

Our commitment across Tynedale is to see vibrant Christian communities which introduce people to life in the Kingdom of God and help people to live as followers of Jesus Christ.

Throughout the year, the Circuit has focussed on emerging from the challenges of the pandemic and re-establishing the mission and ministry of the church throughout our communities.

We have continued addressing the ongoing and growing needs of our communities who continue to be affected by the pandemic whereby some people still find it challenging to re-engage with the norms of society and church life; with the affects of the economic struggles faced by some; and the concerns raised by many global issues which affect the individual as well as wider society.

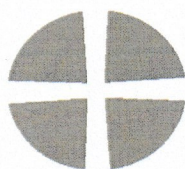
Over the year, it has been necessary to restructure some of our church societies to reflect the changes of the past years in terms of reduced attendance and income and the expectations of our governing body, the Methodist Church in Great Britain.

The Circuit has also seen significant staffing changes during this time, both Presbyteral, lay and leadership. It is expected that these changes in staff will stabilise in the next 12 months, allowing us to refocus and make plans for the time ahead and enable us to future-proof the activities of our churches in their local communities.

Our financial position has been impacted during the year due to reduced income and higher expenditure costs, and we are using our Circuit's reserves. The Circuit made a decision to restructure in the light of its finances and from September 2023, reduced the number of ordained ministers. This will inevitably have an impact on what the Circuit does, and churches will have to be less dependent on ordained ministers and Sunday services.

We are in a period of transition which is both exciting and challenging and are grateful for the ongoing support of all staff members, lay and ordained, the many volunteers who contribute to the life of our Circuit enabling the work of our charitable purposes to be fulfilled, and especially the individual members who contribute in the many and varied ways they are able to continue the work of Tynedale Methodist Circuit insomuch as it feels called and equipped by God to do as we seek to follow Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Rev Marie Beard



Circuit
Accruals Accounts
2022-2023

THE METHODIST CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FRSSE)

for the year ended 31 August 2023

Tynedale

Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration number

1129509

NEWCASTLE upon TYNE

District No / Circuit No

20/08

Ministers

| |
|-----------------------------|
| Rev Jennifer Porterpryde |
| Rev Gareth Sherwood |
| Rev Jennifer Porterpryde |
| Deacon Anne Taylor |
| Rev Marie Beard (part time) |
| Ref Fiona Calverey |
| Rev Michael Holland |
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Circuit Stewards

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|-----------------|
| Millie Robinson |
| Carolyn Vasey |
| Jacqui Cameron |
| Martyn Johnson |
| Ruth Johnson |
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Circuit Treasurer

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| David Kilner |
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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

