



**Trustees' Annual Report
and
Financial Statement**

Year Ending 31st August 2024

1 Objectives and activities

The Trustees form the District Executive (District Policy Committee - DPC) and meet at least quarterly to consider our objectives and to plan our activities. The District Synod, under the leadership of the District Trustees, meets twice each year and recognises the Charity Commissioners' general guidance on public benefit and conforms to the Charities Act 2011.

Our primary purpose is to advance the mission of the Church in the region by supporting the Circuits, by providing opportunities to work together and by offering resources of finance, personnel and expertise that may not be available locally. Our mission is to be a powerful spiritual influence in the District and a visible expression of God's inclusive love. We aim to achieve this by encouraging the worship, social, and outreach activities and by seeking new ways to extend to others the fellowship of the Church family. In a time of recovery after the pandemic and lockdown we have sought to remind the circuits of the resources they already have, and we have encouraged and supported the churches and circuits to be flexible in their outreach particularly in terms of digital presence and engagement.

2 Achievements and performance

In furtherance of these aims the District has this year:

- Drawn together representatives of the circuits responsible for the deployment of ministry resources, finance, property, leadership and oversight to enable them to learn from and support each other principally by zoom.
- Provided training for the above people relevant to their posts and responsibilities.
- Provided consultancy for the above people through district officers.
- Paid grants of £107,228 to circuits and churches in support of mission projects and property schemes with a clear priority for mission.
- Committed £436,572 to be paid in under 12 months to provide financial support of projects including £70,600 towards property schemes.
- Committed £283,332 for future years where a satisfactory monitoring and evaluation report has been received.
- Appointed a new member of the Mission Team to support circuits in engaging with digital/online presence, and to create content for and manage the District's social media channels and website.
- Appointed two new members to the District Safeguarding team focusing on circuit support and training.
- Made grants to ministers and lay people engaging in training relevant to their role in the church.
- Supported 4 probationer ministers in the early years of their ministry and 2 moving to ordination.
- Provided leadership in the development of regional co-operation with neighbouring Districts especially as regards the nurturing of probationer ministers across the region through a Shared Districts Probationers Committee.
- Filled all our vacant ministerial vacancies.
- Continued with learning and development opportunities for lay and ordained people through study days and learning groups all on zoom.
- Developed further the work of the Justice, Dignity & Solidarity Group within the District
- Continued to develop eco-summit gatherings of green champions in each circuit.
- Appointed Rev'd Dr Sonia Hicks as our new chair of District and rejoiced that our previous chair; Rev'd Helen Cameron was elected "President of the Methodist Conference" 2024-25.
- Continued to develop the twinning relationship with the Presbyterian Church in the Cameroon with a visit by Rev Forba (Moderator) to the District.

3 Financial review

During the year, the District received total income of £928k (2022-23: £626k) and dispersed £1,019k (2022-23: £666k).

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

The District has the following principal sources of funds:

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

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

3.1 Investment Policy and Performance

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

Short term deposits are lodged directly with the CFB and attract good rates of interest.

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

3.2 Reserves level and policy

Although grants are made annually out of the District Advance Fund (DAF), it is recognised that some grants will be paid by annual instalments. The trustees ensure that there is sufficient in the DAF to meet these instalments, and the trustees recognise future approved grants as liabilities on the balance sheet.

Excluding the value of the manse, the reserves held in the General Fund at 31.08.24 are £27,455 (£34,971 at 31.08.23). This is more the sum required by our Reserves Policy (£20,000).

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

	£	£
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>		
General Fund	552,455	
District Advance Fund	-25,814	
		526,641
<i>Designated funds</i>		
Manse Fund	17,919	
Training Fund	7,207	
Education and Youth	10,063	
FEAST	21,359	
Overstone Chaplain	-3,862	
Digital Enabler	4,274	
		56,960
Total unrestricted funds (including designated)		583,602
<i>Restricted funds</i>		
Local Preachers Fund	12,888	
Ministerial Training Fund	5,231	
Benevolence Fund	834	
Methodist Women in Britain	668	
MAPJ Grant	14,544	
		34,164
Total Funds		617,766
Total designated and unrestricted funds		583,602
Less invested in the manse		-525,000
Uncommitted reserves		58,602

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

3.3 Collaborative arrangements with connected charities

The District's main source of funding for general expenses is the assessments obtained from each Circuit within the District based on the staffing levels of the Circuit and their reserves. This was used to defray most of the cost of administering the District. This sum amounted to £198,907 (2022-23: £148,963).

Each year the District is allocated a sum by the London Mission Fund (LMF). In 2023-24 this amounted to £19,705 which will be used to pay for, or contribute towards, the cost of certain activities within the District. This sum is not remitted to the District and does not appear in the accounts of the District because the District acts as agent for the LMF. Instead, the District nominates some grant applications which can be met by the LMF and passes these to the LMF so that the LMF can pay the grant directly to the grantee. Grants were awarded to various projects in the District.

