EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1129451

Details

Other names	EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-05-07
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 dicipline 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 subsiduary 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: Religious Activities

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Cambridgeshire
- Norfolk
- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£1,285,691	£1,024,282	£1,850,259	6
2023-08-31	£1,003,618	£956,602	£1,576,511	6
2022-08-31	£985,374	£865,227	£1,535,396	6
2021-08-31	£893,324	£794,779	£1,252,307	6
2020-08-31	£870,515	£971,454	£1,126,412	6

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Helen Hollands	Chair	2024-09-01
Chris Finbow		2021-09-01
Deacon Donna Ely		2025-09-01
Dr Liz Cope		2025-09-01
Dr Yasmin Finch		2016-09-01
Judith Read		2024-09-01
Maggie Finbow		2024-09-01
RICHARD LESLIE DEAN		
Rev Colin Telfer		2024-09-01
Rev James Bamber		2023-09-01
Rev Judith Bell		2025-09-01
Rev Mary Sachikonye		2025-09-01
Rev Paul Critchley		2025-09-01
SHAUN CUSHION		2015-02-09
SUSAN JANE ELDRIDGE FCII, FPMI		2012-12-27

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Accounts

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EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT
OF THE
METHODISTCHURCH

Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st August 2024

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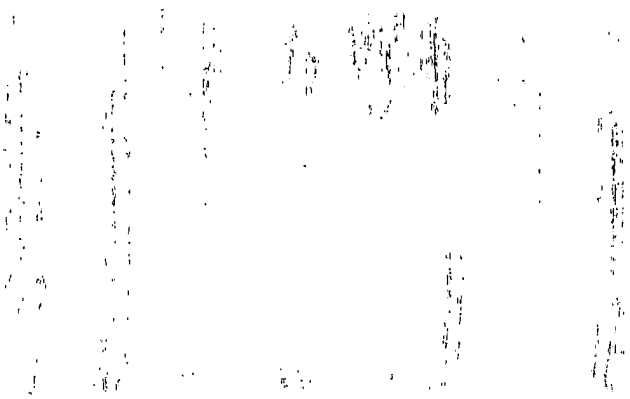

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees

The Trustees are appointed by the Representative Session of the East Anglia District Synod. The following Trustees have served during the period covered by this report:

District Chair	Revd. Julian M. Pursehouse
Deputy District Chair	Revd. Andrew King
	Revd. James Bamber
Secretary of Synod	Mrs. Susan Eldridge
Assistant Secretary of Synod	Mr Chris Finbow
District Group Co-ordinators	Mr. Richard Dean
	Revd. Andrew King
Representative to the Methodist Council	Revd. Deborah Caulk
District Treasurer	Mr. Shaun Cushion
District Mission Enabler	Dr. Yasmin Finch

Trust Address

Chapel Field Road Methodist Church
Chapel Field Road, Norwich, NR2 1SD

Auditors

Moore Green
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
22 Friars Street, Sudbury, CO10 2AA

Bankers

Barclays Bank plc
1 Princes Street, Ipswich, IP1 1PB

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report for the year ended 31st August 2024.The financial statement have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published November 2019.

The Trust was registered on 7th May 2009 in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. Particulars of the charity's Trustees and professional advisers are given on page 3.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is operated under the regulations of the Methodist Church as stated in *The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church* with advice from Officers of the Methodist Church. At all times the charity will implement the decisions and policy directions of the Annual Methodist Conference.

Aims, Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the East Anglia District are those as set out for the Methodist Church of Great Britain in the Deed of Union 1932 and the 1976 Methodist Church Act.

The charitable objects are the purposes of the Methodist Church and these are 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 organization 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.

The District Synod has also agreed a policy for the District (adopted in April 2014), which states that:

The East Anglia District aims to enable, encourage and enthuse the people of God. We seek to do this by creating and sustaining hospitable Christian communities in which people can:

- come to faith
- grow in faith
- own their faith
- share their faith
- celebrate faith

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

These objectives will be developed over the next ten years through:

1. Inspirational leadership in churches, Circuits and the District that will lead to:
    - sharing the love of Christ in word and action so that more people seek to be disciples of Jesus Christ
    - increased attendance at worship
    - increased commitment
    - increased engagement with Synod and other District events

2. The imaginative use of resources and buildings that prioritises innovation with the expectation that there will be an increase in:
    - church mission and outreach projects
    - the enrichment of the life of the wider community
    - new disciples
    - building schemes
    - ecumenical, community and world partnerships
    - the development of churches as communities in which God is experienced

3. The development of District programmes that nurture discipleship, learning, mission and an understanding of our heritage. For example, *Journey into Faith, Gateways to God?,* material for use by small groups, etc. This will also include engagement with the Discipleship & Ministries Learning Network.

4. The District Officers and District Staff Team providing good and relevant services so that:
    - District contacts are known
    - District roles are understood
    - churches and Circuits are able to access the support and resources they need

5. Effective networking and communicating across the District such that:
    - people know where to turn for answers and support
    - there is consistent, complete and relevant information on the website
    - electronic communication is the primary source of networking

6. Shared knowledge and experience such that we:
    - build and share an effective knowledge base
    - enable people to access the knowledge base and feed into it
    - highlight and share good practice
    - exercise better care of our natural resources
    - publicise the knowledge base through the District website, *grapevine* and word of mouth
    - support the District web administrator

7. Shared responsibility in meeting the requirements of the Methodist Church and statutory authorities such that all requirements are communicated, understood and met.

All of the above is intended to develop confidence in God that, in turn, leads to:

- the transformation of people and communities through the presence of the Holy Spirit
- imaginative risk-taking, with a commitment to learn from failure
- prayer support for new ventures

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Achievements and Performance

The East Anglia District has sought to advance its aims and objectives during the year under review by continuing its life of worship and mission within communities in Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire and by providing support to local churches and Circuits. Particular highlights include:

- in partnership with the national Methodist church, the recruitment of a new District Chair, the Revd Helen Hollands who will take up the position on 1st September 2024. This role includes a rigorous training and induction process during a shadowing year.
- developing closer links with partner churches in other parts of the world in consultation with the WCAG – in particular the District is planning to welcome a delegation of representatives from West Harare, this will be a return visit planned for 2025.
- ensuring that the theme of ***'Becoming a Community of Witness'*** continues to shape the way we understand church life and mission across the East Anglia District. Fresh objectives were determined for the year ahead and submitted to the DPC for agreement.
- continuing to support the Circuits so that resources can be more effectively shared, local churches are assisted and greater economies of scale realised. This has resulted in a more innovative and mixed approach to the nature of District and Circuit staffing across the whole District.
    - providing resources to Circuits and local churches by enabling the deployment of appropriate ordained and lay staff and by making specific grants to support pieces of work that advance our charitable objects and District Policy.
    - Throughout this year the District has shared in a mission initiative called Prayer 23 which has sought to foster a greater awareness of the significance of prayer and has encouraged people to pray more regularly and creatively. In addition the District is developing work in New Places for New People, imaginatively reflecting on the use of some premises where existing congregations have ceased to meet.
    - ensuring that the District is sufficiently resourced for its mission by reviewing the annual budget and preparing a budget for 2024-25. This includes the recognition that rising employment costs for District Staff need to be subsidised by grants from the District Advance Fund.
    - holding a number of special events and bespoke training opportunities. This work is undertaken in collaboration with colleagues in the LN Regional Team with whom we enjoy a good working relationship. This includes bespoke training for ordained ministers through study days. This has included a special session with the Superintendent Ministers around the value of Appreciative Inquiry.
    - ensuring that we continue to develop the practise of pastoral supervision across the whole District and maintain the effective roll-out of the District Implementation Plan for Supervision.
    - ensuring our Safeguarding policies and practice are robust and fit for purpose, working with our District Safeguarding officer to ensure good and effective safeguarding training, policies, DBS checks and safer recruitment are in place across the District. This builds on the excellent report from the National Safeguarding Audit.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

- continuing to oversee the Ministry among the Deaf Community by working with Revd. Anne Richardson on a voluntary basis. The District has agreed to pay expenses, mileage and provide a structure of management and accountability.

- providing a revised and updated Welcome Pack for incoming ministers who are new to the East Anglia District

- engaging in wise and strategic reflection about the deployment of ordained ministry across the District at a time of acute shortage of ordained ministry in the wider Methodist Church of Great Britain. This continues to be a challenge through the Methodist process of stationing.

- providing regular & intentional line-management for all of our employed District Staff Team.

- Measures to ensure proper oversight were put in place for circuits that were carrying vacancies through Stationing.

- ensuring that officers of the District think strategically about the balance between online & in presence meetings and make appropriate decisions about how we shall meet to do our work.

- building a culture of Lay Testimony to increase confidence in faith and discipleship.

Financial review

During the year the District received total income of £1,285,691, which is made up mainly from donations, assessment income and receipts from other circuits. The expenditure for the year amounted to £1,024,282. Included within this was donations and grants made of £210,748, consisting of payments made to local churches and circuits, An overall gain was made in the year amounting to £273,751after non-financial gains on revaluations of assets and investments.

Risk Assessment and Management

During the year under review, the Trustees have maintained oversight of the major risks to which the charity is exposed, resulting in risk management strategies being implemented.

Risks to which the organisation may be exposed are identified by the Trustees and kept under regular review.

Reserves

It is the policy of the charity to hold reserves in its unrestricted funds which have not yet been committed or designated for any particular purpose. The Trustees have set aside these reserves in order to protect the future operations of the charity from the effects of any unforeseen variations in its income as part of a policy of good financial practice.

The District Reserves Policy was reviewed during the year.

The charity is required to maintain sufficient funds to cover 12 months of working capital.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Public Benefit

The Trustees have reviewed the activities of the past year in line with the Charity Commission guidance on public interest benefit. The aims and objectives of the East Anglia District are within those guidelines and are interpreted by the District as providing specific benefit to those who are members of the Methodist Church within Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire.

Governing Body

The Trustees are the Governing Body of the Trust.

Recruitment and Training of Trustees

The Charity Trustees are appointed to the roles identified on page 3, for a designated period, by the Representative Session of the East Anglia District Synod. The District Chair and Secretary of Synod offer training to new Trustees on appointment in the form of personal induction.

Organisational Management

The management of the Trust is the responsibility of the Trustees through the executive responsibilities of the District Policy Committee. It is conducted through a Finance and Property Committee, a Grants and Personnel Committee and three other Management Committees. District employees assist in the implementation of policies. Each Committee includes Trustees among its membership, as well as co-opted experts in relevant fields and representatives of the fifteen Circuits that make up the East Anglia District.

The day to day administration of the District is the responsibility of the District Chair, the Secretary of Synod, the District Treasurer, and the District Property Secretary.

Auditors

We, the Trustees of the charity who held office at the date of approval of these Financial Statements as set out above each confirm, so far as we are aware, that:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Revd. Helen Hollands
Trustee

Mr Shaun Cushion
Trustee

Date: 13/5/25

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), and that they show a true and fair view of the state of the East Anglia District's affairs. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable 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 East Anglia District will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Methodist Church East Anglia District (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the related notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2024, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT *(continued)*

Other information

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 9, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT *(continued)*

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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

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

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the entity and the sector in which they operate. We determined that the most significant laws and regulations were the Charities Act 2011 and general UK laws relating to religious public interest bodies.

We assessed and concluded that the entity's key area was in relation to disclosure of transactions by type of fund to ensure restricted income was treated as such. Specific audit tests were undertaken to review this and ensure transactions were correctly allocated.