| | | Unrestricted Funds | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Notes to the accounts | General Fund | Model Trust Fund | Manse Fund (Designated) | Total 2022-23 | Total 2021-22 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Income and Endowments from: | | | | | | |
| 1 Capital receipts | | - | - | - | - | 242,109 |
| 2 Charitable activities | | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2a Contributions | 4 | 197,286 | - | - | 197,286 | 217,340 |
| 4 Investments | | 1,359 | 4,789 | - | 6,148 | 3,024 |
| Lettings | | 8,411 | - | - | 8,411 | 10,564 |
| Grant | | - | - | - | - | 120,000 |
| 5 Donation and Legacy | | - | - | - | - | - |
| 6 Total | | 207,056 | 4,789 | - | 211,845 | 593,037 |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | | |
| 7 Stipends, salaries, NIC & Pension costs | 5 | 208,610 | - | - | 208,610 | 194,481 |
| 8 District Assessment | | 72,656 | - | - | 72,656 | 66,172 |
| 10 Telephone & travel | | 11,910 | - | - | 11,910 | 8,682 |
| 11 Insurance, utilities, etc | 6 | 21,959 | - | - | 21,959 | 16,565 |
| 12 Maintenance on manses | 6 | 3,012 | - | 16,367 | 19,379 | 26,481 |
| 13 Expenditure on other Circuit property | 7 | 3,541 | - | - | 3,541 | 11,493 |
| 14 Office Expenses | 8 | 29,243 | - | - | 29,243 | 38,166 |
| 15 Office Equipment | | - | - | - | - | 867 |
| 16 Other Expenditure | 8 | 14,664 | 1,258 | - | 15,922 | 17,654 |
| 17 Grants and Donations | 9 | - | 20,705 | - | 20,705 | 194,850 |
| 18 Contributions to District Advance Fund | | - | 23,953 | - | 23,953 | 21,002 |
| 19 Total | | 365,595 | 45,916 | 16,367 | 427,878 | 596,413 |
| 20 Net income/(expenditure) | | (158,539) | (41,127) | (16,367) | (216,033) | (3,376) |
| 21 Transfers between funds | | 323,043 | (323,043) | - | - | - |
| | | 164,504 | (364,170) | (16,367) | (216,033) | (3,376) |
| Other recognised gains / (losses): | | | | | | |
| 22 Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets | | - | - | - | - | - |
| 23 Gains/(Losses) on investment assets | | - | (2,649) | - | (2,649) | (4,428) |
| 25 Net movement in funds | | 164,504 | (366,819) | (16,367) | (218,682) | (7,804) |
| Reconciliation of funds: | | | | | | |
| 26 Total funds brought forward | | 2,359,563 | 434,364 | 16,367 | 2,810,294 | 2,818,098 |
| 27 Total funds carried forward | | 2,524,067 | 67,545 | - | 2,591,612 | 2,810,294 |

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

| | | Unrestricted Funds | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Notes to the accounts | General Fund | Model Trust Fund | Manse Fund (Designated) | Total 2022-23 | Total 2021-22 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |

Tangible Fixed Assets*

Notes

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----|------------------|---------------|----------|------------------|------------------|
| Land & Buildings | 10 | 2,391,414 | | - | 2,391,414 | 2,174,874 |
| Equipment | 10 | 53,854 | | - | 53,854 | 53,854 |
| Investment properties | 10 | 118,800 | | - | 118,800 | 118,800 |
| Investments | 11 | - | 56,894 | - | 56,894 | 59,543 |
| Total fixed assets | | 2,564,068 | 56,894 | - | 2,620,962 | 2,407,071 |

Current Assets

| | | | | | | |
|---|----|----------------|---------------|----------|----------------|----------------|
| Debtors and Prepayments | 12 | 26,277 | - | - | 26,277 | 28,928 |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | | - | - | - | - | - |
| Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits | | - | 17,426 | - | 17,426 | 374,821 |
| Central Finance Board Deposits | | 26,970 | - | - | 26,970 | 27,841 |
| Barclays Bank | | 48,463 | - | - | 48,463 | 208,330 |
| Total current assets | | 101,710 | 17,426 | - | 119,136 | 639,920 |

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|---|----|---------|-------|---|---------|--------|
| Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr) | 15 | 141,711 | 6,775 | - | 148,486 | 36,697 |
|---|----|---------|-------|---|---------|--------|

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|---|--|-----------------|---------------|----------|-----------------|----------------|
| Net current assets (liabilities) | | (40,001) | 10,651 | - | (29,350) | 603,223 |
|---|--|-----------------|---------------|----------|-----------------|----------------|

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|--|--|------------------|---------------|----------|------------------|------------------|
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 2,524,067 | 67,545 | - | 2,591,612 | 3,010,294 |
|--|--|------------------|---------------|----------|------------------|------------------|

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|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| Loans and creditors due after 1 year | | - | - | - | - | - |
| Provisions for liabilities and charges | | - | - | - | - | - |

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|-------------------|--|------------------|---------------|----------|------------------|------------------|
| Net assets | | 2,524,067 | 67,545 | - | 2,591,612 | 3,010,294 |
|-------------------|--|------------------|---------------|----------|------------------|------------------|

Funds of the Circuit

| | | | | | | |
|---|----|------------------|---------------|----------|------------------|------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | 2,524,067 | - | - | 2,524,067 | 2,359,563 |
| Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted) | | - | 67,545 | - | 67,545 | 434,364 |
| Manse Funds Designated | | - | - | - | - | 16,367 |
| Total Funds | 16 | 2,524,067 | 67,545 | - | 2,591,612 | 2,810,294 |

