

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1127637

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-01-21

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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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: Assisting Methodist religious activities in Northumberland and Durham

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Durham
- Gateshead
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland
- Sunderland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£833,352	£752,701	£1,089,148	9
2023-08-31	£606,018	£319,102	£1,008,274	9
2022-08-31	£430,464	£466,621	-	-
2021-08-31	£357,542	£440,339	-	-
2020-08-31	£362,000	£336,632	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Irvin		2023-09-01
Audrey Ilderton		2013-09-01
CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG		2013-09-01
CHRISTOPHER MARK HORTON		2015-09-01
DAVID ALEXANDER STABLER ACIB CeMap		
DEACON TRACEY JANE HUME		2015-09-01
David Robert Brown		2021-04-24
Deacon Gail Morgan		2019-09-01
Kathy Bevan		2023-09-01
Margaret Elizabeth Graham		2018-09-01
Martin Shaw		2023-09-01
Rev ELAINE MARGARET LINDRIDGE		
Rev Etleva Walker		2023-09-01
Rev Jane Carter		2021-09-01
Rev Jennifer Gill		2023-09-01
Rev Jennifer Porterpryde		2019-09-01
Rev Susan Richardson		2023-09-01
Revd Stuart Earl		
SHEILA GIBBON		
Sylvia Waters		2021-04-24

Accounts

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
AND ACCOUNTS

CHARITY NO. 1127637

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST AUGUST 2024

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NO. 1127637

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

TRUSTEES

Rev E Walker	Rev J Carter
Revd Dr S J Lindridge (Chair Retired 31st August 2024)	Mr D Brown
Deacon G Morgan	Rev J Sewell (Chair Appointed 1st September 2024)
Mrs C Armstrong	Mr C Horton (District Treasurer)
Mr A Irvin	Rev S Richardson (Appointed 1st September 2024)
Mr D A Stabler	Rev J Porterpryde
Rev E Lindridge	Mrs M Graham
Deacon T Hume	Mrs S Gibbon (Retired 31st August 2024)
Rev S Earl (Assistant Chair)	Miss A Hlderton
Mrs S Waters	Mrs K Bevan (Appointed 25th September 2023)
Rev J Gill (Appointed 1st September 2023, retired 10 th July 2024)	Mr M Shaw
R Beard (Appointed 1st September 2024)	L Barwick-Plant (Appointed 1st September 2024)

All trustees are deemed to be key management personnel of the charity

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024**1 Objectives and activities**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities, the District Synod (under the leadership of the District Trustees) which meets twice in each year, has given careful consideration to the Charity Commissioners' general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing our objectives and conforms to the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and independent examiners report of the District for the period 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024.

Newcastle upon Tyne District of the Methodist Church is a registered charity number 1127637.

Aims and Objectives

The aim of the Newcastle upon Tyne District of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to work in partnership with others to fulfil our calling.

Thus the District will seek to support, encourage, challenge and equip Circuits, Local Churches and individuals to:-

- a) underpin all activities with God-centred worship and prayer;
- b) promote a culture in the Church which is people-centred and flexible;
- c) make and nurture disciples who have confidence in speaking about their faith and in engaging in evangelism;
- d) engage in community development, acts of loving service and action for justice; and
- e) venture into fresh ways of being church.

The Methodist Conference further gave direction to every District to produce a District Mission Plan to give focus to the above.

District Mission Plan 2022, reviewed annually

"The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission."

The purpose of the Newcastle upon Tyne Methodist District is "to resource local churches in fulfilling Our Calling"

Through the District Mission Plan (DMP) the District aims to resource local churches to be more fruitful in:

- Worship
- Evangelism
- Small Group Discipleship

It will seek to achieve this through:

A process of reflecting back to Circuit Leadership Teams on the Mission (i.e. Growth or End of Life)

Plans that local churches and circuits produce.

Working with the established Evangelism and Justice Team to encourage and assist in supporting new places for new people, work in urban priority and rural areas and expressions of justice and mission across circuits.

Working with the established Worship and Discipleship Team to help the District discern how we can support an improvement in the quality of both congregational and small-group worship and discipleship and what resourcing is needed to help churches implement this.

Working with Superintendent Ministers and Circuit Leadership Teams to seek the best way to support the development of small groups which promote faith development and church growth.

A commitment from the District and Circuits to ensuring that ministers' gifts and callings are not inhibited by being expected to fulfil lay roles e.g. safeguarding officer, property steward, treasurer etc.

In order to do this we will organise ourselves differently:

The Synod as the policy-making body confirmed in September 2018 that our purpose as a District is "to resource local churches in fulfilling Our Calling"

The District Policy Committee as the Managing Trustees, continues to refine its policies in a way that resources the District Mission Plan and will review the plan annually. The DMP will be regularly updated with its implementations and achievements.

The September 2018 Synod appointed a District Leadership Team from amongst the District Officers to ensure that the District fulfils its purpose.

Synod appointed a District Community Engagement Enabler in September 2019 to further enhance its goals.

In 2023 the DPC reviewed DMP alongside the needs and resources of the Circuits and Churches and as a result re-shaped and created three District roles. i) The District Evangelism Enabler became the new team leader for the Mother House, the Districts New Places for New People project. ii) A new Evangelism and Justice Enabler post and iii) a Property Support Officer who was appointed and subsequently resigned.

In all that we do we remember that God is with us, that we seek to serve God alone and make disciples of Jesus Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit.

2 Achievements and performance

The principle purpose of the District is to act as a supporting body between Circuits and the Connexion. The District does not seek and, in large measure, does not have direct contact with the public. The direct contact is by Churches and Circuits and it is these that the District supports in their desire to provide benefit to the public.

Under the heading "Collaborative arrangements with connected charities" (3.3 below) there is information on how we obtained our funds. In this paragraph we show how they were spent. The money collected, or available for dispersal, was used as grants to support Churches and Circuits throughout the District with their work in their local communities and to subsidise the administrative costs of the District. The policy of the trustees on grant making is to ensure that all applications can demonstrate public benefit, pass a test of sustainability, show that there is commitment from the applicant organisation and show imagination and creativity as well as a perceived need for that for which the grant is being sought.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

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The grants were of several kinds, including:

- Grants for the adaption of buildings so that they could more easily meet the current and future needs of Churches and help Churches provide services to the community
- Grants which supported part time or full time workers attached to Circuits or Local Churches
- Grants for young people to attend conferences such as 3Generate
- Grants to individuals to help pay for the cost of studying.

Circuits and Churches that have received grants from the District will show in their own Trustees' Annual Reports (where these are required to be prepared) details of the outcome of the activities undertaken as a result of receiving the grant.

Reflective Supervision for all ministers in active work is continuing

Training for the leadership module for safeguarding continues across the District

The continuing effects of the pandemic are taking a significant toll upon the everyday mission and ministry of the local churches. Each circuit has been affected and a number of the Churches in the District have sought permission to close in the last year. It is likely that others will follow. Each Circuit has reduced staffing accordingly, with permission of the District Policy Committee as per the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church. Increasing use of District Officer's time has been used in support of those affected.

2.1 Plans for future years

- i Encourage initiatives for mission in Circuits and Churches within the District
- ii Ensure that all those within the District that should attend the safeguarding Leadership Module do so
- iii Encourage attendance at 3Generate
- iv Ensure that any local issues emanating from the Past Cases Review are dealt with sympathetically, fully and timeously

3 Financial review

During the year the District received total income of £833K (2022/23 - £606K) and dispersed £753K (2022/23 - £319K). The resulting surplus was £81K (2022/23- £287K) and total reserves carried forward of £1089K (2022/23- £1008K)

The trustees of the District have every reason to believe that the District is a going concern, principally because Circuits continue to meet their assessment and the District has adequate reserves to cover a shortfall in anticipated income. There are no subsidiary undertakings. Trustees do not foresee any factors that will significantly affect the financial performance or position in the next year or two.

The District continues to hold the one freehold property being the Chair's Manse in Newcastle upon Tyne.

The District has the following principal sources of funds:

- Interest on investments
- Levies on the Circuit Model Trust Funds of Circuits within the District
- Contributions from Connexional Advance & Property Fund
- Assessments on Circuits within the District

These sums are used to administer the District and to provide grants to Circuits, Churches and individuals in the District so that they may embark on or continue with projects that fulfil the mission of the District by bringing more people to Christ or by providing facilities that might enable this to happen.

3.1 Investment Policy and Performance

To comply with Methodist Standing Orders, monies for long term investment are lodged with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP). TMCP acts as custodian trustee for all real estate held by Districts and for all large (over £20K) bequests and for the proceeds of sale of any property formerly owned by the District. These sums are invested in unitised investments or held on deposit. The investment returns are close to tracking the movements in the FTSE100 index. The deposit income mirrors the deposit rates available elsewhere. Newcastle District trustees' investment policy is aligned with that of the CFB and TMCP because these organisations take into consideration the social, environmental and ethical considerations, both negatively and positively, that make investments suitable for the Methodist Church.

Short term deposits are lodged directly with the Central Finance Board (CFB) and attract good rates of interest.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

There are no bench marks for the expected returns or appreciation on investments at TMCP and CFB. It is the District's policy to manage the cash and investment resources of the District so that a rate of return on investment - both by way of dividend and capital appreciation - is obtained at least as good as market rate considering the District's low appetite for risk.

3.2 Reserves level and policy

It should be noted that the unrestricted reserves have funded the purchase cost of the manse £170k and, as a result, the unrestricted reserves readily available total is £75k

The District has a reserves policy covering all its unrestricted funds which is reviewed annually.

The minimum policy level of the readily available part of the General Fund is such as to pay for six months payroll costs and closing costs of staff redundancies, rent and other costs on leased equipment. At 31st August 2024 this sum amounted to £66k against actual reserves of £75k as stated above.

The reserves held at the end of the year were as follows:

<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	£
General Fund	£245,010
<u>Designated Funds</u>	
Capital Fund	£342,263
Our Calling	£7,030
District Aid Fund	£108,122
Mission Together Fund	£30,130
International Fund	£20
	<u>£487,565</u>
<u>Restricted Funds</u>	
District Advance Fund	£266,750
Benevolence Fund	£2,605
NPNP Fund	£84,109
	<u>£353,464</u>
Endowment	£3,109
	<u>£1,089,148</u>
Total Undesignated Funds Unrestricted Funds	£245,010
Less: Invested in the Manse	£169,840
Uncommitted reserves, readily available	<u>£75,170</u>

All funds are separately invested either with CFB or TMCP. No money is directly invested in property, securities or other forms of investments.

3.3 Collaborative arrangements with connected charities

The District's main source of funding is the assessments obtained from each Circuit within the District based on the membership and staffing levels of the Circuit and this was used to defray most of the cost of administering the District. The sum amounted to £108,444 (2022/2023 £96,192).

The District obtained from each Circuit with a reserve, known as a Circuit Model Trust Fund (CMTF), a levy based on the size of the Circuits' CMTFs at the start of the connexional year (1st September). In 2023/24 this sum was £116,585 and was credited to the District Advance Fund. The District also obtained an allocation from the Connexional Advance and Property Fund of £301,563. This fund is obtained from a levy on all property sales of Methodist property.

The District holds no funds as custodian Trustee. It does, however, quarterly receive from Circuits

within the District the Circuits' contributions to the Methodist Church Fund (MCF). These sums are collected as agent for the MCF and are passed to the MCF later in the same quarter. Funds received by the District as agent are not recognised as an asset in the financial statements because the funds are not within its control. No fee is earned in respect of this agency arrangement and the District incurs no cost through this arrangement.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024**4 Trustees' responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting standards.

For each financial year ending on 31st August the Trustees are required to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the District's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees must:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently using the accruals method
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- follow applicable accounting standards
- prepare accounts to comply with the Charities SORP
- follow UK Accounting Standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the District will continue in business

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the District and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the District and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the District's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Training in the responsibilities of trustees is offered to all new trustees soon after their appointment.

4.1 Risk

The District is largely risk averse but, especially in making grants to entities embarking on new and imaginative initiatives, the District is prepared to underwrite considered risks.

Districts do not need their own risk register because what is covered in the Connexional Risk Review will be the same for the District. The District notes that the latest review was undertaken by The Methodist Council at its January 2021 meeting. The review was updated in the light of Covid-19 and other wider risks. The Connexional risk review can be viewed at [counc_jan-21_mc21-4-risk-management-policy.pdf\(methodist.org.uk\)](https://counc_jan-21_mc21-4-risk-management-policy.pdf(methodist.org.uk))

4.2 Safeguarding

The District reviews its Safeguarding Policy annually and is guided by the Regional Safeguarding Officer, who serves both the Newcastle upon Tyne and Darlington Districts. There is detailed guidance on the Connexional website for Ministers and Lay Persons. All Lay Persons, whether paid or voluntary are recruited via the "safer recruitment process"; all ministers and Lay Persons are provided with training.

The District including all circuits, churches and projects cooperated with requests from the Connexion, including providing information for the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse. The report was published in 2022.

5 Structure, governance and management

The District is an unincorporated association and is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church and was registered with the Charity Commissioners on 21st January 2009.

The Trustees are appointed from within the District as and when the need arises and appointments are approved by District Synod.

5.1 Structure

Circuits are the coordinating charities for local groups of Churches; Circuits pay the stipends of the ministers and employ lay staff to serve the Churches in the Circuit; most decisions are made at or ratified by the half yearly Circuit Meeting. A District is the coordinating charity for a group of contiguous Circuits and makes its decisions at half yearly synods. The Methodist Conference meets once each year as the supreme denominational body for all Methodist Churches.

1. Overall regulatory authority rests with the Methodist Conference.
2. The Connexional Office implements decisions made by Conference and is also responsible for the stationing of presbyters and deacons (collectively known as ministers) in individual Circuits within the District.
3. Connexional decisions are passed to the Chair of the District and the appropriate officers of the District for implementation.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024**5.1 Structure continued**

4. The District passes regulatory control down to Circuit level for local implementation by the Superintendent Minister, ministerial staff and Circuit Stewards, and authority is delegated to the Circuit Meeting for certain matters.
5. The Circuit Meeting passes regulatory control down to Church Councils for local implementation by the presbyter, the Church Stewards, and other officers, and this regulatory authority is then exercised by Church Councils as Managing Trustees of their Charity.

5.2 Purpose of the District

The District is an expression, over a wider geographical area than any Circuit, of the Connexional character of the Church.

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of the union the advancement of:

- a. the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church, and
- b. any charitable purposes for the time being of any Connexional, District Circuit, Local or other organisation of the Methodist Church, and
- c. any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church, and
- d. any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary of the Methodist Church.

The primary purpose of this District is to advance the mission of the Church in Northumberland Tyne & Wear and the Northern part of County Durham.

- by providing opportunities for Circuits to work together and support each other
- by offering to Circuits resources of finance, personnel and expertise.

The District serves the Local Churches and Circuits and the Conference in the support, deployment and oversight of the various ministries of the Church, and in programmes of training.

5.3 Governance

The District operates within a statutory framework of regulation and seeks to ensure that it follows Methodist Standing Orders. It relies on the Connexional Office at 25 Tavistock Place, London, WC1H 9SF to provide guidance on changes that could affect the District.

The members of the District Policy Committee (DPC) are annually appointed by a vote of the Synod for a continuous term not normally exceeding six years. The Chair of District is *ex officio* chair of the DPC. When a position becomes vacant on the District Policy Committee, nominations are invited from ministers and lay members of Circuits within the District. The Chair of the District then shares with nominees what the roles involve. If they wish to be considered for a role, their names are taken to the District Policy Committee and the District Synod for appointment. Members may be either ministers or lay people attending Churches in the area covered by the District. Trustees are all members of the Methodist Church and through experience are aware of the workings of the charity.

The District Policy Committee normally meets four times per year and deals with routine and exceptional matters. It oversees the work of the Evangelism and Justice, Worship and Discipleship teams and Finance and Property Executive, Stationing Advisory group and Probationers committee.

5.4 Responsibilities of the District Policy Committee

- i to formulate and promote policies which will advance the mission of the Church in the Circuits and Local Churches and, in particular, to supervise the use of resources of personnel, property and finance and to assist Local Churches and Circuits having exceptional problems.
- ii to encourage inter-Circuit and ecumenical co-operation
- iii to act in an executive capacity in matters remitted to the Committee by the Synod
- iv to keep within its purview all District concerns not dealt with elsewhere
- v to contribute and respond, as the case may be, to the development of Connexional policies as reflected in the work of the Conference and the Methodist Council, and to carry out its other responsibilities with any such development in mind
- vi to be aware that the stipend of the Chair of the District is set - currently by reference to the change over a year in the Consumer Price Index - using a formula that was agreed by the Methodist Conference for all ministers within the Connexion.
- vii constantly to be aware of the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCHREPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024**6.1 Trustees**

The following served as Trustees throughout part or all of the year 2023/24 or were trustees at the time of this report being approved:

Mr A Irvin	Rev E Walker
Revd Dr S J Lindridge (Chair Retired 31st August 2024)	Rev J Porterpryde
Rev J Sewell (Chair Appointed 1st September 2024)	Mrs S Waters
Rev J Carter	Mr C Horton (District Treasurer)
Mrs C Armstrong	Rev S Earl (Assistant Chair)
Mr D A Stabler	Rev S Richardson (Appointed 1st September 2024)
Rev E Lindridge	Mr D Brown
Deacon T Hume	Miss A Ilderton
Deacon G Morgan	Mrs S Gibbon (Retired 31st August 2024)
Mrs M Graham	Rev J Gill (Appointed 1st September 2023 , retired 10 th July 2024)
R Beard (Appointed 1st September 2024)	Mr M Shaw
Mrs K Bevan (Appointed 25th September 2023)	L Barwick-Plant (Appointed 1st September 2024)

In November 2023 Rev Dr Stephen J Lindridge gave notice to the District that he was stepping down as Chair from 31st August 2024. The District then began the process of appointing a new Chair to commence appointment on 1st September 2024. Following Methodist Standing Orders this process culminated in confirmation by Conference in June 2024 of the appointment of Rev Jonathan Sewell as the new Chair.

- 6.2** Salaries of District employees are reviewed by the Property and Finance Executive and confirmed by the subsequent District Policy Committee.
- 6.3** A resolution to reappoint RSM UK Tax and Accounting Limited as independent examiners will be put to the trustees and the Synod.

Approvals

The Trustees' Report and the Financial Statements were approved by the District Policy Committee on

Signed on behalf of the DPC, as authorised:

Jonathan Sewell (signed)



Christopher Horton (signed)



District Chair Date:

5/6/25

District Treasurer Date:

5/6/25

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE
TRUSTEES OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF
THE METHODIST CHURCH FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Newcastle Upon Tyne District of the Methodist Church for the year ended 31st August 2024 which are set out on pages 3 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act')

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statements

Since the charity's gross income exceeds £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

Kerry Gallagher

Name: Kerry Gallagher

Relevant professional qualification or body: FCA

ON BEHALF OF RSM UK TAX AND ACCOUNTING LIMITED

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Date 11/06/25

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals This Year £	Totals Previous Year £
Income and Endowments							
Charitable activities	4a	108,444	-	418,148	-	526,592	395,213
Investments-interest		4,875	20,949	59,575	87	85,486	44,568
Donations and legacies-donations		6,000	22,400	71,288	-	99,688	27,030
Other Charitable Income	4b	19,111	50,998	51,477	-	121,586	139,207
Total Income		138,430	94,347	600,488	87	833,352	606,018
Charitable Activities							
Salaries & Associated Costs	4c&6	77,168	53,702	84,361	-	215,231	154,586
Manse Costs	4c	19,420	-	-	-	19,420	38,341
Administration	4c	22,217	-	-	-	22,217	22,680
Grants & Donations	4c	-	-	457,859	-	457,859	94,956
Other Expenditure	4c	8,556	13,311	16,099	8	37,974	8,539
Total expenditure		127,361	67,013	558,319	8	752,701	319,102
Net Income/(Expenditure)		11,069	27,334	42,169	79	80,651	286,916
Transfers Between Funds		(13,537)	(20)	13,636	(79)	-	-
Sub Total		(2,468)	27,314	55,805	-	80,651	286,916
Other gains /(losses)		-	-	-	223	223	(128)
Net Movement in Funds		(2,468)	27,314	55,805	223	80,874	286,788
Reconciliation of Funds							
Total funds brought forward from Last Year		247,498	460,231	297,659	2,886	1,008,274	721,486
Total Funds Carried Forward at End of Year		245,030	487,545	353,464	3,109	1,089,148	1,008,274

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure is derived from continuing activities.

These unaudited financial statements have been subject to independent examination. See report on page 2.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2024

	Notes	Totals This Year £	Totals Previous Year £
Fixed Assets	7	169,840	169,840
Current Assets			
Debtors & Prepayments	8	27,174	183,735
Cash at Bank		1,595,579	1,302,659
Total Current Assets		1,622,753	1,486,394
Creditors	9	291,410	380,982
Net Current Assets		1,331,343	1,105,412
Total Assets less Net Current Liabilities		1,501,183	1,275,252
Creditors: amounts due after one year		412,035	266,978
Net Assets		1,089,148	1,008,274
Funds of the District			
General Fund (Unrestricted)		245,030	247,498
Designated Funds	12	487,545	460,231
Restricted Funds	11	353,464	297,659
Endowment Funds	10	3,109	2,886
Total Funds		1,089,148	1,008,274

The financial statements on pages 3 - 14 were approved by the board of trustees on 5/6/25
and signed on its behalf by:

Jonathan Sewell



Christopher Horton



Trustees

These unaudited financial statements have been subject to independent examination. See report on page 2.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Reconciliations of movements in funds		
Net movement in funds	80,874	286,788
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	156,561	(166,569)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	55,485	(89,162)
Cash flows from operating activities	<u>292,920</u>	<u>31,057</u>
Increase in cash and equivalents	292,920	31,057
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	1,302,659	1,271,602
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>1,595,579</u>	<u>1,302,659</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying the FRS102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the regulation but which has since been withdrawn.

