

**THE METHODIST CHURCH – CLEVELAND AND DANBY CIRCUIT**  
**Registered Charity – Registration number 1130868**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2023/24**

**Introduction**

The Cleveland and Danby Circuit was formed on 1 September 2005, by the amalgamation of the former Cleveland and Danby Circuits.

Each of the local Methodist Churches within the area bounded by Redcar, Guisborough, Glaisdale and Hinderwell (twelve churches in all) is affiliated to the Circuit. The Circuit is in turn affiliated to the Methodist Church of Great Britain, through its Darlington District.

In accordance with the Charities Act 2006 the Circuit became registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission from 30 July 2009, because its gross annual income is above £100k, the current registration threshold. Guisborough Church is registered independently with the Charity Commission. All other Churches are expected to be registered when a timetable is agreed with the Charity Commission. Currently individual Churches submit their accounts for overview by the Circuit Property and Finance Officer.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

The governing document for the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the 'Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church' (CPD) by order of the annual conference.

**Circuit Mission Statement**

In response to the grace of God made known to us in Jesus, we commit ourselves to growing in faith and growing in mission, rooted in prayer and worship.

**Mission Objectives**

To deepen our roots in prayer and worship...

We will resource Sunday and midweek worship across the Circuit led by preachers, worship leaders and through monthly local arrangements. We will gather for Circuit services weekly online and quarterly on site. We will encourage a variety of styles and traditions, including participative 'Café' worship.

We will undergird all that we do with prayer, circulate a Prayer Bulletin each month and develop a regular Circuit Prayer Meeting.

To grow in faith...

We have committed to a four-year programme focusing on each of the twelve dimensions of the Methodist Way of Life in turn, led by a Circuit MWoL Enabler.

We will support and encourage churches to hold regular house groups, prayer meetings and bible studies.

To grow in mission...

We have committed to resource and support our New Place for New People project at Loftus through a period of transition towards becoming Hope Church, East Cleveland.

We will seek to learn from the Hope Ministry Team and look for ways and places to do mission, with particular regard to youth and children's work and to church at the margins.

We will support churches who are seeking to make best use of their buildings for the purposes of mission.

We will encourage all churches to prepare and regularly review mission action plans as a necessary part of any application for Circuit support for assessments or property work.

We will resource ministry and mission in the Southern section through an active Supernumerary Minister or Lay Pastor.

We will explore how the practice of pilgrimage and open church can be part of the mission of our Churches in the Esk Valley.

We will bring together a Circuit task group to help us to take action on Climate and Poverty.

We will provide training and develop a culture which makes our Churches safer and more inclusive.

We will actively look for what we can do better together than apart, as clusters of churches and with churches of other denominations, continuing to partner in organisations including Footprints in to Community (Redcar and Cleveland) and The Bridge (Guisborough).

All of this, we will support with:

Good communication - actively looking for ways to share learning, good practice, events and inspiring stories across the Circuit through the Circuit Plan Magazine, Circuit e-bulletin and Circuit Facebook page. As a key tool for this, we will maintain an up-to-date Circuit Directory and Circuit mailing list ensuring we are abiding by good data protection practice.

Good team working - with Staff and Circuit Leadership Teams which are a mix of lay and ordained, stipendiary and voluntary, and which enable Supernumerary Ministers to make a vital contribution.

Good organisation and governance - through employing a Circuit Property and Finance Officer and a Circuit Administrator, and through appointing and supporting a range of key volunteer roles, including Circuit Stewards, Tutor, Secretary of the Preachers and Worship Leaders' meeting, Safeguarding Officer, MWoL Enabler and Climate/Poverty task group Co-Convenors.

### **Achievements during the Year**

- Circuit Directory, regular e-bulletin and Methodist Way of Life bulletin and social media posts, in addition to quarterly Plan Magazine;
- Four Circuit Services and a new monthly Circuit Prayer Meeting;
- A Labyrinth at Skelton;
- Circuit presence at Cleveland Pride Festival in Saltburn, with most of the Circuit's churches now registered for same-sex weddings;
- Hosting two General Election Hustings, in Redcar and Guisborough;
- Engaging with the Connexional 'Walking with Micah' justice-seeking church programme, and showing solidarity with Christians in Gaza/West Bank through Advent;
- New Warm Spaces in our churches, as well as sustaining Food Banks/Groceries;
- Securing New Places for New People funding and status for work in Loftus, and appointing a Pioneer Pastor to lead Hope Church, East Cleveland;

- A residential Youth Weekend for fifteen young people from the church;
- Building a stronger Safeguarding culture, and making progress with DBS checking, training and recruitment;
- Bible studies, prayer groups and mission conversations;
- Supporting New Marske in joining with Zetland Park as one Church on two sites;
- Supporting Saltburn, Hinderwell, Guisborough, Glaisdale Head and Danby with changes to their buildings for the purposes of mission;
- Preparing and submitting a Profile for a Minister of another Church or Conference, to replace Rev Kevin Highfield who will leave August 2025.

