

BARKING DAGENHAM & ILFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1131364

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-08-26
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of -(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Activities: Supporting local Methodist churches in the London Boroughs of Barking and Dagenham, and Redbridge

Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Barking And Dagenham
- Redbridge

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£2,328,241	£388,525	£2,019,167	5
2023-08-31	£293,260	£313,918	-	-
2022-08-31	£294,420	£291,914	-	-
2021-08-31	£314,733	£309,212	-	-
2020-08-31	£283,154	£332,428	-	-

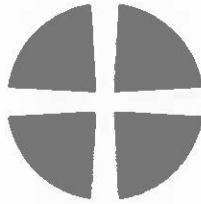
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Barry Leslie Vaughan ACIB		2013-09-01
JOAN GLORIA MORRIS		2011-07-22
Jacqueline Saito		2013-12-12
Joy Irene Browne		2013-09-01
Lorna Dawn Brown		2013-09-01
MISS L BENTALL		2011-06-28
MISS S C RUCKES		
MR C CLARKE		2011-06-28
MR C FOWLER		
MR D CLARKE		
MR D P GOMM		
MR S GRUNDY		
MRS E WEATHERSTONE		
MRS G HOLROYDE		
MRS J A JONES		
MRS S BEST		2011-06-28
MRS S L GRUNDY		
MRS V SLACK		2011-07-22
MS S OCRAN		2011-07-22
Phillip Arthur Jeremy		2013-09-01
SISTER V NICHOLLS		2011-07-22
Tom Shaw		2013-09-01
YINKA ODELOLA		2011-06-28

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Accounts



**Circuit
Accruals Accounts
2022/23**

THE METHODIST CHURCH
TEMPLATE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2023

Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration number

1131364

District No / Circuit No 35/31

Ministers

Bernardino M Mandlate
Kido Baek
Mmasape Zihle
Andy Packer

Circuit Stewards

Miss Lesley Bentall
Mrs Lorna Brown
Mrs Foluso Famoyin Egbo
Mr Philip Korsah
Mrs Sarah Ocran

Circuit Treasurer

Mr Desmond John

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2023

Introduction

Recognising the value of reflection and accountability, the Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit is pleased to offer this summary of its activities and stewardship for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Aims and organisation

The mission of the Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit is contained within the description of the Methodist Church's Calling, in that it seeks to enable its local churches to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. The Circuit endeavours to realise this policy through managing its resources effectively, stimulating vision and encouraging mission initiatives.

Review of the year

The following Vision Statement and Priorities for the Circuit were agreed during a detailed consultation in the second half of the 2021/22 connexional year

Vision Statement

To be welcoming congregations where all (young, families and the elderly) grow in the knowledge, love and service of Christ; speaking and living out a unified vision of God's Kingdom within the Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit, in line with 'our calling' in the Methodist Church.

Priorities:

- 1.** Growth in our Spiritual life through worship, prayer, pastoral care, communication, evangelism and community outreach.
- 2.** Optimising the use of talents, gifts and skills to enable structural changes and repurposing resources - property, finance and people.
- 3.** Developing family and youth work through their wider involvement and integration in the full life of the Circuit.
- 4.** Establishing an inclusive identity where the Circuit is central to the work of the Kingdom of God.

The Circuit agreed in September 2022, that the number of ministerial staff would be reduced from four to three. Revd Bernardino Mandlate, the Superintendent would be 'sitting down' July 2023, but offered to continue for a further year. The Circuit felt that this would not be in line with the priorities, and an extension was not sought. The Circuit agreed that Revd Kido Baek and Revd Mmasape Zihle would share the Superintendency for the year 2023/24. Revd Mandlate's farewell service was held in July 2023.

At their meeting in November 2022, the Circuit Meeting members agreed that the Bethell Avenue manse, which was vacant due to the reduction of ministerial staff, should be rented out, with the help of an agency. Extensive work was carried out to the manse during July and August 2023.

One of the outcomes of the 'Vision' exercise, was the possibility of the number of churches being reduced, and discussions were held with five churches which were identified as possibly closing or becoming community centres. One of the churches identified was Seven Kings Methodist Church, and at their Church Council in October 2022, members sadly came to the decision to cease worship from 31st August 2023. This decision was approved by the District Synod in April 2023.

A Management Committee was formed to make decisions on behalf of the Circuit about the future of the Seven Kings building, which included two members from Seven Kings. The Committee met with TMCP in May, and decisions were made regarding the security of the empty building, and a solicitor and surveyor, recommended by TMCP, were appointed.

A service of thanksgiving for Seven Kings Methodist Church was held in June 2023.

Another of the Circuit Priorities was 'Developing family and youth work'. A group of young members from the Circuit who had left to join university, requested a way of meeting together, and Revd Baek enabled them to do this by starting a weekly bible/study fellowship over Zoom. In addition to this, the Circuit funded two events where the young people in the Circuit were invited to meet and socialise during a meal/picnic for these young people, and the Circuit Meeting agreed to a annual sum of money being allocated to the budget for organising further events for the Circuit youth.

Revd Kido Baek and Revd Mmasape Zihle decided that they will be leaving the the Circuit in August 2024, when their appointments end, therefore the Circuit would be entering the Stationing process to seek their replacements and the Invitation Committees were set up to work through this process.

In line with the vision priorities, a number of members from the Circuit churches attended a course for Worship Leaders, to help with the Circuit plan once the number of ministers is reduced to three. It was also agreed that, where possible, churches will unite for services of Holy Communion.

Three Local Preachers had been On Trial for longer than the five years allowed, and applications were made for extensions to be granted, as COVID was the main reason for the amount of time being taken, as well as the three participating in a course, PROCLAIM, which had failed. Extensions were granted as requested, and the Local Preachers involved are expected to complete their studies before the end of 2024.

The Grange Hill project had received funding from a number of sources to enable them to change the building to make it possible for rooms to be hired out at the same time as when the nursery is meeting, and to make a café area for use by the community, especially when the Foodbank is taking place. To celebrate the opening of the new space and entrance, a service of thanksgiving was held on 12th November 2022. The project has become a part of the community with many group hiring the rooms, and the Foodbank, which is part of the Redbridge Foodbank (Trussell Trust) continues to serve many in need in the local area.

Total membership: 493

Income trends

There was a balanced budget in 2022/23.

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches; but with the agreement of the Circuit Meeting, the cost of special projects, such as the worker for the Religious Education Resources project, are met by drawing on Trust reserves.

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with conference approved increases.

16.8% of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2023 the net current assets of the Circuit were £198,607 which is in excess of the Circuit reserve requirements.

Plans for 2023/24

Revs Mmasape Zihle and Revd Baek will be sharing the Superintendency with effect from 1st September 2023.

Deacon Andrew Packer's appointment will end in August 2025 and he will make the decision about whether to request an extension to his appointment, or leave for another Circuit before the end of the 23/24 connexional year.

The Religious Education Resources Project continues to make a significant contribution to the way in which schools in Redbridge engage in Religious Education. Lessons are offered via Zoom or face-to-face in the classroom, and visits take place to Circuit churches. There will be an indepth review of the project in September 2023 ahead of Circuit approval to support the project for a further three years and applications being made for further funding from September 2024.

BARKING, DAGENHAM & ILFORD CIRCUIT

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015.

Full name of Charity: Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1131364

Date of registration: August 2009

Main communication address: c/o Beacontree Heath Methodist Church, The Broadway,
Dagenham, RM8 1DZ

The members of the Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Methodist Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of Circuit Office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches. Full membership is shown at the end of this report.

Circuit Ministers and Officers

Active Circuit Ministers: Revd Bernardino M Mandlate
Revd Kido Baek
Revd Mmasape Zihle
Deacon Andy Packer

Circuit Lay Worker: Mrs Caroline Dawson

Circuit Stewards: Miss Lesley Bentall (Senior)
Mrs Lorna Brown
Mrs Foluso Famoyin Egbo
Mr Philip Korsah
Mrs Sarah Ocran

Treasurer: Mr Desmond John

Administrator: Mrs Jackie Saito

Independent Examiner: Wettone Matthews, Market House,
21 Lenten Street, ALTON GU34 1HG

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

BARKING, DAGENHAM AND ILFORD CIRCUIT

Aims and Organisation

Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Barking, Dagenham and Ilford for the Methodist Church:

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The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commissions' guidance on public benefit

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

Day-to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team, along with the Local Preachers' meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Church's Connexional office to support the effective running of the Circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in the Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit Meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the London Methodist District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the Circuit: Barking, Barkingside, Beacontree Heath, Gantshill, Goodmayes, Ilford, Old Dagenham, Seven Kings, The Drive along with the Circuit project at Grange Hill.

Trustees

The trustees of the Circuit are the following:

Revd B Mandlate, Deacon A Packer, Revd K Baek, Revd M Zihle, Sister V Nicholls, Miss L Bentall, Mrs L Brown, Mrs F Famoyin Egbo, Mr P Korsah, Ms S Ocran, Mr D John, Mr S Grundy, Mrs C Dawson, Mr C Holmes, Mrs J Saito, Mr E Ofuso, Mr D Clarke, Mrs J Cheal, Mr C Clarke, Mrs S Grundy, Mr B Vaughan, Mrs G Holroyde, Mrs J Browne, Mr P Jeremy, Mr T Banjo, Mrs L Salami, Ms Michelle Garner, Mr J Higgins, Mrs D Foster, Miss S Ruckes, Mr J Inbakumar, Mrs S Catmur, Mrs E Weatherstone, Mr P Hall, Mrs P Hall, Mr D Gomm, Mrs J Jones, Mr P Butt, Mr K Wiles, Mrs A Earwaker, Mrs N Silvano, Mrs S Best, Mrs J Morris, Mr Y Odelola, Mr T Shaw, Mrs D Ako, Mrs J Nickols, Mr R Nickols, Mr C Fowler, Mrs V Slack, Mrs E Anderson, Mrs R Phillips, Ms W Austin

Barking, Dagenham & Ilford Circuit

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Finance and Property Committee with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a quarterly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things, this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- * the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with all children, young people and adults;
- * the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable;
- * the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- * We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- * We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- * We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.

The Barking, Dagenham & Ilford Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of the Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the Circuit and in the Churches.

The Barking, Dagenham & Ilford Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit is to hold a minimum of four months average revenue expenditure, which currently equates to some £104,639. This sum will be held in cash across the Bank Current, Central Finance Board Deposit and TMCP accounts. The reserves of the charity stood at £2,019,167 at the year end all of which is unrestricted. Of these reserves £1,820,560 is invested in the charity's property and other fixed assets.

