

Name of Church Edmonton Methodist Church No. 1127395

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

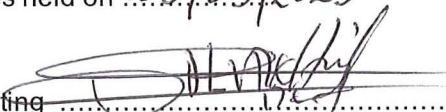
Signature of treasurer  Date 5/6/23

Name and address of treasurer ... ROSALIND RUTTY

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Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 29/03/2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV. VALENTIN DEDTS Date 29/03/2023

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 2022 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.

Name of Church ... EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH..... No

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.

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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 MRS MARGARET PRATT.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ... Bcompt- Accounting and Audit

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address ... 151 KINGSWAY, LONDON

..... Post Code EN3 4HU.....

Date ... 2 JUNE 2023

CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Circuit

Circuit no.

35/34

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:

JESSIE DOWUONA

DOREEN NYARKA

BEN TACKIE

JOSEPH OWUSU

ROSALIND RUTTY

ALANA RILEY

NANA OSEI-BONSU

Treasurer:

ROSALIND RUTTY

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	77,495		77,495	64,249
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	281		281	110
a4	Lettings	22,955		22,955	16,422
a5	Restricted funds receipts		53,530	53,530	57,168
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	100,731	53,530	154,261 (a7)	137,949

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	100,000		100,000	115,000
b3	Donations	100		100	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	5,376		5,376	1,898
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & etc)	7,227		7,227	4,162
b6	Restricted funds payments		64	64	
b7	Other payments	5,321		5,321	6,790
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	118,024	64	118,088 (b9)	127,850

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS (a6-b8)	(17,293)	53,467	36,173	10,100
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	2,058	117,693	119,751 (c6)	109,651
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	(15,235)	171,160	155,924	119,751
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YE (c3+c4)	(15,235)	171,160	155,924 (c8)	119,751 (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	1,822
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	1,822	1,822

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 2022 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
e1 GHANAIA FELLOWSHIP	4,792	5,835	(1,043)	200	6,649	5,806
e2 WESLEY TOURS		1,358	(1,358)		1,358	
e3 JUNIOR CHURCH		404	(404)		404	
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	4,792	7,597	(2,805)	200	8,411 (e11)	5,806 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	154,261 (a7)	118,088 (b9)	36,173	(c7)	119,751 (c6)	155,924 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	159,053	125,685	33,368	200	128,162 (x)	161,730 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	52,863	106,765
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	66,888	49,159
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	119,751 (c6)	155,924 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	8,411 (e11)	5,806 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	128,162 (x)	161,730 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
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 Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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

Edmonton Methodist Church

Annual Report for Year Ended 31 August 2022

We are a diverse community of people originating from many different countries. The annual statistical return in October 2022 showed that we had 299 members. There are just over 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

Affirming 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.

Be 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.

Learn 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.

Enable 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 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 108 adults and 15 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.

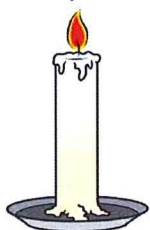
We no longer hold an Evening Service following the COVID Pandemic.

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 2021/2022, we hosted 3 marriage blessings, 8 funerals, 5 baptisms, 4 confirmations and welcomed 10 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 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.

Edmonton Methodist Church Junior Church children attendance numbers have been increasing since the decline during the pandemic 2020 – 2022.

The leaders have been very dedicated. The children are becoming very vocal during their questioning about what they have learnt in their group. We continue to encourage their spiritual growth.

The children contributed in the Christmas service in December 2021. The children have been very involved in the youth services on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

We pray that the Lord continue to bless the parents, leaders and children as they grow in their understanding of Christ.

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, and Men's Fellowship.

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 to be the same, pooling resources together to address the welfare purposes being the core objective.

- To serve as a means of mobilising and educating the Ghanaian community within the Church.
- To enhance greater participation of the Ghanaian community activities.
- To foster brotherhood among the Ghanaian community within the Edmonton Methodist Church and the UK GMF Chaplaincy.
- To defend and promote the common interest of its members.

