
Cowgate Church			0.00
Total received		215289.20	206436.01
PAYMENTS			
Ministerial & Staff Costs	3	157338.89	150801.07
Manse Expenses	4	31691.66	17630.51
District Assessment		49154	49994.00
Admin Expenses	5	16490.56	5968.69
Quinquennial Inspections		2400	0.00
Bond Church Insurance		1870.58	1773.86
Bond Church Hall		390	2666.00
Donations		1080	350.00
Ministers Pension Fund		30000	
Total paid		290,415.69	229,184.13
Net Receipts		-75126.49	-22,748.12
General Fund at start of the year		259052.65	281800.77
Ministers fund transfer			0.00
General Funds in hand on 31 August		183,926.16	259,052.65

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 August 2021

	2021-22	2020-21
Note 1 - Assessments		
Blucher	8370.00	8970.00
Denton Burn	27049.00	28938.00
Heddon	11254.50	11544.00
Lemington	8490.00	13210.00
Milbourne	8051.25	8336.25
Ponteland	65577.50	68640.00
Scots Gap	7152.50	5625.00
Stamfordham	2372.00	2476.50
Westerhope	50273.00	52620.75
Total	188589.75	200360.50
Note 2 - Property Lettings		
Bond Manse	4500.00	4000.00
Bond Hall	0.00	900.00
Total	4500.00	4900.00
Note 3 - Ministerial Stipends		
Ministers	145489.82	143083.81
Supernumerary Fees	1950.00	0.00
Administrator	9322.00	7112.66
Apprenticeship Levy	577.07	604.60
Total	157338.89	150,801.07
Note 4 - Manse Expenses		
Aquila Drive	7632.87	-446.85
Cheviot View	1320.00	770.00
Pilton Road	9811.40	958.60
Rowan Drive	436.00	5053.80
Insurance	1862.15	2171.25
Council Tax	8829.72	7343.99
Water Rate	1799.52	1779.72
Total	31691.66	17,630.51
Note 5 - Admin Expenses		
Local Preachers	163.66	141.00
Administration	0.00	0.00
Printing & Postage	254.66	470.97
Stationery	1493.73	1093.09
Telephone	2246.73	2605.84
Training	925.00	0.00
Travel	5378.72	1657.79
Stationing	208.01	0.00
Removal Expenses	5170.05	0.00
Sabatical	650.00	0.00
Total	16490.56	5,968.69

Name of Circuit NEWCASTLE WEST No. 20/2

Declarations and Scrutiny

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Signature of treasurer R. J. Varley Date 7/10/22

Name and address of treasurer RICHARD JOHN VARLEY

7 REGENCY WAY, PONTELAND Post Code NE20 9AU

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

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Signature of the Chair of the meeting: J. Sewell

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev Jona Sewell Date 14/3/23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

NEWCASTLE WEST Circuit

Charity Number 1127327

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner JEFFREY LYALL

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) _____

Address 379 STAMFORDHAM ROAD, WESTERHOLP

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE Post Code NES 2LH

Date 22-3-2023

* delete or circle as appropriate

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE WEST METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1127327

Accounts

CHARITY NUMBER:
1127327

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE
METHODIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended
31st August 2021

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST
CHURCH

The Circuit Stewards, who are the treasurers of the Circuit fund:

Mr M Brown
Mrs A Boyson
Mr N Bates

The Managing Trustees

Revd. J Sewell (Chair)
Mr A Anderson
Mrs C Armstrong
Mr B Ashford
Mr M Athey
Mr P Ballard
Revd. C Barrick
Mr N Bates
Mrs E Bell
Mrs A Boyson
Mr D Boyson
Prof. P Braiden
Revd P Brooks
Revd R Brooks
Mr M Brown
Mrs B Carss
Mrs G Clennell
Mrs B Collard
Mrs A Cooper
Mr A Cowan
Mr S Cowan
Mrs C Davison
Mr G Dent
Mr J S Austen Dodds
Miss V Edington
Mrs C M Ford
Mr D Forrester
Mrs L Forrester
Miss S Gimson
Mr A Golphin
Mrs R Gray
Mrs P B Groves
Mrs A Harbottle
Mr A Harle

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST
CHURCH

Managing Trustees continued...

