

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

**ANNUAL REPORT AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2024/25**

**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 continue 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 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 continue to 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.

Ministry in the Southern Section continues to be led by a Lay Pastor and Presbyteral Minister in oversight. The Lay Pastor is now accredited and has dispensation to preside at Holy Communion.

We are exploring how the practice of pilgrimage can be part of the mission of our Churches in the Esk Valley.

Our Circuit Eco/Poverty task group has met on three occasions during this year, and helped put on a successful Eco Thrift Fair in Redcar.

We remain committed to provide training and develop a culture which makes our Churches safe and inclusive.

We are actively looking 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 maintain an up-to-date Circuit Directory and Circuit mail list ensuring we are abiding by good data protection practice. We have identified a need for a Communications Officer to help deliver better communication.

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**

- Delivery of Methodist Way of Life programmes for Prayer, Notice and Worship;
- We have sustained a monthly Circuit Prayer Meeting which moves around the Circuit.
- A Labyrinth at Marske and a new Open the Book Team at Skelton;
- Circuit presence at Cleveland Pride Festival in Saltburn for a second year, with most of the Circuit's churches now registered for same-sex weddings;
- New Warm Spaces in our churches, as well as sustaining Food Banks/Groceries;
- Building a stronger Safeguarding culture, and making progress with DBS checking, training and recruitment;
- Bible studies, prayer groups and mission conversations;
- Supporting Saltburn, Hinderwell, Guisborough, Glaisdale Head and Danby with changes to their buildings for the purposes of mission;
- Appointment and welcome of Rev Meg Peters, (as a Minister of another Church or Conference) in the Redcar/Guisborough Section of the Circuit.

## **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 2025 were £1,425,957 which were allocated between fund categories as follows:

31.8.25		31.8.24
£		£
57,389	Unrestricted Funds	49,460
Nil	Endowments	Nil
38,933	Restricted Funds	38,181
855,000	Manse at Valuation	1,200,000
Nil	Designated Funds	Nil
474,635	Model Trust Fund	287,022
	Other	
<b>1,425,957</b>		<b>1,574,633</b>

4. The balance sheet change for the year on unrestricted funds was an increase of £7,929.
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 an increase £187,613 upon the year before. This was due to the sale of the 1 Bridge Green Manse in Danby.  
The proceeds of the sale of part of Saltburn Church are being held in the Model Trust Fund and will be made available back 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 £177,452.

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 is £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: £225,518.

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 East Cleveland), including employment of its lay workers.
- The proceeds from the sale of part of Saltburn Church are being 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 2024 to August 2025 were:

- Circuit Layworker's Fund (end of year balance £6,381) to fund Hope Church East Cleveland.

- 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 £518) to fund Hope Church East Cleveland.
- 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 £6,776) – To support mission and discipleship.
- Home and Overseas Missions (end of year balance £0) – 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 Circuit currently has no Circuit Designated Funds.

Approved by the Trustees at a Circuit Meeting on 16/3/26 , and signed on 16/3/26  
their behalf by

Rev Richard Sharples, Superintendent Minister



## **Legal and Administrative Particulars**

### **Trustees of the Circuit (Members of the Circuit Meeting) September 2024 – August 2025**

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 2025 to 2026 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 Lay Pastor)  
Emma Dacey (Pioneer Pastor – Hope Church East Cleveland)

#### **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. Ann Watson – Church Representative Mr. Steve Jones – Church Treasurer
Glaisdale Head	Mrs. Pauline Drew – Church Representative Mrs Delia Liddle – Treasurer Mrs Ena Harker – Church Representative
Guisborough	Rev. Isabel Stuart – Steward Mr Jason Griffiths - Treasurer Mrs. Ann Southgate – Steward
Hinderwell	Mrs. Molly Thwaites– Treasurer Mr. John Harrison – Church Representative Mr. Laurie Pearson – Steward
Lealholm	Mrs. Christine Clayton - Steward Mr. Stephen Pearson – Treasurer Mrs. Gillian Pearson – Church Representative
Marske	Mrs. Judith Hathaway – Steward Mrs. Rosemary Taylor – Church Representative
Newcomen	Mrs. Barbara Tansley - Steward
New Marske	

Saltburn	Mrs. Janet Coles - Treasurer Mrs. Beryl Hurren – Church Representative Mr. Alan Richmond – Church Representative
Skelton	Mrs. Glenis Plumtree - Treasurer Mrs. Helen Pearson - Steward Mrs. Gina McMahon – Steward Mrs Eva Sykes - Steward
Zetland Park	Mrs. Denise Burden – Church Representative Mr. Robert Shawcross – Treasurer 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 Brian Stephenson – Connexional Funds Treasurer  
Mrs Pamela Stenson – LP/WL Secretary