The District also obtained from each Circuit with a reserve, known as a Circuit Model Trust Fund (CMTF), a levy based on the size of the Circuits' CMTFs at the start of the connexional year (01 September). In 2023-24 this sum was £160,323 and was credited to the District Advance Fund.

The District holds no funds as custodian trustee. However, it does receive quarterly contributions from Circuits for the Methodist Church Fund (MCF). These sums are collected as agent for the MCF and are passed to the MCF later in the same quarter. Funds received by the District as agent are not recognised as an asset in the financial statements because the funds are not within its control. No fee is earned in respect of this and the District incurs no cost through this arrangement.

4 Trustees' responsibilities

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

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently using the accruals method
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- follow applicable accounting standards
- prepare accounts to comply with the Charities SORP

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

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

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

4.1 Risk

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

Risks are managed by being aware of them, quantifying their impact not only in cost terms but in possible reputational or structural damage, laying them off through an insurer and minimising them by not taking them or by setting up control systems that timeously report any significant change in the risk.

The Trustees have examined the major strategic business and operational risks which the Charity faces, and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to monitor these risks.

5 Structure, governance and management

The District is an unincorporated association and is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church and was registered with the Charity Commission on 26 June 2009.

5.1 Structure

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

1. Overall regulatory authority rests with the Methodist Conference.
2. The connexional offices implement decisions made by Conference and are also responsible for the stationing of presbyters and deacons (collectively known as ministers) in individual Circuits within the District.

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

5.2 Purpose of the District

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

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

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

The primary purpose of this District is to advance the mission of the Church in Northamptonshire, Buckinghamshire, Leicestershire and Oxfordshire together with parts of several adjoining counties. This is achieved by

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

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

5.3 Governance

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

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

The District Executive normally meets at least four times per year and deals with routine and exceptional matters. It oversees the work of the Grants Committee, finance, property, the District office, the District manses, stationing, safeguarding, the work of the District Mission Team, authorisations to preside at communion and extensions to local preacher training.

5.4 Responsibilities of the District Executive (DPC)

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

6 Reference and Administrative Details

6.1 Name of the charity

The Northampton District of the Methodist Church.

6.2 Charity registration number

1130373, registered in England and Wales

6.3 Principal Office

District Office
Bouverie Court
6 The Lakes
Bedford Road
Northampton
NN4 7YD

Tel: 01604 630128

E-mail: northampton.distoffice@gmail.com

Web-site: www.northamptonmethodistdistrict.org.uk

6.4 Chair of the District

Revd. Dr. Sonia Hicks

6.5 Secretary of the Synod

Revd. Alan Bolton (Presbyteral)
Mr Paul Spray (Representative)

6.6 District Treasurer

Mr Andrew Lewis

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6.7 Names of trustees

The following served as trustees during the year 2023-24 or were trustees at the time of this report being approved:

Revd. Canon Helen Cameron (Chair) to 10 June 2024
Revd. Dr. Sonia Hicks (Chair) from 03 August 2024
Revd. Alan Bolton (Presbyteral Synod Secretary)
Revd. Lesley Dinham to 31 October 2023 (Secretary)
Mr Andrew Lewis (Treasurer & Grants Officer)
Mr Chris Linford (Property Secretary)
Mr Matthew Forsyth (District Mission Enabler)
Revd. David Alderman (Deputy Chair)
Dr. Hellen Okello
Revd. Andrew Farrington
Ms Janet Hinds
Mr Paul Spray (Representative Synod Secretary)
Revd. Miriam Moul to 31 July 2024
Mr Philip Jones to 31 July 2024
Revd. Sara Cliff
Revd. Langley Mackrell-Hey
Revd. David Speirs
Revd. Kate Strange (Deputy Chair) to 31 July 2024
Revd. Andrew Hollins (Ecumenical Officer) to 26 April 2024
Mrs Jennifer Oliver from 09 September 2023 (Secretary)
Rev'd Ian Suttie (Ecumenical Officer) from 27 April 2024
Rev'd Edson Dube from 20 August 2024

The Managing Trustees for the District are the members of the District Executive (DPC).
No trustee claims exemption from disclosure of his or her name here.

6.8 Bankers

CAF Bank Ltd
25 Kings Hill Avenue
Kings Hill
West Malling
Kent
ME19 4JQ

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
9 Bonhill Street
London
EC2A 4PE

6.9 Investment managers and custodian trustees

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
Central Buildings
Oldham Street
Manchester
M1 1JQ

6.10 Independent Examiner

Mr David Briscoe
11 De Montfort Road
Hinckley
Leicestershire
LE10 1LQ

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Approvals

The Trustees' Report and the Financial Statements were approved by the District Executive Committee on 12 June 2025.