Mr R Harle
Mrs Y Hart
Mrs B Lanyon
Mrs L Lightfoot
Mr D Linkleter
Mrs E Linkleter
Revd M Lloyd
Mr P Michell
Mrs V Michell
Mrs J Orton
Mr A Pay
Mrs G Pyle
Miss S Renner
Mrs L Richley
Revd N Routledge
Mr J Satterthwaite
Mrs J Scott
Prof. R Stephenson
Mrs K Tapson
Mrs M Tulip
Mrs P Varley
Mr R Varley
Mrs R Vickers
Mrs E E Warren
Mr P Willey
Mrs J Wilson
Miss R Wood
Revd T Woolley
Revd J Wriglesworth
Revd G Wynne

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Principal Address

Ponteland Methodist Church
Bell Villas
Main Street
Ponteland
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE20 9BE

Independent Examiner

Mr J Lyall
c/o Willey & Co
379 Stamfordham Road
Westerhope
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE5 2LH

Bankers

Lloyds TSB Bank plc
3 Wesley Court
Blaydon
Tyne & Wear
NE21 5BY

Solicitors

Sintons LLP, Solicitors
The Cube
Barrack Road
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE4 6OB

Custodian Trustees

The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
Central buildings
Oldham Street
Manchester
M1 1JQ

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST
CHURCH

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st August 2021

Financial statements

The Trustees submit their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in 2005 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the Charity.

Preamble

The Methodist Church is said to have been created after John Wesley's conversion on 24th May 1738, it is a Free Church. The calling of The Methodist Church is;

Worship, to increase awareness of God's Presence and celebrate God's love.
 Learning and caring, to help people to grow and learn as Christians.
 Service, to be a good neighbour to people in need and challenge injustice.
 Evangelism, to make more followers of Jesus Christ.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity's treasurers of the Circuit Fund are the lay Circuit Stewards. Of the Managing Trustees listed above all are lay people excepting the four Ministerial staff all of whom are employed by The Methodist Church. Circuit Meetings are held three times per annum and include representatives of all the Societies in the Circuit. The Superintendent Minister (who supervises the work of the other Ministers in the Circuit) reports to this meeting as do the Circuit Stewards.

The governing body of the Circuit is the annual conference of The Methodist Church. The Methodist Church Act 1976 gives the authority under which The Methodist Church acts. The constitution practice and discipline of The Methodist Church together with The Deed of Union (Act of 1929 adopted 1932) govern the activities of the Circuit.

The Methodist Church was previously excepted from the need to register as a charity by the combined effects of Section 46(4) (A) of The Charities Act 1993 and Paragraph 4(2) (C) of the Charities (exception from registration) Regulations 1996 as amended by Statutory Instrument 2005 No2655. However changes to this exemption mean that on 30th December 2008 the charity registered at the Charity Commission with the reference number 1127327.

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year-end are set out on pages 1 and 2. The treasurers (Circuit Stewards) are appointed annually by the Circuit Meeting and the Managing Trustees are appointed either by (a) the Societies of which they are members (b) the Preachers' Meeting (c) by being ex-officio (Ministers in good standing or holding a District Office). In practice, up to four Circuit Stewards are appointed who serve for a minimum of 3 years and a maximum of 6.

The principal address of the Circuit's advisors are given on page 4.

The Trustees are responsible for the detailed examination of the Financial Statements and for recommending their adoption by the Circuit Meeting. The Circuit is one of 12 of the Newcastle District and has 9 Churches, of which 1 is an LEP within shared building. They are contactable via the principal address of the Circuit.

Funds are transferred to the Circuit on a quarterly basis to meet the commitments to the District and the upkeep of the Circuit.

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT **THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st August 2021 (continued) **Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its' financial activities for that period together with its assets and liabilities at the end of the period, and adequately distinguish any material special trust or other restricted fund of the Charity. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the appropriate SORP on Accounting and Reporting by Charities and the Accounting Regulations and with applicable Accounting Standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

and

- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

Manses

In accordance with the recommendations made under Charities SORP 2015 (FRS102) the value of the Circuit manses have been shown at their original purchase cost of £394,255. These properties are currently insured for £1,127,682.

Bond Church Hall and Manse

The cost of these properties amounted to £726. They are insured for £1,436,491. These properties are regarded as income generators for the Circuit to help with the operation and aims of the charity.

Objectives and activities

The Circuit is constituted to advance the effective deployment of the resources of ministry, which include people, property and finance, as they relate to the Methodist churches in the Circuit, the District and Connexion, to Churches of other denominations and to participation in the communities served by the Circuit and in ecumenical work in the area. The Constitution and Enumeration of Circuits is set out year by year in the Stations appointed by the Conference.

Activities during the year and achievements

The Circuit has continued to fulfil its basic role of providing ministers for the Societies (Local Churches) which make up the Circuit and to support the churches in various ways including providing financial help for their work. We provide ministers with manses and see that, through The Methodist Church of Great Britain, they are paid their stipends and allowances.

There were three Circuit Meetings held, the Circuit Mission Statement is at the centre of the Circuit's mission

**'OUR CIRCUIT SEEKS TO PROMOTE THE AWARENESS OF GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE,
TO FOSTER AND SUSTAIN THE REALISATION OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE AND ENCOURAGE
ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY LINKS'.**

For most of the year under review the activities have been severely restricted due to COVID 19 and church services and meetings have largely been held online.