The address of the District's registered office and principal place of business is 246 Wingrove Road North, Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 9EJ.
Newcastle upon Tyne District of the Methodist Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Going concern

Financial Reporting Standard 102 requires, if appropriate, the District's financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, which means that the District is able to operate for the foreseeable future on the basis of known and reasonable projected resources. After reviewing financial and other information available, the Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties in respect of the District's ability to continue as a going concern. Newcastle upon Tyne District of the Methodist Church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. They continue to believe the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate in preparing the annual financial statements.

2 Fund accounting

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the District which are Unrestricted, Designated Funds and Restricted Funds which are held for a narrower purpose and Endowment Funds which represent gifts, the capital normally being unavailable for spending, and the income from which is either Restricted or Unrestricted. Details of each material fund are disclosed in notes 10-13 to these accounts.

Income

Income is recognised in the period in which the District is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is deferred only when the District has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Voluntary income received by way of donations and gifts to the District is included in full in the statement of financial activities when received. Intangible income is not included unless it represents goods or services which would have otherwise been purchased.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024**

Accounting policies continued

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred or a constructive obligation arises that result in the payment being unavoidable. Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discounts offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Liabilities and provision

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the District anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is not charged on freehold buildings as under normal circumstances the residual values are considered to be greater than cost. However, the carrying values of freehold buildings are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Assets having an initial cost of £1,000 or less are written off on acquisition.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement as either financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the District after deducting all of its liabilities. The District has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 "Basic Financial Instruments" and Section 12 "Other Financial Instruments Issues" of FRS 102, in full to all of its financial instruments.

All of the charities financial assets and financial liabilities qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

Accounting policies continued

3 Investments

Investments are stated at market value less any provision for permanent diminution in value.

Gains/(losses) on investments

Realised and unrealised capital gains and losses on investments are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they arise, based on the brought forward valuations or cost of subsequent additions.

Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless these costs are required to be capitalised as an intangible or tangible fixed asset.

Employees are only entitled to carry forward unused holiday entitlement in exceptional circumstances, and only by agreement with management. The cost of any unused entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are required.

Pension scheme

The charity operates a multi-employer pension scheme for its lay employees. The scheme contributions are recognised as expenditure in the period to which they relate as there is insufficient information available to use defined benefit accounting. Ordained staff are members of the Methodist Ministers Pension Fund.

Where applicable a liability is recognised for contributions arising from an agreement with the multi-employer plan that determines how the charity will fund a deficit. Contributions are discounted, at a rate according to FRS102, when they are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the period end. The unwinding of the discount rate is recognised as a finance cost.

The contributions payable by the charity charged to income and expenditure amounts to £19,809 (2022/23- £16,596)

Agency arrangements

The district acts as an agent in the collection and payment of Methodist Church Fund. Related payments received from the Circuits are paid over to the Connexion and excluded from the statement of financial activities and are shown separately in note 19.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectation of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The District makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

Critical areas of judgement

In categorising leases as finance leases or operating leases, management makes judgements as to whether significant risks and rewards of ownership have transferred to the District as lessee, or the lessee, where the District is a lessor.

Support from volunteers

Groups of volunteers support the work of the charity, the trustees are enormously grateful for all the hard work they do. Placing a monetary value on the contributions of the volunteers presents significant difficulties. With the lack of a market comparator price for volunteers, it is impractical for their contribution to be measured reliably for accounting purposes. Given the absence of a reliable measurement basis, the contribution of general volunteers has not been included as income in the charity's accounts.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

4a. Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Assessment on circuits	108,444	-	-	-	108,444	96,192
From Circuit Model Trust Funds	-	-	116,585	-	116,585	76,239
Connexional Advance & Priority Fund	-	-	301,563	-	301,563	222,782
	<u>108,444</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>418,148</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>526,592</u>	<u>395,213</u>

The income from charitable activities was £526,592 (2023- £395,213) of which £108,444 was unrestricted (2023- £96,192) and £418,148 was restricted (2023- £299,021)

4b. Other Income	Un-Restricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Grants Received	-	50,998	51,477	-	102,475	133,361
Sundry Income	19,111	-	-	-	19,111	5,846
	<u>19,111</u>	<u>50,998</u>	<u>51,477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>121,586</u>	<u>139,207</u>

The other income funding was £121,586 (2023- £139,207) of which £19,111 was unrestricted (2023- £139,207) and £50,998 was designated (2023- £30,000) and £51,477 was restricted (2023-£39,861)

4c. Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Direct costs £	Support Costs £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Salaries and associated costs	215,231	-	-	215,231	154,586
Manse costs	-	-	19,420	19,420	38,341
Administration	-	-	22,217	22,217	22,680
Grants and donations	-	457,859	-	457,859	94,956
Other expenditure	-	-	37,974	37,974	8,539
	<u>215,231</u>	<u>457,859</u>	<u>79,611</u>	<u>752,701</u>	<u>319,102</u>

Expenditure for the year was £752,701 (2023- £319,102) of which £558,319 (2023- £144,749) was restricted, £127,361 (2023- £132,634) was unrestricted, £67,013 (2023- £41,710) was designated and £8 (2023- £9) was endowment.

Grants and donations are made up as follows:	2024 £457,259	2023 £94,956
Breakdown of grants paid are shown at note 20 on page 14		
Support costs are made up as follows:	2024 £79,611	2023 £69,560

During the year expenses were reimbursed to trustees of the charity totalling £8,920 (2023: £10,043)

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

5 Trustees

None of the trustees, or persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the District or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31st August 2024 (2023: nil). Trustees are allowed to reclaim certain expenses incurred as a result of them fulfilling their duties. The amount claimed during the year ended 31st August 2024 was:

	2024	2023
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	7	7
Reimbursement of expenses		
Total reimbursement of expenses	<u>£8,920</u>	<u>£10,043</u>

6 Staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

The aggregate payroll costs during the year were:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	160,748	113,509
Social Security Costs	10,967	6,992
Other Pension Costs	19,809	16,596
	<u>191,524</u>	<u>137,097</u>

No employee earned in excess of £60,000 during the year (2023: nil)

Particulars of employees:

The average number of staff employed by the District during the financial year amounted to:

	2024	2023
	No	No
Total	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

Key management personnel

No salaries as employee benefits are paid to the key management personnel for the year (2023: nil)

Net outgoing resources

Net outgoing resources are stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff pension contributions	19,809	16,596
Independent examiners fee	<u>4,260</u>	<u>3,264</u>

7 Tangible fixed assets

Cost

1st September 2023 & 31st August 2024

Depreciation

1st September 2023 & 31st August 2024

Net book value

31st August 2023 & 31st August 2024

All tangible fixed assets are held for charitable purposes.

Freehold Buildings £

175,516

5,676

169,840

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024****8 Debtors**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	27,174	83,735
Loan to Circuit repayable within twelve months	-	100,000
	<u>27,174</u>	<u>183,735</u>

9 Creditors:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income		
Due within twelve months	291,410	380,982
Creditors due over twelve months	412,035	266,978
	<u>703,445</u>	<u>647,960</u>

10 Endowment funds

	Balance 1 September 2023	Incoming Resources	Charitable Activities	Transfers	Outgoing Resources	Balance 31 August 2024
2024	£	£	£	£	£	£
Permanent endowments:						
The W H Scott Memorial Trust	<u>2,886</u>	<u>302</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(79)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,109</u>
	Balance 1st September 2022	Incoming Resources	Charitable Activities	Transfers	Outgoing Resources	Balance 31st August 2023
2023	£	£	£	£	£	£
Permanent endowments						
The WH Scott Memorial Trust	<u>3,014</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(80)</u>	<u>(137)</u>	<u>2,886</u>

The W H Scott Memorial Trust was established in 1924 for the benefit of Wesleyan Methodist Ministers Widows. This was subsequently amended due to the lack of beneficiaries and the income only is now paid to the District Benevolent Fund. The fund is represented by investments.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024**

11 Restricted funds

2024	Balance	Investment				Balance
	1 September	Gains				31 August
	2023	Income	Expenditure	(Losses)	Transfers	2024
District Advance Fund	247,846	475,324	(456,420)	-	-	266,750
Benevolent Fund	3,073	-	(547)	-	79	2,605
Education and Youth Fund	-	-	(3,308)	-	3,308	-
Training Fund	-	-	(10,249)	-	10,249	-
NPNP Fund	46,740	125,164	(87,795)	-	-	84,109
	<u>297,659</u>	<u>600,488</u>	<u>(558,319)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,636</u>	<u>353,464</u>

2023	Balance	Investment				Balance
	1 September	Gains				31 August
	2022	Income	Expenditure	(Losses)	Transfers	2023
District Advance Fund	2,692	326,447	(81,293)	-	-	247,846
Benevolent Fund	2,628	415	(50)	-	80	3,073
MSM Fund	12,939	137	-	-	(13,076)	-
NPNP Fund	12,710	40,818	(47,864)	-	41,076	46,740
Training Fund	-	615	(11,310)	-	10,695	-
Education & Youth	-	-	(4,232)	-	4,232	-
	<u>30,969</u>	<u>368,432</u>	<u>(144,749)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,007</u>	<u>297,659</u>

12 Designated funds

2024	Balance	Investment				Balance
	1 September	Gains				31 August
	2023	Income	Expenditure	(Losses)	Transfers	2024
Capital Fund	326,268	16,448	(453)	-	-	342,263
International Fund	20	-	-	-	(20)	-
Our Calling	-	73,398	(66,368)	-	-	7,030
District Aid Fund	103,621	4,501	-	-	-	108,122
Mission Together Fund	30,322	-	(192)	-	-	30,130
Total Designated Funds	<u>460,231</u>	<u>94,347</u>	<u>(67,013)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(20)</u>	<u>487,545</u>

2023	Balance	Investment				Balance
	1 September	Gains				31 August
	2022	Income	Expenditure	(Losses)	Transfers	2023
Capital Fund	312,485	35,493	(509)	-	(21,201)	326,268
Our Calling	-	20,000	(41,201)	-	21,201	-
International Fund	20	-	-	-	-	20
District Aid Fund	100,585	3,036	-	-	-	103,621
Mission Together Fund	19,322	11,000	-	-	-	30,322
Total Designated funds	<u>432,412</u>	<u>69,529</u>	<u>(41,710)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>460,231</u>

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

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12 Designated funds (continued)

The income funds of the charity include designated funds, which has been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specific purposes:

The Capital Fund is a fund to which all members and circuits have subscribed. Historically investment income only will be used for "people" based projects and any funding granted will be on a pump-priming basis however Synod agreed that capital may now be used.

Several grants have been made. The fund is represented by bank balances and is fully subscribed to.

The Cuba Fund is a fund begun by donations to a sponsored walk and used to fund close links between the District and that country. It has been renamed "International Fund."

The District Aid Fund has been set up to make loans to aid completion of projects.

The Mission Together Fund is receiving donations to fund the District Wide Mission.

The Our Calling Fund is a grant from Connexion to fund the work of Deacon T Hume in her work as District Community Engagement Enabler. It was resolved to fund any deficit from the District Capital Fund.

13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trusts to be applied for specific purposes:

The Benevolent Fund represents funds designated for benevolent purposes as laid down by Standing Order 527(2). The income of the fund includes transfers from W H Scott Memorial Trust.

The fund is represented by cash and bank balances.

The District Advance Fund is a fund set up and administered under the standing orders of the Methodist Church. It receives income from Circuit Model Trust Funds within the District together with an allocation from Connexional Advance & Property Fund for property and people based projects to further the work of this charity in the Newcastle District. Surplus funds are held with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

Training Fund receives donations from Circuits and makes donations to lay and ordained members of churches undertaking training.

The Connexional Strategy New Places New People known as NPNP are projects focused on forming new Christian communities for those not yet part of an existing church. NPNP's are the most effective means of connecting new people, new people groups and new residents to Christian exploration and community.

The Education and Youth Fund is used to support work with children and young people particularly the costs of travel to 3Generate.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

14 Charitable commitments

At 31st August 2024 there were no commitments which are to be funded out of the District Capital Fund (2023 -Enil) .

15 Ultimate controlling party

The ultimate controlling party of the District is considered to be the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church.

16 Related parties

The related parties of the District are twelve Circuits, their Chapels and Manses, which are all based in the North-East of England. They are contactable via the principal address of the Charity. Funds are transferred on a quarterly basis.

No related party transactions took place during the current or previous year.

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

2024	Un-Restricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	169,840	-	-	-	169,840
Current assets	86,110	487,545	1,045,989	3,109	1,622,753
Creditors under 12 months	(10,920)	-	(280,490)	-	(291,410)
Creditors over 12 months	-	-	(412,035)	-	(412,035)
	<u>245,030</u>	<u>487,545</u>	<u>353,464</u>	<u>3,109</u>	<u>1,089,148</u>
2023	Un-Restricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	169,840	-	-	-	169,840
Current assets	83,735	480,231	919,542	2,886	1,486,394
Creditors under 12 months	(6,077)	(20,000)	(354,905)	-	(380,982)
Creditors over 12 months	-	-	(266,978)	-	(266,978)
	<u>247,498</u>	<u>460,231</u>	<u>297,659</u>	<u>2,886</u>	<u>1,008,274</u>

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024**18 Taxation**

The District is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the District.

19 Amounts disbursed as agent

	2024	2023
	£	£
Methodist Church Fund assessments received	563,356	543,807
Methodist Church Fund assessments paid	<u>563,356</u>	<u>543,807</u>

20 Grants and donations

	2024	2023
	£	£
Institutions		
Haltwhistle Youth Worker	(6,047)	-
East Durham Circuit	-	1,000
Sunderland Samba	20,000	-
Blackhill Building	(50,000)	-
Mother House /District Evangelism Enabler	141,584	-
Bede Circuit	60,000	-
Chinese Church	15,000	25,000
Sheildfield Project	219,817	-
Ponteland Methodist Church	30,000	-
North West Durham	-	50,000
Recovery Church	30,000	3,363
Grants Repaid	(9,000)	-
Small Grants	2,650	-
	<u>454,004</u>	<u>79,363</u>
Individuals for Training all under £1000	547	11,310
Education and Youth	3,308	4,283
	<u>457,859</u>	<u>94,956</u>

Accounts

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
AND ACCOUNTS

CHARITY NO. 1127637

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST AUGUST 2023

CHARITY COMMISSION
FIRST CONTACT

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION****CHARITY NO. 1127637****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023****TRUSTEES**

Rev E Walker
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 Deacon G Morgan
 Mrs C Armstrong
 Mr A Irvin
 Mr D A Stabler
 Rev E Lindridge
 Deacon T Hume
 Rev S Earl
 Mrs S Waters
 Rev J Gill (Appointed 1st September 2023)

Rev J Carter
 Mr D Brown
 Mr A Lowe (Retired 31st August 2023)
 Mr C Horton (District Treasurer)
 Mr A Wilkinson (Retired 31st August 2023)
 Rev J Porterpryde
 Mrs M Graham
 Mrs S Gibbon
 Miss A Ilderton
 Mrs K Bevan (Appointed 25th September 2023)
 Mr M Shaw (Appointed 22nd April 2023)

All trustees are deemed to be key management personnel of the charity

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

1 Objectives and activities

In setting our objectives and planning our activities, the District Synod (under the leadership of the District Trustees) meets twice in each year, has given careful consideration to the Charity Commissioners' general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing our objectives and conforms to the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and independent examiners report of the District for the period 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023.

Newcastle upon Tyne District of the Methodist Church is a registered charity number 1127637.

Aims and Objectives

The aim of the Newcastle upon Tyne District of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to work in partnership with others to fulfil our calling.

Thus the District will seek to support, encourage, challenge and equip Circuits, Local Churches and individuals to:-

- a) underpin all activities with God-centred worship and prayer:
- b) promote a culture in the Church which is people-centred and flexible:
- c) make and nurture disciples who have confidence in speaking about their faith and in engaging in evangelism:
- d) engage in community development, acts of loving service and action for justice: and
- e) venture into fresh ways of being church.

The Methodist Conference further gave direction to every District to produce a District Mission Plan to give focus to the above.

District Mission Plan 2022

"The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission."

The purpose of the Newcastle upon Tyne Methodist District is "to resource local churches in fulfilling Our Calling"

Through the District Mission Plan (DMP) the District aims to resource local churches to be more fruitful in:

Worship
Evangelism
Small Group Discipleship

It will seek to achieve this through

A process of reflecting back to Circuit Leadership Teams on the Mission (i.e. Growth or End of Life) Plans that local churches and circuits produce.

The establishment of a "District Evangelism Team" with a particular focus on urban priority areas, rural areas, fresh expressions and the Together project.

The appointment of a "Worship Working Party" to consult widely in order to help the District discern how we can support an improvement in the quality of both congregational and small-group worship and what resourcing is needed to help churches implement this.

Working with Superintendent Ministers and Circuit Leadership Teams to seek the best way to support the development of small groups which promote faith development and church growth.

A commitment from the District and Circuits to ensuring that ministers' gifts and callings are not inhibited by being expected to fulfil lay roles e.g. safeguarding officer, property steward, treasurer etc.

In order to do this we will organise ourselves differently:

The Synod as the policy-making body confirmed in September 2018 that our purpose as a District is "to resource local churches in fulfilling Our Calling"

The District Policy Committee as the Managing Trustees, continues to refine its policies in a way that resources the District Mission Plan and will review the plan annually. The DMP will be regularly updated with its implementations and achievements.

The September 2018 Synod appointed a District Leadership Team from amongst the District Officers to ensure that the District fulfils its purpose.

Synod appointed a District Community Engagement Enabler in September 2019 to further enhance its goals.

In 2023 the DPC reviewed DMP alongside the needs and resources of the Circuits and Churches and as a result re-shaped and created three District roles.i)The District Evangelism Enabler became the new team leader for the Mother House,the Districts New Places for New People project.ii) A new Evangelism and Justice Enabler post and iii) a Property Support Officer (to be appointed)

In all that we do remember that God is with us, that we seek to serve God alone and make disciples of Jesus Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit.

2 Achievements and performance

The principle purpose of the District is to act as a supporting body between Circuits and the Connexion. The District does not seek and, in large measure, does not have direct contact with the public. The direct contact is by Churches and Circuits and it is these that the District supports in their desire to provide benefit to the public.

Under the heading "Collaborative arrangements with connected charities" (3.3 below) there is information on how we obtained our funds. In this paragraph we show how they were spent. The money collected, or available for dispersal, was used as grants to support Churches and Circuits throughout the District with their work in their local communities and to subsidise the administrative costs of the District. The policy of the trustees on grant making is to ensure that all applications can demonstrate public benefit, pass a test of sustainability, show that there is commitment from the applicant organisation and show imagination and creativity as well as a perceived need for that which the grant is being sought.

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The grants were of several kinds, including:

- Grants for the adaption of buildings so that they could more easily meet the current and future needs of Churches and help Churches provide services to the community
- Grants which supported part time or full time workers attached to Circuits or Local Churches
- Grants for young people to attend conferences such as 3Generate
- Grants to individuals to help pay for the cost of studying.

Circuits and Churches that have received grants from the District will show in their own Trustees' Annual Reports (where these are required to be prepared) details of the outcome of the activities undertaken as a result of receiving the grant.

Reflective Supervision for all ministers in active work is continuing

Training for the new leadership module for safeguarding has begun across the District

The continuing effects of the pandemic are taking a significant toll upon the everyday mission and ministry of the local churches. Each circuit has been affected and a number of the Churches in the District have sought permission to close in the last year. It is likely that others will follow. Each Circuit has reduced staffing accordingly, with permission of the District Policy Committee as per the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church. Increasing use of District Officers time has been used in support of those affected.

2.1 Plans for future years

- i Ensure that any local issues emanating from the Past Cases Review are dealt with sympathetically, fully and timeously
- ii Ensure that all those within the District that should attend the safeguarding Leadership Module do so
- iii Encourage attendance at 3Generate
- iv Encourage initiatives for mission in Circuits and Churches within the District

3 Financial review

During the year the District received total income of £606K (2021/22 - £430K) and dispersed £319K (2021/22 - £467K). The resulting surplus/(deficit) was £287K (2021/22-£36K) and total reserves carried forward of £1008K (2021/22- £721K)

The trustees of the District have every reason to believe that the District is a going concern, principally because Circuits continue to meet their assessment and the District has adequate reserves to cover a shortfall in anticipated income. There are no subsidiary undertakings. Trustees do not foresee any factors that will significantly affect the financial performance or position in the next year or two.

The District continues to hold the one freehold property being the Chair's Manse in Newcastle upon Tyne.

The District has the following principal sources of funds:

- Interest on investments
- Levies on the Circuit Model Trust Funds of Circuits within the District
- Contributions from Connexional Advance & Property Fund
- Assessments on Circuits within the District

These sums are used to administer the District and to provide grants to Circuits, Churches and individuals in the District so that they may embark on or continue with projects that fulfil the mission of the District by bringing more people to Christ or by providing facilities that might enable this to happen.