In determining this amount, it is considered that sufficient funds are needed to continue running our planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches. In addition, the Circuit is responsible for maintaining its stock of four manse properties in good, habitable order: these properties range between some 60 and 110 years in age. Therefore, part of our reserves are needed to meet any unforeseen repair costs on these manses, so that such repairs can be undertaken expeditiously.

At the present time, the Circuit holds in excess of the level of reserves stated above in its current account, Central Finance Board Deposit account and TMCP account.

It is the intention of the Circuit Leadership team to review this policy at least annually going forward and to keep the Managing Trustees advised of details.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (FRS 102).

The law applicable to charities in England and 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 year.

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; and
- * prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient 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 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the 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.

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

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022-2023 £	Total 2021-2022 £	
Income							
1	Donations and legacies	2,166	-	-	2,166	-	
2	Income from monetary investments	704	4,838	-	5,542	690	
3	Income from investment properties	-	-	-	-	-	
4	Assessments on Churches	274,903	-	-	274,903	281,441	
5	Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	
6	Grants received	-	-	9,500	9,500	10,000	
7	Other charitable income	1,149	-	-	1,149	2,289	
8	Total income	278,922	4,838	9,500	293,260	294,420	
Expenditure							
9	Grants and donations	-	-	-	-	-	
10	Salaries and associated costs	3	192,794	-	9,500	202,294	192,455
11	Property maintenance	4	49,669	-	-	49,669	40,656
12	Connexional assessment & model trust levy		52,748	-	-	52,748	47,756
13	District Assessment & Levy		-	3,982	-	3,982	4,180
14	Depreciation		-	-	-	-	-
15	Office expenses	5	3,034	370	-	3,404	3,879
16	Other outgoings	6	1,821	-	-	1,821	2,987
17	Total charitable expenditure		300,066	4,352	9,500	313,918	291,914
18	Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		-	-	-	-	-
19	Gains/(losses) on investment properties		-	-	-	-	-
20	Net income/(expenditure)		(21,144)	486	-	(20,658)	2,506
21	Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
22	Other gains/(losses)	BS1	277,718	-	-	277,718	144,083
23	Net movement in funds		256,574	486	-	257,060	146,589
24	Total funds brought forward		1,632,460	129,647	-	1,762,107	1,615,518
25	Total funds carried forward		1,889,034	130,133	-	2,019,167	1,762,107

Name of Circuit Barking, Dagenham & Iford

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

		General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Totals 2023	Totals 2022
Notes to the Accounts		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Circuit Manses & Equipment	BS1	1,820,560	-	-	1,820,560	1,542,842
Investment properties		-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		1,820,560	-	-	1,820,560	1,542,842
Current Assets						
Debtors		6,996	-	-	6,996	22,988
Loans by the Circuit		-	-	-	0	-
Investments with TMCP	BS2	130,133	-	-	130,133	129,647
Central Finance Board Deposits	BS3	22,955	-	-	22,955	23,703
Cash at Bank and in hand	BS3	40,145	-	-	40,145	44,385
Total current assets		200,229	-	-	200,229	220,723
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under 1 year)		1,622	-	-	1,622	1,458
Grants payable within 2021-22		-	-	-	0	-
Total current liabilities		1,622	-	-	1,622	1,458
Net current assets/liabilities		198,607	0	0	198,607	219,265
Total assets less current liabilities		2,019,167	-	-	2,019,167	1,762,107
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2022-23		-	-	-	-	-
Loans to the Circuit		-	-	-	-	-
Net assets		2,019,167	-	-	2,019,167	1,762,107
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)	BS5.1	1,889,034	-	-	1,889,034	1,632,460
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	BS5.2	-	-	130,133	130,133	129,647
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	BS5.3	-	-	-	0	-
Total Unrestricted Funds		1,889,034	-	130,133	2,019,167	1,762,107
Restricted Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Endowment Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds		1,889,034	-	130,133	2,019,167	1,762,107

Signed



Circuit Treasurer

BARKING, DAGENHAM & ILFORD CIRCUIT

Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2023

1a Basis of accounting and accounting policies

i Accounting standard

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)* applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1 January 2015)-(Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

ii Public benefit entity

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

iii Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year. The accruals basis has been used and trustees present accounts that show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

iv Content

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

v Going Concern

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

vi Consolidation

The Circuit has denominational regulatory oversight in respect of the work of the churches within the Circuit but has no legal or operational control of those Churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances. For this reason, the financial statements of Churches within the Circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

vii Income recognition

Income is brought into account when there is entitlement and the amount is reliably measurable once it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income is forthcoming.

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

The Circuit acts as agent in two matters:

- the collection from Churches and payment over of their contributions to various funds controlled and administered by the Methodist Church- "Connexional Funds"
- the administration (application, collection and disbursement) of grants requested by Churches within the circuit form, but not limited to, the District and Connexion.

In all matters the transactions are not reflected in the SOFA because they are the income of either the Connexion or churches as appropriate. Instead the transactions are disclosed in the Notes to the Accounts as required by SORP (FRS 102).

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

viii Expenditure

This is recognised when the liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, where the amount is reliably measurable and it is considered more likely than not that there will be an outflow of economic benefit.

ix Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement to make a grant without performance conditions or as and when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment if it is subject to performance conditions. When the grant to be accrued is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years, discounted to net present value where the difference is material, is treated as a provision for future commitments in the balance sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years in accordance with the originally agreed terms. In cases, where the grant has been charged to one fund but for ease of payment has been transferred to another fund any future payment provision is applied to the fund from which the grant is ultimately be paid.

x VAT

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

xi Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The manses are shown in the accounts at its building insurance valuation as provided by Methodist Insurance PLC. 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.

xii Monetary investments

The Circuit's investments are in monetary assets classified as basic financial instruments under FRS 102 and are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP. The unrealised gains arising on the investments at the end of year are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

xiii Any debtors would be stated at the amounts owed to the Circuit or prepaid.

xiv Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses and accruals.

Notes to the Accounts**1. ASSESSMENTS ON CHURCHES**

The Circuit comprises 10 churches and each is assessed for a contribution to meet overall net costs of the Circuit. The aim is to cover all these net core costs from the Assessment.

2. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, this excludes stipends and salaries detailed below.

Details of minister's stipends, other salaries and benefits are shown in note 3. The ministers represent the key management personnel of the charity. The manses are also occupied by ministers of the Circuit.

All employees of the charity are also trustees as allowed under the Trust Deed.

Assessments paid by churches	2022/23	2021/22
Barking	49,065	46,728
Barkingside	33,384	31,794
Beacontree Heath	23,148	22,045
Gantshill	27,601	26,287
Goodmayes	30,405	28,957
Grange Hill	6,473	6,165
Ilford	32,257	30,721
Old Dagenham	12,000	9,000
Seven Kings	28,326	26,977
The Drive	35,369	33,685

3. STIPENDS, SALARIES & ASSOCIATED COSTS

Stipends/Salaries were paid to 4 full-time Presbyters, as well as 2 part-time Lay staff who were involved in Circuit administration and the Religious Education Resources Project (RERP) operating in local Schools. No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000. There is no accrual for holiday pay as it is immaterial. The holiday year ends on 31st August. All staff are paid at or above the London Living Wage. Presbyters are members of the Methodist Ministers Pension Scheme (MMPS). This is a defined benefit scheme. Lay employees are contractual employees and have the option of joining a pension scheme which the Circuit has arranged with The Pensions Trust. This is a defined benefit scheme to which the Circuit contributes as employer. The Connexion accounts for both pension schemes and shows the figures in the annual Methodist Church in Great Britain accounts. Restricted funds represent a grant from the London District Advance Fund towards the salary costs of the RERP. Stipend and salary figures shown below are gross and include all associated payroll costs:

	2023		2022
Ministers Stipends (Salaries £108,707; ERNI £10,345; Pension Contbns. £28,513)	147,565		141,376
Lay Salaries (Salaries £36,064; ERNI £2,503 and Pension Contbns. £2,164)	40,731		38,601
Payroll Admin Costs	214		192
less RERP Contribution	0		0
less Ilford, Barking, M C contribution	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
	214		192
Pensions Trust (Lay Workers)	65		70
less RERP Contribution	0		0
less Ilford M C Contribution	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
	65		70
Apprenticeship Levy	724		707
less Ilford, Barking, M C contribution	0		0
less RERP contribution	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
	724		707
Ministers Travel	5,462		5,121
Ministers Printing, Postages & Stationery	913		910
Ministers Telephone & Broadband	4,503		3,804
less Private Use	<u>0</u>	4,503	<u>0</u>
Ministers Support & Training	2,117		1,674
Relocation Allowance & Removal Expenses			
TOTAL STIPENDS, SALARIES & ASSOCIATED COSTS	<u>202,294</u>		<u>192,455</u>

Five lay staff members are paid by third parties. The salaries paid to these employees is not included in the above figures.

4. PROPERTY EXPENSES

The Circuit is Managing Trustee for 4 manses which are occupied by Ministers stationed in the Circuit. The Circuit is responsible for payment of Council Tax, Utilities maintenance charges, Water charges and Insurance, as well as general maintenance costs.

Exceptional charges were incurred during the year in respect of the Shafter Road manse in order to bring it up to a satisfactory state of repair for an incoming Minister. This essential work was funded from the Circuit's Reserves.

	2023	2022
MANSE PROPERTY COSTS		
Quinquennial & Testing Reports	1,375	3,885
Insurance	4,495	3,821
Manses Cncl. Tax, Water Rates, Genl Mntce.	26,306	14,616
Manse Repairs & Renewals		
19 Bethell Avenue	12,000	2,396
7 Hastings Avenue		1,672
46 Lyndhurst Gardens		6,950
27 Shafter Avenue		3,316
	12,000	14,334
OTHER PROPERTY COSTS		
The Circuit hires a room under annual Licence from Beacontree Heath Methodist Church for use as an administrative office. Licence is renewable annually on 1st September with a rental of £4,000 per annum for 2022/23.		
Circuit Office rent	<u>5,493</u>	<u>4,000</u>
TOTAL PROPERTY EXPENSES	<u>49,669</u>	<u>40,656</u>

5. OFFICE EXPENSES AND ADMINISTRATION

These costs are for operating the Circuit Office and include printing, postages, stationery, telephone and broadband expenses and also include the administration charge made by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes for maintaining our Circuit Model Trust Fund account. Main costs were:

	2023	2022
Postages and Stationery	795	1,314
Telephone and Broadband	1,030	1,106
Sundries	1,209	1,078
TMCP Administration charge	<u>370</u>	<u>381</u>
Total	<u>3,404</u>	<u>3,879</u>

6. OTHER OUTGOINGS

	2023	2022
Account Examination Fee	792	744
Preaching Fees	252	390
Sundries:		
Circuit events	0	740
Other	777	1,113
	<u>777</u>	<u>1,853</u>
	1,821	2,987

BS1 MANSE PROPERTIES

Buildings comprise 4 manse properties occupied by Ministers stationed in the Circuit. Office equipment consists of two Desktop PCs and two colour printer/copiers which have now been fully written down in value.