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. At the moment, executive meetings continue to be held on Zoom every third Friday preceding our general meetings on 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 us to over 60 memberships with 40 active members.

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. The fellowship had successful “Bring and Share” in the year as members contributed enough food and drinks on each occasion. These “Bring and Share” are open to non-members of the fellowship.

Ghana Independence Day Celebration

The fellowship celebrated Independence Day in March 2022 with members participating in Bible readings. There was a special offertory to raise funds for the new church building. As part of the Independence Day celebrations GMF members also went to Westminster Central Hall for a special Independence Day Service.

Lectures

As part of our education and development plan, EGMF organised lectures in several health and Self-Development for members. 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 and responding to the call for GDPR compliant.

Church Cleaning

GMF lead the organisation of the church deep cleaning in April 2022 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. Members participated in the Annual Church harvest which took place during the year.

Prayer Night

Members continued to participate in the prayer night of the church and St. Marks Church throughout the year.

Invitations from Other GMF

We were invited by some of our sister fellowships to support them in anniversary celebrations which we participated and contributed funds to support in their activities.

Westminster Central Hall Church Services

Members continue to participate in activities of GMF UK Chaplaincy including monthly church services at Westminster Central Hall. As part of the church activities members went to support the GMF UK church harvest in November.

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. Sadly, the COVID pandemic was challenging, and we lost a member during the period.

End of Year Accounts

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

Women's Fellowship

We give God all the glory, praise and thanksgiving His grace, mercies, protection, healing and blessings for us during this year.

Despite the ease of covid restrictions, there are still challenges and difficulties for many to meet face to face. Meetings were therefore held virtually using Zoom on the third Thursday of the month from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

Total number on the roll is 20 and averagely 6-8 attend meetings. A lot have not been attending the Zoom meetings due to technology issues.

We continue to support the food hub by members donating food, items, volunteering, distributing, serving and delivering.

We donated £200.00 to 'Feed the Hungry'.

Mothering Sunday service was led by the fellowship face to face, members sang and distributed water bottles to everyone. The service was successful.

Women in seven days of prayer, continued through emails and WhatsApp.

We stayed in contact with each other, especially those who were sick, bereaved and housebound, by phone and WhatsApp.

Members took an active role in hosting MWIB sector B Jubilee tea party held in June 2021 at Ponders End Methodist Church as well as attending World Day of Prayers and Daffodil day at Methodist central hall.

Some sisters had health challenges, were admitted but God granted them healing.

Unfortunately, we lost a sister, may her soul rest in perfect peace.

Members continue to play their part in cleaning the church, flowering and Sunday school Ministries, welcoming stewards and many others.

It is our greatest desire is to have face to face meetings in the coming year God willing.

Music Ministry

Music has always been an essential part of our worship. From the days of the Old Testament, when "David and the people of Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with castanets, harps, lyres, tambourines, and cymbals" – 2 Samuel 6:5 (NIV)

Praise God for another fruitful year of ministry! It has been amazing to see how God has been working in both the music and technical worship ministries in church. I have chosen a few key highlights which give some insight into what I have been doing this year.

The last couple of years were very busy for the music ministries since the pandemic, we have never stopped. Putting Jesus first in our lives, lifting up our voices to God the Father with one accord, and becoming invisible within our talents so His message shines brighter. Where the Holy Spirit is active in our life, where we are experiencing God like never before.

At Edmonton Methodist Church ministry we have various arts and music teams. The Music ministry team consists of technicians who operate the visual and audio sound engineering system (4 members) and the main choir, (11 members) and on some occasions a worship team (3 members). We are constantly increasing the involvement of our music ministry by inviting,

accepting and training anyone who wants to be part of our ministry to keep the church making a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Our worship streams live every Sunday by preachers submitting their order of service to Bro Sean Davis, George Noi-Lartey or Anthony Sarpong in preparation for our Sunday morning service or any other special events.

