

Name of Church Edmonton Methodist No. 1127395

## 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 Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer [Signature] Date .....

Name and address of treasurer ROSALIND RUTTY 66<sup>A</sup> SCOTT ROAD

BISHOPS STORTFORD HERTS. COASHIRE Post Code CM23 3QJ

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were/will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on .....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev. VALENTIN DEDIC Date 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021


### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

EDMONTON METHODIST Church

Charity Number 1127395

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ..... Church for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages ... to .... As the Church'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 Church'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

### Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below\*):

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply appropriate

- (3) I have/have not\* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP") or held in other Trusts, Bank balances and Funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church ("CFB"), which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

\* Please circle as appropriate

Name

MARGARET PRATT

Signature

MPratt

Relevant Professional qualification or body

B Compt - Accounting & Audit

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Date : 15/07/21

**CHURCH  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
ACCOUNTS**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

**EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH**

**Church**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 August 2020**

<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no</b>	<b>35/34</b>
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

**1127395**

**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)

**Minister:**

**REV'D VALENTIN DEDJI**

**Church Stewards:**

<b>JESSIE DOWUONA</b>	<b>JOSEPH OWUSU</b>
<b>CISLINE WRAY</b>	<b>ISAIAH GYATENG</b>
<b>BEN TACKIE</b>	<b>ALANA RILEY</b>
<b>ROSALIND RUTTY</b>	
<b>NANA OSEI-BONSU</b>	
<b>DOREEN NYARKA</b>	

**Treasurer:**

**ROSALIND RUTTY**



SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
		£	£	£	£	
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		85,419	85,419	93,168	
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		411	411	263	
a4	Lettings		15,789	15,789	16,626	
a5	Other receipts		561	1,031	23,901	
	Other Funds		27,400	27,400		
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		102,180	28,431	130,611 (a7)	133,958

	SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		65,000		65,000	98,174
b3	Donations					
b4	Repairs and Maintenance			3,631	3,631	3,561
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		4,504		4,504	5,477
b6						
b7	Other payments		18,045		18,045	23,529
	Other Funds/Benovelent/Feed hungry			1,567		
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		87,549	5,198	92,747 (b9)	130,741

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	14,631	23,233	37,864	3,217
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		31,791	38,089	69,880 (c6)	77,970
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)		61,322	107,744	81,187
			46,422			
c4	Transfers and adjustments		1,907		1,907 (c7)	(11,307)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	48,329	61,322	109,651 (c8)	69,880 (c6)

SECTION D			
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	1,822	2,425
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		2,579
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		3,182
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	1,822	1,822

**EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH Church**

**SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

**SECTION E** Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church 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 income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, 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 District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
1 GHANAIA FELLOWSHIP	2,790	2,758	32		12,112	12,144
2 WESLEY TOURS	135	660	(525)		1,883	1,358
3 JUNIOR CHURCH					404	404
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5						
6						
7						
8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,925	3,418	(493)		14,399 (e11)	13,906 (e12)
9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	130,611 (a7)	92,747 (b9)	37,864	1,907 (c7)	69,880 (c6)	109,651 (c8)
10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	133,536	96,165	37,371	1,907	84,279 (x)	123,557 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

**SECTION F**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2020**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
1 Cash in hand		
2 Bank Current Account	55,269	25,485
3 Bank Deposit Account		
4 Central Finance Board	14,611	84,166
5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
6 Other funds		
7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	69,880 (c6)	109,651 (c8)
8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	14,399 (e11)	13,906 (e12)
9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	84,279 (x)	123,557 (y)

**SECTION G**

**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020
1 Investments (include Endowments)		
2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
3 Other Assets		
4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
5 Other Liabilities		

14 include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

15 include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

31 include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

bank reconcillation

balance as per TB 27,306.97

LESS internal organisation 1,822.00

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25,484.97

Adjustment on standard accounts

P2 R & P page 1,907.00

less adjustment for unpresented cheques  
from 2019 written back

1,689.92

31-Aug MRDF	101727	989.96
31-Aug Enfield Circiut	101729	345.96
12-Apr Enfield Chase	101932	104.00
19-Jun M Pratt	101946	250.00

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## Edmonton Methodist Church

### Annual Report for Year Ended 31 August 2020

We are a diverse community of people originating from many different countries. The annual statistical return in October 2019 showed that we had 304 members. There are 800 people on the church's community roll.