We assessed the susceptibility of the entity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. Audit procedures by the engagement team included identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls management has in place to prevent and detect fraud; understanding how those charged with governance considered and addressed the potential for override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process; challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates; identifying and testing unusual value entries, in particular any entries posted with unusual account combinations; and assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant laws and regulations. The size of the entity and value of transactions indicated a low level of material risk.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT *(continued)*

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the FRC's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditors/audit-assurance/auditor-s-responsibilities-for-the-audit-of-the-fi/description-of-the-auditor%E2%80%99s-responsibilities-for.This description forms part of our auditor's report.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Moore Green
Statutory Auditor
22 Friars Street
Sudbury
Suffolk
CO10 2AA

28 May 2025

Moore Green is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

The East Anglia District of the Methodist Church

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2024

	General Fund	District Advance Fund	Youth and Children's Work	Fund for Mission	Travel Fund	Benevolent Fund	Treasurers' Bureau	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Restricted & Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income									
Donations and Legacies	141,249	316,884		19,164		3,187		480,484	329,508
Income from Charitable Activities									
Assessment Income	562,345							562,345	568,974
Other receipts from Circuits					79,215			79,215	72,894
Income from Investments	8,829	37,212	103	12,769	917	69		59,899	28,841
Other	0			100,000	2		3,746	103,748	3,401
Total Income	712,423	354,096	103	131,933	80,134	3,256	3,746	1,285,691	1,003,618
Expenditure									
Costs on raising funds									
Salaries and associated costs	113,165						3,595	116,760	87,260
Charitable Activities:									
Grants and Donations	7,085	164,283		35,045		4,335		210,748	232,219
Assessments Paid	554,972							554,972	509,149
Other:									
Travel	8,936				90,621		143	99,700	94,431
Office Costs	10,372						180	10,552	11,035
Maintenance & expenses on manses	7,382							7,382	7,586
Other Expenditure	21,459	1,615		445	116		533	24,168	14,922
Total Expenditure	723,371	165,898	0	35,490	90,737	4,335	4,451	1,024,282	956,602
Disposal of assets profit/(loss)									
Gains/(losses) on fixed asset revaluation									0
Gains/(losses) on investment assets				12,342				12,342	-5,904
Net Income/expenditure	-10,948	188,198	103	108,785	-10,603	-1,079	-705	273,751	41,112
Transfers between Funds									0
Net Movement in Funds	-10,948	188,198	103	108,785	-10,603	-1,079	-705	273,751	41,112
Total funds brought forward last year	840,542	566,836	1,971	131,282	25,157	9,057	1,663	1,576,508	1,535,396
Total funds carried forward at year end	829,594	755,034	2,074	240,067	14,554	7,978	958	1,850,259	1,576,508

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The East Anglia District of the Methodist Church

Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2024

	General Fund	District Advance Fund	Youth and Children's Work	Fund for Mission	Travel Fund	Benevolent Fund	Treasurers' Bureau	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Restricted & Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Assets	725,000							725,000	725,000
Genertal Assets									
Debtors									
General	19,090							19,090	27,357
Fund fo Mission Account									
Investments									
Investment Fund				18,940				18,940	16,801
High Income Fund				3,091				3,091	2,947
Mixed Fund Trust 15981				106,441				106,441	136,382
Dr Thomas Evans Bequest				108,189				108,189	0
Total Investments	0	0	0	236,661	0	0	0	236,661	156,130
Bank and Cash									
TMCP District Advance Fund		755,034						755,034	566,836
CFB Expenses Fund Account	71,825							71,825	62,308
CFB Resources Fund Account	18,034							18,034	24,106
CFB Accounts Various			2,074	22,496	10,335			34,905	25,635
Balances at bank									
Barclays Current Account - General	5,048							5,048	9,140
Barclays Community Account					4,219		958	5,177	5,017
HSBC Youth								0	0
Lloyds TSB Deposit Account						5,112		5,112	7,043
Lloyds TSB Current Account						2,866		2,866	2,014
Total Bank and Cash	94,907	755,034	2,074	22,496	14,554	7,978	958	898,001	702,099
Total current assets	113,997	755,034	2,074	259,157	14,554	7,978	958	1,153,752	885,586
Creditors	-9,403			-19,090				-28,493	-34,078
Net current assets/liabilities	104,594	755,034	2,074	240,067	14,554	7,978	958	1,125,259	851,508
Total assets less net current liabilities	**829,594**	**755,034**	**2,074**	**240,067**	**14,554**	**7,978**	**958**	**1,850,259**	**1,576,508**
Funds of the District									
Restricted Funds									
District Advance Fund		755,034						755,034	566,836
Fund for Mission				240,067				240,067	131,282
Benevolent Fund						7,978		7,978	9,057
Connexional Training	3,195							3,195	3,195
NPNP	9,400							9,400	
Total Restricted Funds	12,595	755,034		240,067		7,978		1,015,674	710,370
Revaluation Reserve	280,000							280,000	280,000
Unrestricted Funds									
General Fund	543,252							543,252	558,328
Removal Expenses Fund	-3,377							-3,377	3,013
Manse Reserve	-2,876							-2,876	-3,994
	536,999							536,999	557,347
Treasurers' Bureau							958	958	1,663
Youth and Children's Work			2,074					2,074	1,971
Travel Fund					14,554			14,554	25,157
Total Unrestricted Funds	536,999		2,074		14,554		958	554,585	586,138
Total Unrestricted Funds & revaluation reserve	549,594	755,034	2,074	240,067	14,554	7,978	958	1,570,259	1,296,508
Total Funds	**829,594**	**755,034**	**2,074**	**240,067**	**14,554**	**7,978**	**958**	**1,850,259**	**1,576,508**

The financial statements were approved and authorsied for issue by the Trustees on 26/4/25

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Shaun Cushion (District Treasurer)

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Rev Helen Hollands
District Chair

The East Anglia District of the Methodist Church
Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £000.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Funds

With the exception of the District Advance Fund, Fund for Mission, Connexional Fund, New Places for New People Fund and the Benevolent Fund, which are considered to be Restricted Funds, all other funds are considered to be Unrestricted Funds for use for any purpose by the District.

General Fund - Used to meet the costs of undertaking the work of the District

Connexional Fund and New Places for New People Fund are included in the financial statements within the General Fund on the primary statements. They are both for specific purposes being the pilot training scheme and new community palcements respectively.

District Advance Fund - Income is derived from levies on Circuit Model Trust Funds and is used to support ministry & building projects in the District.

Travel Fund - Each Circuit pays a quarterly lvy per minister, funds are used to meet the costs of staff travel within the District.

Education & Youth Fund - Used to support the work amongst children & young people in the District.

Fund for Mission - Income is derived from interest on investments & donations and is used to assist funding for mission activity in the District.

District Benevolent Fund - Income is derived from donations, and used to make benevolent donations at the discretion of the District Chair & fund treasurer

Treasurers' Bureau - This is a service offered to churches or local Methodist entity that cannot appoint a treasurer, each church or entity pay a small monthly fee for the service provided.

Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the District becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. No attempt is made to measure the value of services donated by volunteers.

Income from donations and legacies is recognised when the funds are received. These can be received from individuals, churches or Circuits.

Income from assessments is is collected quarterly from the fifteen circuits in the District and is subsequently paid directly to the MCF (Methodist Church Fund).

Income from investments is derived from monies held in CFB (Central Finance Board) and investments held by TMCP (Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes).

All other income is measured on the basis of the financial period to which it relates and is disclosed as necessary based on it's materiality and impact on assessing the true and fair view of the financial statements.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred or a constructive obligation arises that result in the payment being unavoidable.
Since the District is not VAT registered, expenditure is inclusive of VAT where charged by the supplier.
Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as they are incurred regardless of payment date. They are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the District to pay out and that payment becomes probable. Until then, any material contingent liabilities are noted

Tangible fixed assets for use by the District

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they have a cost of more than £1,000 and can be used for more than one year. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt. Provision is made for depreciation of assets where appropriate. Where cost is not available, the finance and Property Committee may provide a reasonable estimate of cost or current value to the District. The District manse is shown at its re-valued amount. No depreciation is provided because the trustees consider the residual value of the manse is not less than the cost and depreciation would be immaterial

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors

Unless otherwise stated, all debtors represent income of this period received in the subsequent period.

Creditors

Unless otherwise stated creditors represent income received in advance or normal expenditure accrued.

Going concern

To the best of their knowledge and belief the trustees confirm that there are no material uncertainties that would call into question the District's financial viability for at least 12 months from the date of approval of these accounts.

2 Trustees

Dr Y Finch, District Devlopment Enabler, was paid remuneration for her duties during the year which amounted to £19,519 gross (2023: £18,601), and pension contributions of £797 (2023: £505).
Other Trustees expenses and stipends amounted to £10,135 (2023: £nil).
No Trustee was remunerated for more than £60,000 in either year.

The East Anglia District of the Methodist Church
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3 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2024	2023
Auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£5,400	£3,750

4 Staff Costs paid during the year were:

	2024	2023
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£109,501	80,991
Employer's National Insurance costs	£4,686	4,686
Pension costs	£2,573	1,583
Total staff costs	£116,760	£87,260

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were 6 (2023 - 6)

5 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

	2024	2023
At the year end capital commitments on District Advance Fund amounted to:	£391,780	£193,063
Contingent liabilities amounted to:	£Nil	£Nil

Payment of grants for subsequent years are included even though they remain subject to a satisfactory progress report.

6 Tangible Fixed Assets

	2024	2023
Freehold Manse - Valuation B/fwd	£725,000	£725,000
Revaluation in year	£0	£0
Freehold Manse - Valuation C/fwd	**£725,000**	**£725,000**

The trustees consider it is prudent to show the property at its current market value of £725k although a new valuaiton will be undertaken in the following year.

7 Investment Assets

	Value at 01.09.22	Addition	Disposal	Gain/(loss) on investments	Value at 31.08.23
Investments held by Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	£162,033	£0	£0	(5,903)	£156,130

	Value at 01.09.23	Addition	Disposal	Gain/(loss) on investments	Value at 31.08.24
	£156,130	£108,199	(40,010)	12,342	£236,661

8 Restricted Funds

	Opening Balance £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
District Advance Fund	566,836	354,096	165,898	0	755,034
The purpose of the fund is to receive monies received on sale of properties and other capital sources and to make payments for capital projects and mission as provided in CPD and sanctioned by Connexion					
Fund for Mission	131,282	144,275	35,490	0	240,067
The purpose of the fund is to facilitate Mission, Training, Youth Work and all forms of Christian Evangelism					
Benevolent Fund	9,057	3,256	4,335	0	7,978
The purpose of the fund is to make benevolent payments at the discretion of the District Chair					
Connexional Training Fund	3,195	0	0	0	3,195
The purpose of the fund is to provide a pilot taining scheme					
New Places for New People (NPNP)	0	10,000	600	0	9,400
The purpose of the fund is to start new Christian communities					
	710,370	511,627	206,323	0	1,015,674

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9 Unrestricted Funds

	Opening Balance £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
General Fund	558,328	702,423	708,499	-9,000	543,252
The purpose of this fund is for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.					
Removals Fund	3,013	0	6,890	500	-3,377
The purpose of this fund is for use at the discretion of the trustees in assisting with the costs of relocating ministers and employees within the district circuit.					
Manse Fund	-3,994	0	7,382	8,500	-2,876
The purpose of this fund is for use at the discretion of the trustees on the fabric of the manses within the district towards their maintenance and general upkeep.					
Youth and Children's Work Fund	1,971	103	0	0	2,074
The purpose of this fund is to facilitate Youth Work					
Travel Fund	25,157	80,134	90,737	0	14,554
The purpose of this fund is to reimburse Presbyters and Deacons travel expenses from monies received from Circuits					
Treasurer's Bureau	1,663	3,746	4,451	0	958
The purpose of this fund is to cover the expenses of the Treasurer's Bureau					
	586,138	786,406	817,959	0	554,585

10 Revaluation Reserve

	2024	2023
Reserves b/fwd	£280,000	£280,000
Movement in year	£0	£0
Reserves c/fwd	£280,000	£280,000

The revaluation reserve relates to the Freehold of the Manse.

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Fixed Assets	Investments	Net current assets	2024 Total	2023 Total
Restricted Income Funds:					
District Advance Fund			755,034	755,034	566,836
Fund for Mission		236,661	3,406	240,067	131,282
Benevolent Fund			7,978	7,978	9,057
Connexional Training Fund			3,195	3,195	3,195
NPNP			9,400	9,400	0
	0	**236,661**	**779,013**	**1,015,674**	**710,370**
Unrestricted Income Funds:					
Removal Expenses Fund			-3,377	-3,377	3,013
Manse Reserve Fund			-2,876	-2,876	-3,994
General Fund	445,000	0	98,252	543,252	558,328
Revaluation Fund	280,000			280,000	280,000
Designated - Youth & childrens work Fund			2,074	2,074	1,971
Travel Fund			14,554	14,554	25,157
Treasurer's Bureau Fund			958	958	1,663
	725,000	**0**	**109,585**	**834,585**	**866,138**
	725,000	**236,661**	**888,598**	**1,850,259**	**1,576,508**

EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1129451

Accounts

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EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT
OF THE
METHODIST CHURCH

Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st August 2023

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees

The Trustees are appointed by the Representative Session of the East Anglia District Synod. The following Trustees have served during the period covered by this report:

District Chair	Revd. Julian M. Pursehouse
Deputy District Chair	Revd. Andrew King
	Revd. Peter Goodhall
Secretary of Synod	Mrs. Susan Eldridge
Assistant Secretary of Synod	Mr Chris Finbow
District Group Co-ordinators	Mrs. Lorna Burroughes Mr. Richard Dean Mr. Phil Howie Revd. Sharon Thraves Revd. Andrew King
Representative to the Methodist Council	Revd. Deborah Caulk (appointed 1 September 2022)
District Treasurer	Mr. Shaun Cushion
District Property Secretary	Mr. Roger Pauley
District Development Enabler	Dr. Yasmin Finch

Trust Address

Chapel Field Road Methodist Church
Chapel Field Road, Norwich, NR2 1SD

Auditors

Moore Green
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
22 Friars Street, Sudbury, CO10 2AA

Bankers

Barclays Bank plc
1 Princes Street, Ipswich, IP1 1PB

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report for the year ended 31st August 2023.The financial statement have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published November 2019.