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Property and Finance Officer works on behalf of The Trustees and is accountable to them. They work for and advise The Trustees to assist them in meeting the obligations and requirements upon them as Trustees. The Property and Finance Officer handles the day-to-day management of the finances of the Circuit, oversees its accounting and prepares its budgets and forecasts for the Trustees. The role also involves management and maintenance of the Circuits properties on behalf of The Trustees.

The Trustees are responsible for production of the Trustee' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. 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 ongoing operations of the charity unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts Reports) Regulations 2008 and trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees have taken due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

### **Risk Management**

The Trustees have reviewed the principal risks affecting the operations at the March 2020 Circuit meeting, and have concluded that there are effective measures in place to mitigate those risks. There have been no changes in operational procedures since then.

Policy and procedures in relation to the following are detailed within the Methodist Organisations 'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church Volume 2':

- Internal financial controls
- Serious incident reporting
- Internal Risk Management
- Trustee expenses

## Financial Results

1. The attached financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities Preparing Their Accounts in Accordance With the Financial Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)' issued in October 2019, and the latest model circuit accounts prepared by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes. In particular, they have been prepared on the accruals basis.
2. In following the latest model circuit accounts, a single statement of financial activities and a single balance sheet have been prepared, covering all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting, including the Model Trust Fund.
3. The balance sheet shows total funds at 31 August 2024 were £1,574,663 which were allocated between fund categories as follows:

31.8.24		31.8.23
£		£
49,460	Unrestricted Funds	52,693
Nil	Endowments	Nil
38,181	Restricted Funds	22,734
1,200,000	Manses at Valuation	1,230,000
Nil	Designated Funds	8,455
287,022	Model Trust Fund	116,809
	Other	
<b>1,574,633</b>		<b>1,430,691</b>

4. The balance sheet change for the year on unrestricted funds was a decrease of £3,233.
5. The Model Trust Fund is a restricted fund, which may only be used for purposes defined by Methodist Church Standing Orders. The Model Trust Fund showed a significant increase upon the year before. This was due to income from the sale of Skinningrove Church and sale of part of Saltburn Church. The proceeds of the sale of Skinningrove Church have been identified for use in a 5 year budget plan for the 5 year Pioneer phase of Hope Church. This has also helped draw in grant funding restricted for the same use, which in has contributed to an increase in Restricted Funds during the year. The proceeds of the sale of part of Saltburn Church are being held in the Model Trust Fund and will be made available to Saltburn Church as their refurbishment of the remaining part of their building progresses.

## Post Balance Sheet Event

There are no post balance sheet events

## **Reserves Policy**

The reserves policy relates to all the funds for which the Circuit Meeting is responsible as trustees of the charity.

The aim of this policy is twofold:

- To secure and sustain the Circuit's viability and future;
- To give reassurance to the affiliated churches and their members, and to the public, that the Circuit intends to use all of the money coming into its care for the purposes of the charity.

## **Circuit Unrestricted General Fund**

Under the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church, the Circuit is required to meet its financial obligations for the support of its ministers, the maintenance of its manses, and its contributions to the District and the Connexion. The total cost of these in the last financial year was £166,230.

The Unrestricted General Fund also covers financial obligations due from the employment of a Lay Pastor, Circuit Administrator and Property and Finance Officer, along with other general Circuit expenditure

The reserves policy for the Unrestricted General Fund was reviewed at the Circuit Meeting and increased from £40,000 to £55,000. This figure roughly equates to a quarter of annual expenditure out of the Unrestricted General Fund.

## **Model Trust Fund**

This fund derives primarily from the sale of chapels and manses, and the Methodist Conference controls its use under "The Constitutional Practice & Discipline of the Methodist Church", mainly SO 915, 916 & 917. This restriction is an internal regulation, which permits the fund to be used for a variety of purposes as approved by the Circuit meeting.

After deduction of sale costs and Methodist Church levies the following net proceeds of sale entered the Model Trust Fund from sale of property during the year:

Sale of Skinningrove Church £72,994

Sale of part of Saltburn Church £132,385

The funds held in the Model Trust Fund (including those realised from property sales) have been earmarked by the trustees as follows:

- For general Circuit purposes, including maintenance of manses, under Standing Order 917;
- Grants to affiliated churches for future property schemes;
- Support on assessments for those Churches struggling to achieve their full assessment;
- Ongoing support for the East Cleveland project (now known as Hope Church), including employment of its lay workers. The proceeds from the sale of Skinningrove Church have been earmarked to contribute to a 5 year budget plan for Hope Church;
- The proceeds from the sale of part of Saltburn Church will be held in the Model Trust Fund and made available back to Saltburn Church as refurbishment of their remaining part of the building progresses;

Proposals to release funds from the Model Trust Fund are considered by the Circuit Meeting as and when required.