The Circuit Stewards are the Lay Leaders of the Circuit, they are Managing Trustees as are all members of the Circuit Meeting and as stewards they are responsible for managing the day to day operation; of all Circuit affairs in consultation with the Superintendent Minister.

The Circuit continues to be blessed with the continuing ministry of our Supernumeraries.

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THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st August 2021 (continued)

To support Our Mission Statement we:

Organised online services on YouTube for the whole of the Circuit on Sundays.

Circuit Meetings, CLT Meetings and Local Preachers Meetings were held as appropriate during the year via Zoom. Thereby, meeting government regulations for isolation during the Pandemic.

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST
CHURCH

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st August 2021 (continued)

Internal financial controls

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that there is in place an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise, to provide reasonable confidence and assurance that:

- the Circuit's administration is operating effectively and efficiently
- the assets of the Circuit are properly safeguarded against unauthorised loss or damages
- proper records are maintained, and information produced for management control, fiscal and statutory reasons
- the Circuit complies with the relevant laws and guidelines.

Investment policy

Surplus funds of the circuit are held in a Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church (CFB) deposit account. The Model Trust (previously the 'Circuit Advance Fund') is administered by the Trustees for Methodist Church purposes.

The policies and procedures adapted by the CFB and TMCP are agreed by Conference.

Reserves policy

The definition of "Reserves" is:

"Income which becomes available to the Charity and is to be expended at the Trustees' discretion in furtherance of the Charity's objects, but which is not yet spent, committed or designated."

This definition therefore excludes restricted funds, designated funds, and funds already invested in fixed assets.

The reserves policy of the Circuit agreed by the Trustees is to hold the equivalent of the relevant annual expenditure, plus an estimate of any known fluctuations.

These reserves are held in the Central Finance Board deposit account. The unrestricted funds are currently above this limit.

Policy on the Induction and Training of Trustees

There are no specific policies in place for training trustees, although all are nominated by their own churches and have considerable practical experience of church activities.

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT **THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST** **CHURCH**

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st August 2021 (continued)

Safeguarding, working with vulnerable people

Children: the Circuit has a full policy on work with children and young people, in accordance with the policies of the Methodist church which requires that DAB checks be made on those people who work with children. These checks have been made.

Vulnerable people: the Circuit has reviewed the policy and subsequent to the year under report in these accounts adopted a policy, as approved by the Methodist Connexional body, on the 16th February, 2012. In the policy the Revd. J Sewell was appointed as Complaints Officer and Safeguarding Officer.

The DAB checks are held in a locked safe under the personal control of the Superintendent Minister.

Risk Management

The Circuit's risk management policy is designed to identify and analyse operational and other risk and ensure that it is controlled, monitored and steps taken to mitigate the risks. The Trustees have examined the main risks and are satisfied that proper controls are in place for monitoring and mitigating these risks. The main risks the Circuit faces can be categorised as follows

1. Strategic and Repetitious Risks
2. Financial Risks
3. Compliance Risks
4. Operational Risks.

The Trustees will monitor these risks and report regularly to the co-ordinating group. The Circuit Stewards regularly review the insurances held to ensure that adequate cover is in place.

Managing Trustees

The Managing Trustees who have served during the year were as set out on pages two and three of this report. The Officers, (Circuit Stewards), being the Treasurers of the funds who served during the year were as follows:

Mr N Bates

Mr M Brown Mrs A Boyson

Independent Examiner

A resolution to appoint Mr J Lyall of Willey & Co as Independent Examiner for the ensuing year will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

The Trustees who were in office on the date of approval of these financial statements have confirmed, as far as they are aware, that there is no relevant audit information of which the Independent Examiner is unaware. Each of the Trustees have confirmed that they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to the Independent Examiner.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 10th March 2022

Revd J Sewell

Mrs H L Sargeant

J Sewell

H Sargeant

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

NEWCASTLE WEST Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2021

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	02	
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District Circuit no

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1127327

If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

REV J. SEWELL
REV C. BARRICK
REV T. WOOLLEY
REV J. WRIGLESWORTH

Circuit Stewards:

MR M. BROWN
MRS A. BOYSON
MR N. BATES

Treasurer:

MR R.J. VARLEY

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	200360			200360	199500
a3	Capital receipts					104146
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	876	1528		2404	4096
a5	Grants					
a6	Other receipts	5200			5200	
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	206436	1528		207964 (a8)	328343

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS	£	£	£	£	£
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	152459			152459	153499
b3	Manse Costs	17630			17630	19465
b4	Administration etc	4311	305		4616	5465
b5	District Assessment	49994	5139		55133	47693
b6	Grants & donations	350			350	
b7						
b8	Other payments	4440			4440	
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	229184	5444		234628 (b9)	229790