3.1 Investment Policy and Performance

To comply with Methodist Standing Orders, monies for long term investment are lodged with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP). TMCP acts as custodian trustee for all real estate held by Districts and for all large (over £20K) bequests and for the proceeds of sale of any property formerly owned by the District. These sums are invested in unitised investments or held on deposit. The investment returns are close to tracking the movements in the FTSE100 index. The deposit income mirrors the deposit rates available elsewhere. Newcastle District trustees' investment policy is aligned with that of the CFB and TMCP because these organisations take into consideration the social, environmental and ethical considerations, both negatively and positively, that make investments suitable for the Methodist Church.

Short term deposits are lodged directly with the Central Finance Board (CFB) and attract good rates of interest.

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There are no bench marks for the expected returns or appreciation on investments at TMCP and CFB. It is the District's policy to manage the cash and investment resources of the District so that a rate of return on investment - both by way of dividend and capital appreciation - is obtained at least as good as market rate considering the District's low appetite for risk.

3.2 Reserves level and policy

It should be noted that the unrestricted reserves have funded the purchase cost of the manse £170k and, as a result, the unrestricted reserves readily available total is £77k

The District has a reserves policy covering all its unrestricted funds which is reviewed annually.

The minimum policy level of the readily available part of the General Fund is such as to pay for six months payroll costs and closing costs of staff redundancies, rent and other costs on leased equipment. At 31st August 2023 this sum amounted to £66k against actual reserves of £77k as stated above.

The reserves held at the end of the year were as follows:

<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	£
General Fund	£247,498
<u>Designated Funds</u>	
Capital Fund	£326,268
District Aid Fund	£103,621
Mission Together Fund	£30,322
International Fund	£20
	<u>£460,231</u>
<u>Restricted Funds</u>	
District Advance Fund	£247,846
Benevolence Fund	£3,073
MSM Fund	£0
NPNP Fund	£46,740
	<u>£297,659</u>
Endowment	<u>£2,886</u>
	<u>£1,008,274</u>
Total Undesignated Funds Unrestricted Funds	£247,498
Less: Invested in the Manse	£169,840
Uncommitted reserves, readily available	<u>£77,658</u>

All funds are separately invested either with CFB or TMCP. No money is directly invested in property, securities or other forms of investments.

3.3 Collaborative arrangements with connected charities

The District's main source of funding is the assessments obtained from each Circuit within the District based on the membership and staffing levels of the Circuit and this was used to defray most of the cost of administering the District. The sum amounted to £96,192 (2021/2022 £86,00).

The District obtained from each Circuit with a reserve, known as a Circuit Model Trust Fund (CMTF), a levy based on the size of the Circuits' CMTFs at the start of the connexional year (1st September). In 2022/23 this sum was £76,239 and was credited to the District Advance Fund. The District also obtained an allocation from the Connexional Advance and Property Fund of £222,782. This fund is obtained from a levy on all property sales of Methodist property.

The District holds no funds as custodian Trustee. It does, however, quarterly receive from Circuits

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within the District the Circuits' contributions to the Methodist Church Fund (MCF). These sums are collected as agent for the MCF and are passed to the MCF later in the same quarter. Funds received by the District as agent are not recognised as an asset in the financial statements because the funds are not within its control. No fee is earned in respect of this agency arrangement and the District incurs no cost through this arrangement.

4 Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting standards.

For each financial year ending on 31st August the Trustees are required to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the District's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees must:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently using the accruals method
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- follow applicable accounting standards
- prepare accounts to comply with the Charities SORP
- UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the District will continue in business

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the District and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the District and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the District's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Training in the responsibilities of trustees is offered to all new trustees soon after their appointment.

4.1 Risk

The District is largely risk averse but, especially in making grants to entities embarking on new and imaginative initiatives, the District is prepared to underwrite considered risks.

Districts do not need their own risk register because of what is covered in the Connexional Risk Review will be the same for the District, the District notes that the latest review was undertaken by The Methodist Council at its January 2021 meeting. The review was updated in the light of Covid-19 and other wider risks. The Connexional risk review can be viewed at [counc_jan-21_mc21-4-risk-management-policy.pdf\(methodist.org.uk\)](https://counc_jan-21_mc21-4-risk-management-policy.pdf(methodist.org.uk))

4.2 Safeguarding

The District reviews its Safeguarding Policy annually and is guided by the Regional Safeguarding Officer, who serves both the Newcastle upon Tyne and Darlington Districts. There is detailed guidance on the Connexional website for Ministers and Lay Persons. All Lay Persons, whether paid or voluntary are recruited via the "safer recruitment process"; all ministers and Lay Persons are provided with training.

The District including all circuits, churches and projects cooperated with requests from the Connexion, including providing information for the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse enquiry. The report was published in 2022.

5 Structure, governance and management

The District is an unincorporated association and is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church and was registered with the Charity Commissioners on 21st January 2009.

The Trustees are appointed from within the District as and when the need arises and appointments are approved by District Synod.

5.1 Structure

Circuits are the coordinating charities for local groups of Churches; Circuits pay the stipends of the ministers and employ lay staff to serve the Churches in the Circuit; most decisions are made at or ratified by the half yearly Circuit Meeting. A District is the coordinating charity for a group of contiguous Circuits and makes its decisions at half yearly synods. The Methodist Conference meets once each year as the supreme denominational body for all Methodist Churches.

1. Overall regulatory authority rests with the Methodist Conference.
2. The Connexional Office implements decisions made by Conference and is also responsible for the stationing of presbyters and deacons (collectively known as ministers) in individual Circuits within the District.
3. Connexional decisions are passed to the Chair of the District and the appropriate officers of the District for implementation.

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5.1 Structure continued

4. The District passes regulatory control down to Circuit level for local implementation by the Superintendent Minister, ministerial staff and Circuit Stewards, and authority is delegated to the Circuit Meeting for certain matters.
5. The Circuit Meeting passes regulatory control down to Church Councils for local implementation by the presbyter, the Church Stewards, and other officers, and this regulatory authority is then exercised by Church Councils as Managing Trustees of their Charity.

5.2 Purpose of the District

The District is an expression, over a wider geographical area than any Circuit, of the Connexional character of the Church.

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of the union the advancement of:

- a. the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church, and
- b. any charitable purposes for the time being of any Connexional, District Circuit, Local or other organisation of the Methodist Church, and
- c. any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church, and
- d. any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary of the Methodist Church.

The primary purpose of this District is to advance the mission of the Church in Northumberland Tyne & Wear and the Northern part of County Durham.

- by providing opportunities for Circuits to work together and support each other
- by offering to Circuits resources of finance, personnel and expertise.

The District serves the Local Churches and Circuits and the Conference in the support, deployment and oversight of the various ministries of the Church, and in programmes of training.

5.3 Governance

The District operates within a statutory framework of regulation and seeks to ensure that it follows Methodist Standing Orders. It relies on the Connexional Office at 25 Tavistock Place, London, WC1H 9SF to provide guidance on changes that could affect the District.

The members of the District Policy Committee (DPC) are annually appointed by a vote of the Synod for a continuous term not normally exceeding six years. The Chair of District is *ex officio* chair of the DPC. When a position becomes vacant on the District Policy Committee, nominations are invited from ministers and lay members of Circuits within the District. The Chair of the District then shares with nominees what the roles involve. If they wish to be considered for a role, their names are taken to the District Policy Committee and the District Synod for appointment. Members may be either ministers or lay people attending Churches in the area covered by the District. Trustees are all members of the Methodist Church and through experience are aware of the workings of the charity.

The District Policy Committee normally meets four times per year and deals with routine and exceptional matters. It oversees the work of the Evangelism and Justice, Worship and Discipleship teams and Finance and Property Executive, Stationing Advisory group, probationers committee and Candidates committee.

5.4 Responsibilities of the District Policy Committee

- i to formulate and promote policies which will advance the mission of the Church in the Circuits and Local Churches and, in particular, to supervise the use of resources of personnel, property and finance and to assist Local Churches and Circuits having exceptional problems.
- ii to encourage inter-Circuit and ecumenical co-operation
- iii to act in an executive capacity in matters remitted to the Committee by the Synod
- iv to keep within its purview all District concerns not dealt with elsewhere
- v to contribute and respond, as the case may be, to the development of Connexional policies as reflected in the work of the Conference and the Methodist Council, and to carry out its other responsibilities with any such development in mind
- vi to be aware that the stipend of the Chair of the District is set - currently by reference to the change over a year in the Consumer Price Index - using a formula that was agreed by the Methodist Conference for all ministers within the Connexion.
- vii constantly to be aware of the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCHREPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023**6.1 Trustees**

The following served as Trustees throughout part or all of the year 2022/23 or were trustees at the time of this report being approved:

Mr A Irvin
 Revd Dr S J Lindridge (Chair)
 Mr A Lowe (Retired 31st August 2023)
 Rev J Carter
 Mrs C Armstrong
 Mr D A Stabler
 Rev E Lindridge
 Deacon T Hume
 Deacon G Morgan
 Mrs M Graham
 Mrs K Bevan (Appointed 25th September 2023)

Rev E Walker
 Rev J Porterpryde
 Mrs S Waters
 Mr C Horton (District Treasurer)
 Rev S Earl
 Mr A Wilkinson (Retired 31st August 2023)
 Mr D Brown
 Miss A Ilderton
 Mrs S Gibbon
 Rev J Gill (Appointed 1st September 2023)
 Mr M Shaw (Appointed 22nd April 2023)

6.2 Salaries of District employees are reviewed by the Property and Finance Executive and confirmed by the subsequent District Policy Committee.

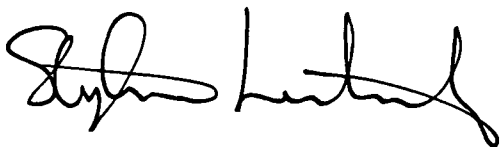
6.3 A resolution to reappoint RSM UK Tax and Accounting Limited as independent examiners will be put to the trustees and the Synod.

Approvals

The Trustees' Report and the Financial Statements were approved by the District Policy Committee on

Signed on behalf of the DPC, as authorised:

Stephen Lindridge (signed)



District Chair

Date:

9th May 2024

Christopher Horton (signed)



District Treasurer

Date:

16 May 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE
TRUSTEES OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF
THE METHODIST CHURCH FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Newcastle Upon Tyne District of the Methodist Church for the year ended 31st August 2023 which are set out on pages 3 to 15

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statements

Since the charity's gross income exceeds £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

Lucy Robson

Name: Lucy Robson

Relevant professional qualification or body: FCA

ON BEHALF OF RSM UK TAX AND ACCOUNTING LIMITED

Chartered Accountants
 1 St James' Gate
 Newcastle upon Tyne
 NE1 4AD

Date 20/05/24

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals This Year £	Totals Previous Year £
Income and Endowments							
Charitable activities	4a	96,192	-	299,021	-	395,213	372,301
Investments-interest		2,430	13,529	28,520	89	44,568	6,054
Donations and legacies-donations		-	26,000	1,030	-	27,030	1,442
Other Charitable Income	4b	69,346	30,000	39,861	-	139,207	50,667
Total Incoming Resources		167,968	69,529	368,432	89	606,018	430,464
Charitable Activities							
Salaries & Associated Costs	4c&6	65,521	41,201	47,864	-	154,586	155,584
Manse Costs	4c	38,341	-	-	-	38,341	17,236
Administration	4c	22,680	-	-	-	22,680	19,190
Grants & Donations	4c	-	-	94,956	-	94,956	251,233
Other Expenditure	4c	6,092	509	1,929	9	8,539	23,378
Total Charitable Activities		132,634	41,710	144,749	9	319,102	466,621
Net Income/(Expenditure)		35,334	27,819	276,228	80	286,916	(36,157)
Transfers Between Funds		(42,927)	-	43,007	(80)	-	-
Sub Total		(7,593)	27,819	266,690	-	286,916	(36,157)
Other (losses)		-	-	-	(128)	(128)	(142)
Net Movement in Funds		(7,593)	27,819	266,690	(128)	286,788	(36,299)
Reconciliation of Funds							
Total funds brought forward from Last Year		255,091	432,412	30,969	3,014	721,486	757,785
Total Funds Carried Forward at End of Year		247,498	460,231	297,659	2,886	1,008,274	721,486

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities

These unaudited financial statements have been subject to independent examination. See report on page 2.

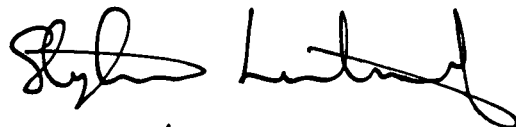
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2023

	Notes	Totals This Year £	Totals Previous Year £
Fixed Assets	7	<u>169,840</u>	<u>169,840</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors & Prepayments	8	183,735	17,166
Cash at Bank		<u>1,302,659</u>	<u>1,271,602</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>1,486,394</u>	<u>1,288,768</u>
Creditors	9	<u>380,982</u>	<u>324,136</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>1,105,412</u>	<u>964,632</u>
Total Assets less			
Net Current Liabilities		<u>1,275,252</u>	<u>1,134,472</u>
Creditors: amounts due			
after one year		<u>266,978</u>	<u>412,986</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>1,008,274</u></u>	<u><u>721,486</u></u>
Funds of the District			
General Fund (Unrestricted)		247,498	255,091
Designated Funds	12	460,231	432,412
Restricted Funds	11	297,659	30,969
Endowment Funds	10	<u>2,886</u>	<u>3,014</u>
Total Funds		<u><u>1,008,274</u></u>	<u><u>721,486</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 3 - 14 were approved by the board of trustees on 16 May 2024
and signed on its behalf by:

S J Lindridge



C Horton



Trustees

These unaudited financial statements have been subject to independent examination. See report on page 2.

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Recociliations of movements in funds		
Net movement in funds	286,788	(36,299)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(166,569)	55,648
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(89,162)	90,163
Cash flows from operating activities	<u>31,057</u>	<u>109,512</u>
Increase in cash and equivalents	31,057	109,512
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	1,271,602	1,162,090
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>1,302,659</u>	<u>1,271,602</u>

These unaudited financial statements have been subject to independent examination. See report pn page 2

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023**

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The address of the District's registered office and principal place of business is 246 Wingrove Road North, Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 9EJ.

Newcastle upon Tyne District of the Methodist Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £

Going concern

Financial Reporting Standard 102 requires, if appropriate, the District's financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, which means that the District is able to operate for the foreseeable future on the basis of known and reasonable projected resources. After reviewing financial and other information available, the Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties in respect of the District's ability to continue as a going concern. Newcastle upon Tyne District of the Methodist Church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. They continue to believe the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate in preparing the annual financial statements.

2 Fund accounting

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the District which are Unrestricted, Designated Funds and Restricted Funds which are held for a narrower purpose and Endowment Funds which represent gifts, the capital normally being unavailable for spending, and the income from which is either Restricted or Unrestricted. Details of each material fund are disclosed in notes 10-14 to these accounts.

Income

Income is recognised in the period in which the District is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is deferred only when the District has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Voluntary income received by way of donations and gifts to the District is included in full in the statement of financial activities when received. Intangible income is not included unless it represents goods or services which would have otherwise been purchased. Gifts in kind are valued and brought in as income and the appropriate expenditure. There were no gifts in kind in the year ended 31st August 2023.

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

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Accounting policies continued

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred or a constructive obligation arises that result in the payment being unavoidable. Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discounts offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Liabilities and provision

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the District anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is not charged on freehold buildings as under normal circumstances the residual values are considered to be greater than cost. However, the carrying values of freehold buildings are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Assets having an initial cost of £1,000 or less are written off on acquisition.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement as either financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the District after deducting all of its liabilities. The District has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 "Basic Financial Instruments" and Section 12 "Other Financial Instruments Issues" of FRS 102, in full to all of its financial instruments.

All of the charities financial assets and financial liabilities qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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Accounting policies continued

3 Investments

Investments are stated at market value less any provision for permanent diminution in value.

Gains/(losses) on investments

Realised and unrealised capital gains and losses on investments are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they arise, based on the brought forward valuations or cost of subsequent additions.

Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless these costs are required to be capitalised as an intangible or tangible fixed asset.

Employees are only entitled to carry forward unused holiday entitlement in exceptional circumstances, and only by agreement with management. The cost of any unused entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are required.

Pension scheme

The charity operates a multi-employer pension scheme for its lay employees. The scheme contributions are recognised as expenditure in the period to which they relate as there is insufficient information available to use defined benefit accounting. Ordained staff are members of the Methodist Ministers Pension Fund.

Where applicable a liability is recognised for contributions arising from an agreement with the multi-employer plan that determines how the charity will fund a deficit. Contributions are discounted, at a rate according to FRS102, when they are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the period end. The unwinding of the discount rate is recognised as a finance cost.

The contributions payable by the charity charged to income and expenditure amounts to £16,596 (2021/22- £15,778)

Agency arrangements

The district acts as an agent in the collection and payment of Methodist Church Fund. Related payments received from the Circuits are paid over to the Connexion and excluded from the statement of financial activities and are shown separately in note 19.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectation of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The District makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

Critical areas of judgement

In categorising leases as finance leases or operating leases, management makes judgements as to whether significant risks and rewards of ownership have transferred to the District as lessee, or the lessee, where the District is a lessor.

Support from volunteers

Groups of volunteers support the work of the charity, the trustees are enormously grateful for all the hard work they do. Placing a monetary value on the contributions of the volunteers presents significant difficulties. With the lack of a market comparator price for volunteers, it is impractical for their contribution to be measured reliably for accounting purposes. Given the absence of a reliable measurement basis, the contribution of general volunteers has not been included as income in the charity's accounts.

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4a. Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Assessment on circuits	96,192	-	-	-	96,192	86,360
From Circuit Model Trust Funds	-	-	76,239	-	76,239	62,439
Connexional Advance & Property Fund	-	-	222,782	-	222,782	223,502
	<u>96,192</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>299,021</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>395,213</u>	<u>372,301</u>

The income from charitable activities was £395,213 2022- £372,301) of which £96,192 was unrestricted (2022-£86,300) and £299,021 was restricted (2022- £285,941)

4b. Other Income

	Un-Restricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Grants Received	63,500	30,000	39,861	-	133,361	47,529
Sundry Income	5,846	-	-	-	5,846	3,138
	<u>69,346</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>39,861</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>139,207</u>	<u>50,667</u>

The other income funding was £139,207 (2022- £50,667) of which £69,346 was unrestricted (2022- £3,138) and £30,000 was designated (2022- £23,000) and £39,861 was restricted (2022-£24,529)

4c. Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Direct costs £	Support Costs £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Salaries and associated costs	154,586	-	-	154,586	155,584
Manse costs	-	-	38,341	38,341	17,236
Administration	-	-	22,680	22,680	19,190
Grants and donations	-	94,956	-	94,956	251,233
Other expenditure	-	-	8,539	8,539	23,378
	<u>154,586</u>	<u>94,956</u>	<u>69,560</u>	<u>319,102</u>	<u>466,621</u>

Expenditure for the year was £319,102 (2022-£466,621) of which £144,749 (2022-251,192) was restricted, £132,634 (2022- £160,104) was unrestricted,£41,710 (2022- £55,319)was designated and £9 (2022- £6) was endowment.

Grants and donations are	2023	2022
made up as follows:	£94,956	£251,233
Breakdown of grants paid are shown at note 20 on page 14		
Support costs are	2023	2022
made up as follows:	£69,560	£42,568

During the year expenses were reimbursed to trustees of the charity totalling £10,043 (2022: £8,900)

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5 Trustees

None of the trustees, or persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the District or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31st August 2023 (2022: nil). Trustees are allowed to reclaim certain expenses incurred as a result of them fulfilling their duties. The amount claimed during the year ended 31st August 2023 was:

	2023	2022
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	7	7
Reimbursement of expenses		
Total reimbursement of expenses	<u>£10,043</u>	<u>£8,900</u>

6 Staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

The aggregate payroll costs during the year were:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	113,509	116,101
Social Security Costs	6,992	7,231
Other Pension Costs	16,596	15,778
	<u>137,097</u>	<u>139,110</u>

No employee earned in excess of £60,000 during the year (2022: nil)

Particulars of employees:

The average number of staff employed by the District during the financial year amounted to:

	2023	2022
	No	No
Total	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>

Key management personnel

No salaries as employee benefits are paid to the key management personnel for the year (2022: nil)

Net outgoing resources

Net outgoing resources are stated after charging:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff pension contributions	16,596	15,778
Independent examiners fee	<u>3,264</u>	<u>3,372</u>

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Buildings £
Cost	
1st September 2022 & 31st August 2023	<u>175,516</u>
Depreciation	
1st September 2022 & 31st August 2023	5,676
Net book value	
31st August 2022 & 31st August 2023	<u>169,840</u>

All tangible fixed assets are held for charitable purposes.

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8 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	83,735	17,166
Loan to Circuit repayable within twelve months	100,000	-
	<u>183,735</u>	<u>17,166</u>

9 Creditors:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income		
Due within twelve months	380,982	324,136
Creditors due over twelve months	266,978	412,986
	<u>647,960</u>	<u>737,122</u>

10 Endowment funds

	Balance 1 September 2022	Incoming Resources	Charitable Activities	Transfers	Outgoing Resources	Balance 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Permanent endowments:						
The W H Scott Memorial Trust	<u>3,014</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(80)</u>	<u>(137)</u>	<u>2,886</u>
	Balance 1st September 2021	Incoming Resources	Charitable Activities	Transfers	Outgoing Resources	Balance 31st August 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Permanent endowments						
The WH Scott Memorial Trust	<u>3,156</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(72)</u>	<u>(148)</u>	<u>3,014</u>

The W H Scott Memorial Trust was established in 1924 for the benefit of Wesleyan Methodist Ministers Widows. This was subsequently amended due to the lack of beneficiaries and the income only is now paid to the District Benevolent Fund. The fund is represented by investments.