Projects are submitted by the Circuit's churches for property schemes using an online system after the Circuit Meeting has approved to release grants from the Model Trust fund.

### Other Restricted Funds

All restricted funds are utilised only for the purposes specified by the donors.

The principal funds held in Restricted Funds at the year-end September 2023 to August 2024 were:

- Circuit Layworker's Fund (end of year balance £2,419) to fund the East Cleveland Community Outreach project (now known as Hope Church).
- Pioneer Fund (end of year balance £24,000) – grant funding that has come in from District and Connexion to fund the 5 year Pioneer phase of Hope Church.
- New Places For New People Fund (end of year balance £1,540) to fund the East Cleveland Community Outreach project (now known as Hope Church).
- Education & Youth Fund (end of year balance £708) – To support education and youth activities
- Benevolent Fund (end of year balance £250) – Support for the needy, including refugees and asylum seekers.
- Mission and Discipleship Fund (end of year balance £9,013) – To support mission and discipleship.
- Home and Overseas Missions (end of year balance £251) – Donations collected for submission to Connexion for these funds.

### Endowment Funds

All the Circuits Endowments are closed and the monies realised for Circuit use.

### Designated Funds

Designated funds can only be used for the purpose to which they were designated. The only designated fund in the year September 2022 to August 2023 was:

- Circuit and District Mission Fund (end of year balance £8455) – To support mission within the Circuit.

During 2023/2024 the Circuit Meeting decided that the purpose of this fund was the same as the Restricted 'Mission and Discipleship Fund'. The Circuit Meeting voted to close the Designated 'Circuit and District Mission Fund' and transfer its funds of £8,455 into the Restricted 'Mission and Discipleship fund'.

There are currently now no Circuit Designated Funds.

Approved by the Trustees at a Circuit Meeting on 17 Jun 25, and signed on their behalf by



17 Jun 25

Rev Kevin Highfield, Acting Circuit Superintendent Minister

## **Legal and Administrative Particulars**

### **Trustees of the Circuit (Members of the Circuit Meeting) September 2022 – August 2023**

The Trustees of the Circuit, who are listed below, met regularly (four times in the year) in the Circuit Meeting. This was the ultimate decision-making body of the Circuit, operating under the terms of Methodist Standing Orders.

This list is not always representative of the Trustees of the Circuit in the following year. To see current Trustees for the year 2024 to 2025 it will be necessary to look on the relevant part of the Charity Commission website.

#### **Circuit Ministers:**

Rev. Richard Sharples (Superintendent Minister)  
Rev. Kevin Highfield

#### **Circuit Lay Pastors:**

Mr Paul Wells

#### **Circuit Stewards:**

Ms Sandie Dixon  
Mr. John Harrison (also Synod Rep)  
Mrs Liz Chadwick  
Rev. Isabel Stuart

#### **None Voting Circuit Officers:**

Mrs Yvonne Holden – Circuit Administrator  
Mr Martin McLachlan – Circuit Property and Finance Officer

#### **Church Representatives:**

Brotton	Mr. David Williams – Treasurer Mrs. Pam Chester – Church Representative Mr. Phil Darby – Steward
Danby	Mrs. Sheila Jones - Steward Mrs. Mary Smith – Church Representative Mr. Steve Jones – Church Treasurer
Glaisdale Head	Mrs. Ena Harker – Steward
Guisborough	Rev. Isabel Stuart – Steward
Hinderwell	Mrs. Ann Southgate – Steward Mr. Tim Husbands – Treasurer
Lealholm	Mrs. Molly Thwaites– Treasurer Mr. John Harrison – Church Representative Mr. Laurie Pearson – Steward
Marske	Mrs. Christine Clayton - Steward Mr. Stephen Pearson – Treasurer Mrs. Gillian Pearson – Church Representative
Newcomen	Mrs. Judith Hathaway – Steward Mrs. Mavis Sands – Treasurer Mrs. Rosemary Taylor – Church Representative
New Marske	Mrs. Barbara Tansley - Steward Mrs. Janet Coles - Treasurer Mrs. Beryl Hurren – Church Representative

Saltburn	Mr. Alan Richmond - Steward Mr. Geoffrey Callaghan – Treasurer Mrs. Cynthia Callaghan – Church Representative
Skelton	Mrs. Gina McMahon - Steward Mrs. Denise Burden – Church Representative Mr. Robert Shawcross – Treasurer
Westerdale	No representatives
Zetland Park	Ms. Sarah Dixon – Steward Mrs. Ann Woodhouse – Church Representative Mr. John Sims – Treasurer

**Supernumerary Ministers:**

Rev. Keith Martin  
Rev. Isabel Stuart (also Circuit Steward)  
Rev. Trevor Haigh (District Ecumenical Officer)  
Rev. Bill Middlemiss  
Rev Betty Bell