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	£	£	£	£	£
c1	(a7-b9)	(22748)	(3916)		(26664)	98553
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	281801	152783		434584 (c6)	331234
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	259053	148867		407920	435787
c4	Transfers and adjustments		12325		12325 (c7)	(1205)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	259053	161192		420245 (c8)	434582 (c8)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)	£	£	£	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)				(e11)	
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT			(c7)	(c6)	
	207964	234628	(26664)	12325	434582 (x)	420243 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	34983	59206
f3		
f4		
f5	246813	199846
f6	152783	161192
f7		
f8	434584 (c6)	420244 (c1)
f9	(e11)	(e1)
	434584 (x)	420244 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1		
g2	48479	54313
g3	394981	394981
g4		
g5		

f4 include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
 f5 include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
 g1 include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Name of Circuit ... NEWCASTLE WEST No. 20/2

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer R. J. Varley Date 18/9/21

Name and address of treasurer RICHARD JOHN VARLEY
7 REGENCY WAY, PONTELAND Post Code NE20 9AV

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the NEWCASTLE WEST Circuit

Charity Number 1127327

Responsibilities and basis of report

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NEWCASTLE WEST CIRCUIT

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	Notes	2020-21	2019-20
GENERAL FUNDS			
RECEIPTS			
Assessments	1	200360.50	199500.00
Property Lettings	2	4900.00	11240.00
Interest		875.51	2236.26
Circuit Services/Donations		300.00	100.00
Transfer from Circuit Advanced Fund		0.00	40000.00
Cowgate Church		0.00	9260.61
Total received		206436.01	262336.87
PAYMENTS			
Ministerial & Staff Costs	3	150801.07	148199.11
Manse Expenses	4	17630.51	19464.52
District Assessment		49994.00	45432.00
Admin Expenses	5	5968.69	10583.99
Quinquennial Inspections		0.00	420.00
Bond Church Insurance		1773.86	1773.86
Bond Church Hall		2666.00	1474.20
Donations		350.00	0.00
Total paid		229,184.13	227,347.68
Net Receipts		-22,748.12	34,989.19
General Fund at start of the year		281800.77	233811.58
Ministers fund transfer		0.00	13000.00
General Funds in hand on 31 August		259,052.65	281,800.77

NEWCASTLE WEST CIRCUIT

Sheet 2

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 August 2021

	2020-21	2019-20
RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Circuit Advance Fund		
Receipts - Interest	1,528.44	1,860.64
Cowgate Church	0.00	144,711.60
	1,528.44	146,572.24
Payments		
Cowgate Returnable Grants	0.00	4,468.00
District Levy	5,139.16	2,260.58
Administration Fee	305.57	180.85
General Fund	0.00	40,000.00
CPF Levy	0.00	36,097.44
Total	5,444.73	83,006.87
Net Payments	-3,916.29	63,565.37
Balance at start of the year	152,783.19	90,423.38
Net Payments/receipts	-3,916.29	63,565.37
Sub Total	148,866.90	153,988.75
Gains/Losses on Investments	12,325.03	-1,205.56
Balance at end of year	161,191.93	152,783.19
RECEIPTS		
General Fund	206,436.01	262,336.87
Restricted Fund	1,528.44	146,572.24
Total Receipts	207,964.45	408,909.11
PAYMENTS		
General Fund	229,184.13	227,347.68
Restricted Fund	5,444.73	83,006.87
Total Payments	234,628.86	310,354.55
Net Payments/Receipts	-26,664.41	98,554.56
Statement of Assets and Liabilities on 31 August		
General Fund	259,052.65	281,800.77
Circuit Advance Fund	161,191.93	152,783.19
Total	420,244.58	434,583.96
Summary of how the Funds are held		
Current Account	59,206.59	34,987.94
CFB Deposit Account	199,846.06	246,812.83
Circuit Advance Fund	161,191.93	152,783.19
Total	420,244.58	434,583.96
Endowment Funds		
Balance at start of Year	48,479.00	50,811.20
Loss/Profit on investments	5,834.14	-2,332.20
Balance at end of the year	54,313.14	48,479.00

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 August 2021

	2020-21	2019-20
Note 1 - Assessments		
Blucher	8970.00	9590.00
Denton Burn	28938.00	28930.00
Heddon	11544.00	11420.00
Lemington	13210.00	4370.00
Milbourne	8336.25	8550.00
Ponteland	68640.00	68862.50
Scots Gap	5625.00	12445.00
Stamfordham	2476.50	2540.00
Westerhope	52620.75	52792.50
Total	200360.50	199500.00
Note 2 - Property Lettings		
Bond Manse	4000.00	4000.00
Bond Hall	900.00	7100.00
Potters		140.00
Total	4900.00	11240.00
Note 3 - Ministerial Stipends		
Ministers	143083.81	139449.34
Supernumerary Fees	0.00	1325.00
Administrator	7112.66	6922.53
Apprenticeship Levy	604.60	502.24
Total	150,801.07	148,199.11
Note 4 - Manse Expenses		
Aquila Drive	-446.85	420.53
Cheviot View	770.00	1395.90
Pilton Road	958.60	586.10
Rowan Drive	5053.80	5601.60
Insurance	2171.25	1900.17
Council Tax	7343.99	7655.26
Water Rate	1779.72	1904.96
Total	17,630.51	19,464.52
Note 5 - Admin Expenses		
Local Preachers	141.00	107.46
Administration	0.00	0.00
Printing & Postage	470.97	932.83
Stationery	1093.09	688.40
Telephone	2605.84	2303.41
Training	0.00	0.00
Travel	1657.79	5300.41
Relocation expenses	0.00	0.00
Removal Expenses	0.00	0.00
Video Equipment	0.00	1251.48
Total	5,968.69	10,683.99