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11 Restricted funds

2023	Balance 1 September			Investment Gains		Balance 31 August
	2022	Income	Expenditure	(Losses)	Transfers	2023
District Advance Fund	2,692	326,447	(81,293)	-	-	247,846
Benevolent Fund	2,628	415	(50)	-	80	3,073
MSM Fund	12,939	137	-	-	(13,076)	-
Training Fund	-	615	(11,310)	-	10,695	-
NPNP Fund	12,710	40,818	(47,864)	-	41,076	46,740
Education & Youth	-	-	(4,232)	-	4,232	-
	<u>30,969</u>	<u>368,432</u>	<u>(144,749)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,007</u>	<u>297,659</u>

2022	Balance 1 September			Investment Gains		Balance 31 August
	2021	Income	Expenditure	(Losses)	Transfers	2022
District Advance Fund	(10,423)	301,451	(233,718)	-	(54,618)	2,692
Benevolent Fund	6,056	-	(3,500)	-	72	2,628
MSM Fund	15,693	62	(2,816)	-	-	12,939
NPNP Fund	-	12,710	-	-	-	12,710
Training Fund	-	442	(11,158)	-	10,716	-
	<u>11,326</u>	<u>314,665</u>	<u>251,192</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(43,830)</u>	<u>30,969</u>

12 Designated funds

2023	Balance 1 September			Investment Gains		Balance 31 August
	2022	Income	Expenditure	(Losses)	Transfers	2023
Capital Fund	312,485	35,493	(509)	-	(21,201)	326,268
International Fund	20	-	-	-	-	20
Our Calling	-	20,000	(41,201)	-	21,201	-
District Aid Fund	100,585	3,036	-	-	-	103,621
Mission Together Fund	19,322	11,000	-	-	-	30,322
Total Designated Funds	<u>432,412</u>	<u>69,529</u>	<u>(41,710)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>460,231</u>

2022	Balance 1 September			Investment Gains		Balance 31 August
	2021	Income	Expenditure	(Losses)	Transfers	2022
University Chaplaincy	11,382	-	-	-	(11,382)	-
Capital Fund	332,310	1,547	(1,362)	-	(20,010)	312,485
Our Calling	-	21,000	(41,010)	-	20,010	-
International Fund	20	-	-	-	-	20
District Aid Fund	100,198	387	-	-	-	100,585
Mission Together Fund	19,269	3,000	(12,947)	-	10,000	19,322
Total Designated funds	<u>463,179</u>	<u>25,934</u>	<u>(55,319)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,382)</u>	<u>432,412</u>

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12 Designated funds (continued)

The income funds of the charity include designated funds, which has been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specific purposes:

The Capital Fund is a fund to which all members and circuits have subscribed. Historically investment income only will be used for "people" based projects and any funding granted will be on a pump-priming basis however Synod agreed that capital may now be used.

Several grants have been made. The fund is represented by bank balances and is fully subscribed to.

The Cuba Fund is a fund begun by donations to a sponsored walk and used to fund close links between the District and that country. It has been renamed "International Fund."

The District Aid Fund has been set up to make loans to aid completion of projects.

The Mission Together Fund is receiving donations to fund the District Wide Mission.

The University Chaplaincy fund provides a chaplaincy service to higher and further education institutions within the Newcastle District and has now ceased. The balance has been transferred back to the District Advance Fund.

The Our Calling Fund is a grant from Connexion to fund the work of Deacon T Hume in her work as District Community Engagement Enabler. It was resolved to fund any deficit from the District Capital Fund.

The Industrial Chaplaincy Fund supports the work of Industrial Chaplains.

13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trusts to be applied for specific purposes:

The Benevolent Fund represents funds designated for benevolent purposes as laid down by Standing Order 527(2). The income of the fund includes transfers from W H Scott Memorial Trust.

The fund is represented by cash and bank balances.

The District Advance Fund is a fund set up and administered under the standing orders of the Methodist Church. It receives income from Circuit Model Trust Funds within the District together with an allocation from Connexional Advance & Property Fund for property and people based projects to further the work of this charity in the Newcastle District. Surplus funds are held with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

The transfer to unrestricted funds is a grant made to finance the Stipend and expenses of the Minister of the Mother House and the District Property Secretary.

The MSM Fund was set up to enable the District Evangelism Enabler to organise "Mission Shaped Ministry" courses in an area extending beyond the boundaries of the Newcastle District and covering the North of England.

It is also open to other denominations. It is now closed with the balance transferred to the NPNP Fund.

Training Fund receives donations from Circuits and makes donations to lay and ordained members of churches undertaking training.

The Connexional Strategy New Places New People known as NPNP are projects focused on forming new Christian communities for those not yet part of an existing church. NPNP's are the most effective means of connecting new people, new people groups and new residents to Christian exploration and community.

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14 Charitable commitments

At 31st August 2023 there were no commitments which are to be funded out of the District Capital Fund (2022 -£nil).

15 Ultimate controlling party

The ultimate controlling party of the District is considered to be the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church.

16 Related parties

The related parties of the District are twelve Circuits, their Chapels and Manses, which are all based in the North-East of England. They are contactable via the principal address of the Charity. Funds are transferred on a quarterly basis.

No related party transactions took place during the current or previous year.

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

2023	Un-Restricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	169,840	-	-	-	169,840
Current assets	83,735	480,231	919,542	2,886	1,486,394
Creditors under 12 months	(6,077)	(20,000)	(354,905)	-	(380,982)
Creditors over 12 months			(266,978)		(266,978)
	<u>247,498</u>	<u>460,231</u>	<u>297,659</u>	<u>2,886</u>	<u>1,008,274</u>

2022	Un-Restricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	169,840	-	-	-	169,840
Current assets	90,144	462,794	732,816	3,014	1,288,768
Creditors under 12 months	(3,893)	(20,000)	(300,243)	-	(324,136)
Creditors over 12 months			(412,986)		(412,986)
	<u>256,091</u>	<u>442,794</u>	<u>19,587</u>	<u>3,014</u>	<u>721,486</u>

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18 Taxation

The District is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the District.

19 Amounts disbursed as agent

	2023	2022
	£	£
Methodist Church Fund assessments received	543,807	546,358
Methodist Church Fund assessments paid	<u>543,807</u>	<u>546,358</u>

20 Grants and donations

	2023	2022
	£	£
Institutions	-	45,000
South West Tyneside	-	(58,000)
East Durham Circuit	1,000	15,000
Tynedale Circuit	-	22,418
Lindisfarne	-	115,000
District Evangelism Enabler	-	27,000
Bede Circuit	-	-
Chinese Church	25,000	(45,000)
District Digital Ministry	-	18,695
North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit	-	27,000
Chester Le Street	-	19,000
North West Durham	50,000	50,000
Church at the Margins	-	11,861
Mission in Britain	-	-
Recovery Church	3,363	-
	<u>79,363</u>	<u>247,974</u>
Individuals for Training all under £1000	11,310	3,259
Education and Youth	<u>4,283</u>	<u>251,233</u>
	<u>94,956</u>	<u>251,233</u>

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Accounts

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
AND ACCOUNTS

CHARITY NO. 1127637

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST AUGUST 2022

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION****CHARITY NO. 1127637****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022****TRUSTEES**

Rev E Walker	Rev J Carter (appointed 1st September 2021)
Revd Dr S J Lindridge (Chair)	Mr D Brown
Deacon G Morgan	Mr A Lowe
Mrs C Armstrong	Mr C Horton (District Treasurer)
Mr A Irvin (appointed 8th March 2022)	Mr A Wilkinson
Mr D A Stabler	Rev J Porterpryde
Rev E Lindridge	Mrs M Graham
Deacon T Hume	Mrs S Gibbon
Rev S Earl	Miss A Ilderton
Mrs S Waters	

All trustees are deemed to be key management personnel of the charity

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022

1 Objectives and activities

In setting our objectives and planning our activities, the District Synod (under the leadership of the District Trustees) meets twice in each year, has given careful consideration to the Charity Commissioners' general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing our objectives and conforms to the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and independent examiners report of the District for the period 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022.

Newcastle upon Tyne District of the Methodist Church is a registered charity number 1127637.

Aims and Objectives

The aim of the Newcastle upon Tyne District of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to work in partnership with others to fulfil our calling.

Thus the District will seek to support, encourage, challenge and equip Circuits, Local Churches and individuals to:-

- a) underpin all activities with God-centred worship and prayer;
- b) promote a culture in the Church which is people-centred and flexible;
- c) make and nurture disciples who have confidence in speaking about their faith and in engaging in evangelism;
- d) engage in community development, acts of loving service and action for justice; and
- e) venture into fresh ways of being church.

The Methodist Conference further gave direction to every District to produce a District Mission Plan to give focus to the above.

District Mission Plan 2021

"The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission."

The purpose of the Newcastle upon Tyne Methodist District is "to resource local churches in fulfilling Our Calling"

Through the District Mission Plan (DMP) the District aims to resource local churches to be more fruitful in:

Worship
Evangelism
Small Group Discipleship

It will seek to achieve this through

A process of reflecting back to Circuit Leadership Teams on the Mission (i.e. Growth or End of Life) Plans that local churches and circuits produce.

The establishment of a "District Evangelism Team" with a particular focus on urban priority areas, rural areas, fresh expressions and the Together project.

The appointment of a "Worship Working Party" to consult widely in order to help the District discern how we can support an improvement in the quality of both congregational and small-group worship and what resourcing is needed to help churches implement this.

Working with Superintendent Ministers and Circuit Leadership Teams to seek the best way to support the development of small groups which promote faith development and church growth.

A commitment from the District and Circuits to ensuring that ministers' gifts and callings are not inhibited by being expected to fulfil lay roles e.g. safeguarding officer, property steward, treasurer etc.

In order to do this we will organise ourselves differently:

The Synod as the policy-making body confirmed in September 2018 that our purpose as a District is "to resource local churches in fulfilling Our Calling"

The District Policy Committee as the Managing Trustees, continues to refine its policies in a way that resources the District Mission Plan and will review the plan annually. The DMP will be regularly updated with its implementations and achievements.

The September 2018 Synod appointed a District Leadership Team from amongst the District Officers to ensure that the District fulfils its purpose.

Synod appointed a District Community Engagement Enabler in September 2019 to further enhance its goals.

In all that we do remember that God is with us, that we seek to serve God alone and make disciples of Jesus Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit.

2 Achievements and performance

The principle purpose of the District is to act as a supporting body between Circuits and the Connexion.

The District does not seek and, in large measure, does not attain direct contact with the public. The direct contact is by Churches and Circuits and it is these that the District supports in their desire to provide benefit to the public.

Under the heading "Collaborative arrangements with connected charities" (3.3 below) there is information on how we obtained our funds. In this paragraph we show how they were spent. The money collected, or available for dissipation, was used as grants to support Churches and Circuits throughout the District with their work in their local communities and to subsidise the administrative costs of the District. The policy of the trustees on grant making is to ensure that all applications can demonstrate public benefit, pass a test of sustainability, show that there is commitment from the applicant organisation and show imagination and creativity as well as a perceived need for that for which the grant is being applied for.

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The grants were of several kinds, including:

- Grants for the adaption of buildings so that they could more easily meet the modern needs of Churches and help Churches provide services to the community
- Grants which supported part time or full time workers attached to Circuits or Local Churches
- Grants for young people to attend conferences such as 3Generate
- Grants to individuals to help pay for the cost of studying.

Circuits and Churches that have received grants from the District will show in their own Trustees

Annual Reports (where these are required to be prepared) details of the outcome of the activities undertaken as a result of receiving the grant

Reflective Supervision of all ministers in active work is continuing

Training for the new leadership module for safeguarding has begun across the District

The continuing effects of the pandemic are taking a significant toll upon the everyday mission and ministr of the local churches. Each circuit has been affected and around 18% of the Churches in the District have sought permission to close in the last year. It is likely that more will follow in the coming year. Each Circuit has reduced staffing accordingly, with permission of the District Policy Committee as per the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church. Increasing use of District Officers time has been used in support of those affected.

2.1 Plans for future years

- i Ensure that any local issues emanating from the Past Cases Review are dealt with sympathetically fully and timeously
- ii Ensure that all those within the District that should attend the safeguarding Leadership Module do so
- iii Encourage attendance at 3Generate
- iv Encourage initiatives for mission in Circuits and Churches within the District

3 Financial review

During the year the District received total income of £430K (2020/21 - £358K) and dispersed £467K (2020/21 - £440K).

The resulting deficit was £36k (2020/21 - £83k)

and total reserves carried forward of £721k (2020/21 - £758K).

The trustees of the District have every reason to believe that the District is a going concern, principally because Circuits continue to meet their assessment and the District has adequate reserves to cover a shortfall in anticipated income. There are no subsidiary undertakings. Trustees do not foresee any factors that will significantly affect the financial performance or position in the next year or two

The District continues to hold the one freehold property being the Chair's Manse in Newcastle upon Tyne

The District has the following principal sources of funds:

- Interest on investments
- Levies on the Circuit Model Trust Funds of Circuits within the District
- Contributions from Connexional Advance & Property Fund
- Assessments on Circuits within the District

These sums are used to administer the District and to provide grants to Circuits, Churches and individuals in the District so that they may embark on or continue with projects that fulfil the mission of the District by bringing more people to Christ or by providing facilities that might enable this to happen

3.1 Investment Policy and Performance

To comply with Methodist Standing Orders, monies for long term investment are lodged with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP). TMCP acts as custodian trustee for all real estate held by Districts and for all large (over £20K) bequests and for the proceeds of sale of any property formerly owned by the District. These sums are invested in unitised investments or held on deposit. The investment returns are close to tracking the movements in the FTSE100 index. The deposit income mirrors the deposit rates available elsewhere. Newcastle District trustees' investment policy is aligned with that of the CFB and TMCP because these organisations take into consideration the social, environmental and ethical considerations, both negatively and positively, that make investments suitable for the Methodist Church

Short term deposits are lodged directly with the Central Finance Board (CFB) and attract good rates of interest.

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There are no bench marks for the expected returns or appreciation on investments at TMCP and CFB. It is the District's policy to manage the cash and investment resources of the District so that a rate of return on investment - both by way of dividend and capital appreciation - is obtained at least as good as market rate considering the District's low appetite for risk.

3.2 Reserves level and policy

It should be noted that the unrestricted reserves have funded the purchase cost of the manse £170k and, as a result, the unrestricted reserves readily available total is £85k.

The District has a reserves policy covering all its unrestricted funds which is reviewed annually.

The minimum policy level of the readily available part of the General Fund is such as to pay for six months payroll costs and closing costs of staff redundancies, rent and other costs on leased equipment. At 31st August 2022 this sum amounted to £80k against actual reserves of £96k as stated above.

The reserves held at the end of the year were as follows:

<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	£
General Fund	£255,091
<u>Designated Funds</u>	
Capital Fund	£312,485
District Aid Fund	£100,585
Mission Together Fund	£19,322
International Fund	£20
	<u>£432,412</u>
District Advance Fund	£2,692
Benevolence Fund	£2,628
MSM Fund	£12,939
NPNP Fund	£12,710
	<u>£30,969</u>
Endowment	£3,014
	<u>£721,486</u>
Total Undesignated Funds Unrestricted Funds	<u>£255,091</u>
Less: Invested in the Manse	£169,840
Uncommitted reserves, readily available	<u>£85,251</u>

All funds are separately invested either with CFB or TMCP. No money is directly invested in property, securities or other forms of investments.

3.3 Collaborative arrangements with connected charities

The District's main source of funding is the assessments obtained from each Circuit within the District based on the membership and staffing levels of the Circuit and this was used to defray most of the cost of administering the District. The sum amounted to £86,360 (2020/2021 - £84,762).

The District obtained from each Circuit with a reserve, known as a Circuit Model Trust Fund (CMTF), a levy based on the size of the Circuits' CMTFs at the start of the connexional year (1st September). In 2021/22 this sum was £62,439 and was credited to the District Advance Fund. The District also obtained an allocation from the Connexional Advance and Property Fund of £223,502. This fund is obtained from a levy on all property sales of Methodist property.

The District holds no funds as custodian Trustee. It does, however, quarterly receive from Circuits

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within the District the Circuits' contributions to the Methodist Church Fund (MCF). These sums are collected as agent for the MCF and are passed to the MCF later in the same quarter. Funds received by the District as agent are not recognised as an asset in the financial statements because the fund are not within its control. No fee is earned in respect of this agency arrangement and the District incur no cost through this arrangement.

4 Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting standards

For each financial year ending on 31st August the Trustees are required to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the District's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees must

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently using the accruals method
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- follow applicable accounting standards
- prepare accounts to comply with the Charities SORP
- UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the District will continue in business

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the District and enables them to ensure that the financial statement comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the District and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the District's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions

Training in the responsibilities of trustees is offered to all new trustees soon after their appointment

4.1 Risk

The District is largely risk averse but, especially in making grants to entities embarking on new and imaginative initiatives, the District is prepared to underwrite considered risks

Districts do not need their own risk register because of what is covered in the Connexional Risk Review will be the same for the District, the District notes that the latest review was undertaken by The Methodist Council at its January 2021 meeting. The review was updated in the light of Covid-19 and other wider risks. The Connexional risk review can be viewed at [counc_jan-21_mc21-4-risk-management-policy.pdf\[methodist.org.uk](https://counc_jan-21_mc21-4-risk-management-policy.pdf[methodist.org.uk)

4.2 Safeguarding

The District reviews its Safeguarding Policy annually and is guided by the Regional Safeguarding Officer, who serves both the Newcastle upon Tyne and Darlington Districts. There is detailed guidance on the Connexional website for Ministers and Lay Persons. All Lay Persons, whether paid or voluntary are recruited via the "safe recruitment process"; all ministers and Lay Persons are provided with training. The District including all circuits, churches and projects cooperated with requests from the Connexion, including providing information for the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse enquiry. The report will be published in October 2022.

5 Structure, governance and management

The District is an unincorporated association and is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church and was registered with the Charity Commissioners on 21st January 2009.

The Trustees are appointed from within the District as and when the need arises and appointments are approved by District Synod.

5.1 Structure

Circuits are the coordinating charities for local groups of Churches; Circuits pay the stipends of the minister and employ lay staff to serve the Churches in the Circuit; most decisions are made at or ratified by the half yearly Circuit Meeting. A District is the coordinating charity for a group of contiguous Circuits and makes its decisions at half yearly synods. The Methodist Conference meets once each year as the supreme denominational body for all Methodist Churches

1. Overall regulatory authority rests with the Methodist Conference
2. The Connexional Office implements decisions made by Conference and is also responsible for the stationing of presbyters and deacons (collectively known as ministers) in individual Circuits within the District.
3. Connexional decisions are passed to the Chair of the District and the appropriate officers of the District for implementation

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5.1 Structure continued

4. The District passes regulatory control down to Circuit level for local implementation by the Superintendent Minister, ministerial staff and Circuit Stewards, and authority is delegated to the Circuit Meeting for certain matters.
5. The Circuit Meeting passes regulatory control down to Church Councils for local implementation by the presbyter, the Church Stewards, and other officers, and this regulatory authority is then exercised by Church Councils as Managing Trustees of their Charity

5.2 Purpose of the District

The District is an expression, over a wider geographical area than any Circuit, of the Connexional character of the Church.

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of the union the advancement of:

- a. the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church, and
- b. any charitable purposes for the time being of any Connexional, District Circuit, Local or other organisation of the Methodist Church, and
- c. any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church, and
- d. any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary of the Methodist Church.

The primary purpose of this District is to advance the mission of the Church in Northumberland Tyne & Wear and the Northern part of Durham.

- by providing opportunities for Circuits to work together and support each other
- by offering to Circuits resources of finance, personnel and expertise

The District serves the Local Churches and Circuits and the Conference in the support, deployment and oversight of the various ministries of the Church, and in programmes of training

5.3 Governance

The District operates within a statutory framework of regulation and seeks to ensure that it follows Methodist Standing Orders. It relies on the Connexional Office at 25 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5JR to provide guidance on changes that could affect the District

The members of the District Policy Committee (DPC) are annually appointed by a vote of the Synod for a continuous term not normally exceeding six years. The Chair of District is *ex officio* chair of the DPC. When a position becomes vacant on the District Policy Committee, nominations are invited from minister and lay members of Circuits within the District. The Chair of the District then shares with nominees what the roles involve. If they wish to be considered for a role, their names are taken to the District Policy Committee and the District Synod for appointment. Members may be either ministers or lay people attending Churches in the area covered by the District. Trustees are all members of the Methodist Church and through experience are aware of the workings of the charity

The District Policy Committee normally meets four times per year and deals with routine and exceptional matters. It oversees the work of the Evangelism, Worship and Discipleship teams and Finance and Property Executive, Stationing Advisory group, probationers committee and Candidates committee

5.4 Responsibilities of the District Policy Committee

- i to formulate and promote policies which will advance the mission of the Church in the Circuits and Local Churches and, in particular, to supervise the use of resources of personnel, property and finance and to assist Local Churches and Circuits having exceptional problems
- ii to encourage inter-Circuit and ecumenical co-operation
- iii to act in an executive capacity in matters remitted to the Committee by the Synod
- iv to keep within its purview all District concerns not dealt with elsewhere
- v to contribute and respond, as the case may be, to the development of Connexional policies as reflected in the work of the Conference and the Methodist Council, and to carry out its other responsibilities with any such development in mind
- vi to be aware that the stipend of the Chair of the District is set - currently by reference to the change over a year in the Consumer Price Index - using a formula that was agreed by the Methodist Conference for all ministers within the Connexion.
- vii constantly to be aware of the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission

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The following served as Trustees throughout part or all of the year 2021/22 or were trustees at the time of this report being approved:

Mr A Irvin (appointed 8th March 2022)
 Revd Dr S J Lindridge (Chair)
 Mr A Lowe
 Rev J Carter (appointed 1st September 2021)
 Mrs C Armstrong
 Mr D A Stabler
 Rev E Lindridge
 Deacon T Hume
 Deacon G Morgan
 Mrs M Graham

Rev E Walker
 Rev J Porterpryde
 Mrs S Waters
 Mr C Horton (District Treasurer)
 Rev S Earl
 Mr A Wilkinson
 Mr D Brown
 Miss A Ilderton
 Mrs S Gibbon

6.2 Salaries of District employees are reviewed by the Property and Finance Executive and confirmed by the subsequent District Policy Committee.