**Other Members:**

Mrs Sheila Crossman MHA Representative  
Mr Jason Griffiths – Safeguarding Officer  
Mr Brian Stephenson – Connexional Funds Treasurer  
Mrs Emma Dacey – East Cleveland Lay Worker  
Mrs Pamela Stenson – LP/WL Secretary

**Superintendent Minister:**

Rev Richard Sharples, 60 Windermere Drive, Skelton, TS12 2WT

**Independent Examiners:**

Graham Fitzgerald, Azets Audit Services, Wynyard Park House, Wynyard Avenue, Wynyard, TS22 5TB

**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

**Accountants**

Draycott and Kirk, 82 Westgate, Guisborough, TS14 6AP

**Solicitors:**

Sintons, The Cube, Barrack Road, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE4 6DB

**Property Advisors:**

Bell Snoxell Building Consultants Ltd, Mortar Pit Farm, Sneatonthorpe, Whitby.  
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**Charity Registration No. 1130868**

**The Methodist Church - Cleveland and Danby Circuit**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For Year Ending 31 August 2024

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THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS  
ACCRUALS BASIS

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 AUGUST 2024

Darlington	District	Circuit no	..13/07
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Registered Charity number

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Ministers:

Rev R V Sharples (Superintendent)
Rev K Highfield

Circuit Stewards:

Mrs A Anderson
Mrs S E Chadwick
Ms S Dixon
Mr J Harrison
Rev I Stuart

Treasurer:

Mr M McLachlan & Mr R Kirk
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## Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	2023/24 Unrestricted Funds			2023/24 Restricted & Endowment Funds		Total 2023-24
		General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>							
Donations and legacies		600					600
Income from monetary investments	5	2,537	10,958				13,495
Income from investment property	6	9,600					9,600
Assessments on Churches	7	199,768					199,768
Grants	8				34,000		34,000
<b>Total from charitable activities</b>		<b>212,505</b>	<b>10,958</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>257,463</b>
Other charitable income	9	1,345	266,884				268,229
<b>Total from Charitable Income</b>		<b>213,850</b>	<b>277,842</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>525,692</b>
Other income	10	15,159			3,841		19,000
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<b>229,009</b>	<b>277,842</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37,841</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>544,692</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
Grants and donations	11		42,477		3,770		46,247
Salaries and associated costs	12	142,968			22,868		165,836
Property	13	39,914			3,412		43,326
Office expenses	14	5,089					5,089
District Assessment & Levy	15	42,760	64,821				107,581
Other Outgoings	16	1,511	331	0	799		2,641
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>232,242</b>	<b>107,629</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30,849</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>370,720</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before Investments</b>		<b>(3,233)</b>	<b>170,213</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,992</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>173,972</b>
Gains/(losses) on revaluation/sale of properties	17	(30,000)					(30,000)
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>		<b>(33,233)</b>	<b>170,213</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,992</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>143,972</b>
Transfers between funds				(8,455)	8,455		0
Other gains/(losses)							
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(33,233)</b>	<b>170,213</b>	<b>(8,455)</b>	<b>15,447</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>143,972</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Total funds brought forward		1,282,693	116,809	8,455	22,734	0	1,430,691
Less: Future installments of grants							
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>1,249,460</b>	<b>287,022</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,181</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,574,663</b>

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## Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2024 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>							
Circuit Manses & Equipment	18	870,000					870,000
Investment properties	18	330,000					330,000
Investments							0
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>							
Debtors	19	13,765	1,266				15,031
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	20		295,756				295,756
Central Finance Board Deposits	21	51,736					51,736
Cash at Bank and in hand	21	5,565	0	0	38,181		43,746
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>71,066</b>	<b>297,022</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,181</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>406,269</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	22	21,606	10,000	0	0	0	31,606
Grants payable within 2023-24							0
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>21,606</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31,606</b>
<b>Net current assets/liabilities</b>		<b>49,460</b>	<b>287,022</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,181</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>374,663</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>1,249,460</b>	<b>287,022</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,181</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,574,663</b>
<b>Long term liabilities</b>							
(due after more than one year)							0
Grants payable after 2023-24							0
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>1,249,460</b>	<b>287,022</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,181</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,574,663</b>
<b>Funds of the Circuit</b>							
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,249,460					1,249,460
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			287,022				287,022
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	23			0			0
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>							<b>1,536,482</b>
Restricted Funds	24				38,181		38,181
Endowment Funds						0	0
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>1,249,460</b>	<b>287,022</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,181</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,574,663</b>