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the District's financial position and activities. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for smaller entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the "true and fair override" provision contained therein.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted; The Manse Fund is designated by Trustees as part of the General Fund; The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. The Circuit holds no Restricted or Endowment Funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Public benefit entity

The Trustees of Tynedale Circuit confirm that they have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

4 Accounting policies

Income Recognition

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Individual amounts categorised as Other income in the SOFA will be shown separately if they are considered material. No attempt is made to measure the value of services donated by volunteers.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values including land. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment.

Investment Properties

Investment properties are properties (usually closed chapels) deemed to not be held for the long-term purposes of the charity. This has been agreed on a case by case basis with the District Policy Committee and the value is shown net of all related selling fees and commissions including the Connexional levy calculated on a sliding scale based on the gross sale price.

Investments

The Circuit's investments are held by Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes as Custodian Trustee. 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 and Prepayments

Debtors relate to the payment of the September stipend in August (£11,048), and a prepayment of Grant from the model trust fund (£4,850), and payments in advance of £10379 for 2022/23.

Creditors

Creditors include sundry expenses, grants payable in the coming year and specifically the 1st quarter assessment received in August.

Impact of Accounting changes

There has not been any restatement required to previous reported information because of the new SORP.

Going concern

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31 August 2023, the trustees believe that the Circuit is a going concern.

Consolidation

The Circuit oversees the work of ministers and Churches within the Circuit but does not have control over those Churches, ministers, or lay workers except in extreme circumstances, none of which were applicable. For this reason, the financial statements of the Churches within the Circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

Notes to the Accounts

5 Cost of superintendent, ministers, and trustees

The superintendent of the Circuit, the other ministers and the remaining members of the Circuit Leadership Team are considered to be key management personnel. The superintendent chairs meetings of the CLT and Circuit Meetings. The members of the Circuit Meeting are the trustees of the Circuit. The stipends, employer's NIC, and employer's pension contributions and other expenses of the ministers of the Circuit are paid by the Circuit.

| | 2022-23 | 2021-22 |
|--|---------|---------|
| | £ | £ |
| Stipends of Ministers including Employers NI & Pension | 207751 | 193567 |
| No. of full time ministers | 5 | 5 |
| No. of part time ministers | 1 | 1 |
| Apprenticeship levy | 859 | 914 |
| Administrator | 25,826 | 34,590 |
| Total | 234,436 | 229,071 |

Payments to Trustees

It is generally not Circuit policy to reimburse non-ministerial members of the CLT, Circuit Meeting and others involved in the administration of Circuit affairs for expenditure properly incurred in carrying out their duties. Apart from the 6 ministers, the Circuit Administrator and Communications Co-ordinator no member of the Circuit Meeting or CLT was in receipt of any payment for work undertaken on behalf of the Circuit, although certain travelling and administration costs were reimbursed in relation to specific projects. The Circuit Administrator and Communication Co-ordinator are trustees and received payments totalling £34,590 in respect of work undertaken.

6 Manse and other property costs

The Circuit is required to provide and maintain accommodation for each Minister and her/his family. This is a benefit to the Circuit. Ministers are generally expected to occupy their Manses. The Circuit bears the cost of repairs, maintenance, building insurance, Council Tax and water charges.

The trustees have established a designated fund to meet the expenses of maintaining the Circuit's six Manses and the circuit office. (2022: 6) The balance on the fund at 31 August 2023 is nil. (2022: £16,369)

From time to time the Circuit may hold residential property (formerly Manses) which is surplus to its normal staffing requirements. Where this is the case and it is anticipated that the property is unlikely to be used as a manse within a period of two years, the property is classified as investment property (whether let out or not) and any lets are at market rates unless there is a compelling reason not to do so in furtherance of the Circuit's charitable objectives. At 31 August 2022, the Circuit held two residential investment properties (Haltwhistle & Wylam).