**Superintendent Minister:**

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

**Independent Examiners:**

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

**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

**Accounts**

Mr Martin McLachlan (Circuit Property and Finance Officer)

**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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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For Year Ending 31 August 2025

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THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS  
ACCRUALS BASIS

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 AUGUST 2025

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

1130868

Ministers:

Rev R V Sharples (Superintendent)
Rev K Highfield

Circuit Stewards:

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

Treasurer:

Mr M McLachlan
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## Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Notes to the accounts	2024/25 Unrestricted Funds			2024/25 Restricted & Endowment Funds		Total 2024-25
		General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>							
Donations and legacies		833					833
Income from monetary investments	5	2,441	21,488				23,929
Income from investment property	6	14,400					14,400
Assessments on Churches	7	208,662					208,662
Grants	8				32,000		32,000
<b>Total from charitable activities</b>		<b>226,336</b>	<b>21,488</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>279,824</b>
Other charitable income	9	0	0				0
<b>Total from Charitable income</b>		<b>226,336</b>	<b>21,488</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>279,824</b>
Other income	10	2,310			3,658		5,968
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<b>228,646</b>	<b>21,488</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35,658</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>285,792</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
Grants and donations	11	30	22,000		3,464		25,494
Salaries and associated costs	12	156,809			35,904		192,713
Property	13	37,830			263		38,093
Office expenses	14	4,345					4,345
District Assessment & Levy	15	42,760	123,777				166,537
Other Outgoings	16	1,080	961	0	5,275		7,316
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>242,854</b>	<b>146,738</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44,906</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>434,498</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investments</b>		<b>(14,208)</b>	<b>(125,250)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(9,248)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(148,706)</b>
Gains/(losses) on revaluation/sale of properties	17	0					0
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>		<b>(14,208)</b>	<b>(125,250)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(9,248)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(148,706)</b>
Transfers between funds		(322,863)	312,863		10,000		0
Other gains/(losses)							
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(337,071)</b>	<b>187,613</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(148,706)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Total funds brought forward		1,249,460	287,022	0	38,181	0	1,574,663
Less: Future installments of grants							
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>912,389</b>	<b>474,635</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,933</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,425,957</b>

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2025 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>							
Circuit Manses & Equipment	18	525,000					525,000
Investment properties	18	330,000					330,000
Investments							0
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>855,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>855,000</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>							
Debtors	19	8,035	1,721				9,756
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	20		472,914				472,914
Central Finance Board Deposits	21	60,551					60,551
Cash at Bank and in hand	21	8,979	0	0	38,933		47,912
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>77,565</b>	<b>474,635</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,933</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>591,133</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	22	20,176	0	0	0	0	20,176
Grants payable within 2024-25							0
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>20,176</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,176</b>
<b>Net current assets/liabilities</b>		<b>57,389</b>	<b>474,635</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,933</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>570,957</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>912,389</b>	<b>474,635</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,933</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,425,957</b>
<b>Long term liabilities</b>							
<b>(due after more than one year)</b>							
Grants payable after 2024-25							0
							0
							0
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>912,389</b>	<b>474,635</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,933</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,425,957</b>
<b>Funds of the Circuit</b>							
General Fund (Unrestricted)		912,389					912,389
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			474,635				474,635
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	23			0			0
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>							<b>1,387,024</b>
Restricted Funds	24				38,933		38,933
Endowment Funds						0	0
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>912,389</b>	<b>474,635</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,933</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,425,957</b>

Signed

*Martin Maclean*

Circuit Treasurer

## Statement of cash flows for the year to 31 August 2025

	2024/25	2023/24
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Net income/(expenditure)	(153,969)	(133,857)
Adjustments for:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	5,275	(4,598)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(11,430)	(10,899)
<b>Total cash from operating activities</b>	<b>(160,124)</b>	<b>(149,354)</b>
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Receipts from sale of property, plant and equipment	335,863	268,229
Income from investment property	14,400	9,600
Loss on revaluation of property	0	30,000
<b>Total cash from investing activities</b>	<b>350,263</b>	<b>307,829</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>190,139</b>	<b>158,475</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	391,238	232,763
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>581,377</b>	<b>391,238</b>

## 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)							
Grants payable after 2023-24							0
							0
							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 M. Gachlan*

Circuit Treasurer

# Cleveland and Danby Circuit

## Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31 August 2025

### 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 2025

#### Income and Expenditure Notes:

#### 5 Income from Monetary Investments

	General Fund		CMT	
	2024/25	2023/24	2024/25	2023/24
Interest				
Interest CAF/CFB/TMCP	2,441	2,537	21,488	10,958

#### 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.

	General Fund	
	2024/25	2023/24
Letting Income		
10 Bracken Crescent	14,400	9,600
Total	14,400	9,600

#### 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 it's 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 it's assessment by the due date the sum in question is also treated as a creditor.