We have come together in response to our Christian calling. We strongly believe that our unity in Jesus Christ is a powerful Christian testimony as we endeavour to serve the present age. Thus, we are committed to contributing to the wellbeing of each other through the following mission statement:

#### Our Mission Statement

**A**ffirming our calling to 'serve the present age' through our faith and discipleship in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**B**e an inclusive community that cherishes the diversity of talents, culture, race, age and gender. We seek to work in partnership with other churches through existing or new ecumenical mission agencies in our local area.

**L**earn to give special attention to the spiritual, social and moral well-being of all who are part of our church according to their need and circumstances.

**E**nable our members to advance issues of God's mission, through social justice and peace, while advocating policies that protect the environment.

#### Our Vision

- Our Objective is to be a community orientated church.
- As such our motto: **'Serving God's people in the Community and in the Church'**.
- Our key objective is to equip ourselves with adequate infrastructures in order to continue carrying out the mission of the church in this present age and to be a resource centre for the whole Methodist Circuit's mission, education, youth work and training.
- Our overall vision is to create on Fore Street in Edmonton, a welcoming space that can serve the community and host a wide variety of activities from sports and games to children's groups and older people's activities and everything in between.
- In order for our growing worshipping community to continue to thrive, we need more space for worship on a Sunday and to serve the children & young people who attend.
- To achieve this, we need a building that is fit for God's Mission in our present age, physically accessible to all, environmentally friendly and energy efficient.
- Strategically, we need a building which is more transparent and improves our presence on Fore Street and the impression we give to the public.



## Our Planned Future Community-Oriented Projects

It is our strong expectation that, the rebuilding of our church will enable us to be more practical in carrying out our motto: **'Serving God's people in the Community and in the Church'**. Consequently, after some in-depth consultations in our local community, the following activities and community projects will be our immediate objectives:

- Large community halls (meetings, weddings and parties)
- Sport Halls for the Youth
- Recording studio
- Food Bank
- Community cookery sessions
- Breakfast for the homeless
- EYCPC (Enfield Youth Crime Prevention Centre)

## Aims and Purposes

Edmonton Methodist Church Council has authority and oversight of the Church, including the management of its property and finance and, crucially, its pastoral care of members and friends. Its responsibilities include the setting of our aims and objectives and governance including finance, property and health and safety.

Our Primary Purposes are:

1. The provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.
2. The provision of sacred space (a building) for prayer and contemplation.
3. The teaching of Christian doctrine, principles and practices through sermons, courses and small groups.
4. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved.

## Objectives and Activities

The Church Council is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our church community.

When planning our activities for the year, the Church Council has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our Church through:

Worship and prayer: that is thoughtful, relevant to the situations both of those who attend and of the wider world, rooted in the goodness of God.

Nurture and learning: developing understanding of the gospel and knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Service: providing hospitality to community groups, running groups that are of benefit to the wider community, children's and youth work, taking an active interest in the affairs of that community.

Evangelism: promoting the Good News of God in Christ Jesus and encouraging others to consider the way of discipleship alongside Interfaith dialogue.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church buildings and the funds to enable us to do so. We also adhere to and regularly review the Methodist Church's Safeguarding Policy including Safer Recruitment.

## Achievements and Performance

### Worship and prayer

Our Sunday morning worship is the principal gathering with average weekly attendance of 152 adults and 28 young people and children. The 10:45am service has one Holy Communion, one all-age worship and two or three preaching services most months that enable people to worship God and follow Jesus, on a cycle of all age worship and more traditional worship too. Again, it has been good to welcome new people in the course of the last year, both those who remain as part of our congregation and those who, new to the area, are seeking out a Christian home.

Our 6:30pm service is valued as an opportunity for quieter and more reflective worship. This evening attendance varies.

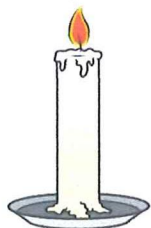
In addition to the Sunday services there are occasional, festival and other mid-week services particularly in Lent/Holy Week.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. During 2019/20, we hosted 2 marriage blessings, 2 funerals, 12 baptisms, 10 confirmations and welcomed 11 new members.