Signed

*Martin Meehan*

Circuit Treasurer

**Cleveland and Danby Circuit****..13/07****Statement of cash flows for the year to 31 August 2024**

	2023/24	2022/23
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Net income/(expenditure)	(133,857)	(74,290)
Adjustments for:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(4,598)	(109)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(10,899)	20,502
<b>Total cash from operating activities</b>	<b>(149,354)</b>	<b>(53,897)</b>
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Receipts from sale of property, plant and equipment	268,229	0
Income from investment property	9,600	5,729
Loss on revaluation of property	30,000	0
<b>Total cash from investing activities</b>	<b>307,829</b>	<b>5,729</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>158,475</b>	<b>(48,168)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	232,763	280,931
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>391,238</b>	<b>232,763</b>

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

	Notes to the accounts	2022/23 Unrestricted Funds			2022/23 Restricted & Endowment Funds		Total 2022-23
		General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>							
Donations and legacies		1,817					1,817
Income from monetary investments	5	1,692	5,470				7,162
Income from investment property	6	5,729					5,729
Assessments on Churches	7	173,924					173,924
Grants	8				10,000		10,000
<b>Total from charitable activities</b>		<b>183,162</b>	<b>5,470</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>198,632</b>
Other charitable income	9						0
<b>Total from Charitable income</b>		<b>183,162</b>	<b>5,470</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>198,632</b>
Other income	10	21,072			3,113		24,185
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<b>204,234</b>	<b>5,470</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,113</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>222,817</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
Grants and donations	11	351	1,500		2,963		4,814
Salaries and associated costs	12	158,020			21,094		179,114
Property	13	43,257	7,171				50,428
Office expenses	14	5,575					5,575
District Assessment & Levy	15	42,760	6,280				49,040
Other Outgoings	16	1,307	500	600	0		2,407
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>251,270</b>	<b>15,451</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>24,057</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>291,378</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investments</b>		<b>(47,036)</b>	<b>(9,981)</b>	<b>(600)</b>	<b>(10,944)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(68,561)</b>
Gains/(losses) on revaluation/sale of properties	17	32,000					32,000
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>		<b>(15,036)</b>	<b>(9,981)</b>	<b>(600)</b>	<b>(10,944)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(36,561)</b>
Transfers between funds		49,000	(49,000)				0
Other gains/(losses)							0
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>33,964</b>	<b>(58,981)</b>	<b>(600)</b>	<b>(10,944)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(36,561)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Total funds brought forward		1,248,729	175,790	9,055	33,678	0	1,467,252
Less: Future installments of grants							
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>1,282,693</b>	<b>116,809</b>	<b>8,455</b>	<b>22,734</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,430,691</b>

Cleveland and Danby Circuit

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>							
Circuit Manses & Equipment	18	1,230,000					1,230,000
Investment properties	18	0					0
Investments							0
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>1,230,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,230,000</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>							
Debtors	19	9,944	489				10,433
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	20		116,320				116,320
Central Finance Board Deposits	21	72,916					72,916
Cash at Bank and in hand	21	338	0	8,455	34,734		43,527
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>83,198</b>	<b>116,809</b>	<b>8,455</b>	<b>34,734</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>243,196</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	22	30,505	0	0	12,000	0	42,505
Grants payable within 2022-23							0
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>30,505</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42,505</b>
<b>Net current assets/liabilities</b>		<b>52,693</b>	<b>116,809</b>	<b>8,455</b>	<b>22,734</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>200,691</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>1,282,693</b>	<b>116,809</b>	<b>8,455</b>	<b>22,734</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,430,691</b>
<b>Long term liabilities</b>							
(due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2022-23							0
							0
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>1,282,693</b>	<b>116,809</b>	<b>8,455</b>	<b>22,734</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,430,691</b>
<b>Funds of the Circuit</b>							
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,282,693					1,282,693
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			116,809				116,809
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	23			8,455			8,455
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>							<b>1,407,957</b>
Restricted Funds	24				22,734		22,734
Endowment Funds						0	0
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>1,282,693</b>	<b>116,809</b>	<b>8,455</b>	<b>22,734</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,430,691</b>

Signed

*Martin M. Yachlen*

Circuit Treasurer

# Cleveland and Danby Circuit

## Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31 August 2024

### 1 Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charities governing document 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 (FRS 102) (published in October 2019)". The charity is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

### 2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. 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 Accounting policies

#### Income Recognition

Income is included in the statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) of 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.

#### 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 original 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 2024 deemed values. 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 - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the Charity. Investment properties for which fair value can be measured reliably are measured at fair value at each reporting date with changes in fair value recognised in the SOFA.

#### Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at the market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and 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.

#### Creditors and Accruals

Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the 1st quarter assessment received in August.

### 4 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and the other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

The estimates and associated assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision only effects that period, or in the period of revision and future periods where the provision effects both current and future periods.



## Cleveland and Danby Circuit

Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31 August 2024

### Income and Expenditure Notes:

#### 5 Income from Monetary Investments

Interest	General Fund		CMT	
	2023/24	2022/23	2023/24	2022/23
Interest CAF/CFB/TMCP	2,537	1,692	10,958	5,470

#### 6 Income from Investment Property

The trustees have determined that the Windermere Drive property listed below will no longer be retained as a rental property. The manse is now occupied by the Minister in Skelton section of Circuit.