Name of Circuit NEWCASTLE WEST No. 20/2

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer R. J. Varley Date 18/9/21

Name and address of treasurer RICHARD JOHN VARLEY
7 AGENCY WAY, PONTELAND Post Code NE20 9AU

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 10-3-2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting J. Sewell

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV J. SEWELL Date 10-3-22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the NEWCASTLE WEST Circuit

Charity Number 1127327

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the NEWCASTLE WEST Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 1 to 3. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner JEFFREY LYAU

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) _____

Address 44 BRADFELD CRESENT, CHAPEL HOUSE

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

Post Code NE5 1BP

Date 16-3-22

* delete or circle as appropriate

September 2021

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE WEST METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1127327

Accounts

CHARITY NUMBER: 1127327

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended

31st August 2020

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

The Circuit Stewards, who are the treasurers of the Circuit fund:

Mr M Brown
Mrs A Boyson
Mr N Bates

The Managing Trustees

Revd. J Sewell (Chair)
Mr A Anderson
Mrs C Armstrong
Mr B Ashford
Mr M Athey
Mr P Ballard
Revd. C Barrick
Mr N Bates
Mrs E Bell
Mrs A Boyson
Mr D Boyson
Prof. P Braiden
Revd P Brooks
Revd R Brooks
Mr M Brown
Mrs B Carss
Mrs G Clennell
Mrs B Collard
Mrs A Cooper
Mr A Cowan
Mr S Cowan
Mrs C Davison
Mr G Dent
Mr J S Austen Dodds
Miss V Edington
Mrs C M Ford
Mr D Forrester
Mrs L Forrester
Miss S Gimson
Mr A Golphin
Mrs R Gray
Mrs P B Groves
Mrs A Harbottle
Mr A Harle

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Managing Trustees continued...

Mr R Harle
Mrs Y Hart
Mrs B Lanyon
Mrs L Lightfoot
Mr D Linkleter
Mrs E Linkleter
Revd M Lloyd
Revd D MacDonald
Mr P Michell
Mrs V Michell
Mrs J Orton
Mr A Pay
Mrs G Pyle
Miss S Renner
Mrs L Richley
Revd N Routledge
Mr J Satterthwaite
Mrs J Scott
Prof. R Stephenson
Mrs K Tapson
Mrs M Tulip
Mrs P Varley
Mr R Varley
Mrs R Vickers
Mrs E E Warren
Mr P Willey
Mrs J Wilson
Mr R Wilson
Miss R Wood
Revd T Woolley
Revd J Wriglesworth
Revd G Wynne

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE DISTRICT

THE NEWCASTLE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Principal Address

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Bankers

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Blaydon
Tyne & Wear
NE21 5BY

Solicitors

Sintons LLP, Solicitors
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NE4 6OB

Custodian Trustees

The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
Central buildings
Oldham Street
Manchester
M1 1JQ

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st August 2020

Financial statements

The Trustees submit their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2020. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in 2005 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the Charity.

Preamble

The Methodist Church is said to have been created after John Wesley's conversion on 24th May 1738, it is a Free Church. The calling of The Methodist Church is;
Worship, to increase awareness of God's Presence and celebrate God's love.
Learning and caring, to help people to grow and learn as Christians.
Service, to be a good neighbour to people in need and challenge injustice.
Evangelism, to make more followers of Jesus Christ.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity's treasurers of the Circuit Fund are the lay Circuit Stewards. Of the Managing Trustees listed above all are lay people excepting the four Ministerial staff all of whom are employed by The Methodist Church. Circuit Meetings are held three times per annum and include representatives of all the Societies in the Circuit. The Superintendent Minister (who supervises the work of the other Ministers in the Circuit) reports to this meeting as do the Circuit Stewards.

The governing body of the Circuit is the annual conference of The Methodist Church. The Methodist Church Act 1976 gives the authority under which The Methodist Church acts. The constitution practice and discipline of The Methodist Church together with The Deed of Union (Act of 1929 adopted 1932) govern the activities of the Circuit.