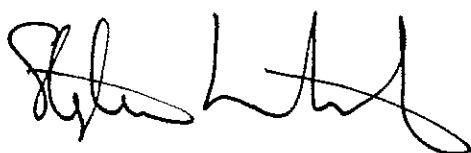
6.3 A resolution to reappoint RSM UK Tax and Accounting Limited as independent examiners will be put to the trustees and the Synod.

Approvals

The Trustees' Report and the Financial Statements were approved by the District Policy Committee on

Signed on behalf of the DPC, as authorised:

Stephen Lindridge (signed)



District Chair

Date:

15 June 2023

Christopher Horton (signed)



District Treasurer

Date: 15th June 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE
TRUSTEES OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF
THE METHODIST CHURCH FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Newcastle Upon Tyne District of the Methodist Church for the year ended 31st August 2022 which are set out on pages 3 to 14

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts In accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statements

Since the charity's gross income exceeds £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

Name: Lucy Robson

Relevant professional qualification or body: FCA

ON BEHALF OF RSM UK TAX AND ACCOUNTING LIMITED

Chartered Accountants

1 St James' Gate

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE1 4AD

Date

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals This Year £	Totals Previous Year £
Income and Endowments							
Charitable activities	4a	86,360	-	285,941	-	372,301	320,109
Investments-interest		289	1,934	3,753	78	6,054	3,240
Donations and legacies-donations		-	1,000	442	-	1,442	581
Other Charitable Income	4b	3,138	23,000	24,529	-	50,667	33,612
Total Incoming Resources		89,787	25,934	314,665	78	430,464	357,542
Charitable Activities							
Salaries & Associated Costs	4c&6	101,627	53,957	-	-	155,584	185,998
Manse Costs	4c	17,236	-	-	-	17,236	7,184
Administration	4c	19,190	-	-	-	19,190	17,461
Grants & Donations	4c	985	800	249,448	-	251,233	220,884
Other Expenditure	4c	21,066	562	1,744	6	23,378	8,812
Total Charitable Activities		160,104	55,319	251,192	6	466,621	440,339
Net Expenditure		(70,317)	(29,385)	63,473	72	(36,157)	(82,797)
Transfers Between Funds		45,284	(1,382)	(43,830)	(72)	-	-
Sub Total		(25,033)	(30,767)	19,643	-	(36,157)	(82,797)
Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	(142)	(142)	229
Net Movement in Funds		(25,033)	(30,767)	19,643	(142)	(36,299)	(82,568)
Reconciliation of Funds							
Total funds brought forward from Last Year		280,124	463,179	11,326	3,156	757,785	840,353
Total Funds Carried Forward at End of Year		255,091	432,412	30,969	3,014	721,486	757,785

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities

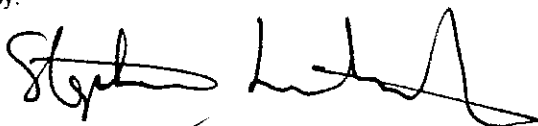
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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2022**

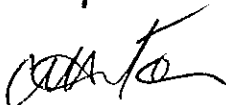
	Notes	Totals This Year £	Totals Previous Year £
Fixed Assets	7	169,840	169,840
Current Assets			
Debtors & Prepayments	8	17,166	72,814
Cash at Bank		1,271,602	1,162,090
Total Current Assets		1,288,768	1,234,904
Creditors	9	324,136	321,304
Net Current Assets		964,632	913,600
Total Assets less			
Net Current Liabilities		1,134,472	1,083,440
Creditors: amounts due			
after one year		412,986	325,655
Net Assets		721,486	757,785
Funds of the District			
General Fund (Unrestricted)		255,091	280,124
Designated Funds	12	432,412	463,179
Restricted Funds	11	30,969	11,326
Endowment Funds	10	3,014	3,156
Total Funds		721,486	757,785

The financial statements on pages 3 - 14 were approved by the board of trustees on
and signed on its behalf by:

S J Lindridge



C Horton



Trustees

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022**

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The address of the District's registered office and principal place of business is 246 Wingrove Road North, Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 9EJ.

Newcastle upon Tyne District of the Methodist Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Going concern

Financial Reporting Standard 102 requires, if appropriate, the District's financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, which means that the District is able to operate for the foreseeable future on the basis of known and reasonable projected resources. After reviewing financial and other information available, the Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties in respect of the District's ability to continue as a going concern. Newcastle upon Tyne District of the Methodist Church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. They continue to believe the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate in preparing the annual financial statements.

2 Fund accounting

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the District which are Unrestricted, Designated Funds and Restricted Funds which are held for a narrower purpose and Endowment Funds which represent gifts, the capital normally being unavailable for spending, and the income from which is either Restricted or Unrestricted. Details of each material fund are disclosed in notes 10-14 to these accounts.

Income

Income is recognised in the period in which the District is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is deferred only when the District has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Voluntary income received by way of donations and gifts to the District is included in full in the statement of financial activities when received. Intangible income is not included unless it represents goods or services which would have otherwise been purchased. Gifts in kind are valued and brought in as income and the appropriate expenditure. There were no gifts in kind in the year ended 31st August 2022.

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

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Accounting policies continued

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred or a constructive obligation arises that result in the payment being unavoidable. Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discounts offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Liabilities and provision

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the District anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is not charged on freehold buildings as under normal circumstances the residual values are considered to be greater than cost. However, the carrying values of freehold buildings are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Assets having an initial cost of £1,000 or less are written off on acquisition.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement as either financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the District after deducting all of its liabilities. The District has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 "Basic Financial Instruments" and Section 12 "Other Financial Instruments Issues" of FRS 102, in full to all of its financial instruments.

All of the charities financial assets and financial liabilities qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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Accounting policies continued

3 Investments

Investments are stated at market value less any provision for permanent diminution in value.

Gains/(losses) on investments

Realised and unrealised capital gains and losses on investments are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they arise, based on the brought forward valuations or cost of subsequent additions.

Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless these costs are required to be capitalised as an intangible or tangible fixed asset.

Employees are only entitled to carry forward unused holiday entitlement in exceptional circumstances, and only by agreement with management. The cost of any unused entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are required.

Pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. The amount charged to the Statement of Financial Activities is the contributions payable in the year. Differences between contributions payable in the year and actually paid are shown as either prepayments or accruals. The District completed the tri-annual statutory declaration on 9th May 2022 and will undertake the next re-enrolment by 1st April 2025.

Agency arrangements

The district acts as an agent in the collection and payment of Methodist Church Fund. Related payments received from the Circuits are paid over to the Connexion and excluded from the statement of financial activities and are shown separately in note 19.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectation of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The District makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

Critical areas of judgement

In categorising leases as finance leases or operating leases, management makes judgements as to whether significant risks and rewards of ownership have transferred to the District as lessee, or the lessee, where the District is a lessor.

Support from volunteers

Groups of volunteers support the work of the charity, the trustees are enormously grateful for all the hard work they do. Placing a monetary value on the contributions of the volunteers presents significant difficulties. With the lack of a market comparator price for volunteers, it is impractical for their contribution to be measured reliably for accounting purposes. Given the absence of a reliable measurement basis, the contribution of general volunteers has not been included as income in the charity's accounts.

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4a. Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Assessment on circuits	86,360	-	-	-	86,360	84,762
From Circuit Model Trust Funds	-	-	62,439	-	62,439	82,094
Connexional Advance & Property Fund	-	-	223,502	-	223,502	153,253
	<u>86,360</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>285,941</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>372,301</u>	<u>320,109</u>

The income from charitable activities was £372,301(2021 £320,109) of which £86,360 was unrestricted (2021 £84,762) and £285,941 was restricted (2021 £208,758)

4b. Other Income

	Un-Restricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Grants Received	-	23,000	24,529	-	47,529	33,000
Sundry Income	3,138	-	-	-	3,138	612
	<u>3,138</u>	<u>23,000</u>	<u>24,529</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,667</u>	<u>33,612</u>

The other income funding was £50,667 (2021: £33,612) of which £3,138 was unrestricted (2021: £612) and £23,000 was designated (2021: £33,000) and £24,529 was restricted (2021: £nil)

4c. Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Direct costs £	Support Costs £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Salaries and associated costs	155,584	-	-	155,584	185,998
Manse costs	-	17,236	-	17,236	7,184
Administration	-	-	19,190	19,190	17,461
Grants and donations	-	251,233	-	251,233	220,884
Other expenditure	-	-	23,378	23,378	8,812
	<u>155,584</u>	<u>268,469</u>	<u>42,568</u>	<u>466,621</u>	<u>440,339</u>

Expenditure for the year was £466,621 (2021: £440,339) of which £251,192 (2021: £208,194) was restricted, £160,104 (2021: £124,536) was unrestricted, £55,319 (2021: £107,603) was designated and £6 (2021: £6) was endowment.

Grants and donations are made up as follows:	2022 £251,233	2021 £220,884
Breakdown of grants paid are shown at note 20 on page 14		
Support costs are made up as follows:	2022 £42,568	2021 £26,273

During the year expenses were reimbursed to trustees of the charity totalling £8,900 (2021: £8,355)

These unaudited financial statements have been subject to independent examination. See report on page 2.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

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5 Trustees

None of the trustees, or persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the District or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31st August 2022 (2021: nil). Trustees are allowed to reclaim certain expenses incurred as a result of them fulfilling their duties. The amount claimed during the year ended 31st August 2022 was:

	2022	2021
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	7	8
Reimbursement of expenses		
Total reimbursement of expenses	<u>£8,900</u>	<u>£8,355</u>

6 Staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

The aggregate payroll costs during the year were:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	116,101	150,174
Social Security Costs	7,231	10,853
Other Pension Costs	15,778	18,236
	<u>139,110</u>	<u>179,263</u>

No employee earned in excess of £60,000 during the year (2021: nil)

Particulars of employees:

The average number of staff employed by the District during the financial year amounted to:

	2022	2021
	No	No
Total	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>

Key management personnel

No salaries as employee benefits are paid to the key management personnel for the year (2021: nil)

Net outgoing resources

Net outgoing resources are stated after charging:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff pension contributions	15,778	18,236
Independent examiners fee	<u>3,372</u>	<u>3,036</u>

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Buildings £
Cost	
1st September 2021 & 31st August 2022	<u>175,516</u>
Depreciation	
1st September 2021 & 31st August 2022	5,676
Net book value	
31st August 2021 & 31st August 2022	<u>169,840</u>

All tangible fixed assets are held for charitable purposes.

These unaudited financial statements have been subject to independent examination. See report on page 2.

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8 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	17,166	72,814

9 Creditors:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income		
Due within twelve months	324,136	321,304
Creditors due over twelve months	412,986	325,655
	<u>737,122</u>	<u>646,959</u>

10 Endowment funds

	Balance 1 September 2021	Incoming Resources	Charitable Activities	Transfers	Outgoing Resources	Balance 31 August 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Permanent endowments:						
The W H Scott Memorial Trust	3,156	78	-	72	148	3,014
	<u>3,156</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>3,014</u>
	Balance 1st September 2020	Incoming Resources	Charitable Activities	Transfers	Outgoing Resources	Balance 31st August 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Permanent endowments						
The WH Scott Memorial Trust	2927	259	-	24	6	3156
	<u>2927</u>	<u>259</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3156</u>

The W H Scott Memorial Trust was established in 1924 for the benefit of Wesleyan Methodist Ministers Widows. This was subsequently amended due to the lack of beneficiaries and the income only is now paid to the District Benevolent Fund. The fund is represented by investments.

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11 Restricted funds

	Balance			Investment		Balance
	1 September			Gains		31 August
2022	2021	Income	Expenditure	(Losses)	Transfers	2022
District Advance Fund	(10,423)	301,451	233,718	-	(54,618)	2,692
Benevolent Fund	6,056	-	3,500	-	72	2,628
MSM Fund	15,693	62	2,816	-	-	12,939
Training Fund	-	442	11,158	-	10,716	-
NPNP Fund		12,710			-	12,710
	<u>11,326</u>	<u>314,665</u>	<u>251,192</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(43,830)</u>	<u>30,969</u>

	Balance			Investment		Balance
	1 September			Gains		31 August
2021	2020	Income	Expenditure	(Losses)	Transfers	2021
District Advance Fund	24,297	237,312	206,032	-	(66,000)	(10423)
Benevolent Fund	5,797	235	-	-	24	6,056
MSM Fund	15,673	20	-	-	-	15,693
Training Fund	-	346	2,162		1,816	-
	<u>45,767</u>	<u>237,913</u>	<u>208,194</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(64,160)</u>	<u>11,326</u>

12 Designated funds

	Balance			Investment		Balance
	1 September			Gains		31 August
2022	2021	Income	Expenditure	(Losses)	Transfers	2022
University Chaplaincy	11,382	-	-		(11,382)	-
Capital Fund	332,310	1,547	1,362	-	(20,010)	312,485
International Fund	20	-	-	-	-	20
Our Calling	-	21,000	41,010		20,010	-
District Aid Fund	100,198	387	-	-	-	100,585
Mission Together Fund	19,269	3,000	12,947	-	10,000	19,322
Total Designated Funds	<u>463,179</u>	<u>25,934</u>	<u>55,319</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,382)</u>	<u>432,412</u>

	Balance			Investment		Balance
	1 September			Gains		31 August
2021	2020	Income	Expenditure	(Losses)	Transfers	2021
University Chaplaincy	29,778	30,000	48,396	-	-	11,382
Capital Fund	350,426	916	426	-	(18,606)	332,310
Our Calling	20,000	-	38,606	-	18,606	-
International Fund	20	-	-	-	-	20
District Aid Fund	100,062	136	-	-	-	100,198
Mission Together Fund	12,803	3,000	6,534	-	10,000	19,269
Industrial Chaplaincy	12,641	-	13,641	-	1,000	-
Ignite	1,491	-	-	-	(1,491)	-
Total Designated funds	<u>527,221</u>	<u>34,052</u>	<u>107,603</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,509</u>	<u>463,179</u>

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12 Designated funds (continued)

The income funds of the charity include designated funds, which has been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specific purposes:

The Capital Fund is a fund to which all members and circuits have subscribed. The investment income only will be used for "people" based projects and any funding granted will be on a pump-priming basis. Several grants have been made. The fund is represented by bank balances and is fully subscribed to.

The Cuba Fund is a fund begun by donations to a sponsored walk and used to fund close links between the District and that country. It has been renamed "International Fund."

The District Aid Fund has been set up to make loans to aid completion of projects.

The Mission Together Fund is receiving donations to fund the District Wide Mission.

The University Chaplaincy fund provides a chaplaincy service to higher and further education institutions within the Newcastle District and has now ceased. The balance has been transferred back to the District Advance Fund.

The Ignite programme promotes leadership training courses run in connection with the Pioneer Connexion Church (as a partner).

The Our Calling Fund is a grant from Connexion to fund the work of Deacon T Hume in her work as District Community Enabler. It was resolved to fund any deficit from the District Capital Fund.

The Industrial Chaplaincy Fund supports the work of Industrial Chaplains particularly at Newcastle International Airport.

13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trusts to be applied for specific purposes:

The Benevolent Fund represents funds designated for benevolent purposes as laid down by Standing Order 527(2). The income of the fund includes transfers from W H Scott Memorial Trust.

The fund is represented by cash and bank balances.

The District Advance Fund is a fund set up and administered under the standing orders of the Methodist Church. It receives income from Circuit Model Trust Funds within the District together with an allocation from Connexional Advance & Property Fund for property and people based projects to further the work of this charity in the Newcastle District. Surplus funds are held with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

The transfer to unrestricted funds is a grant made to finance the Stipend and expenses of the District Evangelism Enabler and the District Resourcing Mission Adviser.

The MSM Fund was set up to enable the District Evangelism Enabler to organise "Mission Shaped Ministry" courses in an area extending beyond the boundaries of the Newcastle District and covering the North of England.

It is also open to other denominations. It is now under the stewardship of the Newcastle District.

Training Fund receives donations from Circuits and makes donations to lay and ordained members of churches undertaking training.

The Connexional Strategy New People New Places known as NPNP are projects focused on forming new Christian communities for those not yet part of an existing church. NPNP's are the most effective means of connecting new people, new people groups and new residents to Christian exploration and community.

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14 Charitable commitments

At 31st August 2022 there were no commitments which are to be funded out of the District Capital Fund (2021 -£nil) .

15 Ultimate controlling party

The ultimate controlling party of the District is considered to be the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church.

16 Related parties

The related parties of the District are twelve Circuits, their Chapels and Manses, which are all based in the North-East of England. They are contactable via the principal address of the Charity. Funds are transferred on a quarterly basis.

No related party transactions took place during the current or previous year.

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Un-Restricted Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
2022	£	£	£	£	2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	169,840	-	-	-	169,840
Current assets	90,144	462,794	732,816	3,014	1,288,768
Current liabilities	(3,893)	(20,000)	(713,229)	-	(737,122)
	<u>256,091</u>	<u>442,794</u>	<u>19,587</u>	<u>3,014</u>	<u>721,486</u>
2021	£	£	£	£	2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	169,840	-	-	-	169,840
Current assets	137,156	463,179	631,413	3,156	1,234,904
Current liabilities	(26872)	-	(620,087)	-	(646,959)
	<u>280,124</u>	<u>463,179</u>	<u>11,326</u>	<u>3,156</u>	<u>757,785</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022**18 Taxation**

The District is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the District.

19 Amounts disbursed as agent

	2022	2021
	£	£
Methodist Church Fund assessments received	546,368	548,268
Methodist Church Fund assessments paid	<u>546,368</u>	<u>548,268</u>

21 Grants and donations

	2022	2021
	£	£
Institutions		
Newcastle West Circuit	-	5,000
Newcastle Central and East Circuit	-	30,080
South West Tyneside	45,000	67,000
East Durham Circuit	-58,000	-
Tynedale Circuit	15,000	24,187
Lindisfarne	22,418	10,582
District Evangelism Enabler	115,000	26,500
Bede Circuit	27,000	-33,268
District Property Secretary	-	30,000
District Digital Ministry	-45,000	45,000
North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit	18,695	-
Chester Le Street	27,000	-
North West Durham	19,000	-
Church at the Margins	50,000	-
Mission in Britain	11,861	-
Industrial Chaplaincy	-	13,641
	<u>247,974</u>	<u>218,722</u>
Individuals for Training all under £1000	<u>3,259</u>	<u>2,162</u>
	<u><u>251,233</u></u>	<u><u>220,884</u></u>

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
AND ACCOUNTS

CHARITY NO. 1127637

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST AUGUST 2021

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NO. 1127637

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

TRUSTEES

Rev E Walker (appointed 1st September 2020)
Revd S J Lindridge (Chair)
Deacon G Morgan
Mrs C Armstrong
Rev A Waite (retired 31st August 2021)
Mr D A Stabler
Rev E Lindridge
Deacon T Hume
Rev S Earl
Mrs S Waters (appointed 24th April 2021)

Rev D Goodall (retired 31st March 2021)
Mr D Brown (appointed 24th April 2021)
Mr A Lowe
Mr C Horton (District Treasurer)
Mr A Wilkinson
Rev J Porterpryde
Mrs M Graham
Mrs S Gibbon
Miss A Ilderton
Rev J Carter (appointed 1st September 2021)

All trustees are deemed to be key management personnel of the charity

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

1 Objectives and activities

In setting our objectives and planning our activities, the District Synod (under the leadership of the District Trustees) meets twice in each year, has given careful consideration to the Charity Commissioners' general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing our objectives and conforms to the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and independent examiners report of the District for the period 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021.

Newcastle upon Tyne District of the Methodist Church is a registered charity number 1127637.

Aims and Objectives

The aim of the Newcastle upon Tyne District of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to work in partnership with others to fulfil our calling.

Thus the District will seek to support, encourage, challenge and equip Circuits, Local Churches and individuals to:-

- a) underpin all activities with God-centred worship and prayer:
- b) promote a culture in the Church which is people-centred and flexible:
- c) make and nurture disciples who have confidence in speaking about their faith and in engaging in evangelism:
- d) engage in community development, acts of loving service and action for justice: and
- e) venture into fresh ways of being church.