### Baptism Ministry

The Baptism Ministry team continues to carry out its duties. It involves: getting to know the prospective families; arranging for the necessary forms to be filled in; confirming dates with our minister, Revd. Valentin Dedji, and arranging a meeting between the family and Revd. Dedji, in the church vestry or at their home.

During Baptism a candle is lit and the following words are said, "Receive this light for you belong to Christ. Christ is your light and your way. As light is essential to all life and growth, so is Christ to the whole world". A Bible and certificate are handed to the parents.





## Nurture and Learning

Our Tuesday evening Bible Study is still thriving. During Lent, the worship/study group and the Wednesday morning Oasis Fellowship used the same materials for this part of the year.



Our Sunday Junior Church remains active, with an enthusiastic core of youngsters and appropriate recognised leaders. Our Junior Church and Young People's Fellowship (YPF) make a significant contribution to all-age worship throughout the year. They are also very active in supporting the Circuit at the Sunday Fundays.

Our Brownie Unit and Guides unit enjoyed another busy and varied year of activities and the Boys' Brigade Company continues to be a regular part of the church's life although many of them worship on a Sunday at other churches.

## Youth

Our youth continue to make significant contribution to FUSION, formally known as the Young Adult Group (YAG) with the group meeting every last Sunday of the month in our church. This group of young people are growing in knowledge and are eager to develop their personal Christian lives as well as wanting to know how to contribute to their community.

Generation of Disciples (G.O.D), aimed at young adults between the ages of 18 and 30 years meet fortnightly to discuss various themes and topics that impact them as young adults from a biblical perspective. To promote leadership within the group, members of G.O.D. take it in turns to lead on topics.

The vision of this group is as follows:

- To bridge the gap between the Young People's Fellowship and the main church.
- To identify any gaps in the bible knowledge amongst young people.
- To develop faith.
- To further develop into a circuit wide group and a local community Christian group.



**Mission Statement:**  
**'Follow Christ not people;**  
**Growing in faith, led by God'**

## **Fellowship Groups**

We have a number of different **Fellowship Groups** including: Ghanaian Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, Oasis Fellowship (coffee morning), Men's Fellowship and Wesley Tours.

### **Edmonton Methodist Church Ghanaian Fellowship (GMF)**

The Peace of the Lord be with you!

We thank God for his faithfulness and provision in bringing us to the end of another successful year.

### **Aims and Objectives**

The aims and objectives for the fellowship continues be the same with welfare purposes being the core objective of the fellowship.

### **Governance and Management:**

The fellowship continues to be run and managed by a team of Executive members led by Mr George Noi-Lartey (Chairman). The team of executive members were elected or appointed as per the GMF constitution. We are encouraged by the response of our members to some changes to foster love and togetherness, self-development through learning and most importantly the call to be more active in the work of the church.

### **Meetings**

There were no changes to our meeting days. Executive meetings continue to be held every second Sunday of the month general meetings on every third Sunday of the month after Church service.



### **Growth in Membership**

The fellowship continued to grow in the last year. New members joined us bringing our regular members to over 60. No members left the fellowship during the year.

### **Bring and Share**

The fellowship continued to organise quarterly “Bring and Share” as per the constitution. The aim is to promote socialisation in the fellowship.

### **Ghana Independence Day Celebration**

The fellowship celebrated Independence Day. Members participated in Bible reading. There was a special offertory (men vs women) as we do in Ghana to raise funds for the new church building.

### **Lectures**

As part of our Education and development plan, EGMF organised lectures in Mental Health and Personal Insurance. The aim is to promote the health and wellbeing amongst members and to inform them of social issues and what support is available to people. Most of these lectures were held in our Ghanaian language to reinforce understanding among all members

### **Electronic Records**

We continue to keep electronic records for all GMF information.

### **Church Cleaning**

GMF lead the organisation of the church deep cleaning, during which members deep cleaned the entire church as done every year.

### **Church Activities**

GMF remained committed to the Church by participating in all church activities.

### **Welfare**

As a welfare organisation, the fellowship continued its support to members through bereavement, sickness, birthday celebrations, christenings, marriage ceremonies, births and others in the Ghanaian way.