Church	General Fund	
	2024/25	2023/24
Guisborough	52,503	57,525
Zetland Park	23,649	22,473
Newcomen	20,820	19,350
Marske	29,842	28,525
New Marske	6,252	6,173
Saltburn	18,338	12,000
Skelton	10,000	9,926
Brotton	6,900	4,700
Hinderwell	10,286	11,570
Danby	14,500	14,000
Lealholm	10,572	8,400
Glaisdale Head	5,000	5,126
Total	208,662	199,768

#### 8 Grants Receivable

Grants	Restricted	Restricted
	2024/25	2023/24
District Seedcorn Grant	2,000	0
Ballanger Trust Hope	10,000	10,000
Pioneer Fund	20,000	24,000
Total	32,000	34,000

## Cleveland and Danby Circuit

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### Income and Expenditure Notes:

#### 9 Other charitable income

	General	CMT	General	CMT
	2024/25	2024/25	2023/24	2023/24
Sale of Saltburn Church				180,641
Sale of Skinningrove Church				86,243
Sale of items from Skinningrove Church			1,345	
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,345</b>	<b>266,884</b>

#### 10 Other charitable activities

	General	Restricted	General	Restricted
	2024/25	2024/25	2023/24	2023/24
C&D Churches donations - Property		55		230
C&D Churches donations-Aux FSPD		30		230
C&D Churches donations- LWPT				55
C&D Churches donations - MMHS		30		180
C&D Churches donations - MHA		845		724
MWIB		1,343		1,215
Home Missions		199		554
Overseas Missions		236		653
Harvest (for Hope)		187		
Newcomen Circuit Service (for Footprints)		288		
Missions & Discipleship		445		
Hinderwell repayment of roof repairs			4,795	
Saltburn repayment of sale fees			10,364	
Leaving gift collections	810			
Danby Manse repayment of sales fees	1,276			
Brotton repayment of loan	224			
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,310</b>	<b>3,658</b>	<b>15,159</b>	<b>3,841</b>

#### 11 Grants and Donations to Churches

	General	CMFT	General	CMFT
	2024/25	2024/25	2023/24	2023/24
Glaisdale				12,477
Danby				10,000
Saltburn		22,000		20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42,477</b>

	General	Restricted	General	Restricted
	2024/25	2024/25	2023/24	2023/24
Donations				
C&D Churches donations - Property		55		230
C&D Churches donations-Aux FSPD		30		230
C&D Churches donations- LWPT				55
C&D Churches donations - MMHS		30		180
C&D Churches donations - MHA		845		724
MWIB		1,343		1,395
Home Missions		294		459
Overseas Missions		392		497
Harvest (For Hope)		187		
Newcomen Circuit Service (for Footprints)		288		
Sundry donation	30			
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3,464</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,770</b>

## Cleveland and Danby Circuit

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### Income and Expenditure Notes:

#### 12 Salaries and Associated costs

Stipends	General Fund	
	2024/25	2023/24
Stipends	65,142	61,372
NI Contributions	7,133	5,959
Pension Fund Contributions	12,408	15,624
Post/Print/Stat	47	80
Sundry Expenses	1,102	218
Telephone	2,030	2,090
Travelling	4,897	1,531
Apprenticeship levy	331	309
Supernumerary	4,376	3,521
Relocation expenses	2,445	0
Leaving gifts	810	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100,721</b>	<b>90,704</b>

No. of staff                      2                      3

#### Property & Finance Officer, Administrator, Lay Pastor & Layworker

	2024/25						2023/24				
	General	General	General	Restricted	Total		General	General	General	Restricted	Total
	Administrat or	Property & Finance	Lay Pastor	Lay worker			Administrat or	Property & Finance	Lay Pastor	Lay worker	
Salary	12,896	21,663	12,896	32,538	79,993	12,194	20,844	11,924	21,340	66,302	
Employers NI	800	2,054	800	1,967	5,621	428	1,621	402	455	2,906	
Pension				838	838				640	640	
Apprentice Levy	64	108	64	163	399	66	66	66	134	332	
Travelling	10	1,118	2,439		3,567		1,668	2,129	107	3,904	
Telephone	228			138	366	263				263	
Post/Print/Stat	186	277	131		594		215			215	
Payroll Fee	87	87	87	260	521	96	96	96	192	480	
Misc expenses			93		93			90		90	
Total	14,271	25,307	16,510	35,904	91,992	13,047	24,510	14,707	22,868	75,132	