The Methodist Conference further gave direction to every District to produce a District Mission Plan to give focus to the above.

District Mission Plan 2021

"The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission."

The purpose of the Newcastle upon Tyne Methodist District is "to resource local churches in fulfilling Our Calling"

Through the District Mission Plan (DMP) the District aims to resource local churches to be more fruitful in:

Worship
Evangelism
Small Group Discipleship

It will seek to achieve this through

A process of reflecting back to Circuit Leadership Teams on the Mission (i.e. Growth or End of Life) Plans that local churches and circuits produce.

The establishment of a "District Evangelism Team" with a particular focus on urban priority areas, rural areas, fresh expressions and the Together project.

The appointment of a "Worship Working Party" to consult widely in order to help the District discern how we can support an improvement in the quality of both congregational and small-group worship and what resourcing is needed to help churches implement this.

Working with Superintendent Ministers and Circuit Leadership Teams to seek the best way to support the development of small groups which promote faith development and church growth.

A commitment from the District and Circuits to ensuring that ministers' gifts and callings are not inhibited by being expected to fulfil lay roles e.g. safeguarding officer, property steward, treasurer etc.

In order to do this we will organise ourselves differently:

The Synod as the policy-making body confirmed in September 2018 that our purpose as a District is "to resource local churches in fulfilling Our Calling"

The District Policy Committee as the Managing Trustees, continues to refine its policies in a way that resources the District Mission Plan and will review the plan annually. The DMP will be regularly updated with its implementations and achievements.

The September 2018 Synod appointed a District Leadership Team from amongst the District Officers to ensure that the District fulfils its purpose.

Synod appointed a District Community Engagement Enabler in September 2019 to further enhance its goals

In all that we do remember that God is with us, that we seek to serve God alone and make disciples of Jesus Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit.

2 Achievements and performance

The principle purpose of the District is to act as a supporting body between Circuits and the Connexion.

The District does not seek and, in large measure, does not attain direct contact with the public. The direct contact is by Churches and Circuits and it is these that the District supports in their desire to provide benefit to the public.

Under the heading "Collaborative arrangements with connected charities" (3.3 below) there is information on how we obtained our funds. In this paragraph we show how they were spent. The money collected, or available for dissipation, was used as grants to support Churches and Circuits throughout the District with their work in their local communities and to subsidise the administrative costs of the District. The policy of the trustees on grant making is to ensure that all applications can demonstrate public benefit, pass a test of sustainability, show that there is commitment from the applicant organisation and show imagination and creativity as well as a perceived need for that for which the grant is being applied for.

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The grants were of several kinds, including:

- Grants for the adaption of buildings so that they could more easily meet the modern needs of Churches and help Churches provide services to the community
- Grants which supported part time or full time workers attached to Circuits or Local Churches
- Grants for young people to attend conferences such as 3Generate
- Grants to individuals to help pay for the cost of studying.

Circuits and Churches that have received grants from the District will show in their own Trustees Annual Reports (where these are required to be prepared) details of the outcome of the activities undertaken as a result of receiving the grant

Training for supervision of all minister in the active work has begun.

Training for the new leadership module for safeguarding has begun across the District

The effects of the pandemic are beginning to take a significant toll upon the everyday mission and ministry of the main local churches. Each circuit has been affected and around 10% of the Churches in the District have sought permission to close in the last year. It is likely that more will follow in the coming year. Each Circuit has reduced staffing accordingly, with permission of the District Policy Committee as per the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church.

2.1 Plans for future years

- i Ensure that any local issues emanating from the Past Cases Review are dealt with sympathetically fully and timeously
- ii Ensure that all those within the District that should attend the safeguarding Leadership Module do so
- iii Encourage attendance at 3Generate
- iv Encourage initiatives for mission in Circuits and Churches within the District

3 Financial review

During the year the District received total income of £358K (2019/20 - £362K) and dispersed £440K (2019/2 - £336K). The resulting deficit was £83k(2019/20 surplus £25k) and total reserves carried forward of £758k (2019/20- £840K).

The trustees of the District have every reason to believe that the District is a going concern, principally because Circuits continue to meet their assessment and the District has adequate reserves to cover a shortfall in anticipated income. There are no subsidiary undertakings. Trustees do not foresee any factors that will significantly affect the financial performance or position in the next year or two

The District continues to hold the one freehold property being the Chair's Manse in Newcastle upon Tyne

The District has the following principal sources of funds:

- Interest on investments
- Levies on the Circuit Model Trust Funds of Circuits within the District
- Contributions from Connexional Advance & Property Fund
- Assessments on Circuits within the District

These sums are used to administer the District and to provide grants to Circuits, Churches and individuals in the District so that they may embark on or continue with projects that fulfil the mission of the District by bringing more people to Christ or by providing facilities that might enable this to happen

3.1 Investment Policy and Performance

To comply with Methodist Standing Orders, monies for long term investment are lodged with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP). TMCP acts as custodian trustee for all real estate held by Districts and for all large (over 20K) bequests and for the proceeds of sale of any property formerly owned by the District. These sums are invested in unitised investments or held on deposit. The investment returns are close to tracking the movements in the FTSE100 index. The deposit income mirrors the deposit rates available elsewhere. Newcastle District trustees' investment policy is aligned with that of the CFB and TMCP because these organisations take into consideration the social, environmental and ethical considerations, both negatively and positively, that make investments suitable for the Methodist Church

Short term deposits are lodged directly with the Central Finance Board (CFB) and attract good rates of interest.

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There are no bench marks for the expected returns or appreciation on investments at TMCP and CFB. It is the District's policy to manage the cash and investment resources of the District so that a rate of return on investment - both by way of dividend and capital appreciation - is obtained at least as good as market rate considering the District's low appetite for risk.

3.2 Reserves level and policy

It should be noted that the unrestricted reserves have funded the purchase cost of the manse £170k and, as a result, the unrestricted reserves readily available total is £98k.

The District has a reserves policy covering all its unrestricted funds which is reviewed annually.

The minimum policy level of the readily available part of the General Fund is such as to pay for six months payroll costs and closing costs of staff redundancies, rent and other costs on leased equipment. At 31st August 2021 this sum amounted to £87k against actual reserves of £98k as stated above.

The reserves held at the end of the year were as follows:

<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	£
General Fund	£280,124
<u>Designated Funds</u>	
Capital Fund	£332,310
District Aid Fund	£100,198
Our Calling	£0
Mission Together Fund	£19,269
International Fund	£20
University Chaplain	£11,382
Industrial Chaplaincy	£0
Ignite	£0
	<u>£463,179</u>
District Advance Fund	-£10,423
Benevolence Fund	£6,056
MSM Fund	£15,693
	<u>£11,326</u>
	<u>£754,629</u>
Total Undesignated Funds	£280,124
Less: Invested in the Manse	£169,840
Uncommitted reserves, readily available	£110,284

All funds are separately invested either with CFB or TMCP. No money is directly invested in property, securities or other forms of investments.

3.3 Collaborative arrangements with connected charities

The District's main source of funding is the assessments obtained from each Circuit within the District based on the membership and staffing levels of the Circuit and this was used to defray most of the cost of administering the District. The sum amounted to £84,762 (2019/2020 - £59,654).

The District obtained from each Circuit with a reserve, known as a Circuit Model Trust Fund (CMTF), a levy based on the size of the Circuits' CMTFs at the start of the connexional year (1st September). In 2020/21 this sum was £82,094 and was credited to the District Advance Fund. The District also obtained an allocation from the Connexional Advance and Property Fund of £153,253. This fund is obtained from a levy on all property sales of Methodist property.

The District holds no funds as custodian Trustee. It does, however, quarterly receive from Circuits

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within the District the Circuits' contributions to the Methodist Church Fund (MCF). These sums are collected as agent for the MCF and are passed to the MCF later in the same quarter. Funds received by the District as agent are not recognised as an asset in the financial statements because the fund are not within its control. No fee is earned in respect of this agency arrangement and the District incur no cost through this arrangement.

4 Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting standards

For each financial year ending on 31st August the Trustees are required to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the District's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees must

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently using the accruals method
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- follow applicable accounting standards
- prepare accounts to comply with the Charities SORP
- UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the District will continue in business

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the District and enables them to ensure that the financial statement comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the District and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the District's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions

Training in the responsibilities of trustees is offered to all new trustees soon after their appointment

4.1 Risk

The District is largely risk averse but, especially in making grants to entities embarking on new and imaginative initiatives, the District is prepared to underwrite considered risks

Districts do not need their own risk register because of what is covered in the Connexional Risk Review will be the same for the District, the District notes that the latest review was undertaken by The Methodist Council at its January 2021 meeting. The review was updated in the light of Covid-19 and other wider risks. The Connexional risk review can be viewed at [counc_jan-21_mc21-4-risk-management-policy.pdf\(methodist.org.uk](https://counc_jan-21_mc21-4-risk-management-policy.pdf(methodist.org.uk)

4.2 Safeguarding

The District reviews its Safeguarding Policy annually and is guided by the Regional Safeguarding Officer, who serves both the Newcastle upon Tyne and Darlington Districts. There is detailed guidance for Ministers and Lay Persons and all are recruited to serve in any post or office via the "safer recruitment process", appropriate training is delivered. The District including all Circuits, Local Churches and Projects, fully cooperated with the Connexional request for information in recent years to inform the "past cases review" process the Connexion and the Independent Inquiry into Sexual Abuse inquiries and that body issued a report in the Summer of 2021 in the light of its findings

5 Structure, governance and management

The District is an unincorporated association and is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church and was registered with the Charity Commissioners on 21st January 2009.

The Trustees are appointed from within the District as and when the need arises and appointments are approved by District Synod.

5.1 Structure

Circuits are the coordinating charities for local groups of Churches; Circuits pay the stipends of the minister and employ lay staff to serve the Churches in the Circuit; most decisions are made at or ratified by the half yearly Circuit Meeting. A District is the coordinating charity for a group of contiguous Circuits and makes its decisions at half yearly synods. The Methodist Conference meets once each year as the supreme denominational body for all Methodist Churches.

1. Overall regulatory authority rests with the Methodist Conference
2. The Connexional Office implements decisions made by Conference and is also responsible for the stationing of presbyters and deacons (collectively known as ministers) in individual Circuits within the District.
3. Connexional decisions are passed to the Chair of the District and the appropriate officers of the District for implementation.

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5.1 Structure continued

4. The District passes regulatory control down to Circuit level for local implementation by the Superintendent Minister, ministerial staff and Circuit Stewards, and authority is delegated to the Circuit Meeting for certain matters.
5. The Circuit Meeting passes regulatory control down to Church Councils for local implementation by the presbyter, the Church Stewards, and other officers, and this regulatory authority is then exercised by Church Councils as Managing Trustees of their Charity

5.2 Purpose of the District

The District is an expression, over a wider geographical area than any Circuit, of the Connexional character of the church

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of the union the advancement of:

- a. the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church, and
- b. any charitable purposes for the time being of any Connexional, District Circuit, Local or other organisation of the Methodist Church, and
- c. any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church, and
- d. any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary of the Methodist Church.

The primary purpose of this District is to advance the mission of the Church in Northumberland Tyne & Wear and the Northern part of Durham.

- by providing opportunities for Circuits to work together and support each other
- by offering to Circuits resources of finance, personnel and expertise

The District serves the Local Churches and Circuits and the Conference in the support, deployment and oversight of the various ministries of the Church, and in programmes of training

5.3 Governance

The District operates within a statutory framework of regulation and seeks to ensure that it follows Methodist Standing Orders. It relies on the Connexional Office at 25 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5JR to provide guidance on changes that could affect the District.

The members of the District Policy Committee (DPC) are annually appointed by a vote of the Synod for a continuous term not normally exceeding six years. The Chair of District is *ex officio* chair of the DPC. When a position becomes vacant on the District Policy Committee, nominations are invited from minister and lay members of Circuits within the District. The Chair of the District then shares with nominees what the roles involve. If they wish to be considered for a role, their names are taken to the District Policy Committee and the District Synod for appointment. Members may be either ministers or lay people attending Churches in the area covered by the District. Trustees are all members of the Methodist Church and through experience are aware of the workings of the charity

The District Policy Committee normally meets four times per year and deals with routine and exceptional matters. It oversees the work of the Evangelism, Worship and Discipleship teams and Finance and Property Executive, Stationing Advisory group, probationers committee and Candidates committee

5.4 Responsibilities of the District Policy Committee

- i to formulate and promote policies which will advance the mission of the Church in the Circuits and Local Churches and, in particular, to supervise the use of resources of personnel, property and finance and to assist Local Churches and Circuits having exceptional problems.
- ii to encourage inter-Circuit and ecumenical co-operation
- iii to act in an executive capacity in matters remitted to the Committee by the Synod
- iv to keep within its purview all District concerns not dealt with elsewhere
- v to contribute and respond, as the case may be, to the development of Connexional policies as reflected in the work of the Conference and the Methodist Council, and to carry out its other responsibilities with any such development in mind
- vi to be aware that the stipend of the Chair of the District is set - currently by reference to the change over a year in the Consumer Price Index - using a formula that was agreed by the Methodist Conference for all ministers within the Connexion.
- vii constantly to be aware of the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission

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6.1 Trustees

The following served as Trustees throughout part or all of the year 2020/21 or were trustees at the time of this report being approved:

Rev A Waite (retired 31st August 2021)
Revd S J Lindridge (Chair)
Mr A Lowe
Rev J Carter (appointed 1st September 2021)
Mrs C Armstrong
Mr D A Stabler
Rev E Lindridge
Deacon T Hume
Deacon G Morgan
Mrs M Graham

Rev E Walker (appointed 1st September 2020)
Rev J Porterpryde
Rev D Goodall (retired 31st March 2021)
Mr C Horton (District Treasurer)
Rev S Earl
Mr A Wilkinson
Mr D Brown (appointed 24th April 2021)
Miss A Ilderton
Mrs S Gibbon
Mrs S Waters (appointed 24th April 2021)

6.2 Salaries of District employees are reviewed by the Property and Finance Executive and confirmed by the subsequent District Policy Committee.

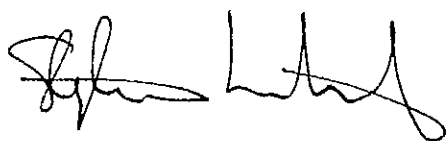
6.3 A resolution to reappoint RSM UK Tax and Accounting Limited as independent examiners will be put to the trustees and the Synod.

Approvals

The Trustees' Report and the Financial Statements were approved by the District Policy Committee on

Signed on behalf of the DPC, as authorised:

Stephen Lindridge (signed)



District Chair

Date:

16th June 2022

Christopher Horton (signed)



District Treasurer

Date:

16th June 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE
TRUSTEES OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF
THE METHODIST CHURCH FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Newcastle Upon Tyne District of the Methodist Church for the year ended 31st August 2021 which are set out on pages 3 to 14

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statements

Since the charity's gross income exceeds £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

Name: Lucy Robson

Relevant professional qualification or body: ACA

ON BEHALF OF RSM UK TAX AND ACCOUNTING LIMITED

Chartered Accountants

1 St James' Gate

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE1 4AD

Date

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals This Year £	Totals Previous Year £
Income and Endowments							
Charitable activities	4a	84,762	-	235,347	-	320,109	268,412
Investments-interest		173	1,052	1,985	30	3,240	9,713
Donations and legacies-donations		-	-	581	-	581	2,753
Other Charitable Income	4b	612	33,000	-	-	33,612	81,122
Total Incoming Resources		85,547	34,052	237,913	30	357,542	362,000
Charitable Activities							
Salaries & Associated Costs	4c&6	92,462	93,536	-	-	185,998	200,241
Manse Costs	4c	7,184	-	-	-	7,184	7,289
Administration	4c	17,461	-	-	-	17,461	16,129
Grants & Donations	4c	-	13,641	207,243	-	220,884	102,661
Other Expenditure	4c	7,429	426	951	6	8,812	10,312
Total Charitable Activities		124,536	107,603	208,194	6	440,339	336,632
Net Expenditure		(38,989)	(73,551)	29,719	24	(82,797)	25,368
Transfers Between Funds		54,675	9,509	(64,160)	(24)	-	-
Sub Total		15,686	(64,042)	(34,441)	-	(82,797)	25,368
Other gains		-	-	-	229	229	-
Net Movement in Funds		15,686	(64,042)	(34,441)	229	(82,568)	25,368
Reconciliation of Funds							
Total funds brought forward from Last Year		264,438	527,221	45,767	2,927	840,353	814,985
Total Funds Carried Forward at End of Year		280,124	463,179	11,326	2,927	757,785	840,353

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities

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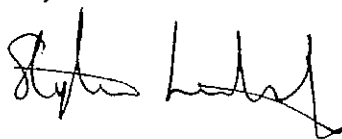
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2021

	Notes	Totals This Year £	Totals Previous Year £
Fixed Assets	7	<u>169,840</u>	<u>169,840</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors & Prepayments	8	72,814	22,556
Cash at Bank		<u>1,162,090</u>	<u>1,118,213</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>1,234,904</u>	<u>1,140,769</u>
Creditors	9	<u>321,304</u>	<u>185,195</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>913,600</u>	<u>955,574</u>
Total Assets less			
Net Current Liabilities		<u>1,083,440</u>	<u>1,125,414</u>
Creditors: amounts due after one year		<u>325,655</u>	<u>285,061</u>
Net Assets		<u>757,785</u>	<u>840,353</u>
Funds of the District			
General Fund (Unrestricted)		280,124	264,438
Designated Funds	12	463,179	527,221
Restricted Funds	11	11,326	45,767
Endowment Funds	10	<u>3,156</u>	<u>2,927</u>
Total Funds		<u>757,785</u>	<u>840,353</u>

The financial statements on pages 3 - 14 were approved by the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

S J Lindridge



C Horton



Trustees

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021**

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The address of the District's registered office and principal place of business is 246 Wingrove Road North, Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 9EJ.

Newcastle upon Tyne District of the Methodist Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £

Going concern

Financial Reporting Standard 102 requires, if appropriate, the District's financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, which means that the District is able to operate for the foreseeable future on the basis of known and reasonable projected resources. After reviewing financial and other information available, the Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties in respect of the District's ability to continue as a going concern. Newcastle upon Tyne District of the Methodist Church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. They continue to believe the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate in preparing the annual financial statements.

2 Fund accounting

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the District which are Unrestricted, Designated Funds and Restricted Funds which are held for a narrower purpose and Endowment Funds which represent gifts, the capital normally being unavailable for spending, and the income from which is either Restricted or Unrestricted. Details of each material fund are disclosed in notes 10-14 to these accounts.

Income

Income is recognised in the period in which the District is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is deferred only when the District has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Voluntary income received by way of donations and gifts to the District is included in full in the statement of financial activities when received. Intangible income is not included unless it represents goods or services which would have otherwise been purchased. Gifts in kind are valued and brought in as income and the appropriate expenditure. There were no gifts in kind in the year ended 31st August 2021.

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021**

Accounting policies continued

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred or a constructive obligation arises that result in the payment being unavoidable. Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discounts offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Liabilities and provision

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the District anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is not charged on freehold buildings as under normal circumstances the residual values are considered to be greater than cost. However, the carrying values of freehold buildings are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Assets having an initial cost of £1,000 or less are written off on acquisition.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement as either financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the District after deducting all of its liabilities. The District has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 "Basic Financial Instruments" and Section 12 "Other Financial Instruments Issues" of FRS 102, in full to all of its financial instruments.

All of the charities financial assets and financial liabilities qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021**

Accounting policies continued

3 Investments

Investments are stated at market value less any provision for permanent diminution in value.

Gains/(losses) on investments

Realised and unrealised capital gains and losses on investments are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they arise, based on the brought forward valuations or cost of subsequent additions.

Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless these costs are required to be capitalised as an intangible or tangible fixed asset.

Employees are only entitled to carry forward unused holiday entitlement in exceptional circumstances, and only by agreement with management. The cost of any unused entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are required.

Pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. The amount charged to the Statement of Financial Activities is the contributions payable in the year. Differences between contributions payable in the year and actually paid are shown as either prepayments or accruals.

Agency arrangements

The district acts as an agent in the collection and payment of Methodist Church Fund. Related payments received from the Circuits are paid over to the Connexion and excluded from the statement of financial activities and are shown separately in note 20.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectation of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The District makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

Critical areas of judgement

In categorising leases as finance leases or operating leases, management makes judgements as to whether significant risks and rewards of ownership have transferred to the District as lessee, or the lessee, where the District is a lessor.

Support from volunteers

Groups of volunteers support the work of the charity, the trustees are enormously grateful for all the hard work they do. Placing a monetary value on the contributions of the volunteers presents significant difficulties. With the lack of a market comparator price for volunteers, it is impractical for their contribution to be measured reliably for accounting purposes. Given the absence of a reliable measurement basis, the contribution of general volunteers has not been included as income in the charity's accounts.