1.1 Cost or Valuation	Buildings	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost/valuation brought forward	1,542,842	0	1,542,842
Gains on Manse Properties	277,718		277,718
less accumulated depreciation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Book Value carried forward	<u>1,820,560</u>	0	<u>1,820,560</u>

Schedule of Manses:	Value
	£
19 Bethel Avenue Ilford	638,726
7 Hastings Avenue Ilford	362,713
46 Lyndhurst Gardens Barking	508,275
27 Shafter Road Dagenham	310,846
Total Value	<u>1,820,560</u>

BS2 INVESTMENT ASSETS

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund are held in cash by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds, and interest is credited to the account each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments. TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, by providing guidance and acting under their direction, the managing trustees comply with Charity Law and Methodist law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference.

ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENT MOVEMENTS

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits	2023	2022
	<u>130,133</u>	<u>129,647</u>

CHANGES IN INVESTMENT VALUES

Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	129,647	133,600
less Net transfers and charges	<u>486</u>	<u>-3,953</u>
Carrying (market) value at end of year	<u>130,133</u>	<u>129,647</u>

BS3 CENTRAL FINANCE BOARD (CFB) and BANK BALANCES

Monetary balances held at the CFB of the Methodist Church and at HSBC bank are all available on demand without loss of interest. CFB interest is credited to principal each month. The split of these balances across General, Designated and Restricted Funds is arbitrary but wherever possible balances are not shown as negative.

Balances held at 31 August 2023

	General	Designated	Total
Central Finance Board	22,955	0	22,955
HSBC Bank	40,145	<u>0</u>	40,145
Totals	<u>63,100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>63,100</u>

BS4 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**BS5.1 General Fund**

Balance	2023	2022
	<u>1,889,034</u>	<u>1,632,460</u>

The purpose of the Fund is for use at the discretion of the managing trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the Circuit and which have not been designated for other purposes. About 90% of this fund is held as freehold property, being manses for ministers.

BS5.2 Circuit Model Trust Fund

Balance	2023	2022
	<u>130,133</u>	<u>129,647</u>

The purpose of the Fund is for use at the discretion of the managing trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the Circuit. Its main source of income is from formalistically determined contributions from the sale of manses and church buildings in the Circuit.

BS5.3 Designated Funds

	2023	2022
Balance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Manse Maintenance Fund

	2023	2022
Balance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

These funds are the unspent budgeted maintenance funds to go towards future repairs and maintenance costs of the manses.

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021-22 £	Total 2020-21 £
Income						
1 Donations and legacies		-	-	-	-	-
2 Income from monetary investments	1	82	608	-	690	514
3 Income from investment properties		-	-	-	-	-
4 Assessments on Churches		281,441	-	-	281,441	302,987
5 Capital Receipts		-	-	-	-	-
6 Grants received		-	-	10,000	10,000	9,000
7 Other charitable income		2,289	-	-	2,289	2,232
8 Total Income		283,812	608	10,000	294,420	314,733
Expenditure						
9 Grants and donations		-	-	-	-	13,815
10 Salaries and associated costs	3	182,995	-	9,460	192,455	187,287
11 Property maintenance	4	40,656	-	-	40,656	49,702
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		47,756	-	-	47,756	47,756
13 District Assessment & Levy		-	4,180	-	4,180	5,550
14 Depreciation		-	-	-	-	-
15 Office expenses	5	3,498	381	-	3,879	3,631
16 Other outgoings	6	2,447	-	540	2,987	1,471
17 Total charitable expenditure		277,353	4,561	10,000	291,914	309,212
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		-	-	-	-	-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		-	-	-	-	-
20 Net income/(expenditure)		6,459	(3,953)	-	2,506	5,521
21 Transfers between funds		-	0	-	-	-
22 Other gains/(losses)	BS1	144,083	-	-	144,083	71,680
23 Net movement in funds		150,542	(3,953)	-	146,589	77,201
24 Total funds brought forward		1,481,918	133,600	-	1,615,518	1,538,317
25 Total funds carried forward		1,632,460	129,647	-	1,762,107	1,615,518

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Totals 2022 £	Totals 2021 £
Fixed Assets						
Circuit Manses & Equipment	BS1	1,542,842	-	-	1,542,842	1,398,759
Investment properties		-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		1,542,842	-	-	1,542,842	1,398,759
Current Assets						
Debtors		22,988	-	-	22,988	6,106
Loans by the Circuit		-	-	-	-	-
Investments with TMCP	BS2	129,647	-	-	129,647	133,600
Central Finance Board Deposits	BS3	23,703	-	-	23,703	29,602
Cash at Bank and in hand	BS3	44,385	-	-	44,385	49,273
Total current assets		220,723	-	-	220,723	218,581
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under 1 year)		1,458	-	-	1,458	1,822
Grants payable within 2021-22		-	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities		1,458	-	-	1,458	1,822
Net current assets/liabilities		219,265	-	-	219,265	216,759
Total assets less current liabilities		1,762,107	-	-	1,762,107	1,615,518
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2018-19		-	-	-	-	-
Loans to the Circuit		-	-	-	-	-
Net assets		1,762,107	-	-	1,762,107	1,615,518
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)	BS5.1	1,632,460	-	-	1,632,460	1,481,918
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	BS5.2	-	129,647	-	129,647	133,600
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	BS5.3	-	-	-	-	-
Total Unrestricted Funds		1,632,460	129,647	-	1,762,107	1,615,518
Restricted Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Endowment Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds		1,632,460	129,647	-	1,762,107	1,615,518

**Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit
DECLARATIONS**

Treasurer

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

Signature of Treasurer



Date

13th March 2024

Name

Mr Desmond John

Address

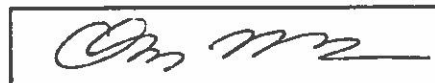
BDI Circuit Office, c/o Beacontree Heath Methodist Church,
The Broadway, Dagenham, RM8 1DZ

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval

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

13th March 2024

Signature of the Chair of the Meeting



Name of the Chair of the Meeting

Revd Kido Baek

Date

13th March 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Barking, Dagenham & Ilford Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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



It is my responsibility to:

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

Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit Circuit

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Barking, Dagenham & Ilford Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Circuit you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Circuits' gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Circuit as required by section 130 of the 2011
- (2) the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- (2) the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Name

PHILLIP DU GAY

Signature

P. Du Gay

Relevant Professional qualification or body

FCCA

Address

Wettone Matthews, Market House, 21 Lenten Street, Alton, GU34 1HG

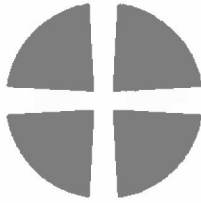
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27 JUNE 2024

BARKING DAGENHAM & ILFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1131364

Accounts



**Circuit
Accruals Accounts
2021/22**

THE METHODIST CHURCH
TEMPLATE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2022

Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration number

1131364

District No / Circuit No 35/31

Ministers

Bernardino M Mandlate

Kido Baek

Mmasape Zihle

Andy Packer

Circuit Stewards

Miss Lesley Bentall

Mrs Lorna Brown

Mrs Foluso Famoyin Egbo

Mr Philip Korsah

Mrs Sarah Ocran

Circuit Treasurer

Mr Desmond John

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2022

Introduction

Recognising the value of reflection and accountability, the Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit is pleased to offer this summary of its activities and stewardship for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Aims and organisation

The mission of the Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit is contained within the description of the Methodist Church's Calling, in that it seeks to enable its local churches to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. The Circuit endeavours to realise this policy through managing its resources effectively, stimulating vision and encouraging mission initiatives.

Review of the year

At the beginning of 2022, the Circuit began a consultation with all its churches in regard to a vision for the future. Representatives from the churches met in January via Zoom, and face-to-face in March, to discuss a Vision Statement and identify four priorities the Circuit should be working towards. The following were agreed by the Circuit Meeting held in March 2022:

Vision Statement

To be welcoming congregations where all (young, families and the elderly) grow in the knowledge, love and service of Christ; speaking and living out a unified vision of God's Kingdom within the Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit, in line with 'our calling' in the Methodist Church.

Priorities:

1. Growth in our Spiritual life through worship, prayer, pastoral care, communication, evangelism and community outreach.
2. Optimising the use of talents, gifts and skills to enable structural changes and repurposing resources - property, finance and people.
3. Developing family and youth work through their wider involvement and integration in the full life of the Circuit.
4. Establishing an inclusive identity where the Circuit is central to the work of the Kingdom of God.

All the Circuit churches were asked to respond to a detailed questionnaire, which included questions about membership, finances, property, community and ecumenical links, and youth ministry amongst others, for discussion at the Vision Day meeting in March. The Circuit Leadership Team also produced the following four scenarios for consideration:

Scenario 1: 4 ministers, 4 manses, 9 churches and 1 Community Centre

Scenario 2: 3 ministers, 3 manses, 9 churches and 1 Community Centre

Scenario 3: 4 ministers, 4 manses, 7 churches and 1 or 2 Community Centres

Scenario 4: 3 ministers, 3 manses, 7 churches and 1 or 2 Community Centres

Those who attended the Circuit Vision Day in March were asked to vote on which of the four scenarios showed the direction in which the Circuit should be heading, with the majority voting for scenario 4 which would mean reducing the ministerial staff from four to three and letting or selling one manse, and reducing the number of churches holding Methodist worship services on a Sunday from nine to seven, and the possibility of another church becoming a Community hub along with the current community project at Grange Hill. The option was recommended to the Circuit Meeting held in June, where it was approved by the managing trustees.

The Circuit Leadership team have now identified five churches that could be closed, or used as a Community Centre, based on the outcomes of the questionnaire completed before the Vision Day. Conversations will take place with the managing trustees of these church from September 2022.

The Superintendent Minister, Revd Bernardino Mandlate, will be 'sitting down' at the end of August 2023. Following the decision to reduce the number of ministerial staff to three, a replacement will not be sought.

Churches continued to struggle following the pandemic as some members did not return to Sunday worship and lettings were lost. Three churches in the Circuit now offer live-streamed services on a Sunday morning.

One of the Local Preachers in the Circuit was accepted as a candidate for ministry in the Methodist Church and he will begin his training in September 2022.