Letting Income	General Fund	
	2023/24	2022/23
60 Windermere Drive	0	5,729
10 Bracken Crescent	9,600	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,600</b>	<b>5,729</b>

#### 7 Assessments on Churches

The Circuit comprises of 12 churches, each is assessed for a contribution to meet overall net costs of the Circuit.

In making its assessment, budgeted income from investment income (including property letting) and confirmed external grants is taken into account.

The assessment requires an annual contribution from the Circuit Model Trust Fund. An assessment on churches is annually determined by the Circuit using a formulaic method which takes into account the October number of members in each church and the annual average number weekly attending each church. Assessments are paid monthly in advance and are treated as prepayments on a receivable basis. If any church has not paid its assessment by the due date the sum in question is also treated as a creditor.

Church	General Fund	
	2023/24	2022/23
Guisborough	57,525	54,324
Zetland Park	22,473	20,064
Newcomen	19,350	16,940
Marske	28,525	24,624
New Marske	6,173	5,304
Salburn	12,000	12,993
Skelton	9,926	8,400
Brotton	4,700	3,600
Skinningrove	0	1,400
Hinderwell	11,570	3,780
Danby	14,000	11,595
Lealholm	8,400	8,400
Glaidsdale Head	5,126	2,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>199,768</b>	<b>173,924</b>

#### 8 Grants Receivable

Grants	Restricted	Restricted
	2023/24	2022/23
TMCP		10,000
Ballanger Trust Hope	10,000	
Pioneer Fund	24,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>

## Cleveland and Danby Circuit

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Income and Expenditure Notes:

### 9 Other charitable income

	General	CMT	General	CMT
	2023/24	2023/24	2022/23	2022/23
Sale of Saltburn Church		180,641		
Sale of Skinningrove Church		86,243		
Sale of items from Skinningrove Church	1,345			
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,345</b>	<b>266,884</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### 10 Other charitable activities

	General	Restricted	General	Restricted
	2023/24	2023/24	2022/23	2022/23
C&D Churches donations - Property		230		240
C&D Churches donations-Aux FSPD		230		255
C&D Churches donations- LWPT		55		130
C&D Churches donations - MMHS		180		80
C&D Churches donations - MRDF				
C&D Churches donations - MIBF				70
C&D Churches donations - MHA		724		96
MWIB		1,215		1,707
Home Missions		554		173
Overseas Missions		653		362
Westerdale			4,876	
Brotton repayment of roof repairs			16,196	
Hinderwell repayment of roof repairs	4,795			
Saltburn repayment of sale fees	10,364			
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,159</b>	<b>3,841</b>	<b>21,072</b>	<b>3,113</b>

### 11 Grants and Donations to Churches

	General	CMFT	General	CMFT
	2023/24	2023/24	2022/23	2022/23
Gleisdale		12,477		
New Marske				1,500
Danby		10,000		
Saltburn		20,000		
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42,477</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,500</b>

	General	Restricted	General	Restricted
	2023/24	2023/24	2022/23	2022/23
Donations				
C&D Churches donations - Property		230		240
C&D Churches donations-Aux FSPD		230		255
C&D Churches donations- LWPT		55		130
C&D Churches donations - MMHS		180		80
C&D Churches donations - MRDF				
C&D Churches donations - MIBF				70
C&D Churches donations - MHA		724		96
MWIB		1,395		1,557
Home Missions		459		173
Overseas Missions		497		362
ME Assoc			351	
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,770</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>2,963</b>



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### Income and Expenditure Notes:

#### 13 Property

2023/24 General Fund								
Manses	Council Tax	Water Usage	Maintenance	Quin Insp	Other Prof Fees	Other Services	Insurance	Total
10 Bracken Cr	715	41	10,562		1,128	226	627	13,299
25 Cartmel Rd	1,771	261	467		483	40	416	3,438
60 Windermere Dr	3,001	456	671			60	915	5,103
1 Bridge Green	2,702	687	827		1,160	797	1,312	7,485
Equipment							229	229
Yr End Adj							(104)	(104)
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,189</b>	<b>1,445</b>	<b>12,527</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,771</b>	<b>1,123</b>	<b>3,395</b>	<b>29,450</b>

2022/23 General Fund								
Manses	Council Tax	Water Usage	Maintenance	Quin Insp	Other Prof Fees	Other Services	Insurance	Total
10 Bracken Cr	2,635	389	497		295	37	729	4,582
25 Cartmel Rd	1,895	208	351				382	2,836
60 Windermere Dr	778	63	3,097		396	138	824	5,296
1 Bridge Green	2,598	637	108		240		773	4,356
Equipment							147	147
Yr End Adj							(7)	(7)
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,906</b>	<b>1,297</b>	<b>4,053</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>2,848</b>	<b>17,210</b>