### **End of Year Accounts**

The annual end of year accounts was presented to members and a copy given to every members of the fellowship.

## Other

We had a successful year to the glory of God. We pray that the current year will even be better as we continue to make changes in the fellowship and also to forge ahead to participate in more activities in Edmonton Methodist Church and raise more funds for the New Church building.

## Oasis Fellowship

We thank God that our OASIS group has continued to be mightily blessed as we meet every Wednesday of the year (except one!) to share coffee and fellowship. Our numbers vary, but there are usually 15-20 people, and sometimes more.

As a caring and supportive group, we seek to reach out and welcome everyone whether they attend our church or not. As well as enjoying having guest speakers, we also share times of devotion together encouraging our members to take part in leading these. On a lighter note, we also find much to laugh about together!

As in previous years, we have been pleased to be able to send donations to various charities, locally, nationally and abroad.

## Women's Fellowship

- Thanks to God for being with us throughout the year. Our total number is 26 but average attendance to meeting is 10-16.
- We lost a sister, may her soul rest in peace. We continue to visit sisters who are sick and bereaved.
- The monthly 'Women in 7 days in prayer' continue as well as supporting the Food Bank and Feed the Hungry. A donation of £300.00 was sent to Feed the Hungry.
- Women participated actively in all church activities such as the Youth Conference, Passover meal, Harvest Supper . Women also helped in the Children's Ministry, Flower Ministry, church cleaning, and as welcoming stewards.
- Mothering Sunday was successful.
- Women also participated actively in Methodist Women In Britain programmes at the Circuit, Sector and District levels.
- Cake sales were held to raise funds in support of the church building.
- We also visited two nursing homes in Enfield to sing Christmas carols who was enjoyed by both residents and staff. We presented them with non-perishable food items.

## Wesley Tours

Wesley Tours is an outreach to all churches in the community. There were no trips this year.

## Music Report

“Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord”. Ephesians 5:19

God created us to be instruments with the ability to sing and make music. Music is an important part of our worship and praise to God at Edmonton, so it only seems that I should report how good and wonderful God has been towards us as a church that has blessed with everyone coming together for the Kingdom of God. Rejoicing in the sound of music through this word and prayers.

Our Edmonton Music Ministry is one of the most vital ministries in our church and we all should be viewed it as a sacred office. The Choir Ministry and the Worship Team Ministry are still discovering their calling and it all begins with a desire be used by God to impact the church and the wider community.

We thanked God for the faithful members in our Choir. And I thanked God for Nora who is faithfully committed to the church in her playing of the piano.

The Men’s Fellowship continue to bless us with their singing as a Men’s Choir.

We thank God for the technicians, this is a serious undertaking, and a high calling. They are there every Sunday to make sure that our services are run smoothly. This department of the ministry has to make massive decisions every week that has a huge impact on our services.

Therefore, *“We can love Him because He first loved us”* (1 John 4:19).

We as a Music Ministry together with our minister Rev Dr Dedji of Edmonton working together with an attitude of Praise unto God in the work we do. We all truly encounter the almighty living God in all His majesty, power, holiness and glory – our response is reverence, humility, and honor.

The hymns we sing reminds us that by ourselves we cannot continue the saving mission of Jesus. It is the Spirit. And so we continue to asked the Holy Spirit to use us as we continue to do His work in this ministry.

## Service

The church buildings remain extensively used by the local community. We make our space available to let to a number of different groups including MIND, Bible College and Ghanaian Community. We continue to provide food for the local food bank. Caring for those in need has long been a way Methodists express and commend their faith. During the course of the year, collection for our Benevolent Fund was used to maintain our support for Action for Children, Methodist Homes, Christian Aid, and Methodist Womenin Britain as well as



emergency appeals. It is good that these efforts on behalf of others can be combined with opportunities for fellowship and indicates the breadth of our concern for God's world.

A Bursary Fund for up to £500 has been agreed by the Church Council to assist our youth and students who are looking to embark upon discipleship or missionary work.