Total membership: 522

Income trends

There was once again a budget shortfall in 2021/22 of £43,164. Circuit Meeting members agreed that £20,000 of the shortfall should be covered by churches, and the remaining amount taken from Circuit reserves. One church was unable to contribute to the shortfall due to severe financial difficulty, and the Circuit Project at Grange Hill was also an exemption.

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches; but with the agreement of the Circuit Meeting, the cost of special projects, such as the worker for the Religious Education Resources project, are met by drawing on Trust reserves.

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with conference approved increases.

15.4% of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2022 the net current assets of the Circuit were £219,265 which is in excess of the Circuit reserve requirements.

Plans for 2022/23

Following the recommendation from the Circuit Vision consultation, meetings will be held with those identified as 'at risk' in regard to closure, or ceasing to worship with the building being repurposed for community outreach.

A decision will be made on which of the two remaining presbyters will take on the superintendency, or whether they will share the duties of Superintendent. The Circuit will also decide whether the vacant manse will be sold or rented out.

Two presbyters will come to the end of their appointments in August 2024, so the Circuit will be either entering into the stationing process or requesting that the managing trustees approve extensions to enable the members of staff to extend appointments.

The Religious Education Resources Project continues to make a significant contribution to the way in which schools in Redbridge engage in Religious Education. Lessons are now offered via Zoom or face-to-face in the classroom, and visits to churches by schools have resumed with COVID guidelines continuing to be closely adhered to.

BARKING, DAGENHAM & ILFORD CIRCUIT

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015.

Full name of Charity: Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1131364

Date of registration: August 2009

Main communication address: c/o Beacontree Heath Methodist Church, The Broadway,
Dagenham, RM8 1DZ

The members of the Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Methodist Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of Circuit Office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches. Full membership is shown at the end of this report.

Circuit Ministers and Officers

Active Circuit Ministers: Revd Bernardino M Mandlate
Revd Kido Baek
Revd Mmasape Zihle
Deacon Andy Packer

Circuit Lay Worker: Mrs Caroline Dawson

Circuit Stewards: Miss Lesley Bentall (Senior)
Mrs Lorna Brown
Mrs Foluso Famoyin Egbo
Mr Philip Korsah
Mrs Sarah Ocran

Treasurer: Mr Desmond John

Administrator: Mrs Jackie Saito

Independent Examiner: Wettone Matthews, Market House,
21 Lenten Street, ALTON GU34 1HG

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

BARKING, DAGENHAM AND ILFORD CIRCUIT

Aims and Organisation

Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Barking, Dagenham and Ilford for the Methodist Church:

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

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

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commissions' guidance on public benefit

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

Day-to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team, along with the Local Preachers' meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Church's Connexional office to support the effective running of the Circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in the Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit Meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the London Methodist District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the Circuit: Barking, Barkingside, Beacontree Heath, Gantshill, Goodmayes, Ilford, Old Dagenham, Seven Kings, The Drive along with the Circuit project at Grange Hill.

Trustees

The trustees of the Circuit are the following:

Revd B Mandlate, Deacon A Packer, Revd K Baek, Revd M Zihle, Sister V Nicholls, Miss L Bentall, Mrs L Brown, Mrs F Famoyin Egbo, Mr P Korsah, Ms S Ocran, Mr D John, Mr S Grundy, Mrs C Dawson, Mr C Holmes, Mrs J Saito, Mr E Ofuso, Mr D Clarke, Mrs J Cheal, Mr C Clarke, Mrs S Grundy, Mr B Vaughan, Mrs G Holroyde, Mrs J Browne, Mr P Jeremy, Mr T Banjo, Mrs L Salami, Ms Michelle Garner, Mr J Higgins, Mrs D Foster, Miss S Ruckes, Mr J Inbakumar, Mrs S Catmur, Mrs E Weatherstone, Mr P Hall, Mrs P Hall, Mr D Gomm, Mrs J Jones, Mr P Butt, Mr K Wiles, Mrs A Earwaker, Mrs N Silvano, Mrs S Best, Mrs J Morris, Mr Y Odelola, Mr T Shaw, Mrs D Ako, Mrs J Nickols, Mr R Nickols, Mr C Fowler, Mrs V Slack, Mrs E Anderson, Mrs R Phillips, Ms W Austin

Barking, Dagenham & Ilford Circuit

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Finance and Property Committee with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a quarterly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things, this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- * the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with all children, young people and adults;
- * the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable;
- * the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- * We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- * We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- * We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.

The Barking, Dagenham & Ilford Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of the Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the Circuit and in the Churches.

The Barking, Dagenham & Ilford Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit is to hold a minimum of four months average revenue expenditure, which currently equates to some £97,305. This sum will be held in cash across the Bank Current, Central Finance Board Deposit and TMCP accounts. The reserves of the charity stood at £1,762,107 at the year end all of which is unrestricted. Of these reserves £1,542,842 is invested in the charity's property and other fixed assets.

In determining this amount, it is considered that sufficient funds are needed to continue running our planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches. In addition, the Circuit is responsible for maintaining its stock of four manse properties in good, habitable order: these properties range between some 60 and 110 years in age. Therefore, part of our reserves are needed to meet any unforeseen repair costs on these manses, so that such repairs can be undertaken expeditiously.

At the present time, the Circuit holds in excess of the level of reserves stated above in its current account, Central Finance Board Deposit account and TMCP account.

It is the intention of the Circuit Leadership team to review this policy at least annually going forward and to keep the Managing Trustees advised of details.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' 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 and 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 year.

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; and
- * prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient 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 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the 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.

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021-2022 £	Total 2020-2021 £
Income						
1		-	-	-	-	-
2	1	82	608	-	690	514
3		-	-	-	-	-
4		281,441	-	-	281,441	302,987
5		-	-	-	-	-
6		-	-	10,000	10,000	9,000
7		2,289	-	-	2,289	2,232
8		283,812	608	10,000	294,420	314,733
Expenditure						
9		-	-	-	-	13,815
10	3	182,995	-	9,460	192,455	187,287
11	4	40,656	-	-	40,656	49,702
12		47,756	-	-	47,756	47,756
13		-	4,180	-	4,180	5,550
14		-	-	-	-	-
15	5	3,498	381	-	3,879	3,631
16	6	2,447	-	540	2,987	1,471
17		277,353	4,561	10,000	291,914	309,212
18		-	-	-	-	-
19		-	-	-	-	-
20		6,459	(3,953)	-	2,506	5,521
21		-	-	-	-	-
22	BS1	144,083	-	-	144,083	71,680
23		150,542	(3,953)	-	146,589	77,201
24		1,481,918	133,600	-	1,615,518	1,538,317
25		1,632,460	129,647	-	1,762,107	1,615,518

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Totals 2022 £	Totals 2021 £
Fixed Assets						
Circuit Manses & Equipment	BS1	1,542,842	-	-	1,542,842	1,398,759
Investment properties		-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		1,542,842	-	-	1,542,842	1,398,759
Current Assets						
Debtors		22,988	-	-	22,988	6,106
Loans by the Circuit		-	-	-	0	-
Investments with TMCP	BS2	129,647	-	-	129,647	133,600
Central Finance Board Deposits	BS3	23,703	-	-	23,703	29,602
Cash at Bank and in hand	BS3	44,385	-	-	44,385	49,273
Total current assets		220,723	-	-	220,723	218,581
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under 1 year)		1,458	-	-	1,458	1,822
Grants payable within 2021-22		-	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities		1,458	-	-	1,458	1,822
Net current assets/liabilities		219,265	-	-	219,265	216,759
Total assets less current liabilities		1,762,107	-	-	1,762,107	1,615,518
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2022-23		-	-	-	-	-
Loans to the Circuit		-	-	-	-	-
Net assets		1,762,107	-	-	1,762,107	1,615,518
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)	BS5.1	1,632,460	-	-	1,632,460	1,481,918
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	BS5.2	-	129,647	-	129,647	133,600
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	BS5.3	-	-	-	-	-
Total Unrestricted Funds		1,632,460	129,647	-	1,762,107	1,615,518
Restricted Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Endowment Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds		1,632,460	129,647	-	1,762,107	1,615,518

Signed



Circuit Treasurer

BARKING, DAGENHAM & ILFORD CIRCUIT

Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2022

1a Basis of accounting and accounting policies

i Accounting standard

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)* applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1 January 2015)-(Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

ii Public benefit entity

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

iii Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year. The accruals basis has been used and trustees present accounts that show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

iv Content

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

v Going Concern

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31 August 2022, the trustees believe that the Circuit is a going concern.

vi Consolidation

The Circuit has denominational regulatory oversight in respect of the work of the churches within the Circuit but has no legal or operational control of those Churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances. For this reason, the financial statements of Churches within the Circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

vii Income recognition

Income is brought into account when there is entitlement and the amount is reliably measurable once it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income is forthcoming.

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

The Circuit acts as agent in two matters:

- the collection from Churches and payment over of their contributions to various funds controlled and administered by the Methodist Church- "Connexional Funds"
- the administration (application, collection and disbursement) of grants requested by Churches within the circuit form, but not limited to, the District and Connexion.

In all matters the transactions are not reflected in the SOFA because they are the income of either the Connexion or churches as appropriate. Instead the transactions are disclosed in the Notes to the Accounts as required by SORP (FRS 102).

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

viii Expenditure

This is recognised when the liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, where the amount is reliably measurable and it is considered more likely than not that there will be an outflow of economic benefit.

ix Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement to make a grant without performance conditions or as and when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment if it is subject to performance conditions. When the grant to be accrued is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years, discounted to net present value where the difference is material, is treated as a provision for future commitments in the balance sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years in accordance with the originally agreed terms. In cases, where the grant has been charged to one fund but for ease of payment has been transferred to another fund any future payment provision is applied to the fund from which the grant is ultimately be paid.

x VAT

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

xi Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The manses are shown in the accounts at its building insurance valuation as provided by Methodist Insurance PLC. 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.

xii Monetary investments

The Circuit's investments are in monetary assets classified as basic financial instruments under FRS 102 and are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP. The unrealised gains arising on the investments at the end of year are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

xiii Any debtors would be stated at the amounts owed to the Circuit or prepaid.

xiv Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses and accruals.

Notes to the Accounts**1. ASSESSMENTS ON CHURCHES**

The Circuit comprises 10 churches and each is assessed for a contribution to meet overall net costs of the Circuit. The aim is to cover all these net core costs from the Assessment.

2. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, this excludes stipends and salaries detailed below.

Details of minister's stipends, other salaries and benefits are shown in note 3. The ministers represent the key management personnel of the charity. The manses are also occupied by ministers of the Circuit.

All employees of the charity are also trustees as allowed under the Trust Deed.