Further the Circuit may from time to time hold further investment properties being churches where worship no longer takes place. With the consent of the trustees and the District, the Circuit is responsible for preparing the property for sale most often as a commercial transaction. The trustees will receive the proceeds of the sale once concluded and after the application of the Connexional Property Levy. At 31 August 2022, the Circuit held three investment properties in West Wylam Barrasford and Corbridge (2021: 2).

Notes to the Accounts

6 Manse and other property costs (cont)

| | 2022-23 | | 2021-22 | |
|----------------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Manse running costs | | | | |
| Utility costs | 16,807 | | 11,707 | |
| Insurances | 5,152 | | 4,858 | |
| | | 21,959 | | 16,565 |
| Repairs and Maintenance | | 19,379 | | 3,633 |

| | 2022-23 | 2021-22 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Manse Improvements & Major Repairs | | |
| Elvaston | 307 | 2,345 |
| Wylam | - | 1,097 |
| Bellingham | 1,021 | - |
| Prudhoe | 2,887 | 17,730 |
| Westfield | 12,152 | - |
| Paid out of Manse Fund | 16,367 | 21,172 |

7 Expenditure on other Circuit Property

| | 2022-23 | | 2021-22 | |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|---------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Investment properties | | | | |
| Cost of disposal | | | | |
| Maintenance | 360 | | 1,944 | |
| Insurances | 3,181 | | 4,871 | |
| Legal | - | | 4,678 | |
| | | 3,541 | | 11,493 |

Notes to the Accounts

8 Other Outgoings

| | 2022-23 | 2021-2022 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Office Expenses | | |
| Salaries and NI | 25,826 | 34,590 |
| Rent | 2,750 | 3,000 |
| Incidentals | 667 | 576 |
| Total | 29,243 | 38,166 |
| Other Outgoings | | |
| TMCP admin charges | 1258 | 1145 |
| Conference minutes & prayer manuals | 623 | 742 |
| Bank and accountancy charges | 1,314 | 1,278 |
| Local and visiting preachers | 1,564 | 1,189 |
| Removal expenses | 3,159 | 7,405 |
| Quinquennials | 3,828 | 3,672 |
| Living waters | 938 | 755 |
| Insurance | 225 | 228 |
| Photocopying & Printing | - | 110 |
| Website | 610 | 568 |
| Other | 2,403 | 562 |
| Total | 15,922 | 17,654 |

9 Grants and Donations

Grants made during the year were Fourstones (£5,000) and Prudhoe & Stocksfield (£15,705)

10 Manse and other property

The freehold residential property (manses) is shown in the accounts at deemed historical cost representing each property's gross carrying value as at 1 September 2015, being that property's insurance reinstatement value resulting from a professional valuation undertaken in 2011-12 and subsequently adjusted up to and including 31 August 2014. No depreciation is provided because the trustees consider the current residual value of the property in its present condition to be not less than its historical cost and, in the absence of any evidence of impairment, any depreciation provision for the property would be immaterial.

From time to time the Circuit is required to assume responsibility for Church premises following closure and cessation of worship. This results in the Circuit becoming Managing Trustees for the property. At that time the property is recognised as an asset at its anticipated net sale price as determined by a professional valuation and after taking into consideration the levy to be charged by the Connexion. Any expenditure on such assets is capitalised.

Trustees have not made any separate valuation of the land associated with its property.

The Circuit has made use of the deemed cost option on transitioning to FRS 102 SORP 2015 as outlined above.

| | Manses | Investment Properties | Fixtures and fittings | Total |
|--|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Cost or valuation | | | | |
| Balance brought forward at 1 September 2022 | 2,174,874 | 118,800 | 53,854 | 2,347,528 |
| Additions in the year | 413,497 | | | 413,497 |
| Revaluations in the year | | | | |
| Less: Disposals in the year | (196,957) | | | (196,957) |
| Transfers between categories | | | | |
| Balance carried forward at 31 August 2023 | 2,391,414 | 118,800 | 53,854 | 2,564,068 |