No. of staff                      1                      1                      1                      3                      1                      1                      1                      2

<b>Total Stipends and salaries</b>	<b>156,809</b>	<b>35,904</b>	<b>192,713</b>	<b>165,836</b>
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## Cleveland and Danby Circuit

Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31 August 2025

### Income and Expenditure Notes:

#### 13 Property

2024/25 General Fund									
Manses	Council Tax	Water Usage	Maintenance	Quin Insp	Other Prof Fees	Other Services	Insurance	Legal fees re sale of Manse	Total
10 Bracken Cr			555	400			810		1,765
25 Cartmel Rd	1,559	329	8,630		137	48	578		11,281
60 Windermere Dr	2,896	559	1,359		137	60	730		5,741
1 Bridge Green	416	109	660		297	42	151	9,137	10,812
Equipment									0
Yr End Adj							77		77
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,871</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>11,204</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>2,346</b>	<b>9,137</b>	<b>29,676</b>

2023/24 General Fund									
Manses	Council Tax	Water Usage	Maintenance	Quin Insp	Other Prof Fees	Other Services	Insurance	Legal fees	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>0</b>	<b>29,450</b>

#### Other Church Property

2024/25							
General Fund							Restricted
Other Property	Prof fees	Gas & Elec	Insurance	Maintenance	Quin Insp	Total	Maintenance
Guisborough Church	7,328					7,328	
Brotton Church	224					224	
New Marske Church					375	375	
Hinderwell Church	227					227	
Hope 4 East Cleveland						0	263
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,779</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>8,154</b>	<b>263</b>

2023/24							
General Fund							Restricted
Other Property	Prof fees	Gas & Elec	Insurance	Maintenance	Quin Insp	Total	Council tax
Saltburn Church	424					424	
Skinningrove Church	410	825	2,155	918		4,308	
Skelton Church					540	540	
Hinderwell Church	397			4,795		5,192	
Hope 4 East Cleveland						0	3412
<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>

Total Property 2024/25 - Restricted 263  
Total Property 2024/25 - General Fu 37,830

Total Property 2023/24 - Restricted 3,412  
Total Property 2023/24 - General Fund 39,914

## Cleveland and Danby Circuit

Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31 August 2025

### Income and Expenditure Notes:

#### 14 Office Expenses

	General Fund	
	2024/25	2023/24
Circuit plan	120	66
Admin post/print/stat	586	203
Admin computer software	490	531
Independent exam fee	2,400	2,424
Accountancy Fee	684	1,800
Admin monthly bank charges	65	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,345</b>	<b>5,089</b>

#### 15 District Assessments & Levy

	2024/25		
	General	CMTF	Total
Connex Assessment	39,681		39,681
District Assessment	3,079		3,079
Levy on CMTF		13,432	13,432
CPF Levy- sale Saltburn Church			0
CPF Levy- sale Skinningrove Church			0
CPF levy -sale Danby Manse		110,345	110,345
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,760</b>	<b>123,777</b>	<b>166,537</b>

	2023/24		
	General	CMTF	Total
	39,681		39,681
	3,079		3,079
		3,316	3,316
		48,256	48,256
		13,249	13,249
			0
	<b>42,760</b>	<b>64,821</b>	<b>107,581</b>

#### 16 Other Outgoings

	2024/25				
	General Fund	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total
TMCP management Ch		961			961
Local Preacher Exps	269				269
Other Circuit Exps	811				811
Darlington NPNP Fund				759	759
Mission & Discipleship				2,682	2,682
Hope4east Cleveland expenses				134	134
Seedcorn Grants Fund				1,700	1,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,080</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,275</b>	<b>7,316</b>

	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
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>

## Cleveland and Danby Circuit

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### Income and Expenditure Notes:

#### 17 Valuation/sale of Property

	2024/25				
	General Fund	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total
Valuation of 25 Cartmel Road					0
Valuation of 60 Windermere Drive					0
Valuation of 1 Bridge Green					0
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	0

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

## Cleveland and Danby Circuit

Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31 August 2025

### Income and Expenditure Notes:

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

Manse	2024/25						Total
	Property	Land	Buildings	Machinery	fittings and	Construction	
25 Cartmel Rd			225,000				225,000
1 Bridge Green							0
10 Bracken Cres	330,000						330,000
60 Windermere Dr			300,000				300,000
<b>Total</b>	330,000	0	525,000	0	0	0	855,000

Manse	2023/24						Total
	Property	Land	Buildings	Machinery	fittings and	Construction	
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>	330,000	0	870,000	0	0	0	1,200,000

During the year Bridge Green manse was sold for £345,000.