Assessments paid by churches	2021/22	2020/21
Barking	46,728	43,837
Barkingside	31,794	28,768
Beacontree Heath	22,045	19,179
Gantshill	26,287	28,768
Goodmayes	28,957	28,768
Grange Hill	6,165	8,219
Ilford	30,721	27,399
Old Dagenham	9,000	12,000
Seven Kings	26,977	26,028
The Drive	33,685	34,248

3. STIPENDS, SALARIES & ASSOCIATED COSTS

Stipends/Salaries were paid to 4 full-time Presbyters, as well as 2 part-time

Lay staff who were involved in Circuit administration and the Religious Education Resources Project (RERP) operating in local Schools. No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000.

There is no accrual for holiday pay as it is immaterial. The holiday year ends on 31st August.

All staff are paid at or above the London Living Wage. Presbyters are members of the

Methodist Ministers Pension Scheme (MMPS). This is a defined benefit scheme. Lay employees are

contractual employees and have the option of joining a pension scheme which the Circuit has arranged with

The Pensions Trust. This is a defined benefit scheme to which the Circuit contributes as employer.

The Connexion accounts for both pension schemes and shows the figures in the annual Methodist Church

in Great Britain accounts. Restricted funds represent a grant from the London District Advance Fund towards

the salary costs of the RERP. Stipend and salary figures shown below are gross and include all associated

payroll costs:

	2022		2021
Ministers Stipends (Salaries £104,103; ERNI £9,966; Pension Contbns. £27,307)	141,376		138,250
Lay Salaries (Salaries £34,213; ERNI £2,335 and Pension Contbns. £2,053)	38,601		38,086
Payroll Admin Costs	192		202
less RERP Contribution	0		0
less Ilford, Barking, M C contribution	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
	192		202
Pensions Trust (Lay Workers)	70		41
less RERP Contribution	0		0
less Ilford M C Contribution	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
	70		41
Apprenticeship Levy	707		740
less Ilford, Barking, M C contribution	0		0
less RERP contribution	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
	707		740
Ministers Travel	5,121		2,719
Ministers Printing, Postages & Stationery	910		828
Ministers Telephone & Broadband	3,804		4,938
less Private Use	<u>0</u>	3,804	<u>0</u>
Ministers Support & Training	1,674		1,483
Relocation Allowance & Removal Expenses			
TOTAL STIPENDS, SALARIES & ASSOCIATED COSTS	<u>192,455</u>		<u>187,287</u>

Five lay staff members are paid by third parties. The salaries paid to these employees is not included in the above figures.

4. PROPERTY EXPENSES

The Circuit is Managing Trustee for 4 manses which are occupied by Ministers stationed in the Circuit. The Circuit is responsible for payment of Council Tax, Utilities maintenance charges, Water charges and Insurance, as well as general maintenance costs.

Exceptional charges were incurred during the year in respect of the Shafter Road manse in order to bring it up to a satisfactory state of repair for an incoming Minister. This essential work was funded from the Circuit's Reserves.

	2022	2021
MANSE PROPERTY COSTS		
Quinquennial & Testing Reports	3,885	1,230
Insurance	3,821	4,820
Manses Cncl. Tax, Water Rates, Genl Mntce.	14,616	13,103
Manse Repairs & Renewals		
19 Bethell Avenue	2,396	1,070
7 Hastings Avenue	1,672	1,021
46 Lyndhurst Gardens	6,950	-3,307
27 Shafter Avenue	3,316	29,765
	14,334	28,549
OTHER PROPERTY COSTS		
The Circuit hires a room under annual Licence from Beacontree Heath Methodist Church for use as an administrative office. Licence is renewable annually on 1st September with a rental of £4,000 per annum for 2021/22.		
Circuit Office rent	<u>4,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
TOTAL PROPERTY EXPENSES	<u>40,656</u>	<u>49,702</u>

5. OFFICE EXPENSES AND ADMINISTRATION

These costs are for operating the Circuit Office and include printing, postages, stationery, telephone and broadband expenses and also include the administration charge made by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes for maintaining our Circuit Model Trust Fund account. Main costs were:

	2022	2021
Photocopying		
Postages and Stationery	1,314	1,087
Telephone and Broadband	1,106	1,208
Sundries	1,078	1,014
TMCP Administration charge	<u>381</u>	<u>322</u>
Total	<u>3,879</u>	<u>3,631</u>

6. OTHER OUTGOINGS

	2022	2021
Account Examination Fee	744	732
Preaching Fees	390	0
Sundries:		
Compliance survey contribution	0	0
Refreshments	0	0
Circuit events	740	240
Other	1,113	499
	<u>1,853</u>	<u>739</u>
	2,987	1,471

BS1 MANSE PROPERTIES

Buildings comprise 4 manse properties occupied by Ministers stationed in the Circuit.

Office equipment consists of two Desktop PCs and two colour printer/copiers which have now been fully written down in value.

1.1 Cost or Valuation	Buildings	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost/valuation brought forward	1,398,759	0	1,398,759
Gains on Manse Properties	144,083		144,083
less accumulated depreciation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Book Value carried forward	<u>1,542,842</u>	0	<u>1,542,842</u>

Schedule of Manses:	Value
	£
19 Bethel Avenue Ilford	541,291
7 Hastings Avenue Ilford	307,383
46 Lyndhurst Gardens Barking	430,740
27 Shafter Road Dagenham	263,428
Total Value	<u>1,542,842</u>

BS2 INVESTMENT ASSETS

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund are held in cash by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds, and interest is credited to the account each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments. TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, by providing guidance and acting under their direction, the managing trustees comply with Charity Law and Methodist law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference.

ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENT MOVEMENTS

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits	2022	2021
	<u>129,647</u>	<u>133,600</u>

CHANGES IN INVESTMENT VALUES

Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	133,600	160,999
less Net transfers and charges	<u>-3,953</u>	<u>-27,399</u>
Carrying (market) value at end of year	<u>129,647</u>	<u>133,600</u>

BS3 CENTRAL FINANCE BOARD (CFB) and BANK BALANCES

Monetary balances held at the CFB of the Methodist Church and at HSBC bank are all available on demand without loss of interest. CFB interest is credited to principal each month. The split of these balances across General, Designated and Restricted Funds is arbitrary but wherever possible balances are not shown as negative.

Balances held at 31 August 2022

	General	Designated	Total
Central Finance Board	23,703	0	23,703
HSBC Bank	44,385	0	44,385
Totals	<u>68,088</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>68,088</u>

BS4 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

BS5.1 General Fund

Balance	2022	2021
	<u>1,632,460</u>	<u>1,481,918</u>

The purpose of the Fund is for use at the discretion of the managing trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the Circuit and which have not been designated for other purposes. About 90% of this fund is held as freehold property, being manses for ministers.

BS5.2 Circuit Model Trust Fund

Balance	2022	2021
	<u>129,647</u>	<u>133,600</u>

The purpose of the Fund is for use at the discretion of the managing trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the Circuit. Its main source of income is from formalistically determined contributions from the sale of manses and church buildings in the Circuit.

BS5.3 Designated Funds

	2022	2021
Balance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Manse Maintenance Fund

	2022	2021
Balance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

These funds are the unspent budgeted maintenance funds to go towards future repairs and maintenance costs of the manses.

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020-21 £	Total 2019-20 £
Income						
1	Donations and legacies	-	-	-	-	-
2	Income from monetary investments	41	473	-	514	1,721
3	Income from investment properties	-	-	-	-	-
4	Assessments on Churches	302,987	-	-	302,987	263,900
5	Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-
6	Grants received	-	-	9,000	9,000	11,000
7	Other charitable income	1,732	-	500	2,232	6,532
8	Total income	304,760	473	9,500	314,733	283,154
Expenditure						
9	Grants and donations	13,815	-	-	13,815	-
10	Salaries and associated costs	177,787	-	9,500	187,287	194,381
11	Property maintenance	49,702	-	-	49,702	80,073
12	Connexional assessment & model trust levy	47,756	-	-	47,756	46,484
13	District Assessment & Levy	-	5,550	-	5,550	5,787
14	Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-
15	Office expenses	3,309	322	-	3,631	3,757
16	Other outgoings	1,471	-	-	1,471	1,946
17	Total charitable expenditure	293,840	5,872	9,500	309,212	332,428
18	Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	-	-	-	-	-
19	Gains/(losses) on investment properties	-	-	-	-	-
20	Net income/(expenditure)	10,920	(5,399)	-	5,521	(49,274)
21	Transfers between funds	22,000	(22,000)	-	-	-
22	Other gains/(losses)	71,680	-	-	71,680	41,144
23	Net movement in funds	104,600	(27,399)	-	77,201	(8,130)
24	Total funds brought forward	1,377,318	160,999	-	1,538,317	1,546,447
25	Total funds carried forward	1,481,918	133,600	-	1,615,518	1,538,317

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Totals 2021	Totals 2020
	£	£	£	£	£

Fixed Assets

Circuit Manses & Equipment	BS1	1,398,759	-	-	1,398,759	1,327,079
Investment properties		-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		1,398,759	-	-	1,398,759	1,327,079

Current Assets

Debtors		6,106	-	-	6,106	8,694
Loans by the Circuit		-	-	-	-	-
Investments with TMCP	BS2	133,600	-	-	133,600	160,999
Central Finance Board Deposits	BS3	29,602	-	-	29,602	53,288
Cash at Bank and in hand	BS3	49,273	-	-	49,273	6,646
Total current assets		218,581	-	-	218,581	229,627

Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)		1,822	-	-	1,822	18,389
Grants payable within 2021-22		-	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities		1,822	-	-	1,822	18,389
Net current assets/liabilities		216,759	-	-	216,759	211,238

Total assets less current liabilities		1,615,518	-	-	1,615,518	1,538,317
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Long term liabilities

(due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2018-19		-	-	-	-	-
Loans to the Circuit		-	-	-	-	-
Net assets		1,615,518	-	-	1,615,518	1,538,317

Funds of the Circuit

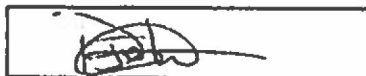
General Fund (Unrestricted)	BS5.1	1,481,918	-	-	1,481,918	1,377,318
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	BS5.2	-	133,600	-	133,600	160,999
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	BS5.3	-	-	-	-	-
Total Unrestricted Funds		1,481,918	133,600	-	1,615,518	1,538,317
Restricted Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Endowment Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds		1,481,918	133,600	-	1,615,518	1,538,317

**Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit
DECLARATIONS**

Treasurer

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

Signature of Treasurer



Date 15th March 2023

Name

Mr Desmond John

Address

BDI Circuit Office, c/o Beacontree Heath Methodist Church,
The Broadway, Dagenham, RM8 1DZ

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval

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

15th March 2023

Signature of the Chair of the Meeting



Name of the Chair of the Meeting

Revd Bernardino Mandlate

Date

15th March 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Barking, Dagenham & Ilford Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2022

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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



It is my responsibility to:

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

Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit Circuit

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Barking, Dagenham & Ilford Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Circuit you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Circuits' gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of FCCA, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Circuit as required by section 130 of the 2011
- (2) the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- (2) the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Name

PHILLIP DU GAY

Signature

P. Du Gay

Relevant Professional qualification or body

FCCA

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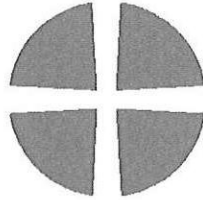
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BARKING DAGENHAM & ILFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1131364

Accounts



**Circuit
Accruals Accounts
2020/21**

THE METHODIST CHURCH

**TEMPLATE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2021**

Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration number

1131364

District No / Circuit No 35/31

Ministers

Bernardino M Mandlate
Kido Baek
Mmasape Zihle
Andy Packer

Circuit Stewards

Miss Lesley Bentall
Mrs Lorna Brown
Mrs Foluso Famoyin Egbo
Mr Philip Korsah
Mrs Sarah Ocran

Circuit Treasurer

Mr Desmond John

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2021

Introduction

Recognising the value of reflection and accountability, the BDI Circuit is pleased to offer this summary of its activities and stewardship for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Aims and organisation

The mission of the Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit is contained within the description of the Methodist Church's Calling, in that it seeks to enable its local churches to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. The Circuit endeavours to realise this policy through managing its resources effectively, stimulating vision and encouraging mission initiatives.