Signed on behalf of the District Executive Committee



Revd. Dr Sonia Hicks
District Chair
Date: 12 June 2025



Andrew Lewis
District Treasurer
Date: 12 June 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	District Advance Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds	Total 2023-24 £
Income from							
1 Donations and legacies					250		250
2 Connexional Advance & Property Fund			397,292				397,292
3 Income from investments		5,337	73,966	2,394	999		82,696
Income from charitable activities							
4 Assessments on circuits	2	198,907					198,907
5 From Circuit Model Trust Funds			160,323				160,323
6 Contribution to the cost of the Chair	3	49,075					49,075
7 Other charitable activities							0
8 Income from other trading activities							0
9 Other income		5,755	16,284	2,097	15,764		39,900
Total income		259,074	647,864	4,491	17,013	0	928,442
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations	5	1,665	-254,629	1,320	15,450		-236,194
9a Grants and donations in 2024-25	5	7,750	221,872				229,622
9b Grants and donations after 2024-25	5		492,782				492,782
10 Salaries and associated costs	6	240,732		113,764			354,496
11 Cost of the Chair	3	60,227					60,227
12 Property Maintenance	7	18,998					18,998
13 Office expenses	8	17,952	3,228	1,222			22,402
14 Synods, committees, Conference	9	6,228					6,228
15 Training	10	8,382		2,000			10,382
16 Professional fees	11	348					348
17 Other outgoings	12	51,483		6,839	1,862		60,184
Total expenditure		413,766	463,252	125,145	17,312	0	1,019,475
Net income/(expenditure) before gains and losses on investments							
		-154,692	184,612	-120,654	-299	0	-91,033
18 Net gains/(losses) on investments							0
Net income/(expenditure)		-154,692	184,612	-120,654	-299	0	-91,033
19 Transfers between funds	13	147,175	-263,927	116,752			0
20 Other gains/(losses)							0
Net movement in funds		-7,516	-79,315	-3,902	-299	0	-91,033
Total funds brought forward							
		559,971	53,502	60,863	34,464	0	708,799
Total funds carried forward		552,455	-25,814	56,960	34,164	0	617,766

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	District Advance Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023-24 £	Total 2022-23 £
Fixed Assets							
Tangible fixed assets	14	525,000				525,000	525,000
Investment properties						0	0
Investments						0	0
Total fixed assets		525,000	0	0	0	525,000	525,000
Current Assets							
Debtors	17		3,367			3,367	3,932
Loans by the District		405,000				405,000	0
Investments with TMCP		951,690				951,690	1,132,509
Central Finance Board Deposits	22	33,928	53,724	34,164		121,816	139,361
Cash at Bank and in hand		5,195				5,195	5,749
Total current assets		39,123	1,356,690	57,091	34,164	1,487,069	1,281,550
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	18	3,918	130			4,049	7,447
Grants payable in 2024-25	5	7,750	436,572			444,322	422,454
Total current liabilities		11,668	436,572	130	0	448,371	429,901
Net current assets/liabilities		27,455	920,118	56,960	34,164	1,038,698	851,649
Total assets less current liabilities		552,455	920,118	56,960	34,164	1,563,698	1,376,649
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2024-25			945,932			945,932	667,850
Loans to the District						0	0
Net assets		552,455	-25,814	56,960	34,164	617,766	708,799
Funds of the District							
General Fund (Unrestricted)		552,455				552,455	559,971
District Advance Fund (Unrestricted)			-25,814			-25,814	53,502
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			56,960			56,960	60,863
Total Unrestricted Funds						583,602	674,336
Restricted Funds				34,164		34,164	34,464
Endowment Funds					0	0	0
Total Funds		552,455	-25,814	56,960	34,164	617,766	708,799

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 12 June 2025.

Sonia Hicks

Andrew Lewis

Signed: Revd. Dr. Sonia Hicks
District Chair

Andrew Lewis
District Treasurer

1 Accounting framework and accounting policies

i Accounting framework

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 applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1 January 2015) – (the Charities SORP (FRS 102) as amended by Update Bulletin 1) – 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.

ii Public benefit entity

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

iii Basis

These accounts have been based on 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.

iv Content

The financial information presented is relevant, reliable, comparable and complete. Where estimates are used, these are based on experience, research and judgement. The accounts are expressed in £Sterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

v Going concern

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available on 31 August 2024, the trustees believe that the District is a going concern.

vi Consolidation

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

vii Income recognition

Income is brought into account when it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income will accrue to the Northampton District. No attempt is made to measure the value of services donated by volunteers. Details of the cost of the District Chair are in Note 3 and the same figure also appears in the Expenditure at Note 6.

Individual amounts categorised as *Other income* in the SOFA will be shown separately if they are considered material.

The District acts as agent in the following matters:

- the collection of quarterly assessments from circuits which are paid to the Methodist Church Fund (MCF).
- the payment of expenses of delegates from the District to the Methodist Conference.