The Methodist Church was previously excepted from the need to register as a charity by the combined effects of Section 46(4) (A) of The Charities Act 1993 and Paragraph 4(2) (C) of the Charities (exception from registration) Regulations 1996 as amended by Statutory Instrument 2005 No2655. However changes to this exemption mean that on 30th December 2008 the charity registered at the Charity Commission with the reference number 1127327.

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year-end are set out on pages 1 and 2. The treasurers (Circuit Stewards) are appointed annually by the Circuit Meeting and the Managing Trustees are appointed either by (a) the Societies of which they are members (b) the Preachers' Meeting (c) by being ex-officio (Ministers in good standing or holding a District Office). In practice, up to four Circuit Stewards are appointed who serve for a minimum of 3 years and a maximum of 6. The principal address of the Circuit's advisors are given on page 4.

The Trustees are responsible for the detailed examination of the Financial Statements and for recommending their adoption by the Circuit Meeting.

The Circuit is one of 12 of the Newcastle District and has 9 Churches, of which 1 is an LEP within shared building. They are contactable via the principal address of the Circuit.

Funds are transferred to the Circuit on a quarterly basis to meet the commitments to the District and the upkeep of the Circuit.

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st August 2020 (continued)

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its' financial activities for that period together with its assets and liabilities at the end of the period, and adequately distinguish any material special trust or other restricted fund of the Charity. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the appropriate SORP on Accounting and Reporting by Charities and the Accounting Regulations and with applicable Accounting Standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

and

- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

Manses

In accordance with the recommendations made under Charities SORP 2015 (FRS102) the value of the Circuit manses have been shown at their original purchase cost of £394,255. These properties are currently insured for £1,127,682.

Bond Church Hall and Manse

The cost of these properties amounted to £726. They are insured for £1,436,491. These properties are regarded as income generators for the Circuit to help with the operation and aims of the charity.

Objectives and activities

The Circuit is constituted to advance the effective deployment of the resources of ministry, which include people, property and finance, as they relate to the Methodist churches in the Circuit, the District and Connexion, to Churches of other denominations and to participation in the communities served by the Circuit and in ecumenical work in the area. The Constitution and Enumeration of Circuits is set out year by year in the Stations appointed by the Conference.

Activities during the year and achievements

The Circuit has continued to fulfil its basic role of providing ministers for the Societies (Local Churches) which make up the Circuit and to support the churches in various ways including providing financial help for their work. We provide ministers with manses and see that, through The Methodist Church of Great Britain, they are paid their stipends and allowances.

There were three Circuit Meetings held, the Circuit Mission Statement is at the centre of the Circuit's mission

'OUR CIRCUIT SEEKS TO PROMOTE THE AWARENESS OF GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE, TO FOSTER AND SUSTAIN THE REALISATION OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE AND ENCOURAGE ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY LINKS'.

Since March 2020 the activities have been severely restricted due to COVID 19 and church services and meetings have largely been held online.

The Circuit Stewards are the Lay Leaders of the Circuit, they are Managing Trustees as are all members of the Circuit Meeting and as stewards they are responsible for managing the day to day operation; of all Circuit affairs in consultation with the Superintendent Minister.

The Circuit continues to be blessed with the continuing ministry of our Supernumeraries.

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st August 2020 (continued)

To support Our Mission Statement we:

- a) Organised acts of worship in each of the Circuit Churches Sunday by Sunday up to the beginning of March 2020 and then via YouTube
- c) Arranged two Circuit Meetings for the members of the Circuit to meet together to reflect on business relating to the Circuit and to formulate plans for the future via Zoom
- d) Arranged nine meetings of the Circuit Leadership Team to discuss the life of the Circuit
- e) Arranged eleven meetings of the Circuit Ministerial staff
- f) Arranged four meetings of the Circuit Local Preachers for prayer and business
- h) Arranged the annual meeting of local church treasurers to examine the Circuit Accounts
- i) Conducted Messy church at Westerhope, Denton Burn, Lemington and Heddon Churches
- k) Held breakfast meetings with guest speakers at Heddon via Zoom

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st August 2020 (continued)

Internal financial controls

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that there is in place an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise, to provide reasonable confidence and assurance that:

- the Circuit's administration is operating effectively and efficiently
- the assets of the Circuit are properly safeguarded against unauthorised loss or damages
- proper records are maintained, and information produced for management control, fiscal and statutory reasons
- the Circuit complies with the relevant laws and guidelines.

Investment policy

Surplus funds of the circuit are held in a Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church (CFB) deposit account. The Model Trust (previously the 'Circuit Advance Fund') is administered by the Trustees for Methodist Church purposes.

The policies and procedures adapted by the CFB and TMCP are agreed by Conference.

Reserves policy

The definition of "Reserves" is:

"Income which becomes available to the Charity and is to be expended at the Trustees' discretion in furtherance of the Charity's objects, but which is not yet spent, committed or designated."