Review of the year

Revd Kido Baek, a minister who joined the Circuit in 2017 as a Probationer, was granted a two-year extension to his appointment, starting from 1st September 2022.

Deacon Andy Packer joined the Circuit in September 2020, sharing the pastoral care of Ilford, and Old Dagenham churches with the Superintendent, and chairing the management committee of the Grange Hill Circuit project.

One of the Local Preachers who was On Trial passed away suddenly in July 2021.

A further application for funding by DAF (District Advance Fund) was made in regard to the Religious Education Resources Project. This was approved, and funding totalling £28,000 is in place for the next three years, starting from 2022.

COVID restrictions continued, meaning that churches once again closed their doors in October 2020 and did not reopen until June 2021. This has had an extremely detrimental effect of the finances of the churches. An application for emergency COVID funding was made to the District, and a grant of £5,000 was approved. This was divided between the four churches in the Circuit with the lowest reserves.

Total membership: 540

Income trends

During 2020/21, there was a shortfall in the budget of £21,514, and a major expenditure on one of the Circuit manses. Circuit churches agreed to cover the shortfall and the amount they paid was based on their reserves. Churches also agreed to contribute £3,000 to cover the costs of the refurbishment of one Circuit manse in preparation for the arrival of a new Deacon. One of the churches was unable to contribute due to

severe financial difficulty.

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches; but with the agreement of the Circuit Meeting, the cost of special projects, such as the worker for the Religious Education Resources project, are met by drawing on Trust reserves.

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with conference approved increases.

15.4% of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2021 the net current assets of the Circuit were £216,759 which is in excess of the Circuit reserve requirements.

Plans for 2021/22

The Superintendent minister is due to 'sit down' at the end of the 2022/23 Connexional year and the Circuit will have to decide on whether to enter the stationing process. The Circuit is aware of the shortage of presbyters available for stationing and, due to the decreasing Circuit finances, and issues in some of the churches around money (particularly with the additional effect of Covid on both offertories and lettings) the Circuit will be looking seriously at a vision for the future. There is also a shortage of people willing to fill important roles in the churches. The review will include difficult questions about whether churches might need to close and if the Circuit can afford to continue to pay the salaries and on costs of four ministers

The Religious Education Resources Project continues to make a significant contribution to the way in which schools in Redbridge engage in Religious Education. During the pandemic, the work of the project was moved to on-line, with lessons taking place via Zoom. Once restrictions were lifted, Zoom lessons continued to be more popular. Visits to churches were resumed with COVID guidelines being carefully adhered to.

Now that COVID restrictions have been lifted, it is planned that Circuit Celebrations will be used to help foster a greater sense of Circuit identity in 2021/22, and to offer inspiration to those who attend.

BARKING, DAGENHAM & ILFORD CIRCUIT

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015.

Full name of Charity: Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1131364

Date of registration: August 2009

Main communication address: c/o Beacontree Heath Methodist Church, The Broadway,
Dagenham, RM8 1DZ

The members of the Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Methodist Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of Circuit Office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches. Full membership is shown at the end of this report.

Circuit Ministers and Officers

Active Circuit Ministers: Revd Bernardino M Mandlate
Revd Kido Baek
Revd Mmasape Zihle
Deacon Andy Packer

Circuit Lay Worker: Mrs Caroline Dawson

Circuit Stewards: Miss Lesley Bentall (Senior)
Mrs Lorna Brown
Mrs Foluso Famoyin Egbo
Mr Philip Korsah
Mrs Sarah Ocran

Treasurer: Mr Desmond John

Administrator: Mrs Jackie Saito

Independent Examiner: Wettone Matthews, Market House,
21 Lenten Street, ALTON GU34 1HG

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

BARKING, DAGENHAM AND ILFORD CIRCUIT

Aims and Organisation

Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Barking, Dagenham and Ilford for the Methodist Church:

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

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

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commissions' guidance on public benefit

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

Day-to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team, along with the Local Preachers' meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Church's Connexional office to support the effective running of the Circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in the Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit Meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the London Methodist District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the Circuit: Barking, Barkingside, Beacontree Heath, Gantshill, Grange Hill, Goodmayes, Ilford, Old Dagenham, Seven Kings, The Drive.

Trustees

The trustees of the Circuit are the following:

Revd B Mandlate, Deacon A Packer, Revd K Baek, Revd M Zihle, Sister V Nicholls, Miss L Bentall, Mrs L Brown, Mrs F Famoyin Egbo, Mr P Korsah, Ms S Ocran, Mr D John, Mr S Grundy, Mrs C Dawson, Mr C Holmes, Mr C Gallehawk, Dr F Coker, Mrs J Saito, Mr E Ofuso, Mr D Clarke, Mrs J Cheal, Mr C Clarke, Mrs S Grundy, Mr B Vaughan, Mrs G Holroyde, Mrs J Browne, Mr P Jeremy, Mr T Banjo, Mrs P Browne, Mr B Grinham, Mr J Higgins, Mr B Taylor, Miss S Ruckes, Mr J Inbakumar, Mrs S Catmur, Mrs E Weatherstone, Mr P Hall, Mrs P Hall, Mr D Gomm, Mrs J Jones, Mr P Butt, Mr K Wiles, Mrs A Earwaker, Mrs N Silvano, Mrs S Best, Mrs J Morris, Ms R Dzumbira, Mr Y Odelola, Mr T Shaw, Mrs D Ako, Mrs J Nickols, Mr R Nickols, Mr C Fowler, Mrs V Slack, Miss B Westcott, Mrs R Phillips, Ms W Austin

Barking, Dagenham & Ilford Circuit

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Finance and Property Committee with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a quarterly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things, this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults;
 - the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable;
 - the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
 - We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
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 - We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
 - We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation.

The Barking, Dagenham & Ilford Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the Circuit and in the Churches.

The Barking, Dagenham & Ilford Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit is to hold a minimum of four months average revenue expenditure, which currently equates to some £103,371. This sum will be held in cash across the Bank Current, Central Finance Board Deposit and TMCP accounts. The reserves of the charity stood at £1,615,517 at the year end all of which is unrestricted. Of these reserves £1,398,759 is invested in the charity's property and other fixed assets.

In determining this amount, it is considered that sufficient funds are needed to continue running our planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches. In addition, the Circuit is responsible for maintaining its stock of four manse properties in good, habitable order: these properties range between some 60 and 110 years in age. Therefore, part of our reserves are needed to meet any unforeseen repair costs on these manses, so that such repairs can be undertaken expeditiously.

At the present time, the Circuit holds in excess of the level of reserves stated above in its current account, Central Finance Board Deposit account and TMCP account.

It is the intention of the Circuit Leadership team to review this policy at least annually going forward and to keep the Managing Trustees advised of details.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' 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 and 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 year.

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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient 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 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the 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.

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020-21 £	Total 2019-20 £
Income						
1		-	-	-	-	-
2	1	41	473	-	514	1,721
3		-	-	-	-	-
4		302,987	-	-	302,987	263,900
5		-	-	-	-	-
6		-	-	9,000	9,000	11,000
7		1,732	-	500	2,232	6,532
8		304,760	473	9,500	314,733	283,154
Expenditure						
9		13,815	-	-	13,815	-
10	3	177,787	-	9,500	187,287	194,381
11	4	49,702	-	-	49,702	80,073
12		47,756	-	-	47,756	46,484
13		-	5,550	-	5,550	5,787
14		-	-	-	-	-
15	5	3,309	322	-	3,631	3,757
16	6	1,471	-	-	1,471	1,946
17		293,840	5,872	9,500	309,212	332,428
18		-	-	-	-	-
19		-	-	-	-	-
20		10,920	(5,399)	-	5,521	(49,274)
21		22,000	(22,000)	-	-	-
22	BS1	71,680	-	-	71,680	41,144
23		104,600	(27,399)	-	77,201	(8,130)
24		1,377,318	160,999	-	1,538,317	1,546,447
25		1,481,918	133,600	-	1,615,518	1,538,317

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

Notes to the Accounts		General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Totals 2021 £	Totals 2020 £
Fixed Assets						
Circuit Manses & Equipment	BS1	1,398,759	-	-	1,398,759	1,327,079
Investment properties		-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		1,398,759	-	-	1,398,759	1,327,079
Current Assets						
Debtors		6,106	-	-	6,106	8,694
Loans by the Circuit		-	-	-	-	-
Investments with TMCP	BS2	133,600	-	-	133,600	160,999
Central Finance Board Deposits	BS3	29,602	-	-	29,602	53,288
Cash at Bank and in hand	BS3	49,273	-	-	49,273	6,646
Total current assets		218,581	-	-	218,581	229,627
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under 1 year)		1,822	-	-	1,822	18,389
Grants payable within 2021-22		-	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities		1,822	-	-	1,822	18,389
Net current assets/liabilities		216,759	-	-	216,759	211,238
Total assets less current liabilities		1,615,518	-	-	1,615,518	1,538,317
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2018-19		-	-	-	-	-
Loans to the Circuit		-	-	-	-	-
Net assets		1,615,518	-	-	1,615,518	1,538,317
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)	BS5.1	1,481,918	-	-	1,481,918	1,377,318
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	BS5.2	-	133,600	-	133,600	160,999
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	BS5.3	-	-	-	-	-
Total Unrestricted Funds		1,481,918	133,600	-	1,615,518	1,538,317
Restricted Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Endowment Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds		1,481,918	133,600	-	1,615,518	1,538,317

Signed



Circuit Treasurer

BARKING, DAGENHAM & ILFORD CIRCUIT

Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2021

1a Basis of accounting and accounting policies

i Accounting standard

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)* applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1 January 2015)-(Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

ii Public benefit entity

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

iii Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year. The accruals basis has been used and trustees present accounts that show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

iv Content

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

v Going Concern

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31 August 2019, the trustees believe that the Circuit is a going concern.

vi Consolidation

The Circuit has denominational regulatory oversight in respect of the work of the churches within the Circuit but has no legal or operational control of those Churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances. For this reason, the financial statements of Churches within the Circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

vii Income recognition

Income is brought into account when there is entitlement and the amount is reliably measurable once it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income is forthcoming.