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In all these matters the transactions are not reflected in the SOFA because there is no obligation on the District to make up any shortfall in assessments from Circuits. Sums received as Circuit assessments cannot be recognised as income in the District as they are the income of the MCF.

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the time of volunteers is not recognised.

viii Expenditure

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 District to pay out resources.

ix Grants

Grants are recognised annually only as and when any performance conditions attaching to the award are met, even when the award is for a recurrent grant over more than one year. All grants awarded for payment in future financial years are conditional on the Finance and Grants Committee being satisfied, based on progress reports from the grantee, that the grant's achievements to date justify the payment of further instalments of that grant. Such commitments are noted as contingent liabilities and included within the District Advance Fund or other relevant designated fund in these accounts.

x VAT

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

xi Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The manse (289 Billing Road East) is shown in the accounts at £525,000 and the land component is deemed to be £110,000.

No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material.

xii Investments

The investments of the Northampton District are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP. The unrealised gains arising on investments at the end of the year are shown in the SOFA.

xiii Debtors and Creditors; Bank and Cash

Debtors are stated at the amounts owed to the District or prepaid. Creditors are initially recognised at settlement amount after any trade discounts, where normal credit terms apply, or amount advanced to the District. Subsequently creditors that are current liabilities are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid. The liquid funds of bank balances and deposit account balances are shown at the realisable values.

xiv Loans

Where concessionary loans (*i.e.* free of interest) are made to (or received by) the District to further its charitable purposes, and are repayable after more than one year, they are initially recognised at the amount paid [or received], with the carrying value adjusted in subsequent years to reflect repayments and any accrued interest, adjusted for any impairment, if necessary.

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Where there is objective evidence of impairment, an immediate impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities. Subsequent reversals of an impairment loss that objectively relate to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised, are recognised immediately in the Statement of Financial Activities]

xv Methodist Church Fund

The District acts as agent for the Methodist Church Fund (MCF) by collecting its assessments on Circuits and does not, therefore, include the assessments in the SOFA. If a Circuit is late in paying its MCF assessment to the District but such sum is received before the quarterly transfer to the MCF, the amount paid late will be shown as a debtor in the District's accounts.

xvi Ministers' manse costs

The District is required to provide accommodation for each Minister and their families. The District bears the cost of repairs, maintenance, building insurance, Council Tax and water charges. These costs are not shown separately as benefits-in-kind for Ministers as HMRC does not seek to tax these receipts in the hands of the Ministers.

2 a) Assessment on Circuits

All Circuits (see list given below in this note) paid their assessments to the District and to the MCF during the year. The assessment on Circuits is annually determined by an agreed formula.

1 Oxford	2 Wantage & Abingdon
3 West Oxfordshire	5 Banbury
6 Buckingham, Bicester & Brackley	7 Leicester Trinity
9 Leicester West	10 Loughborough
11 Hinckley	12 Melton Mowbray
13 Northampton	14 East Mercia
15 Stamford	21 Peterborough
23 Nene Valley	26 Milton Keynes
27 High Wycombe	28 Amersham
29 Vale of Aylesbury	

b) Contribution to Methodist Church Fund (MCF)

In addition to the assessments on the Circuits to help defray the costs of running the District, the District acted as agent for the Methodist Church Fund which levied assessments on the Circuits in this District totalling £768,016 (2022-23: £704,602) all of which were collected or shown as debtors at the end of the year and paid over to the MCF in the year. No balance was held at the end of the year; no fee is received for this service which is performed at nearly nil cost to the District. These sums collected for and remitted to the MCF do not appear elsewhere in these financial statements.

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3 Cost of Chair and trustees

District Chair

The Chair of District chairs meetings of the District Executive Committee (District Policy Committee or DPC). The members of the DPC are the trustees of the District. The stipend, employer's NIC and employer's pension contributions of the Chair of District are paid by the Methodist Connexion. The Chair's other costs are met mostly by the District.

	£
Stipend of Chair of District, Revd. Canon Helen D. Cameron	31,020
District Chair Allowance	7,755
Employer's National Insurance contributions	4,096
Employer's pension contributions	6,204
Chair's expenses (including travel costs)	7,502
Housing Costs (Insurance, Water and Council Tax)	3,650
Total	60,227
Stipend cost paid by the Connexion (see SOFA, line 6)	49,075
Total Cost to District	11,152

Since the stipend-related costs above (£49,075) are borne by the Connexion, they appear both in the Income of the District and the Expenditure of the District (See Note 6). It should be noted that the chair is required to occupy the District manse. The manse is provided by the Northampton District and the District maintains the property.

No accrual is made for the Chair's entitlement to a sabbatical as her functions are undertaken by a Deputy Chair at minimal extra cost to the District.