This definition therefore excludes restricted funds, designated funds, and funds already invested in fixed assets.

The reserves policy of the Circuit agreed by the Trustees is to hold the equivalent of the relevant annual expenditure, plus an estimate of any known fluctuations. These reserves are held in the Central Finance Board deposit account. The unrestricted funds are currently above this limit.

Policy on the Induction and Training of Trustees

There are no specific policies in place for training trustees, although all are nominated by their own churches and have considerable practical experience of church activities.

THE METHODIST CHURCH, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE (WEST) CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st August 2020 (continued)

Safeguarding, working with vulnerable people

Children: the Circuit has a full policy on work with children and young people, in accordance with the policies of the Methodist church which requires that DAB checks be made on those people who work with children. These checks have been made.

Vulnerable people: the Circuit has reviewed the policy and subsequent to the year under report in these accounts adopted a policy, as approved by the Methodist Connexional body, on the 16th February, 2012. In the policy the

Revd. J Sewell was appointed as Complaints Officer and Safeguarding Officer.

The DAB checks are held in a locked safe under the personal control of the Superintendent Minister.

Risk Management

The Circuit's risk management policy is designed to identify and analyse operational and other risk and ensure that it is controlled, monitored and steps taken to mitigate the risks. The Trustees have examined the main risks and are satisfied

that proper controls are in place for monitoring and mitigating these risks. The main risks the Circuit faces can be categorised as follows

1. Strategic and Repetitious Risks

2. Financial Risks

3. Compliance Risks

4. Operational Risks.

The Trustees will monitor these risks and report regularly to the co-ordinating group.

The Circuit Stewards regularly review the insurances held to ensure that adequate cover is in place.

Managing Trustees

The Managing Trustees who have served during the year were as set out on pages two and three of this report. The Officers, (Circuit Stewards), being the Treasurers of the funds who served during the year were as follows:

Mr N Bates

Mr M Brown Mrs A Boyson

Independent Examiner

A resolution to appoint Mr J Lyall of Willey & Co as Independent Examiner for the ensuing year will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

The Trustees who were in office on the date of approval of these financial statements have confirmed, as far as they are aware, that there is no relevant audit information of which the Independent Examiner is unaware. Each of the Trustees have confirmed that they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to the Independent Examiner.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 8th March 2021

Revd J Sewell

Mrs H L Sargeant

J Sewell

H Sargeant

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

NEWCASTLE WEST	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2020

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	02	
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District Circuit no

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1127327

If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number

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(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

REV. J. SEWELL
REV. C. BARRICK
REV. T. WOOLLEY
REV. J. WRIGLESWORTH

Circuit Stewards:

MR M. BROWN
MRS A. BOYSON
MR N. BATES

MR R.J. VARLEY Treasurer:

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Assessment/Share	199500			199500	188155
a3	Capital receipts		104146		104146	
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2236	1860		4096	4486
a5	Grants					
a6	Other receipts	20601			20601	15020
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	222337	106006		328343 (a8)	207661

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	153499			153499	145704
b3	Manse Costs	19465			19465	19770
b4	Administration etc	5284	187		5465	6372
b5	District Assessment	45432	2261		47693	45486
b6	Grants & donations					
b7						
b8	Other payments	3668			3668	8658
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	227348	2442		229790 (b9)	225990

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a7-b9)	(5011)	103564		98553	(18329)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	246811	90423		337234 (c6)	354726
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	241800	193987		435787	336397
c4	Transfers and adjustments	40000	(41205)		(1205) (c7)	837
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	281800	152782		434582 (c8)	337234 (c6)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS						
(these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)						
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)				(e11)	(e12)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT				(c5)	(c6)
	328343 (a3)	229790 (b3)	98553	(1205) (c7)	337234 (a)	434582 (b)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2020

f1	Cash in hand
f2	Bank Current Account
f3	Bank Deposit Account
f4	Central Finance Board
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
f6	Other funds
f7	SUB TOTAL
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
	29996	34988
	216816	246813
	90423	152783
	337235 (c6)	434584 (c8)
	(e11)	(e12)
	337235 (a)	434584 (b)

SECTION G
OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

g1	Investments (include Endowments)
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re insurance value)
g3	Other Assets
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end
g5	Other Liabilities

	At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020
	50811	48479
	394981	394981

f4 include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
 f5 include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
 g1 include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in the f5)