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

The Circuit acts as agent in two matters:

- the collection from Churches and payment over of their contributions to various funds controlled and administered by the Methodist Church- "Connexional Funds"
- the administration (application, collection and disbursement) of grants requested by Churches within the circuit form, but not limited to, the District and Connexion.

In all matters the transactions are not reflected in the SOFA because they are the income of either the Connexion or churches as appropriate. Instead the transactions are disclosed in the Notes to the Accounts as required by SORP (FRS 102).

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

viii Expenditure

This is recognised when the liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, where the amount is reliably measurable and it is considered more likely than not that there will be an outflow of economic benefit.

ix Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement to make a grant without performance conditions or as and when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment if it is subject to performance conditions. When the grant to be accrued is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years, discounted to net present value where the difference is material, is treated as a provision for future commitments in the balance sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years in accordance with the originally agreed terms. In cases, where the grant has been charged to one fund but for ease of payment has been transferred to another fund any future payment provision is applied to the fund from which the grant is ultimately be paid.

x VAT

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

xi Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The manses are shown in the accounts at its building insurance valuation as provided by Methodist Insurance PLC. 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.

xii Monetary investments

The Circuit's investments are in monetary assets classified as basic financial instruments under FRS 102 and are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP. The unrealised gains arising on the investments at the end of year are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

xiii Any debtors would be stated at the amounts owed to the Circuit or prepaid.

xiv Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses and accruals.

Notes to the Accounts**1. ASSESSMENTS ON CHURCHES**

The Circuit comprises 10 churches and each is assessed for a contribution to meet overall net costs of the Circuit. The aim is to cover all these net core costs from the Assessment.

2. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, this excludes stipends and salaries detailed below.

Details of minister's stipends, other salaries and benefits are shown in note 3. The ministers represent the key management personnel of the charity. The manses are also occupied by ministers of the Circuit.

All employees of the charity are also trustees as allowed under the Trust Deed.

Assessments paid by churches	2020/21	2019/20
Barking	43,837	42,478
Barkingside	28,768	27,876
Beacontree Heath	19,179	18,528
Gantshill	28,768	27,876
Goodmayes	28,768	27,876
Grange Hill	8,219	10,393
Ilford	27,399	26,515
Old Dagenham	12,000	24,051
Seven Kings	26,028	25,220
The Drive	34,248	33,090

3. STIPENDS, SALARIES & ASSOCIATED COSTS

Stipends/Salaries were paid to 4 full-time Presbyters, as well as 2 part-time

Lay staff who were involved in Circuit administration and the Religious Education Resources Project (RERP) operating in local Schools. No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000.

There is no accrual for holiday pay as it is immaterial. The holiday year ends on 31st August.

All staff are paid at or above the London Living Wage. Presbyters are members of the Methodist Ministers Pension Scheme (MMPS). This is a defined benefit scheme. Lay employees are contractual employees and have the option of joining a pension scheme which the Circuit has arranged with The Pensions Trust. This is a defined benefit scheme to which the Circuit contributes as employer.

The Connexion accounts for both pension schemes and shows the figures in the annual Methodist Church in Great Britain accounts. Restricted funds represent a grant from the London District Advance Fund towards the salary costs of the RERP. Stipend and salary figures shown below are gross and include all associated payroll costs:

	2021	2020
Ministers Stipends (Salaries £102,224; ERNI £9,397; Pension Contbns. £26,629)	138,250	141,056
Lay Salaries (Salaries £33,821; ERNI £2,236 and Pension Contbns. £2,029)	38,086	37,723
Payroll Admin Costs	202	174
less RERP Contribution	0	0
less Ilford, Barking, M C contribution	0	0
	202	174
Pensions Trust (Lay Workers)	41	-39
less RERP Contribution	0	0
less Ilford M C Contribution	0	0
	41	-39
Apprenticeship Levy	740	685
less Ilford, Barking, M C contribution	0	0
less RERP contribution	0	0
	740	685
Ministers Travel	2,719	4,007
Ministers Printing, Postages & Stationery	828	795
Ministers Telephone & Broadband	4,938	3,569
less Private Use	0	0
	4,938	3,569
Ministers Support & Training	1,483	1,886
Relocation Allowance & Removal Expenses		4,525
TOTAL STIPENDS, SALARIES & ASSOCIATED COSTS	187,287	194,381

Five lay staff members are paid by third parties. The salaries paid to these employees is not included in the above figures.

4. PROPERTY EXPENSES

The Circuit is Managing Trustee for 4 manses which are occupied by Ministers stationed in the Circuit. The Circuit is responsible for payment of Council Tax, Utilities maintenance charges, Water charges and Insurance, as well as general maintenance costs.

Exceptional charges were incurred during the year in respect of the Shafter Road manse in order to bring it up to a satisfactory state of repair for an incoming Minister. This essential work was funded from the Circuit's Reserves.

	2021	2020
MANSE PROPERTY COSTS		
Quinquennial & Testing Reports	1,230	890
Insurance	4,820	3,236
Manses Cncl. Tax, Water Rates, Genl Mntce.	13,103	14,618
Manse Repairs & Renewals		
19 Bethell Avenue	1,070	2,960
7 Hastings Avenue	1,021	300
46 Lyndhurst Gardens	-3,307	18,130
27 Shafter Avenue	29,765	36,939
	<u>28,549</u>	<u>58,329</u>
OTHER PROPERTY COSTS		
The Circuit hires a room under annual Licence from Beacontree Heath Methodist Church for use as an administrative office. Licence is renewable annually on 1st September with a rental of £4,000 per annum for 2020/21.		
Circuit Office rent	<u>2,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
TOTAL PROPERTY EXPENSES	<u>49,702</u>	<u>80,073</u>

5. OFFICE EXPENSES AND ADMINISTRATION

These costs are for operating the Circuit Office and include printing, postages, stationery, telephone and broadband expenses and also include the administration charge made by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes for maintaining our Circuit Model Trust Fund account. Main costs were:

	2021	2020
Photocopying		
Postages and Stationery	1,087	1,354
Telephone and Broadband	1,208	989
Sundries	1,014	1,081
TMCP Administration charge	<u>322</u>	<u>331</u>
Total	<u>3,631</u>	<u>3,755</u>

6. OTHER OUTGOINGS

	2021	2020
Account Examination Fee	732	720
Preaching Fees	0	0
Sundries:		
Compliance survey contribution	0	0
Refreshments	0	0
Circuit events	240	122
Other	499	1,105
	<u>739</u>	<u>1,226</u>
	<u>1,471</u>	<u>1,947</u>

BS1 MANSE PROPERTIES

Buildings comprise 4 manse properties occupied by Ministers stationed in the Circuit. Office equipment consists of two Desktop PCs and two colour printer/copiers which have now been fully written down in value.

1.1 Cost or Valuation	Buildings	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost/valuation brought forward	1,327,079	0	1,327,079
Gains on Manse Properties	71,680		71,680
less accumulated depreciation		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Book Value carried forward	<u>1,398,759</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,398,759</u>

Schedule of Manses:	Value
	£
19 Bethel Avenue Ilford	490,741
7 Hastings Avenue Ilford	278,677
46 Lyndhurst Gardens Barking	390,514
27 Shafter Road Dagenham	238,827
Total Value	<u>1,398,759</u>

BS2 INVESTMENT ASSETS

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund are held in cash by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds, and interest is credited to the account each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments. TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, by providing guidance and acting under their direction, the managing trustees comply with Charity Law and Methodist law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference.

ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENT MOVEMENTS

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits	2021	2020
	<u>133,600</u>	<u>160,999</u>
CHANGES IN INVESTMENT VALUES		
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	160,999	165,737
less Net transfers and charges	<u>-27,399</u>	<u>-4,738</u>
Carrying (market) value at end of year	<u>133,600</u>	<u>160,999</u>

BS3 CENTRAL FINANCE BOARD (CFB) and BANK BALANCES

Monetary balances held at the CFB of the Methodist Church and at HSBC bank are all available on demand without loss of interest. CFB interest is credited to principal each month. The split of these balances across General, Designated and Restricted Funds is arbitrary but wherever possible balances are not shown as negative.

Balances held at 31 August 2021

	General	Designated	Total
Central Finance Board	29,602	0	29,602
HSBC Bank	49,273	0	49,273
Totals	<u>78,875</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>78,875</u>

BS4 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**BS5.1 General Fund**

Balance	2021	2020
	<u>1,481,918</u>	<u>1,377,318</u>

The purpose of the Fund is for use at the discretion of the managing trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the Circuit and which have not been designated for other purposes.

About 90% of this fund is held as freehold property, being manses for ministers.

BS5.2 Circuit Model Trust Fund

Balance	31-Aug-21	2020
	<u>133,600</u>	<u>160,999</u>

The purpose of the Fund is for use at the discretion of the managing trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the Circuit. Its main source of income is from formalistically determined contributions from the sale of manses and church buildings in the Circuit.

BS5.3 Designated Funds

	31-Aug-21	2020
Balance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Manse Maintenance Fund

	31-Aug-21	2020
Balance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

These funds are the unspent budgeted maintenance funds to go towards future repairs and maintenance costs of the manses.