#### Regular Lettings to Outside Hirers

Urban Theological College	Tuesday evenings, plus one Saturday per month	Theological Training
Mind in Enfield	Friday mornings	Chair based Yoga Exercise for Health
Bantama Union	1 x Sunday evening per month	Mixed Ghanaian Mutual Support Group
Noble Ladies	1 x Friday evening per month	NHS Staff - Mutual Support Group
Obaapa	1 x Saturday evening per month	Ladies Ghanaian Mutual Support Group
Kwadaso Social Club	1 x Sunday evening per month	Mixed Ghanaian Mutual Support Group
Unique Association	1 x Saturday evening per month	Mutual Support Group

One-off lettings to outside hirers – Mainly church hall use and the Club Room for birthdays, anniversary or other celebrations, funeral wakes, meetings and play rehearsals, subject to limitations imposed by size of the hall.

#### **Future Community Organisations to use our new Premises**

- **Public Health Department of The Imperial College London:** They are strongly interested in making Edmonton Methodist Church, their base in Enfield for their Chariot Register (for dementia prevention research). They made a presentation to the congregation on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018.
- **Resource Centre for Enfield Methodist Circuit Youth Activities**
- **Methodist Homes for the Aged: 'Live at Home' Intergenerational Project'** (Funding is secured for this exciting and multi-lateral project.)
- **Homeless Resource Centre**
- **'Alcoholic Anonymous'** support group
- **Art Class** sponsored by Southgate and Barnet College
- **'Little Steps Big Steps Nursery'**
- **'School of Graduate Theological Studies'**



## Evangelism

Through Confirmation and the activities of other groups we have given people an opportunity to discover and grow in faith. The New Year Watch Night Service again allowed over fifty visitors to worship and see in the New Year with us, many of whom we only see on this occasion. Baptism Services have allowed many people who wouldn't normally attend church to see what church is like, hear about the love of God and hopefully receive a warm welcome.

## Wider relationships

The church is part of the Enfield Methodist Circuit. Six members of our church are elected by the church council to be part of its managing body, the Circuit Meeting. Our Minister in Pastoral Charge is an Enfield Circuit Minister and leads worship in Circuit Churches on a regular pattern. We also liaise with the London District of Methodism and wider Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Edmonton Methodist Church is part of the Faith Forum for Enfield. Ordained ministers, lay leaders from different church denominations (Methodist, Evangelical, Baptist and Pentecostal), together with Faith Leaders (Muslims and Jews) belonging to the said Forum, meet regularly on quarterly basis for breakfast meetings. During such meetings, issues related to peace-building in our local communities feature prominently on the agenda. Prayers of mutual support are also offered. We still have contact with the local Rumi Mosque. This year church members, and more visitors from other denominations again shared a Passover meal at our church.

## Property and Finance

There has been a growing recognition that our existing premises are not ideally fit for purpose. The buildings are what remained after the large adjoining Central Hall was vacated in the late 1960s and subsequently demolished. The present worship area was originally a large hall, and is situated at the rear of the buildings. The other rooms and facilities are also poorly laid out. Moreover, externally, the premises present a very bleak, unwelcoming face to the community that the church is striving to serve.

The seating capacity of the church has been increased by 50 in the last twenty years by the addition of a balcony but we are already running out of space again. We have been exploring various possibilities by which we might be able to undertake the redevelopment of the present premises of the church.

**Our Vision:** To rebuild our historic church, formerly known as Edmonton Methodist Central Hall, to make it fit for new priorities and challenges of God's Mission in our local community in this present age.

**Our objective** is to equip the church's new building with a number of modern facilities, in order to serve in the best possible ways, the youth, the elderly and the needy in our local community.

We continue to progress with our application for planning permission. We continue to hold meetings and updates with our team of Architects and the London Borough of Enfield Council Planners.

Fundraising events are continuing and donations towards the new building continue to flow in.

### **Reserves Policy**

In line with the Charity Commission and Methodist guidelines, our reserves policy for the General Fund is to hold enough funds to cover at least six month's expenditure.

### **Volunteers**

We would like to thank all those who freely give of their time and skills to make the church the pastorally caring, lively and vibrant community it is – to all with safety and safeguarding paramount. Sincere thanks also go to individuals and all the various groups and fellowships that have tirelessly raised funds for our new church building project. There were 84 volunteers during 2019/2020.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The governance of a local Methodist Church such as Edmonton is set out in the Connexional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. The membership of the Church Council consists of those who are members ex-officio because they are Circuit staff, church stewards, the Church Treasurer or Church Council Secretary. It also includes those appointed by the Church Council to ensure representation of the various activities of the church and those appointed by the General Church Meeting to ensure the Council is representative of the congregation. The General Church Meeting also elects the Church Stewards.