NEWCASTLE WEST CIRCUIT

Sheet 1

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 August 2020

	Notes	2019-20	2018-2019
GENERAL FUNDS			
RECEIPTS			
Assessments	1	199500.00	188155.00
Property Lettings	2	11240.00	15020.00
Interest		2236.26	2274.45
Circuit Services/Donations		100.00	0.00
Transfer from Circuit Advanced Fund		40000.00	
Cowgate Church		9260.61	
Total received		262336.87	205449.45
PAYMENTS			
Ministerial & Staff Costs	3	148199.11	137490.22
Manse Expenses	4	19464.52	19770.20
District Assessment		45432.00	43241.00
Admin Expenses	5	10583.99	14404.69
Quinquennial Inspections		420.00	1035.00
Bond Church Insurance		1773.86	1740.34
Bond Church Hall		1474.20	5793.32
Fruitful Church Project		0.00	89.94
Total paid		227,347.68	223,564.71
Net Receipts		34,989.19	-18,115.26
General Fund at start of the year		233811.58	196926.84
Ministers fund transfer		13000.00	55000.00
General Funds in hand on 31 August		281,800.77	233,811.58

NEWCASTLE WEST CIRCUIT
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 August 2020

Sheet 2

	2019-20	2018-19
RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Circuit Advance Fund		
Receipts - Interest	1,860.64	2,212.02
Cowgate Church	144,711.60	
	146,572.24	2,212.02
Payments		
Cowgate Returnable Grants		
District Levy	4,468.00	
Administration Fee	2,260.58	2,244.98
General Fund	180.85	179.60
CPF Levy	40,000.00	
Total	36,097.44	
	83,006.87	2,424.58
Net Payments	63,565.37	-212.56
Balance at start of the year	90,423.38	89,799.14
Net Payments/receipts	63,565.37	-212.56
Sub Total	153,988.75	89,586.58
Gains/Losses on Investments	-1,205.56	836.80
Balance at end of year	152,783.19	90,423.38
RECEIPTS		
General Fund	262,336.87	205,449.45
Restricted Fund	146,572.24	2,212.02
Total Receipts	408,909.11	207,661.47
PAYMENTS		
General Fund	227,347.68	223,564.71
Restricted Fund	83,006.87	2,424.58
Total Payments	310,354.55	225,989.29
Net Payments/Receipts	98,554.56	-18,327.82
Statement of Assets and Liabilities on 31 August		
Minsters Fund	0.00	13,000.00
Manses fund	0.00	0.00
General Fund	281,800.77	233,811.58
Circuit Advance Fund	152,783.19	90,423.38
Total	434,583.96	337,234.96
Summary of how the Funds are held		
Current Account	34,987.94	29,996.02
CFB Deposit Account	246,812.83	216,815.56
Circuit Advance Fund	152,783.19	90,423.38
Total	434,583.96	337,234.96
Endowment Funds		
Balance at start of Year	50,811.20	51,184.35
Loss/Profit on investments	-2,332.20	-373.15
Balance at end of the year	48,479.00	50,811.20

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 August 2020

	2019-20	2018-19
Note 1 - Assessments		
Blucher	9590.00	9442.50
Cowgate	0.00	0.00
Denton Burn	28930.00	28260.00
Heddon	11420.00	10875.00
Lemington	4370.00	8620.00
Milbourne	8550.00	8550.00
Ponteland	68862.50	66857.50
Scots Gap	12445.00	1750.00
Stamfordham	2540.00	2540.00
Westerhope	52792.50	51260.00
Total	199500.00	188155.00
Note 2 - Property Lettings		
Bond Manse	4000.00	7000.00
Bond Hall	7100.00	8020.00
Total	11100.00	15020.00
Note 3 - Ministerial Stipends		
Ministers	139449.34	127141.01
Supernumerary Fees	1325.00	3075.00
Administrator	6922.53	6602.64
Apprenticeship Levy	502.24	671.57
Total	148,199.11	137,490.22
Note 4 - Manse Expenses		
Aquila Drive	420.53	-1400.17
Cheviot View	1395.90	2015.55
Pilton Road	586.10	834.94
Rowan Drive	5601.60	6666.29
Insurance	1900.17	1714.40
Council Tax	7655.26	7787.35
Water Rate	1904.96	2151.84
Manse reserve	0.00	0.00
Total	19,464.52	19,770.20
Note 5 - Admin Expenses		
Local Preachers	107.46	0.00
Administration	0.00	556.64
Printing & Postage	932.83	641.50
Stationery	688.40	1312.75
Telephone	2303.41	2330.35
Training	0.00	750.00
Travel	5300.41	8213.45
Relocation expenses	0.00	600.00
Removal Expenses	0.00	0.00
Video Equipment	1251.48	0.00
Total	10,583.99	14,404.69

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer R. J. Varley Date 8/3/21

Name and address of treasurer RICHARD JOHN VARLEY

7 REGENCY WAY, PONTELAND Post Code NE20 9AV

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 8/3/21

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Hewell

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev John Sewell Date 8/3/21

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the NEWCASTLE WEST Circuit

Charity Number 1127327

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the NEWCASTLE WEST Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages ... to As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I ~~have~~/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner Jeffrey Lyall

Name of independent examiner JEFFREY LYALL

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 379 STAMFORDHAM ROAD, WESTCROFT

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Date 11.3.2024

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September 2020