The Trust was registered on 7th May 2009 in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. Particulars of the charity's Trustees and professional advisers are given on page 3.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is operated under the regulations of the Methodist Church as stated in *The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church* with advice from Officers of the Methodist Church. At all times the charity will implement the decisions and policy directions of the Annual Methodist Conference.

Aims, Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the East Anglia District are those as set out for the Methodist Church of Great Britain in the Deed of Union 1932 and the 1976 Methodist Church Act.

The charitable objects are the purposes of the Methodist Church and these are 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 organization 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.

The District Synod has also agreed a policy for the District (adopted in April 2014), which states that:

The East Anglia District aims to enable, encourage and enthuse the people of God. We seek to do this by creating and sustaining hospitable Christian communities in which people can:

- come to faith
- grow in faith
- own their faith
- share their faith
- celebrate faith

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

These objectives will be developed over the next ten years through:

1. Inspirational leadership in churches, Circuits and the District that will lead to:
    - sharing the love of Christ in word and action so that more people seek to be disciples of Jesus Christ
    - increased attendance at worship
    - increased commitment
    - increased engagement with Synod and other District events

2. The imaginative use of resources and buildings that prioritises innovation with the expectation that there will be an increase in:
    - church mission and outreach projects
    - the enrichment of the life of the wider community
    - new disciples
    - building schemes
    - ecumenical, community and world partnerships
    - the development of churches as communities in which God is experienced

3. The development of District programmes that nurture discipleship, learning, mission and an understanding of our heritage. For example, *Journey into Faith, Gateways to God?,* material for use by small groups, etc. This will also include engagement with the Discipleship & Ministries Learning Network.

4. The District Officers and District Staff Team providing good and relevant services so that:
    - District contacts are known
    - District roles are understood
    - churches and Circuits are able to access the support and resources they need

5. Effective networking and communicating across the District such that:
    - people know where to turn for answers and support
    - there is consistent, complete and relevant information on the website
    - electronic communication is the primary source of networking

6. Shared knowledge and experience such that we:
    - build and share an effective knowledge base
    - enable people to access the knowledge base and feed into it
    - highlight and share good practice
    - exercise better care of our natural resources
    - publicise the knowledge base through the District website, *grapevine* and word of mouth
    - support the District web administrator

7. Shared responsibility in meeting the requirements of the Methodist Church and statutory authorities such that all requirements are communicated, understood and met.

All of the above is intended to develop confidence in God that, in turn, leads to:

- the transformation of people and communities through the presence of the Holy Spirit
- imaginative risk-taking, with a commitment to learn from failure
- prayer support for new ventures

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Achievements and Performance

The East Anglia District has sought to advance its aims and objectives during the year under review by continuing its life of worship and mission within communities in Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire and by providing support to local churches and Circuits. Particular highlights include:

- developing closer links with partner churches in other parts of the world in consultation with the WCAG – in particular the District is actively planning to send a small delegation of representatives to visit West Harare for an immersive experience in Zimbabwe to strengthen the partnership further.
- ensuring that the theme of ***'Becoming a Community of Witness'*** continues to shape the way we understand church life and mission across the East Anglia District. Fresh objectives were determined for the year ahead and submitted to the DPC for agreement.
- continuing to support the Circuits so that resources can be more effectively shared, local churches are assisted and greater economies of scale realised. This has resulted in a more innovative and mixed approach to the nature of Circuit staffing across the whole District.
    - providing resources to Circuits and local churches by enabling the deployment of appropriate ordained and lay staff and by making specific grants in order to support pieces of work that advance our charitable objects and District Policy.
    - Throughout this year the District has shared in a mission initiative called Prayer 23 which has sought to foster a greater awareness of the significance of prayer and has encouraged people to pray more regularly and creatively.
    - ensuring that the District is sufficiently resourced for its mission by reviewing the annual budget and preparing a budget for 2023-24. This includes the recognition that rising employment costs for District Staff need to be subsidised by grants from the District Advance Fund.
    - holding a number of special events and bespoke training opportunities. This work is undertaken in collaboration with colleagues in the LN Regional Team with whom we enjoy a good working relationship. This includes bespoke training for ordained ministers through study days. This has included a special session with the Superintendent Ministers around the value of Appreciative Inquiry.
    - ensuring that we continue to develop the practise of pastoral supervision across the whole District and maintain the effective roll-out of the District Implementation Plan for Supervision.
- continuing to oversee the Ministry among the Deaf Community by appointing Revd. Anne Richardson on a voluntary basis. The District have agreed to pay expenses, mileage and provide a structure of management and accountability.
- providing a revised and updated Welcome Pack for incoming ministers who are new to the East Anglia District
- engaging in wise and strategic reflection about the deployment of ordained ministry across the District at a time of acute shortage of ordained ministry in the wider Methodist Church of Great Britain. This continues to be a challenge through the Methodist process of stationing.
- providing regular & intentional line-management for all of our employed District Staff Team.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

- the recruitment and induction of a new District Property Secretary – this is a paid position in the District.

- the District received an excellent report from the National Safeguarding Audit.

- Measures to ensure proper oversight were put in place for three circuits that were carrying vacancies through Stationing.

- ensuring that officers of the District think strategically about the balance between online & in presence meetings and make appropriate decisions about how we shall meet to do our work.

- building a culture of Lay Testimony to increase confidence in faith and discipleship.

- A new NPNP Guiding Team has begun its work in the District.

Financial review
During the year the District received total income of £1,003,618, which is made up mainly from donations, assessment income and receipts from other circuits. The expenditure for the year amounted to £956,602. Included within this was donations and grants made of £232,219, consisting of payments made to local churches and circuits, An overall gain was made in the year amounting to £41,112 after non-financial gains on revaluations of assets and investments.

Risk Assessment and Management

During the year under review, the Trustees have maintained oversight of the major risks to which the charity is exposed, resulting in risk management strategies being implemented.

Risks to which the organisation may be exposed are identified by the Trustees and kept under regular review.

Reserves

It is the policy of the charity to hold reserves in its unrestricted funds which have not yet been committed or designated for any particular purpose. The Trustees have set aside these reserves in order to protect the future operations of the charity from the effects of any unforeseen variations in its income as part of a policy of good financial practice.

The District Reserves Policy was reviewed during the year.

The charity is required to maintain sufficient funds to cover 6 months of working capital.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have reviewed the activities of the past year in line with the Charity Commission guidance on public interest benefit. The aims and objectives of the East Anglia District are within those guidelines and are interpreted by the District as providing specific benefit to those who are members of the Methodist Church within Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Governing Body

The Trustees are the Governing Body of the Trust.

Recruitment and Training of Trustees

The Charity Trustees are appointed to the roles identified on page 3, for a designated period, by the Representative Session of the East Anglia District Synod. The District Chair and Secretary of Synod offer training to new Trustees on appointment in the form of personal induction.

Organisational Management

The management of the Trust is the responsibility of the Trustees through the executive responsibilities of the District Policy Committee. It is conducted through a Finance and Property Committee, a Grants and Personnel Committee and three other Management Committees. District employees assist in the implementation of policies. Each Committee includes Trustees among its membership, as well as co-opted experts in relevant fields and representatives of the fifteen Circuits that make up the East Anglia District.

The day to day administration of the District is the responsibility of the District Chair, the Secretary of Synod, the District Treasurer, and the District Property Secretary.

Auditors

We, the Trustees of the charity who held office at the date of approval of these Financial Statements as set out above each confirm, so far as we are aware, that:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Revd. Julian Pursehouse
Trustee

Date: 29:04:2024

Revd. Andrew King
Trustee

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), and that they show a true and fair view of the state of the East Anglia District's affairs. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable 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 East Anglia District will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Methodist Church East Anglia District (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the related notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2023, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT *(continued)*

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.
In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 9, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT *(continued)*

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

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

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

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the entity and the sector in which they operate. We determined that the most significant laws and regulations were the Charities Act 2011 and general UK laws relating to religious public interest bodies.

We assessed and concluded that the entity's key area was in relation to disclosure of transactions by type of fund to ensure restricted income was treated as such. Specific audit tests were undertaken to review this and ensure transactions were correctly allocated.

We assessed the susceptibility of the entity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. Audit procedures by the engagement team included identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls management has in place to prevent and detect fraud; understanding how those charged with governance considered and addressed the potential for override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process; challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates; identifying and testing unusual value entries, in particular any entries posted with unusual account combinations; and assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant laws and regulations. The size of the entity and value of transactions indicated a low level of material risk.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT *(continued)*

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Moore Green
Statutory Auditor
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Sudbury
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16.05.2024

Moore Green is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

The East Anglia District of the Methodist Church

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2023

	General Fund	District Advance Fund	Youth and Children's Work	Fund for Mission	Travel Fund	Benevolent Fund	Treasurers' Bureau	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Unrestricted	**Restricted**	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**Restricted**		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income									
Donations and Legacies	65,720	225,744		34,942		3,102		329,508	326,515
Income from Charitable Activities									
Assessment Income	568,974							568,974	575,255
Other receipts from Circuits					72,894			72,894	73,520
Income from Investments	4,629	18,440	66	4,735	955	16		28,841	7,225
Other					2		3,399	3,401	2,859
Total Income	639,323	244,184	66	39,677	73,851	3,118	3,399	1,003,618	985,374
Expenditure									
Costs on raising funds									
Salaries and associated costs	84,260						3,000	87,260	72,164
Charitable Activities:									
Grants and Donations	5,010	190,701		32,998		3,510		232,219	167,288
Assessments Paid	509,149							509,149	511,549
Other:									
Travel	8,837				85,578		16	94,431	81,052
Office Costs	10,919						116	11,035	11,737
Maintenance & expenses on manses	7,586							7,586	6,303
Other Expenditure	12,300	1,467		462	128		565	14,922	15,134
Total Expenditure	638,061	192,168	0	33,460	85,706	3,510	3,697	956,602	865,227
Disposal of assets profit/(loss)									
Gains/(losses) on fixed asset revaluation								0	175,000
Gains/(losses) on investment assets				-5,904				-5,904	-12,058
Net Income/expenditure	1,262	52,016	66	313	-11,855	-392	-298	41,112	283,089
Transfers between Funds									0
Net Movement in Funds	1,262	52,016	66	313	-11,855	-392	-298	41,112	283,089
Total funds brought forward last year	839,280	514,820	1,905	130,969	37,012	9,449	1,961	1,535,396	1,252,307
Total funds carried forward at year end	840,542	566,836	1,971	131,282	25,157	9,057	1,663	1,576,508	1,535,396

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The East Anglia District of the Methodist Church

Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2023

	General Fund	District Advance Fund	Youth and Children's Work	Fund for Mission	Travel Fund	Benevolent Fund	Treasurers' Bureau	Totals this year		Totals last year
	Unrestricted	**Restricted**	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**Restricted**			
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£
Tangible Assets	725,000							725,000		725,000
Genertal Assets										
Debtors										
General	27,357							27,357		36,121
Fund fo Mission Account										
Investments										
Investment Fund				16,801				16,801		16,439
High Income Fund				2,947				2,947		3,176
Mixed Fund Trust 15981				136,382				136,382		142,418
Bank and Cash										
TMCP District Advance Fund		566,836						566,836		514,820
CFB Expenses Fund Account	62,308							62,308		52,187
CFB Resources Fund Account	24,106							24,106		28,558
CFB Accounts Various			1,971	1,860	21,804			25,635		39,303
Balances at bank										
Barclays Current Account - General	9,140							9,140		5,214
Barclays Community Account					3,354		1,663	5,017		4,163
HSBC Youth								0		0
Lloyds TSB Deposit Account						7,043		7,043		8,027
Lloyds TSB Current Account						2,014		2,014		1,422
Cash in Hand										
	122,909	566,836	1,971	157,990	25,157	9,057	1,663	885,586		851,848
Creditors	-7,367			-26,708				-34,075		-41,452
Net current assets/liabilities	115,542	566,836	1,971	131,282	25,157	9,057	1,663	851,511		810,396
Total assets less net current liabilities	840,542	566,836	1,971	131,282	25,157	9,057	1,663	1,576,511		1,535,396
Nett Assets	115,542	566,836	1,971	131,282	25,157	9,057	1,663	1,576,511		1,535,396
Funds of the District										
Restricted Funds										
District Advance Fund		566,836						566,836		514,820
Fund for Mission				131,282				131,282		130,969
Benevolent Fund						9,057		9,057		9,449
Connexional Training	3,195							3,195		3,195
Total Restricted Funds	3,195	566,836		131,282		9,057		710,370		658,433
Revaluation Reserve	175,000							175,000		175,000
Unrestricted Funds										
General Fund	663,330							663,330		662,980
Removal Expenses Fund	3,013							3,013		2,513
Manse Reserve	-3,994							-3,994		-4,408
EDEV Fund	0							0		0
	662,349							662,349		661,085
Treasurers' Bureau							1,663	1,663		1,961
Youth and Children's Work			1,971					1,971		1,905
Travel Fund					25,157			25,157		37,012
Total Unrestricted Funds	662,347		1,971		25,157		1,663	691,138		701,963
Total Unrestricted & Revaluation Funds	665,544	566,836	1,971	131,282	25,157	9,057	1,663	1,401,508		1,360,396
Total Funds	**840,544**	**566,836**	**1,971**	**131,282**	**25,157**	**9,057**	**1,663**	**1,576,508**		**1,535,396**

The financial statements were approved and authorsied for issue by the Trustees on 27/4/24

Shaun Cushion (District Treasurer)

Julian Pursehouse
District Chair

The East Anglia District of the Methodist Church
Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £000.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Funds

With the exception of the District Advance Fund, Fund for Mission and the Benevolent Fund, which are considered to be Restricted Funds, all other funds are considered to be Unrestricted Funds for use for any purpose by the District.

Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the District becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. No attempt is made to measure the value of services donated by volunteers.

Income from donations and legacies is recognised when the funds are received.

Income from assessments is in respect of amounts from churches within the district are set by Connexional on a basis prescribed across all entities within the Methodist Church as a whole.

Income from investments relates to fixed returns of dividends and interest on investments held in the District's name and managed by the respective Investment provider.

All other income is measured on the basis of the financial period to which it relates and is disclosed as necessary based on it's materiality and impact on assessing the true and fair view of the financial statements.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred or a constructive obligation arises that result in the payment being unavoidable.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the District to pay out resources.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the District

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they have a cost of more than £1,000 and can be used for more than one year. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt. Provision is made for depreciation of assets where appropriate. Where cost is not available, the finance and Property Committee may provide a reasonable estimate of cost or current value to the District.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors

Unless otherwise stated, all debtors represent income of this period received in the subsequent period.

Creditors

Unless otherwise stated creditors represent income received in advance or normal expenditure accrued.

Going concern

To the best of their knowledge and belief the trustees confirm that there are no material uncertainties that would call into question the District's financial viability for at least 12 months from the date of approval of these accounts.

2 Trustees

Dr Y Finch, District Devlopment Enabler, was paid remuneration for her duties during the year which amounted to £18,601 gross (2022: £17,365), and pension contributions of £505 (2022: £339).

3 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2023	2022
Auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£3,750	£3,540

4 Staff Costs paid during the year were:

	2023	2022
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£80,991	67,414
Employer's National Insurance costs	£4,686	3,724
Pension costs	£1,583	1,026
Total staff costs	£87,260	£72,164

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were 6 (2022 - 5)

5 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

	2023	2022
At the year end capital commitments on District Advance Fund amounted to:	£193,063	£184,624
Contingent liabilities amounted to:	£Nil	£Nil

6 Tangible Fixed Assets

	2023	2022
Freehold Manse - Cost B/fwd	£725,000	£550,000
Revaluation in year	£0	£175,000
Freehold Manse - Cost C/fwd	**£725,000**	**£725,000**

The freehold property of The Manse in Norwich was professional valued by an Independent Valuer, R J Smith FRICS as at 31 August 2017.
The trustees consider this value is still appropriate although a new valuaiton will be undertaken in the following year. The Valuer assessed the value of the land only at £75,000.

7 Investment Assets

	Value at 01.09.21	Gain/(loss) on investments for year	Value at 31.08.22
Investments held by Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	£174,091	(12,058)	£162,033

	Value at 01.09.22	Gain/(loss) on investments for year	Value at 31.08.23
	£162,033	(5,903)	£156,130

8 Restricted Funds

	Opening Balance £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
District Advance Fund	514,820	244,184	192,168	0	566,836
The purpose of the fund is to receive monies received on sale of properties and other capital sources and to make payments for capital projects and mission as provided in CPD and sanctioned by Connexion					
Fund for Mission	130,969	39,677	39,364	0	131,282
The purpose of the fund is to facilitate Mission, Training, Youth Work and all forms of Christian Evangelism					
Benevolent Fund	9,449	3,118	3,510	0	9,057
The purpose of the fund is to make benevolent payments at the discretion of the District Chair					
Connexional Training Fund	3,195	0	0	0	3,195
The purpose of the fund is to provide a pilot taining scheme					

9 Unrestricted Funds

	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	662,980	639,323	630,475	-8,500	663,328
The purpose of this fund is for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.					
Removals Fund	2,513	0	0	500	3,013
The purpose of this fund is for use at the discretion of the trustees in assisting with the costs of relocating ministers and employees within the district circuit.					
Manse Fund	-4,408	0	7,586	8,000	-3,994
The purpose of this fund is for use at the discretion of the trustees on the fabric of the manses within the district towards their maintenance and general upkeep.					
Youth and Children's Work Fund	1,905	66	0	0	1,971
The purpose of this fund is to facilitate Youth Work					
Travel Fund	37,012	73,851	85,706	0	25,157
The purpose of this fund is to reimburse Presbyters and Deacons travel expenses from monies received from Circuits					
Treasurer's Bureau	1,961	3,399	3,697	0	1,663
The purpose of this fund is to cover the expenses of the Treasurer's Bureau					

10 Revaluation Reserve

	2023	2022
Reserves b/fwd	£175,000	£0
Movement in year	£0	£175,000
Reserves c/fwd	£175,000	£175,000

The revaluation reserve relates to the Freehold of the Manse.

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Fixed Assets	Investments	Net current assets	2023 Total	2022 Total
Restricted Income Funds:					
District Advance Fund			566,836	566,836	514,820
Fund for Mission		156,130	-24,848	131,282	130,969
Benevolent Fund			9,057	9,057	9,449
Connexional Training Fund			3,195	3,195	3,195
	0	**156,130**	**554,240**	**710,370**	**658,433**
Unrestricted Income Funds:					
Removal Expenses Fund			3,013	3,013	2,513
Manse Reserve Fund			-3,994	-3,994	-4,408
General Fund	550,000	0	113,328	663,328	662,980
Revaluation Fund	175,000			175,000	175,000
Designated - Youth & childrens work Fund			1,971	1,971	1,905
Travel Fund			25,157	25,157	37,012
Treasurer's Bureau Fund			1,663	1,663	1,961
	725,000	**0**	**141,138**	**866,138**	**876,963**
	725,000	**156,130**	**695,378**	**1,576,508**	**1,535,396**

EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

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Accounts

Charity Registration No: 1129451

EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT
OF THE
METHODIST CHURCH

Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st August 2022

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EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees

The Trustees are appointed by the Representative Session of the East Anglia District Synod. The following Trustees have served during the period covered by this report:

District Chair	Revd. Julian M. Pursehouse
Deputy District Chair	Revd. Andrew King
	Revd. Peter Goodhall
Secretary of Synod	Mrs. Susan Eldridge
Assistant Secretary of Synod	Mr Chris Finbow (appointed 01/09/2021)
District Group Co-ordinators	Mrs. Lorna Burroughes Mr. Richard Dean Mr. Phil Howie Revd. Sharon Thraves Revd. Andrew King
Representative to the Methodist Council	Revd. Alison Walker
District Treasurer	Mr. Shaun Cushion
District Property Secretary	Mr. Roger Pauley
District Development Enabler	Dr. Yasmin Finch

Trust Address

Chapel Field Road Methodist Church
Chapel Field Road, Norwich, NR2 1SD

Auditors

Moore Green
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
22 Friars Street, Sudbury, CO10 2AA

Bankers

Barclays Bank plc
1 Princes Street, Ipswich, IP1 1PB

EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report for the year ended 31st August 2022.The financial statement have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published on 16 July 2014.

The Trust was registered on 7th May 2009 in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. Particulars of the charity's Trustees and professional advisers are given on page 3.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is operated under the regulations of the Methodist Church as stated in *The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church* with advice from Officers of the Methodist Church. At all times the charity will implement the decisions and policy directions of the Annual Methodist Conference.

Aims, Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the East Anglia District are those as set out for the Methodist Church of Great Britain in the Deed of Union 1932 and the 1976 Methodist Church Act.

The charitable objects are the purposes of the Methodist Church and these are 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 organization 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.

The District Synod has also agreed a policy for the District (adopted in April 2014), which states that:

The East Anglia District aims to enable, encourage and enthuse the people of God. We seek to do this by creating and sustaining hospitable Christian communities in which people can:

- come to faith
- grow in faith
- own their faith
- share their faith
- celebrate faith

EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

These objectives will be developed over the next ten years through:

1. Inspirational leadership in churches, Circuits and the District that will lead to:
    - sharing the love of Christ in word and action so that more people seek to be disciples of Jesus Christ
    - increased attendance at worship
    - increased commitment
    - increased engagement with Synod and other District events

2. The imaginative use of resources and buildings that prioritises innovation with the expectation that there will be an increase in:
    - church mission and outreach projects
    - the enrichment of the life of the wider community
    - new disciples
    - building schemes
    - ecumenical, community and world partnerships
    - the development of churches as communities in which God is experienced

3. The development of District programmes that nurture discipleship, learning, mission and an understanding of our heritage. For example, *Journey into Faith, Gateways to God?,* material for use by small groups, etc. This will also include engagement with the Discipleship & Ministries Learning Network.

4. The District Officers and District Staff Team providing good and relevant services so that:
    - District contacts are known
    - District roles are understood
    - churches and Circuits are able to access the support and resources they need

5. Effective networking and communicating across the District such that:
    - people know where to turn for answers and support
    - there is consistent, complete and relevant information on the website
    - electronic communication is the primary source of networking

6. Shared knowledge and experience such that we:
    - build and share an effective knowledge base
    - enable people to access the knowledge base and feed into it
    - highlight and share good practice
    - exercise better care of our natural resources
    - publicise knowledge base through the District website, *grapevine* and word of mouth
    - support the District web administrator

7. Shared responsibility in meeting the requirements of the Methodist Church and statutory authorities such that all requirements are communicated, understood and met.

All of the above is intended to develop confidence in God that, in turn, leads to:

- the transformation of people and communities through the presence of the Holy Spirit
- imaginative risk-taking, with a commitment to learn from failure
- prayer support for new ventures

EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Achievements and Performance

The East Anglia District has sought to advance its aims and objectives during the year under review by continuing its life of worship and mission within communities in Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire and by providing support to local churches and Circuits. Particular highlights include:

- developing closer links with partner churches in other parts of the world in consultation with the WCAG – in particular the District has received a delegation / visit from representatives from West Harare District Zimbabwe.
- ensuring that the theme of ***'Becoming a Community of Witness'*** continues to shape the way we understand church life and mission across the East Anglia District. Fresh objectives were determined for the year ahead.
- continuing to support the Circuits so that resources can be more effectively shared, local churches are assisted and greater economies of scale realised. This has resulted in a more innovative and mixed approach to the nature of Circuit staffing across the whole District.
    - providing resources to Circuits and local churches by enabling the deployment of appropriate ordained and lay staff and by making specific grants in order to support pieces of work that advance our charitable objects and District Policy.
    - plans were agreed for a District initiative called Pray23 to encourage people to recover the significance of prayer in the spirituality.
    - ensuring that the District is sufficiently resourced for its mission by reviewing the annual budget and preparing a budget for 2022-23. This includes the recognition that rising employment costs for District Staff need to be subsidised by grants from the District Advance Fund.
    - holding a number of special events and bespoke training opportunities. This work is undertaken in collaboration with colleagues in the LN Regional Team with whom we enjoy a good working relationship. This includes bespoke training for ordained ministers through study days.
    - ensuring that we continue to develop the practise of pastoral supervision across the whole District and maintain the effective roll-out of the District Implementation Plan for Supervision.
- continuing to oversee the Ministry among the Deaf Community by appointing Revd. Anne Richardson on a voluntary basis. The District have agreed to pay expenses, mileage and provide a structure of management and accountability.
- providing a revised and updated Welcome Pack for incoming ministers who are new to the East Anglia District
- engaging in wise and strategic reflection about the deployment of ordained ministry across the District at a time of acute shortage of ordained ministry in the wider Methodist Church of Great Britain.
- providing regular & intentional line-management for three of our employed District Staff.
- the preparation of a recruitment process to appoint a paid District Property Secretary as a member of the District Staff.

EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

- the District will take part in a national Safeguarding Audit by the Methodist Church
- ensuring that officers of the District think strategically about the balance between online & in presence meetings and make appropriate decisions about how we shall meet to do our work.
- building a culture of Lay Testimony to increase confidence in faith and discipleship.
- A new NPNP Guiding Team has begun its work in the District.

Financial review
During the year the District received total income of £985,374, which is made up mainly from donations, assessment income and receipts from other circuits. The expenditure for the year amounted to £865,227. Included within this was donations and grants made of £167,288, consisting of payments made to local churches and circuits, An overall gain was made in the year amounting to £283,089 after non-financial gains on revaluations of assets and investments.

Risk Assessment and Management

During the year under review, the Trustees have maintained oversight of the major risks to which the charity is exposed, resulting in risk management strategies being implemented.

Risks to which the organisation may be exposed are identified by the Trustees and kept under regular review.

Reserves

It is the policy of the charity to hold reserves in its unrestricted funds which have not yet been committed or designated for any particular purpose. The Trustees have set aside these reserves in order to protect the future operations of the charity from the effects of any unforeseen variations in its income as part of a policy of good financial practice.

The District Reserves Policy was reviewed during the year.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have reviewed the activities of the past year in line with the Charity Commission guidance on public interest benefit. The aims and objectives of the East Anglia District are within those guidelines and are interpreted by the District as providing specific benefit to those who are members of the Methodist Church within Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire.

Governing Body

The Trustees are the Governing Body of the Trust.

Recruitment and Training of Trustees

The Charity Trustees are appointed to the roles identified on page 3, for a designated period, by the Representative Session of the East Anglia District Synod. The District Chair and Secretary of Synod offer training to new Trustees on appointment in the form of personal induction.

EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Organisational Management

The management of the Trust is the responsibility of the Trustees through the executive responsibilities of the District Policy Committee. It is conducted through a Finance and Property Committee, a Grants and Personnel Committee and three other Management Committees. District employees assist in the implementation of policies. Each Committee includes Trustees among its membership, as well as co-opted experts in relevant fields and representatives of the fifteen Circuits that make up the East Anglia District.

The day to day administration of the District is the responsibility of the District Chair, the Secretary of Synod, the District Treasurer and the District Property Secretary.

Auditors

A resolution proposing that Moore Green be re-appointed as auditors of the charity will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

The trustees report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Revd. Julian Pursehouse
Trustee

Julian M. Pursehouse

Date: 20.02.23

Revd. Andrew King
Trustee

Andrew King

01-03-23

EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), and that they show a true and fair view of the state of the East Anglia District's affairs. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable 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 East Anglia District will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Methodist Church East Anglia District (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the related notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2022, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT *(continued)*

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.
In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 9, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT *(continued)*

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

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

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

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the entity and the sector in which they operate. We determined that the most significant laws and regulations were the Charities Act 2011 and general UK laws relating to religious public interest bodies.

We assessed and concluded that the entity's key area was in relation to disclosure of transactions by type of fund to ensure restricted income was treated as such. Specific audit tests were undertaken to review this and ensure transactions were correctly allocated.

We assessed the susceptibility of the entity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. Audit procedures by the engagement team included identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls management has in place to prevent and detect fraud; understanding how those charged with governance considered and addressed the potential for override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process; challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates; identifying and testing unusual value entries, in particular any entries posted with unusual account combinations; and assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant laws and regulations. The size of the entity and value of transactions indicated a low level of material risk.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT *(continued)*

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Moore Green
Statutory Auditor
22 Friars Street
Sudbury
Suffolk
CO10 2AA

27.03.2023

Moore Green is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2022

	General Fund	District Advance Fund	Youth and Children's Work	Fund for Mission	Travel Fund	Benevolent Fund	Treasurers' Bureau	Totals this year	Totals last year
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income									
Donations and Legacies	65650	237006		21111		2748		326515	252981
Income from Charitable Activities									
Assessment Income	575255							575255	582803
Other receipts from Circuits					73520			73520	51371
Income from Investments	472	2385	8	4189	170	1		7225	4290
Other	0				4		2855	2859	1879
Total Income	641377	239391	8	25300	73694	2749	2855	985374	893324
Expenditure									
Costs on raising funds									
Salaries and associated costs	70639						1525	72164	69847
Charitable Activities:									
Grants and Donations	3235	111650		48728		3675		167288	143211
Assessments Paid	511549							511549	516696
Other:									
Travel	7952				73043		57	81052	35420
Office Costs	11605						132	11737	9533
Maintenance & expenses on manses	6303							6303	12001
Other Expenditure	12465	1106		496	126	490	451	15134	8071
Total Expenditure	623748	112756	0	49224	73169	4165	2165	865227	794779
Disposal of assets profit/(loss)									
Gains/(losses) on fixed asset revaluation	175000							175000	
Gains/(losses) on investment assets				-12058				-12058	27350
Net Income/expenditure	192629	126635	8	-35982	525	-1416	690	283089	125895
Transfers between Funds									0
Net Movement in Funds	192629	126635	8	-35982	525	-1416	690	283089	125895
Total funds brought forward last year	646651	388185	1897	166951	36487	10865	1271	1252307	1126412
Total funds carried forward at year end	839280	514820	1905	130969	37012	9449	1961	1535396	1252307

The East Anglia District of the Methodist Church

Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2022

	General Fund	District Advance Fund	Youth and Children's Work	Fund for Mission	Travel Fund	Benevolent Fund	Treasurers' Bureau	Totals this year	Totals last year
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Assets	725000							725000	550000
Generatal Assets									
Debtors									11728
General	36121							36121	
Fund fo Mission Account									
Investments									
Investment Fund				16439				16439	18413
High Income Fund				3176				3176	3733
Mixed Fund Trust 15981				142418				142418	151946
Bank and Cash									
TMCP District Advance Fund		514820						514820	388185
CFB Expenses Fund Account	52187							52187	43770
CFB Resources Fund Account	28558							28558	44925
CFB Accounts Various			1905	2588	34810			39303	38673
Balances at bank									
Barclays Current Account - General	5214							5214	2489
Barclays Community Account					2202		1961	4163	3377
HSBC Youth								0	0
Lloyds TSB Deposit Account						8027		8027	9006
Lloyds TSB Current Account						1422		1422	1859
Cash in Hand									
	122080	514820	1905	164621	37012	9449	1961	851848	718104
Creditors	-7800			-33652				-41452	-15797
Net current assets/liabilities	114280	514820	1905	130969	37012	9449	1961	810396	702307
Total assets less net current liabilities	839280	514820	1905	130969	37012	9449	1961	1535396	1252307
Nett Assets	114280	514820	1905	130969	37012	9449	1961	1535396	1252307
Funds of the District									
Restricted Funds									
District Advance Fund		514820						514820	388185
Fund for Mission				130969				130969	166951
Benevolent Fund						9449		9449	10865
Connexional Training	3195							3195	3195
Total Restricted Funds	3195	514820		130969		9449		658433	569196
Revaluation Reserve	725000							725000	550000
Unrestricted Funds									
General Fund	112980							112980	97048
Removal Expenses Fund	2513							2513	2013
Manse Reserve	-4408							-4408	-5605
EDEV Fund	0							0	0
	111085							111085	93456
Treasurers' Bureau							1961	1961	1271
Youth and Children's Work			1905					1905	1897
Travel Fund					37012			37012	36487
Total Unrestricted Funds	111085		1905		37012		1961	151963	133111
Total Funds	114280	514820	1905	130969	37012	9449	1961	810396	702307
Total Funds	**839280**	**514820**	**1905**	**130969**	**37012**	**9449**	**1961**	**1535396**	**1252307**

Declarations

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the District and that they include all funds under the control of the Synod. These accounts have been approved on behalf of the Trustees

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Shaun Cushion (District Treasurer) Date 20/2/23

I confirm that the accounts will be presented to the Synod which I intend to chair on .....

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Julian Pursehouse Date 20/2/23

District Chair

The East Anglia District of the Methodist Church
Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Funds

With the exception of the District Advance Fund, Fund for Mission and the Benevolent Fund, which are considered to be Restricted Funds, all other funds are considered to be Unrestricted Funds for use for any purpose by the District.

Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the District becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred or a constructive obligation arises that result in the payment being unavoidable.

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the District to pay out resources.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the District

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they have a cost of more than £1,000 and can be used for more than one year. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt. Provision is made for depreciation of assets where appropriate. Where cost is not available, the finance and Property Committee may provide a reasonable estimate of cost or current value to the District.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors

Unless otherwise stated, all debtors represent income of this period received in the subsequent period.

Creditors

Unless otherwise stated creditors represent income received in advance or normal expenditure accrued.

2 Trustees

Dr Y Finch, District Devlopment Enabler, was paid remuneration for her duties during the year which amounted to £17,365 gross, and pension contributions of £339.

3 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	This Year	Last Year
Auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£1,280	£1,250
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£2,260	£2,200

4 Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£67,414
Employer's National Insurance costs	£3,724
Pension costs	£1,026
Total staff costs	£72,164

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were 5 (2021 - 6)

5 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the year end capital commitments on District Advance Fund amounted to:	£184,624
Contingent liabilities amounted to:	£Nil

6 Tangible Fixed Assets

	31.08.22	31.08.21
Freehold Manse - Cost B/fwd	£550,000	£550,000
Revaluation in year	£175,000	£0
Freehold Manse - Cost C/fwd	**£725,000**	**£550,000**

The freehold property of The Manse in Norwich was professional valued by an Independent Valuer, R J Smith FRICS as at 31 August 2017. The trustees considered this value required updating based on the market values of similar properties and an internal valuation was undertaken to asses the value at the financial year end date. The Valuer in 2017 assessed the value of the land only at £75,000. No assessment has been made by the Trustees as to the value of that element within the current valuation.

7 Investment Assets

	Value at 31.08.2022	Loss on investments for year
Investments held by Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	£162,033	-£12,058

8 Restricted Funds

	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
District Advance Fund The purpose of the fund is to receive monies received on sale of properties and other capital sources and to make payments for capital projects and mission as provided in CPD and sanctioned by Connexion	388,185	239,391	112,756	0	514,820
Fund for Mission The purpose of the fund is to facilitate Mission, Training, Youth Work and all forms of Christian Evangelism	166,951	25,300	61,282	0	130,969
Benevolent Fund The purpose of the fund is to make benevolent payments at the discretion of the District Chair	10,865	2,749	4,165	0	9,449
Connexional Training Fund The purpose of the fund is to provide a pilot taining scheme	3,195	0	0	0	3,195

9 Unrestricted Funds

	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund (including Manse revaluation reserve)	97,048	816,377	617,445	-8,000	287,980
The purpose of this fund is for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.					
Removals Fund	2,013	0	0	500	2,513
The purpose of this fund is for use at the discretion of the trustees in assisting with the costs of relocating ministers and employees within the district circuit.					
Manse Fund	-5,605	0	6,303	7,500	-4,408
The purpose of this fund is for use at the discretion of the trustees on the fabric of the manses within the district towards their maintenance and general upkeep.					
Youth and Children's Work Fund	1,897	8	0	0	1,905
The purpose of this fund is to facilitate Youth Work					
Travel Fund	36,487	73,694	73,169	0	37,012
The purpose of this fund is to reimburse Presbyters and Deacons travel expenses from monies received from Circuits					
Treasurer's Bureau	1,271	2,855	2,165	0	1,961
The purpose of this fund is to cover the expenses of the Treasurer's Bureau					

10 Revaluation Reserve

Reserves b/fwd	£550,000
Movement in year	£175,000
Reserves c/fwd	£725,000

The revaluation reserve relates to the Freehold of the Manse.