#### Other Church Property

2023/24 General Fund								Restricted
Other Property	Prof fees	Gas & Elec	Insurance	Maintenance	Quin Insp	Total		Council tax
Salisbury Church	424					424		
Skinnergrove Church	410	825	2155	918		4,308		
Skelton Church					540	540		
Hinderwell Church	397			4,795		5,192		
Hope 4 East Cleveland						0		3,412
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>2,155</b>	<b>5,713</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>10,464</b>		<b>3,412</b>

2022/23 General Fund								CMFT
Other Property	Prof fees	Gas & Elec	Insurance	Maintenance	Quin Insp	Total		Maintenance
Salisbury Church	4,541					4,541		
Skinnergrove Church		67			474	541		
Zetland Park Church					510	510		
Broton Church				16,195	540	16,735		7171
Leaholm Church					480	480		
Guisborough Church					720	720		
All churches	1,920					1,920		
Hope 4 East Cleveland	600					600		
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,061</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,195</b>	<b>2,724</b>	<b>26,047</b>		<b>7,171</b>

Total Property 2023/24 - Restricted

3,412

Total Property 2022/23 - CMFT

7,171

Total Property 2023/24 - General Fund

39,914

Total Property 2022/23 - General Fund

43,257

## Cleveland and Danby Circuit

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### Income and Expenditure Notes:

#### 14 Office Expenses

	General Fund	
	2023/24	2022/23
Circuit plan	66	58
Admin post/print/stat	203	88
Admin computer software	531	1145
Audit fee	2,424	2,238
Accountancy Fee	1,800	1,980
Admin monthly bank charges	65	66
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,089</b>	<b>5,575</b>

#### 15 District Assessments & Levy

	2023/24		
	General	CMTF	Total
Connex Assessment	39,681		39,681
District Assessment	3,079		3,079
Levy on CMTF		3,316	3,316
CPF Levy- sale Saltburn Church		48,256	48,256
CPF Levy- sale Skinningrove Church		13,249	13,249
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,760</b>	<b>64,821</b>	<b>107,581</b>

	2022/23		
	General	CMTF	Total
	38,740		38,740
	4,020		4,020
		6,280	6,280
			0
			0
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,760</b>	<b>6,280</b>	<b>49,040</b>

#### 16 Other Outgoings

	2023/24				
	General Fund	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total
TMCP management Ch		331			331
Local Preacher Exps	505				505
Other Circuit Exps	1,006				1,006
C&D Mission Fund					0
Mission & Discipleship				751	751
Hope4east Cleveland expenses				48	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,511</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>2,641</b>

	2022/23				
	General Fund	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total
TMCP management Ch		500			500
Local Preacher Exps	280				280
Other Circuit Exps	1,027				1,027
C&D Mission Fund			600		600
Mission & Discipleship					0
Hope4east Cleveland expenses					0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,307</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,407</b>

## Cleveland and Danby Circuit

Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31 August 2024

### Income and Expenditure Notes:

#### 17 Valuation of Property

2023/24					
	General Fund	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total
10 Bracken Crescent					0
25 Cartmel Road	15,000				15,000
60 Windermere Drive	(15,000)				(15,000)
1 Bridge Green	(30,000)				(30,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(30,000)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(30,000)</b>

2022/23					
	General Fund	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total
10 Bracken Crescent	32,000				32,000
25 Cartmel Road					0
60 Windermere Drive					0
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,000</b>

## Cleveland and Danby Circuit

Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31 August 2024

### Income and Expenditure Notes:

#### 18 Fixed Assets - Circuit Manses @ Cost or valuation

2023/24							
Manse	Property	Land	Buildings	Machinery	fittings and	Construction	Total
25 Cartmel Rd			225,000				225,000
1 Bridge Green			345,000				345,000
10 Bracken Cres	330,000						330,000
60 Windermere Dr			300,000				300,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>330,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>870,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>

2022/23							
Manse	Property	Land	Buildings	Machinery	fittings and	Construction	Total
25 Cartmel Rd			210,000				210,000
1 Bridge Green			375,000				375,000
10 Bracken Cres			330,000				330,000
60 Windermere Dr			315,000				315,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,230,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,230,000</b>

Valuation of 1 Bridge Green manse based on post year end sale of the manse.

Valuation of Bracken Cr manse based on Bell-Snoxell valuation @2023

Valuation of Cartmel Rd and Windermere Dr manses based on Bell-Snoxell valuation @2024

The Trustees believe that there has not been any other material change in the manses values up to 31st August 2024.

During the year there was a change of use for 10 Bracken Crescent, which is now an investment property and is being let out.