District Mission Enabler

The District Mission Enabler (DME) is employed by the District to concentrate on supporting and resourcing circuits and churches for their mission. The DME is a member of the District Executive Committee and a trustee. Remuneration of the DME is legally authorised as provided in the governing document as described in the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church (Book II, Part 2)

All costs of his employment in 2023-24 were met by the District as follows:

	2023-24 £	2022-23 £
Salary of DME, Mr. Matthew Forsyth	49,458	45,864
Employer's National Insurance contributions	5,570	5,151
Employer's pension contributions	2,967	2,752
Other Payroll costs including Apprenticeship Levy	337	354
Total	58,332	54,121
DME's travel expenses	4,638	4,280
DME's Office equipment	442	361
DME's other expenses	651	691
Total Cost	64,063	59,453

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Payments to trustees

It is District policy to offer to reimburse members of the District Executive Committee and others involved in the administration of District affairs for expenditure properly incurred in carrying out their duties. The Chair of the District undertakes the primary executive role within the District. Apart from the Chair of District and the District Mission Enabler, no member of the District Executive Committee was in receipt of any payment for work undertaken on behalf of the District, although certain travelling and administration costs were reimbursed whenever this was requested.

4 Other income

The District does not undertake fundraising.

5 Grants and donations and related support costs

Grants and donations totalling £420,455 were paid from the District Advance Fund during the year (2022-23: £346,930). £286,278 was paid in grants to churches and circuits in the District and £134,177 was transferred to the General Fund as shown in the tables below.

Transfers from District Advance Fund	2023-24
	£
To District General Fund for the DME	60,000
To District General Fund for Ecumenical Sponsorship	8,661
To District General Fund for Circuit Assessments	18,016
To District General Fund for Safeguarding	47,500
To District General Fund for FEAST	56,000
To District General Fund for the Overstone Chaplain	35,000
To District General Fund for the Digital Enabler	30,000
To District General Fund for Education & Youth Work	8,750
Total transferred to District General Fund	263,927

Grants paid from DAF	2023-24
	£
Mission and Ministry Grants	295,887
Property Grants	107,168
Start-Up Grants	17,400
Total Paid	420,455
Less Transfers to District General Fund	-263,927
Less Grants committed at 31.08.23	-411,157
Total to SOFA – Line 9	-254,629

Grants to be paid during 2024-25	£
Mission and Ministry Grants	365,972
Property Grants	70,600
Total to be paid	436,572
Less Grants committed at 31.08.23	214,700
Total to SOFA – Line 9a	221,872

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Grants to be paid after 2024-25	£
Mission and Ministry Grants	945,932
Less Grants committed at 31.08.23	453,150
Total to SOFA – Line 9b	492,782

Details of the recipients of grants paid by the District during the year may be found on the District website:

<https://www.northamptonmethodistdistrict.org.uk/lib/daf-report-2023-24-F895410.pdf>

Funds held for District Projects

Description	Balance at 01.09.23	Balance at 31.08.24	Increase Decrease
	£	£	£
General Fund			
Extending Discipleship Exploring Vocation (EDEV)	1,374	1,374	0
Training Officer / Development Enabler	6,876	6,376	-500
Together Mission	3,047	0	-3,047
Totals – General Fund	11,297	7,750	-3,547
Designated and Restricted Funds			
NPNP – FEAST	26,457	21,359	-5,098
Overstone Chaplaincy	-3,958	-3,862	96
Digital Enabler	0	4,274	4,274
MAPJ Funding for Grants (Restricted)	14,604	14,544	-60
Methodist Women in Britain (Restricted)	438	668	230
Totals – Designated and Restricted Funds	37,541	36,983	-558

Expenditure on charitable activities through the District Advance Fund (DAF)

The DAF receives formulaically determined contributions from the Circuit Model Trust Funds held by Circuits within the District and redistributes the monies to grantees in the District through relevant grants as assessed by the District Finance and Grants Committee. The Finance and Grants Committee is aware that grant applications must demonstrate public benefit.

6 Salaries and associated costs

In addition to the District Mission Enabler, gross salaries were paid to three full time and eight part time employees. Of these employees, three left and were replaced during the year and an additional full-time employee was recruited. Their total costs were as follows:

	2023-24
	£
Gross pay	138,385
Employer's National Insurance contributions	11,833
Employer's pension contributions to defined contribution schemes	31,130
Miscellaneous Payroll Costs including the Apprenticeship Levy	1,052
Total costs of 11 staff	182,401
Cost of District Mission Enabler (see Note 3)	57,995
Miscellaneous DME Payroll Costs including the Apprenticeship Levy	337
Total (excluding the Chair)	240,732
Cost of Chair (see Note 3)	49,075
Total staff costs	289,807

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All lay employees are paid at or above the real living wage.

The lay employees provided services for safeguarding, administration, Human Resources, Mission and one was employed as a Community Chaplain.