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Fixed Assets	Investments	Net current assets	Total
Restricted Income Funds:				
District Advance Fund			514,820	514,820
Fund for Mission		162,033	-31,064	130,969
Benevolent Fund			9,449	9,449
Connexional Training Fund			3,195	3,195
	0	**162,033**	**496,400**	**658,433**
Unrestricted Income Funds:				
Removal Expenses Fund			2,513	2,513
Manse Reserve Fund			-4,408	-4,408
General Fund		0	287,980	287,980
Revaluation Fund	725,000			725,000
Designated - Youth & childrens work Fund			1,905	1,905
Travel Fund			37,012	37,012
Treasurer's Bureau Fund			1,961	1,961
	725,000	**0**	**326,963**	**1,051,963**
	725,000	**162,033**	**823,363**	**1,710,396**

EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1129451

Accounts

Charity Registration No: 1129451

EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT
OF THE
METHODIST CHURCH

Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st August 2021

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EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees

The Trustees are appointed by the Representative Session of the East Anglia District Synod. The following Trustees have served during the period covered by this report:

District Chair	Revd. Julian M. Pursehouse
Deputy District Chair	Revd. Andrew King
	Revd. Peter Goodhall
Secretary of Synod	Mrs Susan Eldridge
Assistant Secretary of Synod	Mrs Marilyn Watsham
District Group Co-ordinators	Mrs. Lorna Burroughes
	Mr. Richard Dean
	Revd. Catherine Dixon
	Mr. Phil Howie
	Revd. Sharon Thraves
	Revd. Andrew King
Representative to the Methodist Council	Revd. Alison Walker
District Treasurer	Mr. Shaun Cushion
District Property Secretary	Mr. Roger Pauley
District Development Enabler	Dr. Yasmin Finch

Trust Address

Chapel Field Road Methodist Church
Chapel Field Road, Norwich, NR2 1SD

Auditors

Moore Green
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
22 Friars Street, Sudbury, CO10 2AA

Bankers

Barclays Bank plc
1 Princes Street, Ipswich, IP1 1PB

EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report for the year ended 31st August 2021. The financial statement have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published on 16 July 2014.

The Trust was registered on 7th May 2009 in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. Particulars of the charity's Trustees and professional advisers are given on page 3.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is operated under the regulations of the Methodist Church as stated in *The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church* with advice from Officers of the Methodist Church. At all times the charity will implement the decisions and policy directions of the Annual Methodist Conference.

Aims, Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the East Anglia District are those as set out for the Methodist Church of Great Britain in the Deed of Union 1932 and the 1976 Methodist Church Act.

The charitable objects are the purposes of the Methodist Church and these are 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 organization 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.

The District Synod has also agreed a policy for the District (adopted in April 2014), which states that:

The East Anglia District aims to enable, encourage and enthuse the people of God. We seek to do this by creating and sustaining hospitable Christian communities in which people can:

- come to faith
- grow in faith
- own their faith
- share their faith
- celebrate faith

EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

These objectives will be developed over the next ten years through:

1. Inspirational leadership in churches, Circuits and the District that will lead to:
    - sharing the love of Christ in word and action so that more people seek to be disciples of Jesus Christ
    - increased attendance at worship
    - increased commitment
    - increased engagement with Synod and other District events

2. The imaginative use of resources and buildings that prioritises innovation with the expectation that there will be an increase in:
    - church mission and outreach projects
    - the enrichment of the life of the wider community
    - new disciples
    - building schemes
    - ecumenical, community and world partnerships
    - the development of churches as communities in which God is experienced

3. The development of District programmes that nurture discipleship, learning, mission and an understanding of our heritage. For example, *Journey into Faith, Gateways to God?,* material for use by small groups, etc. This will also include engagement with the Discipleship & Ministries Learning Network.

4. The District Officers and District Staff Team providing good and relevant services so that:
    - District contacts are known
    - District roles are understood
    - churches and Circuits are able to access the support and resources they need

5. Effective networking and communicating across the District such that:
    - people know where to turn for answers and support
    - there is consistent, complete and relevant information on the website
    - electronic communication is the primary source of networking

6. Shared knowledge and experience such that we:
    - build and share an effective knowledge base
    - enable people to access the knowledge base and feed into it
    - highlight and share good practice
    - exercise better care of our natural resources
    - publicise the knowledge base through the District website, *grapevine* and word of mouth
    - support the District web administrator

7. Shared responsibility in meeting the requirements of the Methodist Church and statutory authorities such that all requirements are communicated, understood and met.

EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

All of the above is intended to develop confidence in God that, in turn, leads to:

- the transformation of people and communities through the presence of the Holy Spirit
- imaginative risk-taking, with a commitment to learn from failure
- prayer support for new ventures

Achievements and Performance

The East Anglia District has sought to advance its aims and objectives during the year under review by continuing its life of worship and mission within communities in Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire and by providing support to local churches and Circuits. Particular highlights include:

- developing closer links with partner in other parts of the world in consultation with the WCAG and the particular exploration of link with a District in Zimbabwe.
- ensuring that the theme of ***'Becoming a Community of Witness'*** continues to shape the way we understand church life and mission across the East Anglia District.
- continuing to support the Circuits so that resources can be more effectively shared, local churches are assisted and greater economies of scale realised. This has resulted in a more innovative and mixed approach to the nature of Circuit staffing.
- providing resources to Circuits and local churches by enabling the deployment of appropriate ordained and lay staff and by making specific grants in order to support pieces of work that advance our charitable objects and District Policy.
- Ensuring that steps were taken to alleviate the financial pressure on the Circuits in the light of the difficulties faced by the viral pandemic and lock-down as well as adjusting the contributions to the District Travel Fund.
- ensuring that the District is sufficiently resourced for its mission by reviewing the annual budget and preparing a budget for 2021-22. This includes the recognition that rising employment costs for District Staff need to be subsidised by grants from the District Advance Fund.
- holding a number of special events and bespoke training opportunities. This work is undertaken in collaboration with colleagues in the DMLN Regional Team with whom we enjoy a good working relationship.
- ensuring that we continue to develop the practise of pastoral supervision across the whole District and maintain the effective roll-out of the District Implementation Plan for Supervision.
- continuing to oversee the Ministry Among the Deaf Community by appointing Revd. Anne Richardson on a voluntary basis. The District have agreed to pay expenses, mileage and provide a structure of management and accountability.
- providing a revised and updated Welcome Pack for incoming ministers who are new to the East Anglia District

- engaging in wise and strategic reflection about the deployment of ordained ministry across the District at a time of acute shortage of ordained ministry in the wider Methodist Church of Great Britain.
- providing regular & intentional supervision for three of our employed District Staff.
- Developing terms of reference for our District Working Groups and our Group Co-ordinators.
- Developing a strategic forward plan for Safeguarding by the District Safeguarding Group.
- Ensuring that District meetings, committees and Synods continue to meet virtually during a period of national lock-down.
- Ensuring that effective lay management was offered to the newly appointed District Lay Employment Secretary.
- A new District Administrator has been appointed Danielle Gravestock.
- Building a culture of Lay Testimony to increase confidence in faith and discipleship.
- A working group are looking at succession planning for the replacement of our District Property Secretary with a paid appointment in the future.

Financial review

During the year the District received total income of £893,324, which is made up mainly from donations, assessment income and receipts from other circuits. The expenditure for the year amounted to £794,779. Included within this was donations and grants made of £143,211, consisting of payments made to local churches and circuits, An overall gain was made in the year amounting to £125,895 after non-financial gains on revaluations of assets and investments.

Risk Assessment and Management

During the year under review, the Trustees have maintained oversight of the major risks to which the charity is exposed, resulting in risk management strategies being implemented.

Risks to which the organisation may be exposed are identified by the Trustees and kept under regular review.

Reserves

It is the policy of the charity to hold reserves in its unrestricted funds which have not yet been committed or designated for any particular purpose. The Trustees have set aside these reserves in order to protect the future operations of the charity from the effects of any unforeseen variations in its income as part of a policy of good financial practice.

The District Reserves Policy was reviewed during the year.

EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Public Benefit

The Trustees have reviewed the activities of the past year in line with the Charity Commission guidance on public interest benefit. The aims and objectives of the East Anglia District are within those guidelines and are interpreted by the District as providing specific benefit to those who are members of the Methodist Church within Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire.

Future Plans

In addition to an ongoing commitment to provide effective resources for the members, local churches and Circuits within the East Anglia District, the Trustees are committed to

- further development of 'Journey into Faith', a programme for the nurturing of Christian disciples – discerning a fresh theme and the impetus for it.
- developing the work of the newly appointed District Mentoring Group so that effective support can be offered to presbyters and deacons across the District.
- continue to organize and publicise the Regional Study Days for presbyters and deacons in the active work.
- ensuring the strategic appointment and deployment of ordained ministry throughout the District.
- providing support for those who have oversight of safeguarding procedures for children, young people and vulnerable adults.
- the development of partnerships with churches overseas.
- reviewing the way that Circuit Assessment is calculated across the District and to make recommendations to the District Synod for approval.
- preparing the District for the formal introduction of supervision for ordained staff by providing necessary training and education.
- providing appropriate media training for presbyters and deacons across the District so that they are better able to engage with local radio / television stations.
- ensuring that our District Website is accessible, contemporary & relevant for the 21st. Century.

Governing Body

The Trustees are the Governing Body of the Trust.

Recruitment and Training of Trustees

The Charity Trustees are appointed to the roles identified on page 3, for a designated period, by the Representative Session of the East Anglia District Synod. The District Chair and Secretary of Synod offer training to new Trustees on appointment in the form of personal induction.

EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Organisational Management

The management of the Trust is the responsibility of the Trustees through the executive responsibilities of the District Policy Committee. It is conducted through a Finance and Property Committee, a Grants and Personnel Committee and three other Management Committees. District employees assist in the implementation of policies. Each Committee includes Trustees among its membership, as well as co-opted experts in relevant fields and representatives of the fifteen Circuits that make up the East Anglia District.

The day to day administration of the District is the responsibility of the District Chair, the Secretary of Synod, the District Treasurer and the District Property Secretary.

Auditors

A resolution proposing that Moore Green be re-appointed as auditors of the charity will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

The Trustee's report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by;

Revd. Julian Pursehouse
Trustee

Revd. Andrew King
Trustee

Date: 24.04.22

EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), and that they show a true and fair view of the state of the East Anglia District's affairs. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable 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 East Anglia District will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Methodist Church East Anglia District (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the related notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2021, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT *(continued)*

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.
In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 9, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT *(continued)*

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

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

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

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the entity and the sector in which they operate. We determined that the most significant laws and regulations were the Charities Act 2011 and general UK laws relating to religious public interest bodies.

We assessed and concluded that the entity's key area was in relation to disclosure of transactions by type of fund to ensure restricted income was treated as such. Specific audit tests were undertaken to review this and ensure transactions were correctly allocated.

We assessed the susceptibility of the entity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. Audit procedures by the engagement team included identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls management has in place to prevent and detect fraud; understanding how those charged with governance considered and addressed the potential for override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process; challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates; identifying and testing unusual value entries, in particular any entries posted with unusual account combinations; and assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant laws and regulations. The size of the entity and value of transactions indicated a low level of material risk.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT *(continued)*

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Moore Green
Statutory Auditor
22 Friars Street
Sudbury
Suffolk
CO10 2AA

18/8/22

Moore Green is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2021

	General Fund	District Advance Fund	Youth and Children's Work	Fund for Mission	Travel Fund	Benevolent Fund	Treasurers' Bureau	Totals this year	Totals last year
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income									
Donations and Legacies	50158	174290		25000		3533		252981	222287
Income from Charitable Activities									
Assessment Income	582803							582803	574559
Other receipts from Circuits					51371			51371	63335
Income from Investments	229	1232	2	2780	45	2		4290	7628
Other	0			0	4		1875	1879	2706
Total Income	633190	175522	2	27780	51420	3535	1875	893324	870515
Expenditure									
Costs on raising funds									
Salaries and associated costs	68828						1019	69847	68412
Charitable Activities:									
Grants and Donations	3819	101668		35699		2025		143211	258084
Assessments Paid	516696							516696	505889
Other:									
Travel	2199				33188		33	35420	108698
Office Costs	9403						130	9533	9253
Maintenance & expenses on manses	12001							12001	5743
Other Expenditure	6555	630		293	232		361	8071	15375
Total Expenditure	619501	102298	0	35992	33420	2025	1543	794779	971454
Disposal of assets profit/(loss)									
Gains/(losses) on fixed asset revaluation									
Gains/(losses) on investment assets				27350				27350	-3826
Net Income/expenditure	13689	73224	2	19138	18000	1510	332	125895	-105095
Transfers between Funds	-14190			14190					0
Net Movement in Funds	-501	73224	2	33328	18000	1510	332	125895	-105095
Total funds brought forward last year	647152	314961	1895	133623	18487	9355	939	1126412	1231507
Total funds carried forward at year end	646651	388185	1897	166951	36487	10865	1271	1252307	1126412