#### 19 Current Assets - Debtors

2023/24					
	General Fund	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total
Stipends Prepaid	7,002				7,002
Other pre-payments	596				596
Assessmnets due	6,167				6,167
CMTF interest due		1266			1,266
Pledged donations					0
Other Debtor - Brotton Roof reps					0
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,765</b>	<b>1,266</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,031</b>

2022/23					
	General Fund	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total
Stipends Prepaid	6,876				6,876
Other pre-payments	758				758
CMTF interest due		489			489
Pledged donations	80				80
Other Debtor - Brotton Roof reps	2,230				2,230
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,944</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,433</b>

## Cleveland and Danby Circuit

Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31 August 2024

### Balance Sheet Notes:

#### 20 Current Assets - TMCP

	2023/24	2022/23
CMTF 10895	295,756	116,320

#### 21 Current Assets - Central Finance Board (CFB) and Bank/Cash Balances

2023/24					
	Fund	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total
CFB	51,736				51,736
CAF bank	5,535		0	37,930	43,465
Cash in hand	30				30
WM & HM Cash in hand				251	251
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,565</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,181</b>	<b>43,746</b>

2022/23					
	Fund	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total
CFB	72,916				72,916
CAF bank	338		8,455	34,704	43,497
MWIB Cash in hand				30	30
WM & HM Cash in hand				0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,455</b>	<b>34,734</b>	<b>43,527</b>

#### 22 Current Liabilities

2023/24					
	Fund	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total
Assessments in Advance	15,783				15,783
Grants in advance					0
Ministers & Staff exps	642				642
Sundry Creditors	896				896
Accountancy provision	1,800				1,800
Independent exam fee provision	2,310				2,310
Manse Utilities & Rates	175				175
Grant to Danby Church Window repairs		10,000			10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,606</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31,606</b>

2022/23					
	Fund	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total
Assessments in Advance	13,639				13,639
Grants in advance				12,000	12,000
Insurance	73				73
Ministers & Staff exps	1,255				1,255
Sundry Creditors	226				226
Accountancy provision	1,800				1,800
Independent exam fee provision	2,196				2,196
Manse Utilities	37				37
Skinningrove Church utilities	67				67
Brotton Church roof repairs	11,212				11,212
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,505</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>42,505</b>



## Cleveland and Danby Circuit

### Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31 August 2024

#### 23 Designated Fund Analysis

	C&D Mission Fund	Total
B/fwd from 2022/23	8,455	8,455
Donated 2023/24		0
Transfer to Mission & Discipleship	(8,455)	(8,455)
Expenditure 2023/24		0
C/fwd	0	0

Included in the CMTF is the sale and refurbishment Fund for Saltburn Church

	CMTF	Total
B/fwd from 2022/23	0	0
Sale proceeds	180,641	180,641
CPF Levy	(48,256)	(48,256)
Transfer to Saltburn Church	(20,000)	(20,000)
Interest received on balance	3,354	3,354
C/fwd	115,739	115,739

#### 24 Restricted Funds Analysis

	Home & overseas Missions	Education Fund	Lay worker Fund	Benvolent Fund	Pioneer Fund	MwIB	C&D Church Donations	Mission & Discipleship	Darlington NPFP Fund	Total
B/fwd from 2022/23	0	708	15,287	250	0	180	0	1,309	5,000	22,734
Donations received 2023/24	1,207					1,215	695			3,117
Grants received 2023/24			10,000		24,000				2,000	36,000
Transfer from C&D Mission Fund								8,455		8,455
Transfer from TMCP										0
Expenditure 2023/24			(22,868)					(751)	(3,460)	(27,079)
Grants Trans 2023/24									(2,000)	(2,000)
Donations Trans 2023/24	(956)					(1,395)	(695)			(3,046)
C/fwd	251	708	2,419	250	24,000	0	0	9,013	1,540	38,181

## Cleveland and Danby Circuit

### Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31 August 2024

#### 25 Payments to Trustees

##### Payments to Trustees

Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting

2023/24	2022/23
£ Nil	£ Nil

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

12	8
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Nature of the expenses

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel, postage, training, stationery costs & minor manse maintenance.

Total amount paid

£ 9,856	£ 8,848
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#### 26 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts

£

Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor

£

2023/24	2022/23
2,424	2,238
1,800	1980

#### 27 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were :

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind

Employer's National Insurance Costs

Pension Costs

Total staff costs

£

£

£

£

2023/24	2022/23
127,674	124,436
8,865	9,310
16,264	22,177
152,803	155,923

Average number of staff employed during the year were:

7	7
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## Declarations

### Treasurer

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

Signature of Treasurer.....Martin McLachlan Date 17/06/25

Name : Martin McLachlan

Presentation to the Circuit meeting for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 have been:

Presented to the Circuit Meeting on 17/5/25 and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting.....Rev Kevin Highfield Date 17/5/25

Name of the Chair of the meeting : Rev Kevin Highfield

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Methodist Church Cleveland and Danby Circuit

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 which are set out on pages 2 to 17.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

#### Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have 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 £10000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

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

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

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.

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