Our vision was to create an oasis in the middle of people's busy schedules where they could take a 'time-out' and reconnect with God. We have recently created a social media page for the church on Facebook and LinkedIn which at the moment is just for advertisement but in due course we will be streaming live on these sites. We still have our YouTube account which can be used on special occasions. Currently we are using our Zoom account for any special meetings. It also has the function to 'go live' via YouTube. Our aim is to invade the airwaves and these sites are only used to let other knows we are here for our local community and for the world to know what is happening within our Ministry at Edmonton.

Music helps gather and centre us, it gives us strength as we lament, assurance in troubled times, joy in times of happiness, and a voice with which to praise our Saviour and our Creator. Our worship at Edmonton is filled with music of all different kinds, providing the soundtrack to our worship each and every Sunday together with live playing of the instrument (keyboard).

We are truly blessed at Edmonton and our music ministry exists to teach us of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the promises inherent in it. It reminds us of the sovereignty of God and all he is capable of doing. We continue to be loyal, positive, patient, flexible, caring, humble and a strong influence on our church.

Service

The church buildings remain extensively used by the local community for various functions such as birthday parties, traditional wedding ceremonies, funeral gatherings. We make our space available to let to a number of different groups including NOBLE LADIES, Bible College, Ghanaian Community and an Indian Dance tuition group. 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 Women in 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.

No application was received during that period. That was due to the lockdown which did not allow young people to plan any project.

Regular Lettings to Outside Hirers

Urban Theological College	Tuesday evenings, plus one Saturday per month	Theological Training
All People All Places	Three Times Per Week	
Bantama Union	One Sunday evening per month	Mixed Ghanaian Mutual Support Group

Most of the regulars before the lockdown have now change to “One-Off”.

One-Off Lettings

Significant numbers coming to use the Hall mainly for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Funeral wakes, Meetings, 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).
- **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.

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 56 volunteers during 2020/2021.

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 Papa Owusu	(Circuit Minister)
Revd Julia Wiktorska	(Circuit Minister)
Miss Isata Jalloh	(Circuit Youth and Children's Worker)
Mrs Rosalind Ratty	(Church Treasurer)
Miss Millie Hylton	(Secretary, Church Council)

General Church Meeting Appointments

Mrs Jessie Dowuona	(Church Steward)
Miss Doreen Nyarko	(Church Steward)
Mr Nana Osei Bonsu	(Church Steward)
Mrs Rosalind Rutty	(Church Steward)
Mr Ben Tackie	(Church Steward)
Mr Joseph Owusu	(Church Steward)
Ms Alana Riley	(Church Steward)
Miss Samuella Dedji	(Church Steward)
Ms Gladys Agyeiwaa	(Church Steward)
Mrs Juliana Hammond	(Church Representative)
Mrs Margaret Lyth	(Church Representative)
Mrs Cecelia Ukoumunne	(Church Representative)
Mrs Maxine Scott	(Church Representative)
George Noi-Lartey	(Church Representative)

Church Council Appointments

Mrs Geranium Byam	(Sec, Pastoral Committee) – until 2020
Malcolm Lyth	(Property Representative)
Mr Sam Agyei	(Lettings Secretary)
Mrs Rebecca Darkwa-Marfo	(Rep, Ghanaian Fellowship)
Mrs Norah Lord	(Secretary, Methodist Women in Britain)
Mr Raymond Pettipher	(Local Preacher) -until moving to Bush
Sean Davis	Hill Park Methodist Church in 2019
	(Local Preacher)
Mrs Hilda Morrissey	(Rep, Wesley Tours)
Mrs Pat Pettipher	(Rep, Worship Leaders-until moving to
	Bush Hill Park Methodist Church in
Jachin Haughton	2019)
	(Rep, Worship Leaders)
Mrs Claudia Cole	(Gift Aid Secretary)
Ms Cicely Thomas	(Women's Fellowship Representative)
Mrs Elizabeth Quarcoopome	(Communion Steward)
Ms Iona Farquharson	Membership Secretary
Mrs. Lesley Davis	Membership Secretary

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



Revd. Dr Valentin Dedji (PhD Cantab)

Date: 24th June 2023