The East Anglia District of the Methodist Church

Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2021

	General Fund	District Advance Fund	Youth and Children's Work	Fund for Mission	Travel Fund	Benevolent Fund	Treasurers' Bureau	Totals this year		Totals last year
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£
Tangible Assets	550000							550000		550000
Genertal Assets										
Debtors	11728							11728		17636
General										
Fund fo Mission Account										
Investments										
Investment Fund				18413				18413		14513
High Income Fund				3733				3733		3804
Mixed Fund Trust 15981				151946				151946		128424
Bank and Cash										
TMCP District Advance Fund		388185						388185		314961
CFB Expenses Fund Account	43770							43770		38176
CFB Resources Fund Account	44925							44925		45409
CFB Accounts Various			1897	2395	34381			38673		20939
Balances at bank										
Barclays Current Account - General	2489							2489		2430
Barclays Community Account					2106		1271	3377		3291
HSBC Youth								0		0
Lloyds TSB Deposit Account						9006		9006		8002
Lloyds TSB Current Account						1859		1859		1353
Cash in Hand										
	102912	388185	1897	176487	36487	10865	1271	718104		598938
Creditors	-6261			-9536				-15797		-22526
Net current assets/liabilities	96651	388185	1897	166951	36487	10865	1271	702307		576412
Total assets less net current liabilities	646651	388185	1897	166951	36487	10865	1271	1252307		1126412
Nett Assets	96651	388185	1897	166951	36487	10865	1271	1252307		1126412
Funds of the District										
Restricted Funds										
District Advance Fund		388185						388185		314961
Fund for Mission				166951				166951		133623
Benevolent Fund						10865		10865		9355
Connexional Training	3195							3195		3195
Total Restricted Funds	3195	388185		166951		10865		569196		461134
Revaluation Reserve	550000							550000		550000
Unrestricted Funds										
General Fund	97048									79108
Removal Expenses Fund	2013									1513
Manse Reserve	-5605									-854
EDEV Fund	0									14190
	93456							0		93957
Treasurers' Bureau							1271	1271		939
Youth and Children's Work			1897					1897		1895
Travel Fund					36487			36487		18487
Total Unrestricted Funds	93456		1897		36487		1271	133111		115278
Total Funds	96651	388185	1897	166951	36487	10865	1271	702307		576412
Total Funds	646651	388185	1897	166951	36487	10865	1271	1252307		1126412

Declarations

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the District and that they include all funds under the control of the Synod. ~~These~~ accounts have been approved on behalf of the Trustees

Shaun Cushion (District Treasurer) Date 19/4/22

I confirm that the accounts will be presented to the Synod which I intend to chair on 2/4/22

Julian M. Pursehouse

Julian Pursehouse
District Chair

Date 24/04/22.

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

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).

Funds

With the exception of the District Advance Fund, Fund for Mission and the Benevolent Fund, which are considered to be Restricted Funds, all other funds are considered to be Unrestricted Funds for use for any purpose by the District.

Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the District becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred or a constructive obligation arises that result in the payment being unavoidable.

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the District to pay out resources.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the District

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they have a cost of more than £1,000 and can be used for more than one year. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt. Provision is made for depreciation of assets where appropriate. Where cost is not available, the finance and Property Committee may provide a reasonable estimate of cost or current value to the District.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors

Unless otherwise stated, all debtors represent income of this period received in the subsequent period.

Creditors

Unless otherwise stated creditors represent income received in advance or normal expenditure accrued.

2 Trustees

Dr Y Finch, District Devlopment Enabler, was paid remuneration for her duties during the year which amounted to £17,165 gross, and pension contributions of £328.

3 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	This Year	Last Year
Auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£1,250	£1,200
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£2,200	£2,040

4 Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£65,495
Employer's National Insurance costs	£3,385
Pension costs	£967
Total staff costs	£69,847

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were 6 (2020 - 6)

5 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the year end capital commitments on District Advance Fund amounted to:	£214,694
Contingent liabilities amounted to:	£Nil

6 Tangible Fixed Assets

	31.08.21	31.08.20
Freehold Manse - Cost B/fwd	£550,000	£550,000
Revaluation in year	£0	£0
Freehold Manse - Cost C/fwd	£550,000	£550,000

The freehold property of The Manse in Norwich was professional valued by an Independent Valuer, R J Smith FRICS as at 31 August 2017.
The trustees consider this value is still appropriate although a new valuation will be undertaken in the following year. The Valuer assessed the value of the land only at £75,000.

7 Investment Assets

	Value at 31.08.2021	Gain on investments for year
Investments held by Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	£174,092	£27,350

8 Restricted Funds

	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
District Advance Fund	314,961	175,522	102,298	0	388,185
The purpose of the fund is to receive monies received on sale of properties and other capital sources and to make payments for capital projects and mission as provided in CPD and sanctioned by Connexion					
Fund for Mission	133,623	55,130	35,992	14,190	166,951
The purpose of the fund is to facilitate Mission, Training, Youth Work and all forms of Christian Evangelism					
Benevolent Fund	9,355	3,535	2,025	0	10,865
The purpose of the fund is to make benevolent payments at the discretion of the District Chair					
Connexional Training Fund	3,195	0	0	0	3,195
The purpose of the fund is to provide a pilot taining scheme					

9 Unrestricted Funds

	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	79,108	633,190	607,500	-7,750	97,048
The purpose of this fund is for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.					
Removals Fund	1,513	0	0	500	2,013
The purpose of this fund is for use at the discretion of the trustees in assisting with the costs of relocating ministers and employees within the district circuit.					
Manse Fund	-854	0	12,001	7,250	-5,605
The purpose of this fund is for use at the discretion of the trustees on the fabric of the manses within the district towards their maintenance and general upkeep.					
Youth and Children's Work Fund	1,895	2	0	0	1,897
The purpose of this fund is to facilitate Youth Work					
Travel Fund	18,487	51,420	33,420	0	36,487
The purpose of this fund is to reimburse Presbyters and Deacons travel expenses from monies received from Circuits					
Treasurer's Bureau	939	1,875	1,543	0	1,271
The purpose of this fund is to cover the expenses of the Treasurer's Bureau					
EDEV Fund	14,190	0	0	-14,190	0
The purpose of this fund is for radical hospitality					

10 Revaluation Reserve

Reserves b/fwd	£550,000
Movement in year	£0
Reserves c/fwd	£550,000

The revaluation reserve relates to the Freehold of the Manse.

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Fixed Assets	Investments	Net current assets	Total
Restricted Income Funds:				
District Advance Fund			388,185	388,185
Fund for Mission		174,092	-7,141	166,951
Benevolent Fund			10,865	10,865
Connexional Training Fund			3,195	3,195
	0	**174,092**	**395,104**	**569,196**
Unrestricted Income Funds:				
Removal Expenses Fund			2,013	2,013
Manse Reserve Fund			-5,605	-5,605
EDEV Fund			0	0
General Fund	550,000	0	97,048	647,048
Designated - Youth & childrens work Fund			1,897	1,897
Travel Fund			36,487	36,487
Treasurer's Bureau Fund			1,271	1,271
	550,000	**0**	**133,111**	**683,111**
	550,000	**174,092**	**528,215**	**1,252,307**

12 Impact of Covid

The Trustees consider the District to be a going concern despite the impact of the covid pandemic because the District continued to have support from The Methodist Church as a whole and had sufficent assets that could be converted to cash along with cash resevres held in bank accounts to support its continuance for at least 18 months. Additionally steps were taken to cope with the non-financial impacts of the pandemic by such means as virtual meetings rather than in person attendance and a focus on costs that could be reduced as a result of the pandemic conditions such as travel expenses.

EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1129451

Accounts

EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT
OF THE
METHODIST CHURCH

Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st August 2020

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees

The Trustees are appointed by the Representative Session of the East Anglia District Synod. The following Trustees have served during the period covered by this report:

District Chair	Revd. Julian M. Pursehouse
Deputy District Chair	Revd. Andrew King
	Revd. Peter Goodhall
Secretary of Synod	Mrs Susan Eldridge
Assistant Secretary of Synod	Mrs Marilyn Whatsham
District Group Co-ordinators	Mrs. Lorna Burroughes
	Mr. Richard Dean
	Revd. Catherine Dixon
	Mr. Phil Howie
	Revd. Sharon Thraves
	Revd. Andrew King
Representative to the Methodist Council	Revd. Alison Walker
District Treasurer	Mr. Shaun Cushion
District Property Secretary	Mr. Roger Pauley
District Development Enabler	Dr. Yasmin Finch

Trust Address

Chapel Field Road Methodist Church
Chapel Field Road, Norwich, NR2 1SD

Auditors

Moore Green
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
22 Friars Street, Sudbury, CO10 2AA

Bankers

Barclays Bank plc
1 Princes Street, Ipswich, IP1 1PB

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report for the year ended 31st August 2020. The financial statement have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published on 16 July 2014.

The Trust was registered on 7th May 2009 in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. Particulars of the charity's Trustees and professional advisers are given on page 3.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is operated under the regulations of the Methodist Church as stated in *The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church* with advice from Officers of the Methodist Church. At all times the charity will implement the decisions and policy directions of the Annual Methodist Conference.

Aims, Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the East Anglia District are those as set out for the Methodist Church of Great Britain in the Deed of Union 1932 and the 1976 Methodist Church Act.

The charitable objects are the purposes of the Methodist Church and these are 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 organization 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.

The District Synod has also agreed a policy for the District (adopted in April 2014), which states that:

The East Anglia District aims to enable, encourage and enthuse the people of God. We seek to do this by creating and sustaining hospitable Christian communities in which people can:

- come to faith
- grow in faith
- own their faith
- share their faith
- celebrate faith

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

These objectives will be developed over the next ten years through:

1. Inspirational leadership in churches, Circuits and the District that will lead to:
    - sharing the love of Christ in word and action so that more people seek to be disciples of Jesus Christ
    - increased attendance at worship
    - increased commitment
    - increased engagement with Synod and other District events

2. The imaginative use of resources and buildings that prioritises innovation with the expectation that there will be an increase in:
    - church mission and outreach projects
    - the enrichment of the life of the wider community
    - new disciples
    - building schemes
    - ecumenical, community and world partnerships
    - the development of churches as communities in which God is experienced

3. The development of District programmes that nurture discipleship, learning, mission and an understanding of our heritage. For example, *Journey into Faith, Gateways to God?,* material for use by small groups, etc. This will also include engagement with the Discipleship & Ministries Learning Network.

4. The District Officers and District Staff Team providing good and relevant services so that:
    - District contacts are known
    - District roles are understood
    - churches and Circuits are able to access the support and resources they need

5. Effective networking and communicating across the District such that:
    - people know where to turn for answers and support
    - there is consistent, complete and relevant information on the website
    - electronic communication is the primary source of networking

6. Shared knowledge and experience such that we:
    - build and share an effective knowledge base
    - enable people to access the knowledge base and feed into it
    - highlight and share good practice
    - exercise better care of our natural resources
    - publicise the knowledge base through the District website, *grapevine* and word of mouth
    - support the District web administrator

7. Shared responsibility in meeting the requirements of the Methodist Church and statutory authorities such that all requirements are communicated, understood and met.

All of the above is intended to develop confidence in God that, in turn, leads to:

- the transformation of people and communities through the presence of the Holy Spirit
- imaginative risk-taking, with a commitment to learn from failure
- prayer support for new ventures

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Achievements and Performance

The East Anglia District has sought to advance its aims and objectives during the year under review by continuing its life of worship and mission within communities in Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire and by providing support to local churches and Circuits. Particular highlights include:

- developing closer links with partner churches in Latvia and Vellore, South India.
- ensuring that the theme of ***'Becoming a Community of Witness'*** continues to shape the way we understand church life and mission across the East Anglia District.
- continuing to support the Circuits so that resources can be more effectively shared, local churches are assisted and greater economies of scale realised. This has resulted in a more innovative and mixed approach to the nature of Circuit staffing.
- providing resources to Circuits and local churches by enabling the deployment of appropriate ordained and lay staff and by making specific grants in order to support pieces of work that advance our charitable objects and District Policy.
- Ensuring that steps were taken to alleviate the financial pressure on the Circuits in the light of the difficulties faced by the viral pandemic and lock-down.
- ensuring that the District is sufficiently resourced for its mission by reviewing the annual budget and preparing a budget for 2020-21. This includes the recognition that rising employment costs for District Staff need to be subsidised by grants from the District Advance Fund.
- holding a number of special events and bespoke training opportunities. This work is undertaken in collaboration with colleagues in the DMLN Regional Team with whom we enjoy a good working relationship.
- ensuring that we continue to develop the practise of pastoral supervision across the whole District and maintain the effective roll-out of the District Implementation Plan for Supervision.
- continuing to oversee the Ministry Among the Deaf Community by appointing Revd. Anne Richardson on a voluntary basis. The District have agreed to pay expenses, mileage and provide a structure of management and accountability.
- providing a revised and updated Welcome Pack for incoming ministers who are new to the East Anglia District
- engaging in wise and strategic reflection about the deployment of ordained ministry across the District at a time of acute shortage of ordained ministry in the wider Methodist Church of Great Britain.
- providing regular & intentional supervision for three of our employed District Staff.
- Developing terms of reference for our District Working Groups and our Group Co-ordinators.
- Developing a strategic forward plan for Safeguarding by the District Safeguarding Group.
- Ensuring that District meetings, committees and Synods continue to meet virtually during a period of national lock-down.