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021**4a. Income from Charitable Activities**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Assessment on circuits	84,762	-	-	-	84,762	59,654
From Circuit Model						
Trust Funds	-	-	82,094	-	82,094	70,165
Connexional Advance & Property Fund	-	-	153,253	-	153,253	138,593
	<u>84,762</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>235,347</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>320,109</u>	<u>268,412</u>

The income from charitable activities was £320,109 (2020 £268,412) of which £84,762 was unrestricted (2020 £59,654) and £235,347 was restricted (2020 £208,758)

4b. Other Income	Un-Restricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Grants Received	-	33,000	-	-	33,000	60,000
Workplace Chaplain	-	-	-	-	-	7,500
Sundry Income	612	-	-	-	612	13,622
	<u>612</u>	<u>33,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,612</u>	<u>81,122</u>

The other income funding was £33,612 (2020: £81,122) of which £612 was unrestricted (2020: £1,422) and £33,000 was designated (2020: £69,107) and £nil was restricted (2020: £10,593)

4c. Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Direct costs £	Support Costs £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Salaries and associated costs	185,998	-	-	185,998	200,241
Manse costs	-	7,184	-	7,184	7,289
Administration	-	-	17,461	17,461	16,129
Grants and donations	-	220,884	-	220,884	102,661
Other expenditure	-	-	8,812	8,812	10,312
	<u>185,998</u>	<u>228,068</u>	<u>26,273</u>	<u>440,339</u>	<u>336,632</u>

Expenditure for the year was £440,339 (2020: £336,632) of which £208,194 (2020: £103,723) was restricted, £124,536 (2020: £126,457) was unrestricted, £107,603 (2020: £106,445) was designated and £6 (2020: £6) was endowment.

Grants and donations are made up as follows:	2021 £220,884	2020 £102,661
Breakdown of grants paid are shown at note 21 on page 14		
Support costs are made up as follows:	2021 £26,273	2020 £16,129

During the year expenses were reimbursed to trustees of the charity totalling £8355 (2020: £15919)

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

5 Trustees

None of the trustees, or persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the District or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31st August 2021 (2020: £nil). Trustees are allowed to reclaim certain expenses incurred as a result of them fulfilling their duties. The amount claimed during the year ended 31st August 2021 was:

	2021	2020
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	8	8
Reimbursement of expenses		
Total reimbursement of expenses	<u>£8,355</u>	<u>£15,919</u>

6 Staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

The aggregate payroll costs during the year were:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	150,174	148,921
Social Security Costs	10,853	9,973
Other Pension Costs	18,236	16,943
	<u>179,263</u>	<u>175,837</u>

No employee earned in excess of £60,000 during the year (2020: nil)

Particulars of employees:

The average number of staff employed by the District during the financial year amounted to:

	2021	2020
	No	No
Total	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>

Key management personnel

No salaries as employee benefits are paid to the key management personnel for the year (2020: nil)

Net outgoing resources

Net outgoing resources are stated after charging:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff pension contributions	18,236	16,943
Independent examiners fee	<u>2,760</u>	<u>2,760</u>

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Buildings £
Cost	
1st September 2020 & 31st August 2021	<u>175,516</u>
Depreciation	
1st September 2020 & 31st August 2021	5,676
Net book value	
31st August 2020 & 31st August 2021	<u>169,840</u>

All tangible fixed assets are held for charitable purposes.

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

8 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	72,814	22,556

9 Creditors:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income		
Due within twelve months	321,304	185,195
Creditors due over twelve months	325,655	285,061
	646,959	470,256

10 Endowment funds

	Balance 1 September 2020	Incoming Resources	Charitable Activities	Transfers	Outgoing Resources	Balance 31 August 2021
2021	£	£	£	£	£	£
Permanent endowments:						
The W H Scott						
Memorial Trust	2,927	259	-	24	6	3,156
	2,019					2,020
2020	£	£	£	£	£	£
Permanent endowments						
The WH Scott						
Memorial Trust	2927	26	0	20	6	2927

The W H Scott Memorial Trust was established in 1924 for the benefit of Wesleyan Methodist Ministers Widows. This was subsequently amended due to the lack of beneficiaries and the income only is now paid to the District Benevolent Fund. The fund is represented by investments.

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

11 Restricted funds

2021	Balance				Investment			Balance
	1 September				Gains			31 August
	2020	Income	Expenditure	(Losses)	Transfers			2021
District Advance Fund	24,297	237,312	206,032	-	(66,000)			(10,423)
Benevolent Fund	5,797	235	-	-	24			6,056
MSM Fund	15,673	20	-	-	-			15,693
Training Fund	-	346	2,162	-	1,816			-
	45,767	237,913	208,194	-	(64,160)			11,326

2020	Balance				Investment			Balance
	1 September				Gains			31 August
	2019	Income	Expenditure	(Losses)	Transfers			2020
District Advance Fund	430	224,429	93,562	-	(107,000)			24297
Benevolent Fund	5,941	-	164	-	20			5,797
MSM Fund	15,566	107	-	-	-			15,673
Training Fund	-	2,753	9,997	-	7,244			-
Regional Training Forum	900	-	-	-	(900)			-
	22,837	227,289	103,723	-	(100,636)			45,767

12 Designated funds

2021	Balance				Investment			Balance
	1 September				Gains			31 August
	2020	Income	Expenditure	(Losses)	Transfers			2021
University Chaplaincy	29,778	30,000	48,396	-	-			11,382
Capital Fund	350,426	916	426	-	(18,606)			332,310
International Fund	20	-	-	-	-			20
Our Calling	20,000	-	38,606	-	18,606			-
District Aid Fund	100,062	136	-	-	-			100,198
Industrial Chaplaincy	12,641	-	13,641	-	1,000			-
Mission Together Fund	12,803	3,000	6,534	-	10,000			19,269
Ignite	1,491	-	-	-	(1,491)			-
Total Designated Funds	527,221	34,052	107,603	-	9,509			463,179

2020	Balance				Investment			Balance
	1 September				Gains			31 August
	2019	Income	Expenditure	(Losses)	Transfers			2020
University Chaplaincy	29,432	30,000	44,654	-	15,000			29,778
Capital Fund	366,530	3,741	423	-	(19,422)			350,426
Our Calling	20,000	20,000	39,422	-	19,422			20,000
International Fund	20	-	-	-	-			20
District Aid Fund	100,018	44	-	-	-			100,062
Mission Together Fund	1,106	10,000	8,303	-	10,000			12,803
Industrial Chaplaincy	-	7,500	9,859	-	15,000			12,641
Ignite	3,668	1,607	3,784	-	-			1,491
Total Designated funds	520,774	72,892	106,445	-	40,000			527,221

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

12 Designated funds (continued)

The income funds of the charity include designated funds, which has been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specific purposes:

The Capital Fund is a fund to which all members and circuits have subscribed. The investment income only will be used for "people" based projects and any funding granted will be on a pump-priming basis. Several grants have been made. The fund is represented by bank balances and is fully subscribed to.

The Cuba Fund is a fund begun by donations to a sponsored walk and used to fund close links between the District and that country. It has been renamed "International Fund."

The District Aid Fund has been set up to make loans to aid completion of projects.

The Mission Together Fund is receiving donations to fund the District Wide Mission.

The University Chaplaincy fund provides a chaplaincy service to higher and further education institutions within the Newcastle District

The Ignite programme promotes leadership training courses run in connection with the Pioneer Connexion Church (as a partner)

The Our Calling Fund is a grant from Connexion to fund the work of Deacon T Hume in her work as District Community Enabler. It was resolved to fund any deficit from the District Capital Fund

The Industrial Chaplaincy Fund supports the work of Industrial Chaplains particularly at Newcastle International Airport.

13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trusts to be applied for specific purposes:

The Benevolent Fund represents funds designated for benevolent purposes as laid down by Standing Order S27(2). The income of the fund includes transfers from W H Scott Memorial Trust.

The fund is represented by cash and bank balances.

The District Advance Fund is a fund set up and administered under the standing orders of the Methodist Church. It receives income from Circuit Model Trust Funds within the District together with an allocation from Connexional Advance & Property Fund for property and people based projects to further the work of this charity in the Newcastle District. Surplus funds are held with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

The transfer to un-restricted funds is a grant made to finance the Stipend and expenses of the District Evangelism Enabler and the District Resourcing Mission Adviser.

The MSM Fund was set up to enable the District Evangelism Enabler to organise "Mission Shaped Ministry" courses in an area extending beyond the boundaries of the Newcastle District and covering the North of England. It is also open to other denominations. It is now under the stewardship of the Newcastle District.

Training Fund receives donations from Circuits and makes donations to lay and ordained members of churches undertaking training.

The Regional Training Forum Fund is a grant made from the North East Training Forum and has been transferred to the training fund

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

14 Charitable commitments

At 31st August 2021 there were no commitments which are to be funded out of the District Capital Fund:
(2020-£nil)

15 Ultimate controlling party

The ultimate controlling party of the District is considered to be the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church.

16 Related parties

The related parties of the District are twelve Circuits, their Chapels and Manses, which are all based in the North-East of England. They are contactable via the principal address of the Charity. Funds are transferred on a quarterly basis.

No related party transactions took place during the current or previous year.

17 Capital commitments

	2021	2020
	£	£
At 31st August 2021 the District had the following Capital Commitments:		
Amount Authorised but not contracted for	-	-

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Un-Restricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total
2021	Fund	Funds	Funds	Funds	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	169,840	-	-	-	169,840
Current assets	136,665	463,670	631,413	3,156	1,234,904
Current liabilities	(25,056)	-	(621,903)	-	(646,959)
	<u>281,449</u>	<u>463,670</u>	<u>9,510</u>	<u>3,156</u>	<u>757,785</u>
	Un-Restricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total
2020	Fund	Funds	Funds	Funds	2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	169,840	0	0	0	169,840
Current assets	103,561	527,221	507,260	2,927	1,140,969
Current liabilities	(8,963)	-	(461,293)	0	(470,256)
	<u>264,438</u>	<u>527,221</u>	<u>45,967</u>	<u>2,927</u>	<u>840,553</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

19 Taxation

The District is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the District.

20 Amounts disbursed as agent

	2021	2020
	£	£
Methodist Church Fund assessments received	548,268	520,346
Methodist Church Fund assessments paid	<u>548,268</u>	<u>520,346</u>

21 Grants and donations

	2021	2020
	£	£
Institutions		
Newcastle West Circuit	5,000	5,000
Newcastle Central and East Circuit	30,080	0
South West Tyneside	67,000	0
East Durham Circuit	0	43,000
Tynedale Circuit	24,187	1,500
Lindisfarne	10,582	0
District Evangelism Enabler	26,500	0
Bede Circuit	-33,268	0
District Property Secretary	30,000	0
District Digital Ministry	45,000	
North Shields & Whitley Bay Circuit	0	50,000
Industrial Chaplaincy	<u>13,641</u>	<u>0</u>
	218,722	99,500
Individuals for Training all under £1000	<u>2,162</u>	<u>3,161</u>
	<u>220,884</u>	<u>102,661</u>

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Accounts

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
AND ACCOUNTS

CHARITY NO. 1127637

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST AUGUST 2020

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION****CHARITY NO. 1127637****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020****TRUSTEES**

Mrs V Hill (retired 31st August 2020)	Rev D Goodall
Rev'd S J Lindridge (Chair)	Mrs K Hawkins (retired 31st August 2020)
Deacon G Morgan (appointed 1st September 2019)	Mr A Lowe (appointed 1st September 2019)
Mrs C Armstrong	Mr C Horton (District Treasurer)
Rev A Waite	Mr A Wilkinson
Mr D A Stabler	Rev J Porterpryde (appointed 1st September 2019)
Rev E Lindridge	Mrs M Graham
Deacon T Hume	Mrs S Gibbon
Rev S Earl	Miss A Ilderton
Mr B Stephens (retired 31st August 2020)	

All trustees are deemed to be key management personnel of the charity

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020

1 Objectives and activities

In setting our objectives and planning our activities, the District Synod (under the leadership of the District Trustees) meets twice in each year, has given careful consideration to the Charity Commissioners' general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing our objectives and conforms to the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and independent examiners report of the District for the period 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020.

Newcastle upon Tyne District of the Methodist Church is a registered charity number 1127637.

Aims and Objectives

The aim of the Newcastle upon Tyne District of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to work in partnership with others to fulfil our calling.

Thus the District will seek to support, encourage, challenge and equip Circuits, Local Churches and individuals to:-

- a) underpin all activities with God-centred worship and prayer;
- b) promote a culture in the Church which is people-centred and flexible;
- c) make and nurture disciples who have confidence in speaking about their faith and in engaging in evangelism;
- d) engage in community development, acts of loving service and action for justice; and
- e) venture into fresh ways of being church.

The Methodist Conference further gave direction to every District to produce a District Mission Plan to give focus to the above.

District Mission Plan 2020

"The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission."

The purpose of the Newcastle upon Tyne Methodist District is "to resource local churches in fulfilling Our Calling"

Through the District Mission Plan (DMP) the District aims to resource local churches to be more fruitful in:

- Worship
- Evangelism
- Small Group Discipleship

It will seek to achieve this through

A process of reflecting back to Circuit Leadership Teams on the Mission (i.e. Growth or End of Life) Plans that local churches and circuits produce.

The establishment of a "District Evangelism Team" with a particular focus on urban priority areas, rural areas, fresh expressions and the Together project.

The appointment of a "Worship Working Party" to consult widely in order to help the District discern how we can support an improvement in the quality of both congregational and small-group worship and what resourcing is needed to help churches implement this.

Working with Superintendent Ministers and Circuit Leadership Teams to seek the best way to support the development of small groups which promote faith development and church growth.

A commitment from the District and Circuits to ensuring that ministers' gifts and callings are not inhibited by being expected to fulfil lay roles e.g. safeguarding officer, property steward, treasurer etc.

In order to do this we will organise ourselves differently:

The Synod as the policy-making body confirmed in September 2018 that our purpose as a District is "to resource local churches in fulfilling Our Calling"

The District Policy Committee as the Managing Trustees, continues to refine its policies in a way that resources the District Mission Plan and will review the plan annually. The DMP will be regularly updated with its implementations and achievements.

The September 2018 Synod appointed a District Leadership Team from amongst the District Officers to ensure that the District fulfils its purpose.

Synod appointed a District Community Engagement Enabler in September 2019 to further enhance its goals

In all that we do remember that God is with us, that we seek to serve God alone and make disciples of Jesus Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit.

2 Achievements and performance

The principle purpose of the District is to act as a supporting body between Circuits and the Connexion. The District does not seek and, in large measure, does not attain direct contact with the public. The direct contact is by Churches and Circuits and it is these that the District supports in their desire to provide benefit to the public.

Under the heading "Collaborative arrangements with connected charities" (3.3 below) there is information on how we obtained our funds. In this paragraph we show how they were spent. The money collected, or available for dissipation, was used as grants to support Churches and Circuits throughout the District with their work in their local communities and to subsidise the administrative costs of the District. The policy of the trustees on grant making is to ensure that all applications can demonstrate public benefit, pass a test of sustainability, show that there is commitment from the applicant organisation and show imagination and creativity as well as a perceived need for that for which the grant is being applied for.

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The grants were of several kinds, including:

- Grants for the adaption of buildings so that they could more easily meet the modern needs of Churches and help Churches provide services to the community
- Grants which supported part time or full time workers attached to Circuits or Local Churches
- Grants for young people to attend conferences such as 3Generate
- Grants to individuals to help pay for the cost of studying

Circuits and Churches that have received grants from the District will show in their own Trustees' Annual Reports (where these are required to be prepared) details of the outcome of the activities undertaken as a result of receiving the grant

Training for supervision of all minister in the active work has begun

Training for the new leadership module for safeguarding has begun across the District

2.1 Plans for future years

- i Ensure that any local issues emanating from the Past Cases Review are dealt with sympathetically, fully and timeously
- ii Ensure that all those within the District that should attend the safeguarding Leadership Module do so
- iii Encourage attendance at 3Generate
- iv Encourage initiatives for mission in Circuits and Churches within the District

3 Financial review

During the year the District received total income of £362K (2018/19 - £373K) and dispersed £336K (2018/19 - £374K). The resulting surplus was £25k(2018/19 deficit £1k) and total reserves carried forward of £840k (2018/19- £815K).

The trustees of the District have every reason to believe that the District is a going concern, principally because Circuits continue to meet their assessment and the District has adequate reserves to cover a shortfall in anticipated income. There are no subsidiary undertakings. Trustees do not foresee any factors that will significantly affect the financial performance or position in the next year or two.

The District continues to hold the one freehold property being the Chair's Manse in Newcastle upon Tyne

The District has the following principal sources of funds

- Interest on investments
- Levies on the Circuit Model Trust Funds of Circuits within the District
- Contributions from Connexional Advance & Property Fund
- Assessments on Circuits within the District

These sums are used to administer the District and to provide grants to Circuits, Churches and individuals in the District so that they may embark on or continue with projects that fulfil the mission of the District by bringing more people to Christ or by providing facilities that might enable this to happen.

3.1 Investment Policy and Performance

To comply with Methodist Standing Orders, monies for long term investment are lodged with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP). TMCP acts as custodian trustee for all real estate held by Districts and for all large (over 20K) bequests and for the proceeds of sale of any property formerly owned by the District. These sums are invested in unitised investments or held on deposit. The investment returns are close to tracking the movements in the FTSE100 index. The deposit income mirrors the deposit rates available elsewhere. Newcastle District trustees' investment policy is aligned with that of the CFB and TMCP because these organisations take into consideration the social, environmental and ethical considerations, both negatively and positively, that make investments suitable for the Methodist Church

Short term deposits are lodged directly with the Central Finance Board (CFB) and attract good rates of interest

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There are no benchmark for the expected returns or appreciation on investments at TMCP and CFB. It is the District's policy to manage the cash and investment resources of the District so that a rate of return on investment - both by way of dividend and capital appreciation - is obtained at least as good as market rate considering the District's low appetite for risk.

3.2 Reserves level and policy

It should be noted that the unrestricted reserves have funded the purchase cost of the manse £170k and as a result, the unrestricted reserves readily available total is £98k.

The District has a reserves policy covering all its unrestricted funds which is reviewed annually.

The minimum policy level of the readily available part of the General Fund is such as to pay for six months payroll costs and closing costs of staff redundancies, rent and other costs on leased equipment. At 31st August 2020 this sum amounted to £87k against actual reserves of £98k as stated above.

The reserves held at the end of the year were as follows:

<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	£
General Fund	£264,438
<u>Designated Funds</u>	
Capital Fund	£350,426
District Aid Fund	£100,062
Our Calling	£20,000
Mission Together Fund	£12,803
International Fund	£20
University Chaplain	£29,778
Industrial Chaplaincy	£12,641
Ignite	£1,491
	<u>£527,221</u>
District Advance Fund	£24,297
Benevolence Fund	£5,797
MSM Fund	£15,673
	<u>£45,767</u>
	<u>£837,126</u>
Total Undesignated Funds	£264,438
Less: Invested in the Manse	£169,840
Uncommitted reserves, readily available	£94,598

All funds are separately invested either with CFB or TMCP. No money is directly invested in property, securities or other forms of investments.

3.3 Collaborative arrangements with connected charities

The District's main source of funding is the assessments obtained from each Circuit within the District based on the membership and staffing levels of the Circuit and this was used to defray most of the cost of administering the District. The sum amounted to £59,634 (2019 - £61,400).

The District obtained from each Circuit with a reserve, known as a Circuit Model Trust Fund (CMTF), a levy based on the size of the Circuits' CMTFs at the start of the connexional year (1st September). In 2019/20 this sum was £70,165 and was credited to the District Advance Fund. The District also obtained an allocation from the Connexional Advance and Property Fund of £138,593. This fund is obtained from a levy on all property sales of Methodist property.

The District holds no funds as custodian Trustee. It does, however, quarterly receive from Circuits

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020

within the District the Circuits' contributions to the Methodist Church Fund (MCF). These sums are collected as agent for the MCF and are passed to the MCF later in the same quarter. Funds received by the District as agent are not recognised as an asset in the financial statements because the funds are not within its control. No fee is earned in respect of this agency arrangement and the District incurs no cost through this arrangement.

4 Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting standards.

For each financial year ending on 31st August the Trustees are required to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the District's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees must:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently using the accruals method
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- follow applicable accounting standards
- prepare accounts to comply with the Charities SORP
- U.K. Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the District will continue in business

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the District and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the District and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the District's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Training in the responsibilities of trustees is offered to all new trustees soon after their appointment.

4.1 Risk

The District is largely risk averse but, especially in making grants to entities embarking on new and imaginative initiatives, the District is prepared to underwrite considered risks.

Districts do not need their own risk register because most of what is covered in the Connexional Risk Review will be the same for the District. The Connexional Risk Review has just been updated in the light of Covid-19 so it is even more relevant and we can refer/defer to it.

5 Structure, governance and management

The District is an unincorporated association and is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church and was registered with the Charity Commissioners on 21st January 2009.

The Trustees are appointed from within the District as and when the need arises and appointments are approved by District Synod.

5.1 Structure

Circuits are the coordinating charities for local groups of Churches; Circuits pay the stipends of the ministers and employ lay staff to serve the Churches in the Circuit; most decisions are made at or ratified by the half yearly Circuit Meeting. A District is the coordinating charity for a group of contiguous Circuits and makes its decisions at half yearly synods. The Methodist Conference meets once each year as the supreme denominational body for all Methodist Churches.

1. Overall regulatory authority rests with the Methodist Conference
2. The Connexional Office implements decisions made by Conference and is also responsible for the stationing of presbyters and deacons (collectively known as ministers) in individual Circuits within the District.
3. Connexional decisions are passed to the Chair of the District and the appropriate officers of the District for implementation.
4. The District passes regulatory control down to Circuit level for local implementation by the Superintendent Minister, ministerial staff and Circuit Stewards, and authority is delegated to the Circuit Meeting for certain matters.
5. The Circuit Meeting passes regulatory control down to Church Councils for local implementation by the presbyter, the Church Stewards, and other officers, and this regulatory authority is then exercised by Church Councils as Managing Trustees of their Charity.