Pensions

Most ordained presbyters and deacons are members of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (MMPS). This is a defined benefit scheme. The Supreme Court held in 2014 that Methodist ministers (which term includes presbyters and deacons) are not employees of the Church. For simplicity, however, when dealing with National Insurance Contributions and pension contributions, the terms 'employer' and 'employee' are used as they would be in an employing body.

Lay employees are contractually employees and are automatically enrolled in NEST if eligible.

7 Property Maintenance

	2023-24	2022-23
	£	£
Chair's manse	18,998	0
Total	18,998	0

8 Office expenses (General fund)

	2023-24	2022-23
	£	£
Printing, postage and stationery	1,935	995
Telephone	2,042	1,599
Bouverie Court	8,640	8,640
Office staff costs (excluding salaries)	3,465	3,583
Office Equipment	1,870	673
Total charged to General Fund	17,952	15,489
TMCP Charges	3,228	3,239
Overstone Office	1,222	160
Total	22,402	18,889

9 Synods, Committees, Conference

	2023-24	2022-23
	£	£
Synods	1,727	843
Committees	4,501	3026
Total	6,228	3,870

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10 Training

	2023-24	2022-23
	£	£
Further Ministerial Training	7,470	7,102
Education and Youth	0	1,146
Other Training	912	0
Total	8,382	8,248

11 Professional Fees

	£
Bank Fees	60
Independent Examination of Accounts	288
Total	348

12 Other outgoings

	£
Safeguarding Costs (excl. Salaries)	8,059
Ministers' meetings (including Superintendents, new ministers and District Retreat)	6,016
DME Expenses (see Note 3)	5,731
Co-Chairs	5,000
Ecumenical Subscriptions	8,661
MCF Assessment	18,016
Total from General Fund	51,483

13 Transfers between funds

The following transfers between funds were made during 2023-24.

	General Fund	Designated Funds	DAF
	£	£	£
District Mission Enabler	60,000		(60,000)
Ecumenical Subscriptions	8,661		(8,661)
To General Fund for MCF Assessment	18,016		(18,016)
To General Fund for Safeguarding Costs	47,500		(47,500)
FEAST		56,000	(56,000)
Overstone Chaplain		35,000	(35,000)
Digital Enabler		30,000	(30,000)
Education & Youth		8,750	(8,750)
Manse Repair Fund	12,998	-12,998	
Totals	147,175	116,752	(263,927)

14 Manse and other property

The District Chair's manse at 289 Billing Road East.

	Land	Buildings	Others	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation				
Balance brought forward at 1 September 2023	110,000	415,000	0	525,000
Balance carried forward at 31 August 2024	110,000	415,000	0	525,000

15 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

The funds that support the District Advance 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.

16 Central Finance Board (CFB) and Cash at Bank

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

17 Debtors and prepayments

Prepayments	2023-24	2022-23
	£	£
Chesford Grange – Supers' Conf. – October 2023	0	982
Launde Abbey – Probationers' Retreat – February 2024	0	2,530
Chairs' Retreat 2024	0	120
Benevolence Fund Payment	0	300
Ministerial Stipend (incl. Pension and NIC)	3,367	0
Total	3,367	3,932

18 Creditors and accrued expenses

Creditors	2023-24	2022-23
	£	£
Expenses reimbursement	3,118	980
Training Course Expenses	0	571
Printing	0	12
Deposits for Probationers' Retreat – February 2024	0	5,783
Leaving Collection – to be forwarded	0	100
Youth Event	665	0
Telephone Costs	113	0
Office Maintenance (IT Recycling)	93	0
Supervision Sessions	60	0
Total	4,049	7,447

19 Grant Commitments and the District Advance Fund

Where grants are payable in annual instalments, it is necessary for the grantee to provide a satisfactory report on the achievements of activities funded by previous instalments of the multi-year grant award before any further instalments are paid. These reports are reviewed at the July meeting of the Finance and Grants Committee and the commitments for the following financial year are confirmed at that meeting subject to the approval of the District Executive (DPC). It is the District's policy to recognise these committed grants as expenditure out of this fund and thus accrue the unpaid amounts at the year-end as liabilities. Payments for all subsequent years are included even though they remain subject to a satisfactory progress report.

20 Unrestricted Funds**20.1 General Fund – balance £552,445 on 31 August 2024**

The purpose of the fund is for use at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the District and which have not been designated for other purposes. £525,000 of this fund is held as freehold property (the manse for the Chair of District).

20.2 Designated Funds – balance £56,960 on 31 August 2024

These funds are to serve specific purposes but are not restricted by any document or deed to that purpose alone. These funds comprise:

- The Manse Fund – balance £17,919 (2023: £29,392) is available to meet the costs of maintenance and improvements in the accommodation at the District manse.
- The Training Fund – balance £7,207 (2023: £6,848).
- The Education and Youth Fund – balance £10,063 (2023: £2,124).
- *NPNP (FEAST) – balance £21,359 (2023: £26,457).
- *Overstone Chaplaincy – balance **-£3,862** (2023: **-£3,958**).
- *Digital Enabler – balance £4,274

*The funds for these projects are held in the General Fund account and not in separate bank accounts.