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.

#### 19 Current Assets - Debtors

	2024/25				
	General Fund	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total
Stipends Prepaid	3,842				3,842
Other pre-payments	169				169
Assessmnets due	4,024				4,024
CMTF interest due		1721			1,721
<b>Total</b>	8,035	1,721	0	0	9,756

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

## Cleveland and Danby Circuit

Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31 August 2025

Balance Sheet Notes:

20 Current Assets - TMCP

	2024/25	2023/24
CMTF 10895	472,914	295,756

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

	2024/25				
	General Fund	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total
CFB	60,551				60,551
CAF bank	8,979		0	38,933	47,912
Cash in hand					0
WM & HM Cash in hand				0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,979</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,933</b>	<b>47,912</b>

	2023/24				
	General Fund	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total
CFB	51,736				51,736
CAF bank	5,535		0	37,930	43,465
MWIB 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>

## 22 Current Liabilities

	2024/25				
	General Fund	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total
Assessments in Advance	14,879				14,879
Preachers expenses	51				51
Ministers & Staff exps	2,236				2,236
Sundry Creditors	221				221
Accountancy provision	600				600
Independent exam fee provision	2,100				2,100
Manse Utilities & Rates	39				39
Leaving gift	50				50
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,176</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,176</b>

	2023/24				
	General Fund	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total
Assessments in Advance	15,783				15,783
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
Grats 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>

## Cleveland and Danby Circuit

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### 23 Designated Fund Analysis

	C&D Mission Fund	Total
B/fwd from 2023/24	0	0
Donated 2024/25		0
Transfer to Mission & Discipleship	0	0
Expenditure 2024/25		0
C/fwd	0	0

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

	CMTF	Total
B/fwd from 2023/24	115,739	115,739
CMTF Levy	(5,234)	(5,234)
Transfer to Saltburn Church	(22,000)	(22,000)
Interest received on balance	4,771	4,771
TMCP management fee	(375)	(375)
C/fwd	92,901	92,901

### 24 Restricted Funds Analysis

	B/fwd from 2023/24	Donations received 2024/25	Grants received 2024/25	from Pioneer Fund	Transfer from TMCP	Expenditure	Grants Trans 2024/25	Donations Trans 2024/25	C/fwd
Home & overseas Missions	251	435						(686)	0
Education Fund	708								708
Lay worker Fund	2,419		10,000	20,000	10,000	(36,038)			6,381
Benvolent Fund	250								250
Pioneer Fund	24,000		20,000	(20,000)					24,000
MwIB	0	1,343						(1,343)	0
C&D Church Donations	0	115						(115)	0
Mission & Discipleship	9,013	445				(2,682)			6,776
Darlington NPNP Fund	1,540					(1,022)			518
MHA	0	845						(845)	0
Seedcorn Grant	0		2,000			(1,700)			300
Harvest (For Hope)	0	187						(187)	0
Newcomen Circuit Service (for Footprints)	0	288						(288)	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,181</b>	<b>3,658</b>	<b>32,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>(41,442)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(3,464)</b>	<b>38,933</b>

## Cleveland and Danby Circuit

### Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31 August 2025

#### 25 Payments to Trustees

##### Payments to Trustees

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

2024/25	2023/24
£ Nil	Nil

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

11	12
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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

£ 10,388	9,856
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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

£

£

2024/25	2023/24
2,100	2,424
600	1800

#### 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**

£

£

£

£

2024/25	2023/24
145,135	127,674
12,754	8,865
13,246	16,264
171,135	152,803

Average number of staff employed during the year were:

8	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 17/02/26

Name: Martin McLachlan

Presentation for the Circuit meeting approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 have been:

Presented to the Circuit meeting on 16/3/26 and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting RV Sharples Date 16/3/26

Name of the Chair of the meeting : Richard Sharples

RV Sharples

### 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 2025 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 £250,000 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 association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

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.

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 exam.

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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