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5.2 Purpose of the District

The District is an expression, over a wider geographical area than any Circuit, of the Connexional character of the Church

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of the union the advancement of

- a the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church, and
- b any charitable purposes for the time being of any Connexional, District Circuit, Local or other organisation of the Methodist Church, and
- c any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church, and
- d any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary of the Methodist Church.

The primary purpose of this District is to advance the mission of the Church in Northumberland Tyne & Wear and the Northern part of Durham

- by providing opportunities for Circuits to work together and support each other
- by offering to Circuits resources of finance, personnel and expertise

The District serves the Local Churches and Circuits and the Conference in the support, deployment and oversight of the various ministries of the Church, and in programmes of training

5.3 Governance

The District operates within a statutory framework of regulation and seeks to ensure that it follows Methodist Standing Orders. It relies on the Connexional Office at 25 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5JR to provide guidance on changes that could affect the District

The members of the District Policy Committee (DPC) are annually appointed by a vote of the Synod for a continuous term not normally exceeding six years. The Chair of District is *ex officio* chair of the DPC. When a position becomes vacant on the District Policy Committee, nominations are invited from ministers and lay members of Circuits within the District. The Chair of the District then shares with nominees what the roles involve. If they wish to be considered for a role, their names are taken to the District Policy Committee and the District Synod for appointment. Members may be either ministers or lay people attending Churches in the area covered by the District. Trustees are all members of the Methodist Church and through experience are aware of the workings of the charity.

The District Policy Committee normally meets four times per year and deals with routine and exceptional matters. It oversees the work of the Evangelism, Worship and Discipleship teams and Finance and Property Executive, Stationing Advisory group, probationers committee and Candidates committee.

5.4 Responsibilities of the District Policy Committee

- i to formulate and promote policies which will advance the mission of the Church in the Circuits and Local Churches and, in particular, to supervise the use of resources of personnel, property and finance and to assist Local Churches and Circuits having exceptional problems
- ii to encourage inter-Circuit and ecumenical co-operation
- iii to act in an executive capacity in matters remitted to the Committee by the Synod
- iv to keep within its purview all District concerns not dealt with elsewhere
- v to contribute and respond, as the case may be, to the development of Connexional policies as reflected in the work of the Conference and the Methodist Council, and to carry out its other responsibilities with any such development in mind
- vi to be aware that the stipend of the Chair of the District is set - currently by reference to the change over a year in the Consumer Price Index - using a formula that was agreed by the Methodist Conference for all ministers within the Connexion
- vii constantly to be aware of the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020

6.1 Trustees

The following served as Trustees throughout part or all of the year 2019/20 or were trustees at the time of this report being approved

Rev A Waite
Rev S J Lindridge (Chair)
Mr A Lowe (appointed 1st September 2019)
Mr J Boyd (appointed 1st September 2019)
Mrs C Armstrong
Mr D A Stabler
Rev E Lindridge
Deacon T Hume
Deacon G Morgan (appointed 1st September 2019)
Mrs M Graham

Mr B Stephens (retired 31st August 2020)
Rev J Porterpryde (appointed 1st September 2019)
Rev D Goodall
Mr C Horton (District Treasurer)
Rev S Earl
Mr A Wilkinson
Mrs V Hill (appointed 1st September 2019 retired 31st August 2020)
Miss A Ilderton
Mrs S Gibbon
Mrs K Hawkins (retired 31st August 2020)

6.2 Salaries of District employees are reviewed by the Property and Finance Executive and confirmed by the subsequent District Policy Committee

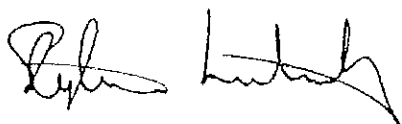
6.3 A resolution to reappoint RSM UK Tax and Accounting Limited as independent examiners will be put to the trustees and the Synod.

Approvals

The Trustees' Report and the Financial Statements were approved by the District Policy Committee on

Signed on behalf of the DPC, as authorised

Stephen Lindridge (signed)

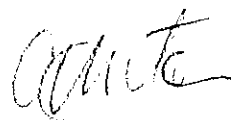


District Chair

Date

8th June 2021

Christopher Horton (signed)



District Treasurer

Date

8th June 2021

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE
TRUSTEES OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF
THE METHODIST CHURCH FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Newcastle Upon Tyne District of the Methodist Church for the year ended 31st August 2020 which are set out on pages 3 to 14

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statements

Since the charity's gross income exceeds £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.



Name: Lucy Robson

Relevant professional qualification or body: ACA

ON BEHALF OF RSM UK TAX AND ACCOUNTING LIMITED

Chartered Accountants
1 St James' Gate
Newcastle upon Tyne
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Date 13/07/21

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals This Year £	Totals Previous Year £
Income and Endowments							
Charitable activities	4a	59,654	-	208,758	-	268,412	265,878
Investments-interest		717	3,785	5,185	26	9,713	8,994
Donations and legacies-donations		-	-	2,753	-	2,753	4,817
Other Charitable Income	4b	1,422	69,107	10,593	-	81,122	93,149
Total Incoming Resources		61,793	72,892	227,289	26	362,000	372,838
Charitable Activities							
Salaries & Associated Costs	4c&6	98,003	102,238	-	-	200,241	167,193
Manse Costs	4c	7,289	-	-	-	7,289	9,650
Administration	4c	16,129	-	-	-	16,129	22,352
Grants & Donations	4c	-	-	102,661	-	102,661	158,747
Other Expenditure		5,037	4,207	1,062	6	10,312	15,962
Total Charitable Activities		126,458	106,445	103,723	6	336,632	373,904
Net Expenditure		(64,665)	(33,553)	123,566	20	25,368	(1,066)
Transfers Between Funds		60,656	40,000	(100,636)	(20)	-	-
Sub Total		(4,009)	6,447	22,930	-	25,368	(1,066)
Other gains		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds		(4,009)	6,447	22,930	-	25,368	(1,066)
Reconciliation of Funds							
Total funds brought forward from Last Year		268,447	520,774	22,837	2,927	814,985	816,051
Total Funds Carried Forward at End of Year		264,438	527,221	45,767	2,927	840,353	814,985

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities

These unaudited financial statements have been subject to independent examination. See report on page 2.

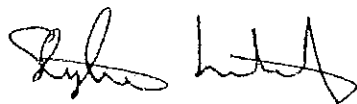
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2020

	Notes	Totals This Year £	Totals Previous Year £
Fixed Assets	7	<u>169,840</u>	<u>169,840</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors & Prepayments	8	22,556	30,979
Cash at Bank		<u>1,118,213</u>	<u>1,161,784</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>1,140,769</u>	<u>1,192,763</u>
Creditors	9	<u>185,195</u>	<u>313,581</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>955,574</u>	<u>879,182</u>
Total Assets less Net Current Liabilities		<u>1,125,414</u>	<u>1,049,022</u>
Creditors: amounts due after one year		<u>285,061</u>	<u>234,037</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>840,353</u></u>	<u><u>814,985</u></u>
Funds of the District			
General Fund (Unrestricted)		264,438	268,447
Designated Funds	12	527,221	520,774
Restricted Funds	11	43,767	22,837
Endowment Funds	10	<u>2,927</u>	<u>2,927</u>
Total Funds		<u><u>840,353</u></u>	<u><u>814,985</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 3 - 14 were approved by the board of trustees on
and signed on its behalf by

S J Lindridge



C Horton



Trustees

These unaudited financial statements have been subject to independent examination. See report on page 2.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The address of the District's registered office and principal place of business is 246 Wingrove Road North Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 9EJ

Newcastle upon Tyne District of the Methodist Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Going concern

Financial Reporting Standard 102 requires, if appropriate, the District's financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, which means that the District is able to operate for the foreseeable future on the basis of known and reasonable projected resources. After reviewing financial and other information available, the Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties in respect of the District's ability to continue as a going concern. Newcastle upon Tyne District of the Methodist Church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. They continue to believe the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate in preparing the annual financial statements.

2 Fund accounting

The funds held constitute General Funds held for any purpose of the District which are Unrestricted, Designated Funds and Restricted Funds which are held for a narrower purpose and Endowment Funds which represent gifts, the capital normally being unavailable for spending, and the income from which is either Restricted or Unrestricted. Details of each material fund are disclosed in notes 10-14 to these accounts.

Income

Income is recognised in the period in which the District is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is deferred only when the District has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Voluntary income received by way of donations and gifts to the District is included in full in the statement of financial activities when received. Intangible income is not included unless it represents goods or services which would have otherwise been purchased. Gifts in kind are valued and brought in as income and the appropriate expenditure. There were no gifts in kind in the year ended 31st August 2020.

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Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred or a constructive obligation arises that result in the payment being unavoidable. Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discounts offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Liabilities and provision

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the District anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is not charged on freehold buildings as under normal circumstances the residual values are considered to be greater than cost. However, the carrying values of freehold buildings are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Assets having an initial cost of £1,000 or less are written off on acquisition.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement as either financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the District after deducting all of its liabilities. The District has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 "Basic Financial Instruments" and Section 12 "Other Financial Instruments Issues" of FRS 102, in full to all of its financial instruments.

All of the charities financial assets and financial liabilities qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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3 Investments

Investments are stated at market value less any provision for permanent diminution in value

Gains(losses) on investments

Realised and unrealised capital gains and losses on investments are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they arise, based on the brought forward valuations or cost of subsequent additions

Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless these costs are required to be capitalised as an intangible or tangible fixed asset

Employees are only entitled to carry forward unused holiday entitlement in exceptional circumstances, and only by agreement with management. The cost of any unused entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are required

Pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. The amount charged to the Statement of Financial Activities is the contributions payable in the year. Differences between contributions payable in the year and actually paid are shown as either prepayments or accruals

Agency arrangements

The district acts as an agent in the collection and payment of Methodist Church Fund. Related payments received from the Circuits are paid over to the Connexion and excluded from the statement of financial activities and are shown separately in note 20

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectation of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The District makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results

Critical areas of judgement

In categorising leases as finance leases or operating leases, management makes judgements as to whether significant risks and rewards of ownership have transferred to the District as lessee, or the lessee, where the District is a lessor

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4a. Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Assessment on circuits	59,654	-	-	-	59,654	61,400
From Circuit Model Trust Funds	-	-	70,165	-	70,165	45,807
Connexional Advance & Property Fund	-	-	138,593	-	138,593	158,671
	<u>59,654</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>208,758</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>268,412</u>	<u>265,878</u>

The income from charitable activities was £268,412 (2019 £265,878) of which £59,654 was unrestricted (2019 £61,400) and £208,758 was restricted (2019 £204,478)

4b Other Income	Un-Restricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Grants Received	-	60,000	-	-	60,000	60,000
Workplace Chaplain	-	7,500	-	-	7,500	12,500
Sundry Income	1,422	1,607	10,593	-	13,622	20,649
	<u>1,422</u>	<u>69,107</u>	<u>10,593</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,122</u>	<u>93,149</u>

The other income funding was £81,122 (2019 £93,149) of which £1,422 was unrestricted (2019 £37,996) and £69,107 was designated (2019 £55,153) and £10,593 was restricted (2019 nil)

4c. Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Direct costs £	Support Costs £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Salaries and associated costs	200,241	-	-	200,241	167,193
Manse costs	-	7,289	-	7,289	9,650
Administration	-	-	16,129	16,129	22,352
Grants and donations	-	102,661	-	102,661	158,747
Other expenditure	-	10,312	-	10,312	15,962
	<u>200,241</u>	<u>120,262</u>	<u>16,129</u>	<u>336,632</u>	<u>373,904</u>

Expenditure for the year was £336,631 (2019: £373,904) of which £103,723 (2019: £130,728) was restricted. £126,457 (2019: £174,075) was unrestricted, £106,445 (2019: £69,095) was designated and £6 (2019: £6) was endowment

Grants and donations are made up as follows:	2020 £102,661	2019 £158,747
Breakdown of grants paid are shown at note 21 on page 14		
Support costs are made up as follows:	2020 £16,129	2019 £22,352

During the year expenses were reimbursed to trustees of the charity totalling £15,919 (2019: £11,491)

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5 Trustees

None of the trustees, or persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the District or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31st August 2020 (2019: nil). Trustees are allowed to reclaim certain expenses incurred as a result of them fulfilling their duties. The amount claimed during the year ended 31st August 2020 was

	2020	2019
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	8	11
Reimbursement of expenses	<u>£15,919</u>	<u>£12,434</u>
Total reimbursement of expenses		

6 Staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

The aggregate payroll costs during the year were:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	148,921	117,118
Social Security Costs	9,973	8,804
Other Pension Costs	16,943	11,238
	<u>175,837</u>	<u>137,160</u>

No employee earned in excess of £60,000 during the year (2019: nil)

Particulars of employees:

The average number of staff employed by the District during the financial year amounted to:

	2020	2019
	No	No
Total	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>

Key management personnel

No salaries as employee benefits are paid to the key management personnel for the year (2019: nil)

Net outgoing resources

Net outgoing resources are stated after charging

	2020	2019
	£	£
Staff pension contributions	16,943	11,238
Independent examiners fee	<u>2,760</u>	<u>2,700</u>

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Buildings £
Cost	
1st September 2019 & 31st August 2020	<u>175,516</u>
Depreciation	
1st September 2019 & 31st August 2020	5,676
Net book value	
31st August 2019 & 31st August 2020	<u>169,840</u>

All tangible fixed assets are held for charitable purposes.

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8 Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>22,556</u>	<u>30,979</u>

9 Creditors:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income		
Due within twelve months	185,195	313,581
Creditors due over twelve months	<u>285,061</u>	<u>234,037</u>
	<u>470,256</u>	<u>547,618</u>

10 Endowment funds

	Balance 1 September 2019	Incoming Resources	Charitable Activities	Transfers	Outgoing Resources	Balance 31 August 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Permanent endowments:						
The W H Scott						
Memorial Trust	<u>2,927</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2,927</u>
	Balance 1st September 2,018	Incoming Resources	Charitable Activities	Transfers	Outgoing Resources	Balance 31st August 2,019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Permanent endowments						
The W H Scott						
Memorial Trust	<u>2,927</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2,927</u>

The W H Scott Memorial Trust was established in 1924 for the benefit of Wesleyan Methodist Ministers Widows. This was subsequently amended due to the lack of beneficiaries and the income only is now paid to the District Benevolent Fund. The fund is represented by investments.

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11 Restricted funds

	Balance 1 September 2019	Income	Expenditure	Investment Gains (Losses)	Transfers	Balance 31 August 2020
2020						
District Advance Fund	430	224,429	93,562	-	(107,000)	24,297
Benevolent Fund	5,941	-	164	-	20	5,797
MSM Fund	15,566	107	-	-	-	15,673
Training Fund	-	2,753	9,997	-	7,244	-
Regional Training Forum	900	-	-	-	(900)	-
	<u>22,837</u>	<u>227,289</u>	<u>103,723</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(100,636)</u>	<u>45,767</u>

	Balance 1 September 2018	Income	Expenditure	Investment Gains (Losses)	Transfers	Balance 31 August 2019
2019						
District Advance Fund	2,699	209,017	123,686	-	(87,600)	430
Benevolent Fund	5,446	840	364	-	19	5,941
MSM Fund	15,589	101	124	-	-	15,566
Training Fund	-	1,977	6,554	-	4,577	-
Regional Training Forum	900	-	-	-	-	900
	<u>24,634</u>	<u>211,935</u>	<u>130,728</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(83,004)</u>	<u>22,837</u>

12 Designated funds

	Balance 1 September 2019	Income	Expenditure	Investment Gains (Losses)	Transfers	Balance 31 August 2020
2020						
University Chaplaincy	29,432	30,000	44,654	-	15,000	29,778
Capital Fund	366,530	3,741	423	-	(19,422)	350,426
International Fund	20	-	-	-	-	20
Our Calling	20,000	20,000	39,422	-	19,422	20,000
District Aid Fund	100,018	44	-	-	-	100,062
Industrial Chaplaincy	-	7,500	9,859	-	15,000	12,641
Mission Together Fund	1,106	10,000	8,303	-	10,000	12,803
Ignite	3,668	1,607	3,784	-	-	1,491
Total Designated Funds	<u>520,774</u>	<u>72,892</u>	<u>106,445</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>527,221</u>

	Balance 1 September 2018	Income	Expenditure	Investment Gains (Losses)	Transfers	Balance 31 August 2019
2019						
University Chaplaincy	29,141	30,000	44,709	-	15,000	29,432
Capital Fund	382,358	3,622	19,450	-	-	366,530
Our Calling	-	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
International Fund	20	-	-	-	-	20
District Aid Fund	100,000	18	-	-	-	100,018
Mission Together Fund	106	1,000	-	-	-	1,106
Ignite	3,451	5,153	4,936	-	-	3,668
Total Designated funds	<u>515,076</u>	<u>59,793</u>	<u>69,095</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>520,774</u>

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12 Designated funds (continued)

The income funds of the charity include designated funds, which has been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specific purposes

The Capital Fund is a fund to which all members and circuits have subscribed. The investment income only will be used for "people" based projects and any funding granted will be on a pump-priming basis. Several grants have been made. The fund is represented by bank balances and is fully subscribed to.

The Cuba Fund is a fund begun by donations to a sponsored walk and used to fund close links between the District and that country. It has been decided to rename it "International Fund."

The District Aid Fund has been set up to make loans to aid completion of projects.

The Mission Together Fund is receiving donations to fund the District Wide Mission.

The University Chaplaincy fund provides a chaplaincy service to higher and further education institutions within the Newcastle District.

The Ignite programme promotes leadership training courses run in connection with the Pioneer Connexion Church (as a partner).

The Our Calling Fund is a grant from Connexion to fund the work of Deacon T Hume

in her work as District Community Enabler. It was resolved to fund any deficit from the District Capital Fund.

The Industrial Chaplaincy Fund supports the work of Industrial Chaplains particularly at Newcastle International Airport.

13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trusts to be applied for specific purposes.

The Benevolent Fund represents funds designated for benevolent purposes as laid down by Standing Order 327(2). The income of the fund includes transfers from W H Scott Memorial Trust.

The fund is represented by cash and bank balances.

The District Advance Fund is a fund set up and administered under the standing orders of the Methodist Church. It receives income from Circuit Model Trust. Funds within the District together with an allocation from Connexional Advance & Property Fund for property and people based projects to further the work of this charity in the Newcastle District. Surplus funds are held with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

The Education and Youth Fund was administered by a sub-committee which has now ceased. All grants are now administered by the Property and Finance Executive and the separate fund has been closed.

The transfer to un-restricted funds is a grant made to finance the Suspend and expenses of the District Evangelism Enabler and the District Resourcing Mission Adviser.

The MSM Fund was set up to enable the District Evangelism Enabler to organise "Mission Shaped Ministry" courses in an area extending beyond the boundaries of the Newcastle District and covering the North of England.

It is also open to other denominations. It is now under the stewardship of the Newcastle District.

Training Fund receives donations from Circuits and makes donations to lay and ordained members of churches undertaking training.

The Regional Training Forum Fund is a grant made from the North East Training Forum and has been transferred to the training fund.

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14 Charitable commitments

At 31st August 2020 there were no commitments which are to be funded out of the District Capital Fund (2019-£nil)

15 Ultimate controlling party

The ultimate controlling party of the District is considered to be the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church

16 Related parties

The related parties of the District are twelve Circuits, their Chapels and Manses, which are all based in the North-East of England. They are contactable via the principal address of the Charity. Funds are transferred on a quarterly basis.

No related party transactions took place during the current or previous year.

17 Capital commitments

2020	2019
£	£

At 31st August 2020 the District had the following Capital Commitments:
Amount Authorised but not contracted for

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

2020	Un-Restricted Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	169,840	-	-	-	169,840
Current assets	103,561	527,221	507,260	2,927	1,140,969
Current liabilities	(8,963)	-	(461,293)	-	(470,256)
	<u>264,438</u>	<u>527,221</u>	<u>45,967</u>	<u>2,927</u>	<u>840,553</u>

2019	Un-Restricted Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2018
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	169,840	-	-	-	169,840
Current assets	116,313	520,774	552,749	2,927	1,192,763
Current liabilities	(17,706)	-	(529,912)	-	(547,618)
	<u>268,447</u>	<u>520,774</u>	<u>228,37</u>	<u>2,927</u>	<u>814,985</u>

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19 Taxation

The District is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the District.

20 Amounts disbursed as agent

	2020	2019
	£	£
Methodist Church Fund assessments received	520,346	496,600
Methodist Church Fund assessments paid	<u>520,346</u>	<u>496,600</u>

21 Grants and donations

	2020	2019
	£	£
Institutions		
Newcastle West Circuit	5,000	3,000
Newcastle Central and East Circuit	-	200
South East Northumberland Ecumenical Area	-	833
East Durham Circuit	43,000	10,000
Tynedale Circuit	1,500	48,580
Mini One Programme	-	-20,000
Chinese Ministry	-	25,000
Bede Circuit	-	73,268
Sound Media	-	2,600
North Shields & Whitely Bay Circuit	50,000	-
Wesley Study Centre	-	15,000
	<u>99,500</u>	<u>157,881</u>
Individuals for Training all under £1000	<u>3,161</u>	<u>866</u>
	<u>102,661</u>	<u>158,747</u>

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