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21 Restricted Funds - balance £34,164 on 31 August 2024

- The Local Preachers' Fund – balance £12,888 (2023: £12,246)
- The Ministerial Training Fund – balance £5,231 (2023: £4,971)
- The Benevolence Fund – balance £834 (2023: £2,204)
- * Methodist Women in Britain – balance £668 (2023: £438)
- * Funds from the Connexion for MAPJ Grants £14,544 (2023: £14,604)

*The funds for these projects are held in the General Fund account and not in separate bank accounts.

22 Summary of movements on significant individual funds

Fund	Balance at 01.09.23 £	Income £	Expen- diture £	Trans- fers £	Gains/ Losses £	Balance at 31.08.24 £
General Fund	559,971	259,074	413,766	147,175		552,455
District Advance Fund	53,502	647,864	463,252	-263,927		-25,814
Manse (Designated)	29,392	1,526		-12,998		17,919
Training (Designated)	6,848	359				7,207
Education and Youth (Designated)	2,124	510	1,320	8,750		10,063
FEAST (NPNP) (Designated)	26,457		61,098	56,000		21,359
Overstone Chaplain (Designated)	-3,958		34,903	35,000		-3,862
Digital Enabler (Designated)	0	2,097	27,823	30,000		4,274
Total designated	60,863	4,491	125,145	-116,752		56,960
Local Preachers Fund (Restricted)	12,246	641				12,888
Ministerial Training Fund (Restricted)	4,971	260				5,231
Benevolence Fund (Restricted)	2,204	347	1,717			834
Methodist Women in Britain (Restricted)	438	374	145			668
MAPJ - Grants	14,604	15,390	15,450			14,544
Total restricted	34,464	17,013	17,312	0		34,164
Total Funds	708,799	1,058,192	1,149,226	0		617,766

23 Connected organisations and related parties

Connected organisations include the Methodist Connexion, other Methodist Districts in Great Britain, CFB and TMCP. All these entities have their own trustees or directors and autonomous administration such that this District has no significant influence over any of them, nor they over any District. Therefore, they are not considered related parties.

The related parties of the District are the nineteen Circuits, their Chapels and Manses, which are based in the counties of Buckinghamshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Oxfordshire together with parts of several adjoining Counties. They are contactable by the District web site www.northamptonmethodistdistrict.org.uk Funds are transferred from Circuits to the District on a quarterly basis.

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During the year, the following transactions took place with related parties (as defined by Financial Reporting Standard No 8). Expenses were reimbursed by the charity to Revd Canon Helen D. Cameron, Mr Matthew Forsyth and other trustees in respect of motor and travel expenses, postage, supplies and repairs and have been included in the figures set out above.

24 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 District that deal with mission, manses, finance, policy, grants, training, development. We are grateful to all of them for their help and commitment.

25 Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

There were no capital commitments or contingent liabilities at 31.08.24.

A C Lewis
District Treasurer
May 2025

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	District Advance Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023-24
		£	£	£	£		£
Income from							
1 Donations and legacies					250		250
2 Connexional Advance & Property Fund			397,292				397,292
3 Income from investments		5,337	73,966	2,394	999		82,696
Income from charitable activities							
4 Assessments on circuits	2	198,907					198,907
5 From Circuit Model Trust Funds			160,323				160,323
6 Contribution to the cost of the Chair	3	49,075					49,075
7 Other charitable activities							0
8 Income from other trading activities							0
9 Other income		5,755	16,284	2,097	15,764		39,900
Total income		259,074	647,864	4,491	17,013	0	928,442
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations	5	1,665	-254,629	1,320	15,450		-236,194
9a Grants and donations in 2024-25	5	7,750	221,872				229,622
9b Grants and donations after 2024-25	5		492,782				492,782
10 Salaries and associated costs	6	240,732		113,764			354,496
11 Cost of the Chair	3	60,227					60,227
12 Property Maintenance	7	18,998					18,998
13 Office expenses	8	17,952	3,228	1,222			22,402
14 Synods, committees, Conference	9	6,228					6,228
15 Training	10	8,382		2,000			10,382
16 Professional fees	11	348					348
17 Other outgoings	12	51,483		6,839	1,862		60,184
Total expenditure		413,766	463,252	125,145	17,312	0	1,019,475
Net income/(expenditure) before gains and losses on investments							
		-154,692	184,612	-120,654	-299	0	-91,033
18 Net gains/(losses) on investments							0
Net income/(expenditure)		-154,692	184,612	-120,654	-299	0	-91,033
19 Transfers between funds	13	147,175	-263,927	116,752			0
20 Other gains/(losses)							0
Net movement in funds		-7,516	-79,315	-3,902	-299	0	-91,033
Total funds brought forward							
		559,971	53,502	60,863	34,464	0	708,799
Total funds carried forward		552,455	-25,814	56,960	34,164	0	617,766