- Ensuring that effective lay management was offered to the newly appointed District Lay Employment Secretary.

- A new Lay Stationing Representative was appointed and has completed a very successful first year in post – Mrs Jennie Harris.

- Building a culture of Lay Testimony to increase confidence in faith and discipleship.

- A working group are looking at succession planning for the replacement of our District Property Secretary with a paid appointment in the future.

Financial review

During the year the District received total income of £870,515, which is made up mainly from donations, assessment income and receipts from other circuits. The expenditure for the year amounted to £465,565. Included within this was donations and grants made up of £971,454, consisting of payments made to local churches and circuits. An overall loss was made in the year amounting to £105,095 after non-financial losses on revaluations of assets and investments of £3,826.

Risk Assessment and Management

During the year under review, the Trustees have maintained oversight of the major risks to which the charity is exposed, resulting in risk management strategies being implemented.

Risks to which the organisation may be exposed are identified by the Trustees and kept under regular review.

Reserves

It is the policy of the charity to hold reserves in its unrestricted funds which have not yet been committed or designated for any particular purpose. The Trustees have set aside these reserves in order to protect the future operations of the charity from the effects of any unforeseen variations in its income as part of a policy of good financial practice.

The District Reserves Policy was reviewed during the year.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have reviewed the activities of the past year in line with the Charity Commission guidance on public interest benefit. The aims and objectives of the East Anglia District are within those guidelines and are interpreted by the District as providing specific benefit to those who are members of the Methodist Church within Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire.

Future Plans

In addition to an ongoing commitment to provide effective resources for the members, local churches and Circuits within the East Anglia District, the Trustees are committed to

- further development of 'Journey into Faith', a programme for the nurturing of Christian disciples – discerning a fresh theme and the impetus for it.

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- developing the work of the newly appointed District Mentoring Group so that effective support can be offered to presbyters and deacons across the District.
- continue to organize and publicise the Regional Study Days for presbyters and deacons in the active work.
- ensuring the strategic appointment and deployment of ordained ministry throughout the District.
- providing support for those who have oversight of safeguarding procedures for children, young people and vulnerable adults.
- the development of partnerships with churches overseas.
- reviewing the way that Circuit Assessment is calculated across the District and to make recommendations to the District Synod for approval.
- preparing the District for the formal introduction of supervision for ordained staff by providing necessary training and education.
- providing appropriate media training for presbyters and deacons across the District so that they are better able to engage with local radio / television stations .
- ensuring that our District Website is accessible, contemporary & relevant for the 21st. Century.

Governing Body

The Trustees are the Governing Body of the Trust.

Recruitment and Training of Trustees

The Charity Trustees are appointed to the roles identified on page 3, for a designated period, by the Representative Session of the East Anglia District Synod. The District Chair and Secretary of Synod offer training to new Trustees on appointment in the form of personal induction.

Organisational Management

The management of the Trust is the responsibility of the Trustees through the executive responsibilities of the District Policy Committee. It is conducted through a Finance and Property Committee, a Grants and Personnel Committee and three other Management Committees. District employees assist in the implementation of policies. Each Committee includes Trustees among its membership, as well as co-opted experts in relevant fields and representatives of the fifteen Circuits that make up the East Anglia District.

The day to day administration of the District is the responsibility of the District Chair, the Secretary of Synod, the District Treasurer and the District Property Secretary.

Auditors

A resolution proposing that Moore Green be re-appointed as auditors of the charity will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), and that they show a true and fair view of the state of the East Anglia District's affairs. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable 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 East Anglia District will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Julian M. Pursehouse

Revd. Julian Pursehouse
Trustee

Andrew King

Revd. Andrew King
Trustee

Date: 27:03:2021

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Methodist Church East Anglia District (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2020 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the related notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at [date], and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT *(continued)*

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.
In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 9, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT *(continued)*

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

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

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH EAST ANGLIA DISTRICT *(continued)*

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Moore Green
Statutory Auditor
22 Friars Street
Sudbury
Suffolk
CO10 2AA

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Moore Green is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2020

	General Fund	District Advance Fund	Youth and Children's Work	Fund for Mission	Travel Fund	Benevolent Fund	Treasurers' Bureau	Totals this year	Totals last year
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income									
Donations and Legacies	45550	165998		6407		4332		222287	211280
Income from Charitable Activities									
Assessment Income	574559							574559	577077
Other receipts from Circuits					63335			63335	134888
Income from Investments	897	3305	14	3085	320	7		7628	9813
Other	0				642		2064	2706	1484
Total Income	621006	169303	14	9492	64297	4339	2064	870515	934542
Expenditure									
Costs on raising funds									
Salaries and associated costs	67291						1121	68412	63949
Charitable Activities:									
Grants and Donations	2227	228849		23598		3410		258084	244742
Assessments Paid	505889							505889	495706
Other:									
Travel	10138				98440		120	108698	147106
Office Costs	9142						111	9253	10158
Maintenance & expenses on manses	5743							5743	5360
Other Expenditure	13559	751		301	236	177	351	15375	14166
Total Expenditure	613989	229600	0	23899	98676	3587	1703	971454	981187
Disposal of assets profit/(loss)								0	204
Gains/(losses) on fixed asset revaluation								0	0
Gains/(losses) on investment assets				-3826				-3826	1553
Net Income/expenditure	6687	-60297	14	-18233	-34379	752	361	-105095	-44888
Transfers between Funds									0
Net Movement in Funds	6687	-60297	14	-18233	-34379	752	361	-105095	-44888
Total funds brought forward last year	640465	375258	1881	151856	52866	8603	578	1231507	1276395
Total funds carried forward at year end	647152	314961	1895	133623	18487	9355	939	1126412	1231507

Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2020

	General Fund	District Advance Fund	Youth and Children's Work	Fund for Mission	Travel Fund	Benevolent Fund	Treasurers' Bureau	Totals this year	Totals last year
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Assets	550000							550000	550000
Generral Assets									
Debtors									
General	17636							17636	14486
Fund fo Mission Account									
Investments									
Investment Fund				14513				14513	16073
High Income Fund				3804				3804	3769
Mixed Fund Trust 15981				128424				128424	130725
Bank and Cash									
TMCP District Advance Fund		314961						314961	375258
CFB Expenses Fund Account	38176							38176	41006
CFB Resources Fund Account	45409							45409	35160
CFB *Accounts Various*			1895	2909	16135			20939	64899
Balances at bank									
Barclays Current Account - General	2430							2430	5825
Barclays Community Account					2352		939	3291	3151
HSBC Youth								0	0
Lloyds TSB Deposit Account						6002		6002	7561
Lloyds TSB Current Account						1353		1353	1042
Cash in Hand									
	103651	314961	1895	149650	18487	9355	939	598938	698955
Creditors	-6499			-16027				-22526	-17448
Net current assets/liabilities	97152	314961	1895	133623	18487	9355	939	576412	681507
Total assets less net current liabilities	647152	314961	1895	133623	18487	9355	939	1126412	1231507
Nett Assets	97152	314961	1895	133623	18487	9355	939	1126412	1231507
Funds of the District									
Restricted Funds									
District Advance Fund		314961						314961	375258
Fund for Mission				133623				133623	151856
Benevolent Fund						9355		9355	8603
Connexional Training	3195							3195	3195
Total Restricted Funds	3195	314961		133623		9355		461134	538912
Revaluation Reserve	550000							550000	550000
Unrestricted Funds									
General Fund	79108								74178
Removal Expenses Fund	1513								1013
Manse Reserve	-854								-2111
EDEV Fund	14190								14190
	93957							0	87270
Treasurers' Bureau							939	939	578
Youth and Children's Work			1895					1895	1881
Travel Fund					18487			18487	52866
Total Unrestricted Funds	93957		1895		18487		939	115278	142595
Total Funds	97152	314961	1895	133623	18487	9355	939	576412	681507
Total Funds	647152	314961	1895	133623	18487	9355	939	1126412	1231507

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the District and that they include all funds under the control of the Synod. These accounts have been approved on behalf of the Trustees

Shaun Cushion (Acting District Treasurer) Date 16/3/2021

Chair of the District

I confirm that the accounts will be presented to the Synod which I intend to chair on 24th April 2021.

Julian Pursehouse Date 16:03:2021

Julian Pursehouse
District Chair

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

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).

Funds

With the exception of the District Advance Fund, Fund for Mission and the Benevolent Fund, which are considered to be Restricted Funds, all other funds are considered to be Unrestricted Funds for use for any purpose by the District.

Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the District becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred or a constructive obligation arises that result in the payment being unavoidable.

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the District to pay out resources.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the District

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they have a cost of more than £1,000 and can be used for more than one year. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt. Provision is made for depreciation of assets where appropriate. Where cost is not available, the finance and Property Committee may provide a reasonable estimate of cost or current value to the District.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors

Unless otherwise stated, all debtors represent income of this period received in the subsequent period.

Creditors

Unless otherwise stated creditors represent income received in advance or normal expenditure accrued.

2 Trustees

Dr Y Finch, District Devlopment Enabler, was paid remuneration for her duties during the year which amounted to £16,713 gross, and pension contributions of £316.

3 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	This Year	Last Year
Auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£1,200	£1,200
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£2,090	£2,040

4 Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£67,406
Employer's National Insurance costs	£0
Pension costs	£1,006
Total staff costs	£68,412

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were 6 (2019 - 6)

5 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the year end capital commitments on District Advance Fund amounted to:	£195,688
Contingent liabilities amounted to:	£Nil

6 Tangible Fixed Assets

	31.08.20	31.08.19
Freehold Manse - Cost B/fwd	£550,000	£550,000
Revaluation in year	£0	£0
Freehold Manse - Cost C/fwd	**£550,000**	**£550,000**

The freehold property of The Manse in Norwich was professional valued by an Independent Valuer, R J Smith FRICS as at 31 August 2017. The trustees consider this value is still appropriate. The Valuer assessed the value of the land only at £75,000.

7 Investment Assets

	Value at 31.08.2020	Loss on investments for year
Investments held by Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	£146,741	£3,826

8 Restricted Funds

	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
District Advance Fund	375,258	169,303	229,600	0	314,961
The purpose of the fund is to receive monies received on sale of properties and other capital sources and to make payments for capital projects and mission as provided in CPD and sanctioned by Connexion					
Fund for Mission	151,856	9,492	27,725	0	133,623
The purpose of the fund is to facilitate Mission, Training, Youth Work and all forms of Christian Evangelism					
Benevolent Fund	8,603	4,339	3,587	0	9,355
The purpose of the fund is to make benevolent payments at the discretion of the District Chair					
Connexional Training Fund	3,195	0	0	0	3,195
The purpose of the fund is to provide a pilot taining scheme					

9 Unrestricted Funds

	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	74,178	114,787	102,357	-7,500	79,108
The purpose of this fund is for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.					
Removals Fund	1,013	0	0	500	1,513
The purpose of this fund is for use at the discretion of the trustees in assisting with the costs of relocating ministers and employees within the district circuit.					
Manse Fund	-2,111	0	5,743	7,000	-854
The purpose of this fund is for use at the discretion of the trustees on the fabric of the manses within the district towards their maintenance and general upkeep.					
Youth and Children's Work Fund	1,881	14	0	0	1,895
The purpose of this fund is to facilitate Youth Work					
Travel Fund	52,866	64,297	98,676	0	18,487
The purpose of this fund is to reimburse Presbyters and Deacons travel expenses from monies received from Circuits					
Treasurer's Bureau	578	2,064	1,703	0	939
The purpose of this fund is to cover the expenses of the Treasurer's Bureau					
EDEV Fund	14,190	0	0	0	14,190
The purpose of this fund is for radical hospitality					

10 Revaluation Reserve

Reserves b/fwd	£550,000
Movement in year	£0
Reserves c/fwd	£550,000

The revaluation reserve relates to the Freehold of the Manse.

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Fixed Assets	Investments	Net current assets	Total
Restricted Income Funds:				
District Advance Fund			314,961	314,961
Fund for Mission		146,741	-13,118	133,623
Benevolent Fund			9,355	9,355
Connexional Training Fund			3,195	3,195
	0	**146,741**	**314,393**	**461,134**
Unrestricted Income Funds:				
Removal Expenses Fund			1,513	1,513
Manse Reserve Fund			-854	-854
EDEV Fund			14,190	14,190
General Fund	550,000	0	79,108	629,108
Designated - Youth & childrens work Fund			1,895	1,895
Travel Fund			18,487	18,487
Treasurer's Bureau Fund			939	939
	550,000	**0**	**115,278**	**665,278**
	550,000	**146,741**	**429,671**	**1,126,412**