Notes to the Accounts

11 Investments

| | £ |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Opening Balance as at 31 August 2022 | 59,543 |
| Increase in Value 2022/23 | (2,649) |
| Balance as at 31 August 2023 | 56,894 |

12 Debtors and prepayments

| | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Debtors were made up as follows: | | |
| | 2022-23 | 2022-21 |
| | £ | £ |
| Debtors | | |
| Stipends paid in advance | 11,048 | 22,908 |
| Repayment - Fern Cottage | - | 1,170 |
| Prepayment Model Trust Fund (Prudhoe) | 3,100 | 3,100 |
| Prepayment Model Trust Fund (Trinity) | 1,750 | 1,750 |
| Recoverable Disbursements for Churches being sold | 10,379 | |
| Total (net) | 26,277 | 28,928 |

13 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments, and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference.

14 Central Finance Board (CFB) and Cash at Bank

The Circuit has a current account at Barclays plc, an authorised institution. The sums held on this account are immediately available. In addition, the Circuit has a deposit accounts at CFB, a common deposit fund. Interest is earned on the CFB account and credited monthly; the sums deposited can be withdrawn without notice and without loss of interest. These sums are viewed as being liquid.

15 Creditors and accrued expenses

Creditors were made up as follows:

| | 2022-23 | 2021-22 |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| | | |
| General Fund | £ | £ |
| Creditors (due in under 1 year): | | |
| Circuit assessments paid in advance | 41,711 | 36,697 |
| Methodist Church Newcastle Fund | 100,000 | - |
| Total | 141,711 | 36,697 |
| Model Trust Fund | | |
| Tynedale Circuit General Fund | 4,850 | |
| Methodist Church Conneci | 1,925 | |
| William Leach Fund | 148,486 | 36,697 |

Notes to the Accounts

16 Unrestricted Funds**18.1 General Fund – balance £2,524,067 at 31 August 2023 (2022: £2,359,563)**

The purpose of the fund is for use at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the Circuit and which have not been designated for other purposes. The fund is almost entirely held as freehold property, the 6 Circuit manses and three closed churches.

18.2 Circuit Model Trust Fund – balance £67,545 at 31 August 2023 (2022: £434,364)

The Circuit Model Trust Fund is an unrestricted fund of the Circuit. It is administered by Trustees for Methodist Church Purpose who levy a small annual administration charge. The trustees are obliged to apply the funds exclusively in pursuit of their charitable purposes.

18.3 Manse Fund – balance £16,367 at 31 August 2023 (2022: £16,367)

This fund serves specific purposes but is not restricted by any document or deed to that purpose alone. The Manse Fund is available to meet trustees' obligation to secure and maintain the accommodation in the Circuit's 6 manses. These funds are held as cash.

17 Volunteer contributions

Every entity (Connexion, District, Circuit, Church) within the Methodist Church in GB is heavily reliant on volunteers who contribute their skills, time and money in the furtherance of the work of the Church. Principally this contribution is by serving on committees of the Circuit that deal with mission, manses, finance, policy, grants, training, development. We are grateful to all of them for their help and commitment.

18 Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

There were no capital commitments or contingent liabilities at the year end (2021-22: nil)

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit

Signature of Treasurer

David L. Kilner

Date

27/06/24

Name

David L. Kilner

Address

Beauclerc Penelope, Riding Mill, NE44 6HY

Presentation to the *Circuit Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Circuit Meeting on
and were approved.

27/06/24

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Marie L Beard

Name of the Chair of the meeting

MARIE BEARD

Date

27/06/24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Tynedale

Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August

2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

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

** Please circle as appropriate*

Name

Signature

Relevant Professional qualification or body

Address

Date

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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Independent Examiner's Statement

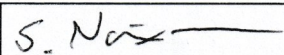
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** Please circle as appropriate*

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|---|---|
| Name | Shaun Nixon |
| Signature |  |
| Relevant Professional qualification or body | ACCA |
| Address | 11 & 12 The Courtyard, St Marys Chare, Hexham, NE46 1NH |
| Date | 27/06/2024 |