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

Notes to the Accounts		General Fund (Unrestricted)	District Advance Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets								
Tangible fixed assets	14	525,000					525,000	525,000
Investment properties							0	0
Investments							0	0
Total fixed assets		525,000	0	0	0	0	525,000	525,000
Current Assets								
Debtors	17			3,367			3,367	3,932
Loans by the District			405,000				405,000	0
Investments with TMCP			951,690				951,690	1,132,509
Central Finance Board Deposits	22	33,928		53,724	34,164		121,816	139,361
Cash at Bank and in hand		5,195					5,195	5,749
Total current assets		39,123	1,356,690	57,091	34,164	0	1,487,069	1,281,550
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	18	3,918		130			4,049	7,447
Grants payable in 2024-25	5	7,750	436,572				444,322	422,454
Total current liabilities		11,668	436,572	130	0	0	448,371	429,901
Net current assets/liabilities		27,455	920,118	56,960	34,164	0	1,038,698	851,649
Total assets less current liabilities		552,455	920,118	56,960	34,164	0	1,563,698	1,376,649
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2024-25			945,932				945,932	667,850
Loans to the District							0	0
							0	0
Net assets		552,455	-25,814	56,960	34,164	0	617,766	708,799
Funds of the District								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		552,455					552,455	559,971
District Advance Fund (Unrestricted)			-25,814				-25,814	53,502
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				56,960			56,960	60,863
Total Unrestricted Funds							583,602	674,336
Restricted Funds					34,164		34,164	34,464
Endowment Funds						0	0	0
Total Funds		552,455	-25,814	56,960	34,164	0	617,766	708,799

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

Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	District Advance Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds	Total 2022-23 £
Income from						
1 Donations and legacies				453		453
2 Connexional Advance & Property Fund		163,754				163,754
3 Income from investments	4,181	39,704	1,194	766		45,845
Income from charitable activities						
4 Assessments on circuits	148,963					148,963
5 From Circuit Model Trust Funds		157,729				157,729
6 Contribution to the cost of the Chair	50,128					50,128
7 Other charitable activities						0
8 Income from other trading activities						0
9 Other income	11,297		33,000	14,604		58,901
Total income	214,569	361,187	34,194	15,823	0	625,773
Expenditure						
9 Grants and donations		-193,431	1,810	1,500		-190,121
9a Grants and donations in 2023-24	11,297	240,407				251,704
9b Grants and donations after 2023-24		218,950				218,950
10 Salaries and associated costs	187,858		29,293			217,151
11 Cost of the Chair	55,734					55,734
12 Property Maintenance						0
13 Office expenses	15,489	3,239	160			18,889
14 Synods, committees, Conference	3,870					3,870
15 Training	8,248		920			9,168
16 Professional fees	348					348
17 Other outgoings	29,743	15,092	35,308			80,142
Total expenditure	312,586	284,257	67,491	1,500	0	665,834
Net income/(expenditure) before gains and losses on investments	-98,018	76,930	-33,297	14,323	0	-40,061
18 Net gains/(losses) on investments						0
Net income/(expenditure)	-98,018	76,930	-33,297	14,323	0	-40,061
19 Transfers between funds	63,472	-65,972	60,179	-57,679		0
20 Other gains/(losses)	3,000					3,000
Net movement in funds	-31,546	10,958	26,883	-43,356	0	-37,061
Total funds brought forward	591,517	42,544	33,980	77,819		745,860
Total funds carried forward	559,971	53,502	60,863	34,464	0	708,799

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the District and that they include all funds under the control of the District Policy Committee.

Signature of treasurer:



Date: 13th May 2025

Name and address of treasurer : Andrew Lewis,

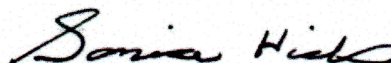
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Post Code: NN6 6LX

Presentation to the District Policy Committee

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the District Policy Committee held on 12th June 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting:



Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev'd. Dr. Sonia Hicks

Date: 12th June 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Northampton District

Charity Number 1130373

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Northampton District for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages ... to As the District's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the District's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Independent Examiner's Statement

[The District's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of (*insert name of applicable listed body*)]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

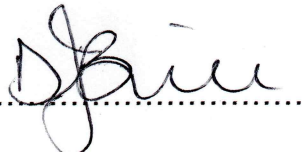
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination *Delete if not applicable ie all R&P accounts*
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts *Delete if not applicable ie all R&P accounts.*

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner



Name of independent examiner: D.J. Briscoe

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: ACMA

Name of firm: AIMS Accountants for Business

Address : 11 De Montfort Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire

Post Code : LE10 1LQ

Date 10. JUNE 2025

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