The Church Council met four times in the year. Given its wide responsibilities, the Council has a number of committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of church life. These committees, which include worship, pastoral, property and finance are all responsible to the Church Council and report back to it regularly. We seek greater inclusion and all our meetings are open to all members and friends to observe and speak at. Minutes are circulated to members and copies are accessible within the building.

### **Administrative information**

We are to be found on Fore Street in Edmonton. We are part of the Enfield Circuit within the Methodist Church of Great Britain. The correspondence address is Edmonton Methodist



Church, 300 Fore Street, Edmonton, London N9 0PN. Our Minister's telephone number is 020 8884 0841. The Church Council is a registered charity, numbered 1127395.

Church Council members who served for the period of this report are:

#### Ex-Officio Members:

Revd Dr Valentin Dedji	(Chair)
Revd Alan Combes	(Circuit Minister - until 24/07/20)
Revd Papa Owusu	(Circuit Minister)
Revd Julia Wiktorska	(Circuit Minister)
Miss Isata Jalloh	(Circuit Youth and Children's Worker)
Mrs Rosalind Rutty	(Church Treasurer)
Ms Grace Appah	(Secretary, Church Council)

#### General Church Meeting Appointments


Mrs Jessie Dowuona	(Church Steward)
Miss Doreen Nyarko	(Church Steward)
Mr Nana Osei Bonsu	(Church Steward)
Ms Cislina Wray	(Church Steward)
Mrs Rosalind Rutty	(Church Steward)
Mr Ben Tackie	(Church Steward)
Mr Joseph Owusu	(Church Steward)
Mr Isiah Gyateng	(Church Steward)
Ms Alana Riley	(Church Steward)
Mr Joshua Selvaratnam	(Church Steward – until 23/03/18)
Miss Samuella Dedji	(Church Steward)
Miss Donna Crentsil	(Church Steward)
Miss Abigail Darkwa	(Church Steward)
Ms Gladys Agyeiwaa	(Church Steward)
Ms Teresa Appiah	(Church Representative)
Mrs Mavis Francis	(Church Representative)
Mrs Juliana Hammond	(Church Representative)
Mrs Margaret Lyth	(Church Representative)
Miss Helen MacMillan	(Church Representative)
Mrs Elvie Morgan	(Church Representative - until 21/04/18)
Mrs Vida Regina Nsiah-Gyasi	(Church Representative)
Miss Carmel Richards	(Church Representative-until 14/03/18)
Mrs Cecelia Ukoumunne	(Church Representative)
Mrs Maxine Scott	(Church Representative)
George Noi-Lartey	(Church Representative)

### Church Council Appointments

Mrs Geranium Byam	(Sec, Pastoral Committee)
Malcolm Lyth	(Property Representative)
Mr Sam Agyei	(Lettings Secretary)
Mrs Rebecca Darkwa-Marfo	(Rep, Ghanaian Fellowship)
Mr Kenneth Hargrave	(Rep, Home Missions – until March 20)
Mrs Norah Lord	(Secretary, Methodist Women in Britain)
Mr Raymond Pettipher	(Local Preacher)
Sean Davis	(Local Preacher)
Mrs Hilda Morrissey	(Rep, Wesley Tours)
Mrs Pat Pettipher	(Rep, Worship Leaders-until 20/10/17)
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Jachin Haughton	
Mrs Claudia Cole	(Gift Aid Secretary)
Ms Cicely Thomas	(Women's Fellowship Representative)
Mrs Elizabeth Quarcoopome	(Communion Steward)
Mrs Dod Baldwin	(Oasis Representative)
Miss Millie Hylton	(New Members' Secretary)
Mr Emmanuel Appah	(YPF Representative)
Miss Ruth Aboagye	(YPF Representative)

Approved by the Church Council and signed on their behalf by:

Revd. Dr Valentin Dedji (PhD Cantab)

  
25/07/2021