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Total 20 £	Total 2018-19 £
Income						
1		-	-	-	-	-
2	1	341	1,380	-	1,721	2,204
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24		1,380,711	165,737	-	1,546,447	1,559,806
25		1,377,318	160,999	-	1,538,317	1,546,447

Comparative Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

		General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Totals 2020	Totals 2019
	Notes to the Accounts	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Circuit Manses & Equipment	BS1	1,327,079	-	-	1,327,079	1,285,935
Investment properties		-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		1,327,079	-	-	1,327,079	1,285,935
Current Assets						
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Loans by the Circuit		-	-	-	-	-
Investments with TMCP	BS2	160,999	-	-	160,999	165,737
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Creditors (due in under 1 year)		18,389	-	-	18,389	3,282
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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2018-19		-	-	-	-	-
Loans to the Circuit		-	-	-	-	-
Net assets		1,538,317	-	-	1,538,317	1,546,447
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)	BS5.1	1,377,318	-	-	1,377,318	1,380,711
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	BS5.2	-	160,999	-	160,999	165,737
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	BS5.3	-	-	-	-	-
Total Unrestricted Funds		1,377,318	160,999	-	1,538,317	1,546,447
Restricted Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Endowment Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds		1,377,318	160,999	-	1,538,317	1,546,447

**Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit
DECLARATIONS**

Treasurer

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

Signature of Treasurer  Date

Name

Address

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval

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

Signature of the Chair of the Meeting 

Name of the Chair of the Meeting

Date

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the
Barking, Dagenham & Ilford Circuit**

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2021

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit Circuit

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Barking, Dagenham & Ilford Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Circuit you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Circuits' gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Circuit as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act;
- (2) the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- (2) the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Name

PHILLIP DU GAY

Signature

P. Du Gay

Relevant Professional qualification or body

FCCA

Address

Wettone Matthews, Market House, 21 Lenten Street, Alton, GU34 1HG

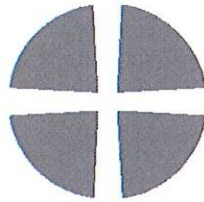
Date

28/6/2022

BARKING DAGENHAM & ILFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1131364

Accounts



**Circuit
Accruals Accounts
2019/2020**

THE METHODIST CHURCH
TEMPLATE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2020

Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration number

1131364

District No / Circuit No 35/31

Ministers

Bernardino M Mandlate
Angela Potheary
Kido Baek
Mmasape Zihle

Circuit Stewards

Miss Lesley Bentall
Mrs Lorna Brown
Mrs Foluso Famoyin Egbo
Mr Philip Korsah
Mrs Sarah Ocran

Circuit Treasurer

Mr Desmond John

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2020

Introduction

Recognising the value of reflection and accountability, the BDI Circuit is pleased to offer this summary of its activities and stewardship for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Aims and organisation

The mission of the Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit is contained within the description of the Methodist Church's Calling, in that it seeks to enable its local churches to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. The Circuit endeavours to realise this policy through managing its resources effectively, stimulating vision and encouraging mission initiatives.

Review of the year

Revd Bernardino Mandlate, a minister in the Circuit since 2011, accepted the position of Superintendent Minister starting in September 2019. During 2019 he was granted a three year extension to his appointment, starting from 1st September 2020.

A new minister, Revd Mmasape Zihle, joined the Circuit in September 2019, to work with Barkingside, The Drive, and Seven Kings churches.

One fully accredited Local Preacher on the Circuit plan passed away, and another moved away. One Local Preacher was moved from 'On Note' to 'On Trial'

The final grant payment from the London District Advance Fund to the Religious Education Resources Project, was made in 2020. At their meeting on 11th March 2020, the Circuit managing trustees agreed that support to the project should continue and further funding would be sought.

Following the announcement of government restrictions in March 2019, all church buildings in the Circuit were closed; it was hoped that there would be a return to worship some time during September 2020, as long as strict COVID guidelines were adhered to.

Total membership: 540

Income trends

During 2019/20, there was a shortfall in the budget, and a major expenditure on one of the Circuit manses, leading to another projected shortfall in 20/21. The Circuit churches agreed to contribute towards these costs in 2020/21.

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches; but with the agreement of the Circuit Meeting, the cost of special projects, such as the worker for the Religious Education Resources project, are met by drawing on Trust reserves.

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with conference approved increases.

13.8% of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2020 the net current assets of the Circuit were £211,238 which is in excess of the Circuit reserve requirements.

Plans for 2020/21

From 1st September 2020 there will be a new Deacon joining the Circuit with pastoral care of the churches in Old Dagenham and Ilford, alongside the Superintendent. The Deacon will also oversee the Circuit project at Grange Hill Methodist Church

The Religious Education Resources Project continues to make a significant contribution to the way in which schools in Redbridge engage in Religious Education. During the pandemic, the work of the project was moved to on-line, with lessons taking place via Zoom, and information packs being emailed to school. This will continue until government restrictions are lifted.

Once churches are allowed to re-open, Circuit Celebrations will be used to help foster a greater sense of Circuit identity, and to offer inspiration to those who attend.

BARKING, DAGENHAM & ILFORD CIRCUIT

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015.

Full name of Charity: Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1131364

Date of registration: August 2009

Main communication address: c/o Beacontree Heath Methodist Church, The Broadway, Dagenham, RM8 1DZ

The members of the Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Methodist Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of Circuit Office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches. Full membership is shown at the end of this report.

Circuit Ministers and Officers

Active Circuit Ministers: Revd Bernardino M Mandlate
Revd Angela Potheary
Revd Kido Baek
Revd Mmasape Zihle

Circuit Lay Worker: Mrs Caroline Dawson

Circuit Stewards: Miss Lesley Bentall (Senior)
Mrs Lorna Brown
Mrs Foluso Famoyin Egbo
Mr Philip Korsah
Mrs Sarah Ocran

Treasurer: Mr Desmond John

Administrator: Mrs Jackie Saito

Independent Examiner: Wettone Matthews, Market House,
21 Lenten Street, ALTON GU34 1HG

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

BARKING, DAGENHAM AND ILFORD CIRCUIT

Aims and Organisation

Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Barking, Dagenham and Ilford for the Methodist Church:

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

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

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commissions' guidance on public benefit

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

Day-to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team, along with the Local Preachers' meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Church's Connexional office to support the effective running of the Circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in the Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit Meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the London Methodist District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the Circuit: Barking, Barkingside, Beacontree Heath, Gantshill, Grange Hill, Goodmayes, Ilford, Old Dagenham, Seven Kings, The Drive.

Trustees

The trustees of the Circuit are the following:

Revd B Mandlate, Revd A Potheary, Revd K Baek, Revd M Zihle, Sister V Nicholls, Miss L Bentall, Mrs L Brown, Mrs F Famoyin Egbo, Mr P Korsah, Ms S Ocran, Mr D John, Mr S Grundy, Mrs C Dawson, Mr C Holmes, Mr C Gallehawk, Dr F Coker, Mrs J Saito, Mr E Ofuso, Mr D Clarke, Mrs J Cheal, Mr C Clarke, Mrs S Grundy, Mr B Vaughan, Mrs G Holroyde, Mrs J Browne, Mr P Jeremy, Mr T Banjo, Mrs P Browne, Mr B Grinham, Mr J Higgins, Mr B Taylor, Miss S Ruckes, Mr J Inbakumar, Mrs S Catmur, Mrs E Weatherstone, Mr P Hall, Mrs P Hall, Mr D Gomm, Mrs J Jones, Mr P Butt, Mr K Wiles, Mrs A Earwaker, Mrs N Silvano, Mrs S Best, Mrs J Morris, Ms R Dzumbira, Mr Y Odelola, Mr T Shaw, Mrs D Ako, Mrs J Nickols, Mr R Nickols, Mr C Fowler, Mrs V Slack, Miss B Westcott, Mrs R Phillips, Ms W Austin

Barking, Dagenham & Ilford Circuit

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Finance and Property Committee with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a quarterly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things, this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults;
 - the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable;
 - the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
 - We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
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 - We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
 - We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation.

The Barking, Dagenham & Ilford Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the Circuit and in the Churches.

The Barking, Dagenham & Ilford Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit is to hold a minimum of four months average revenue expenditure, which currently equates to some £110,809. This sum will be held in cash across the Bank Current, Central Finance Board Deposit and TMCP accounts. The reserves of the charity stood at £1,538,317 at the year end all of which is unrestricted. Of these reserves £1,327,079 is invested in the charity's property and other fixed assets.

In determining this amount, it is considered that sufficient funds are needed to continue running our planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches. In addition, the Circuit is responsible for maintaining its stock of four manse properties in good, habitable order: these properties range between some 60 and 110 years in age. Therefore, part of our reserves are needed to meet any unforeseen repair costs on these manses, so that such repairs can be undertaken expeditiously.

At the present time, the Circuit holds in excess of the level of reserves stated above in its current account, Central Finance Board Deposit account and TMCP account.

It is the intention of the Circuit Leadership team to review this policy at least annually going forward and to keep the Managing Trustees advised of details.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' 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 and 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 year.

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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient 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 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the 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.

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019- 20 £	Total 2018-19 £
Income						
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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

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Signed



Circuit Treasurer

BARKING, DAGENHAM & ILFORD CIRCUIT

Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2020

1a Basis of accounting and accounting policies

i Accounting standard

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)* applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1 January 2015)-(Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

ii Public benefit entity

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

iii Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year. The accruals basis has been used and trustees present accounts that show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

iv Content

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

v Going Concern

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31 August 2019, the trustees believe that the Circuit is a going concern.

vi Consolidation

The Circuit has denominational regulatory oversight in respect of the work of the churches within the Circuit but has no legal or operational control of those Churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances. For this reason, the financial statements of Churches within the Circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

vii Income recognition

Income is brought into account when there is entitlement and the amount is reliably measurable once it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income is forthcoming.

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

The Circuit acts as agent in two matters:

- the collection from Churches and payment over of their contributions to various funds controlled and administered by the Methodist Church- "Connexional Funds"
- the administration (application, collection and disbursement) of grants requested by Churches within the circuit form, but not limited to, the District and Connexion.

In all matters the transactions are not reflected in the SOFA because they are the income of either the Connexion or churches as appropriate. Instead the transactions are disclosed in the Notes to the Accounts as required by SORP (FRS 102).

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

viii Expenditure

This is recognised when the liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, where the amount is reliably measurable and it is considered more likely than not that there will be an outflow of economic benefit.

ix Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement to make a grant without performance conditions or as and when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment if it is subject to performance conditions. When the grant to be accrued is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years, discounted to net present value where the difference is material, is treated as a provision for future commitments in the balance sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years in accordance with the originally agreed terms. In cases, where the grant has been charged to one fund but for ease of payment has been transferred to another fund any future payment provision is applied to the fund from which the grant is ultimately be paid.

x VAT

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

xi Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The manses are shown in the accounts at its building insurance valuation as provided by Methodist Insurance PLC. 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.

xii Monetary investments

The Circuit's investments are in monetary assets classified as basic financial instruments under FRS 102 and are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP. The unrealised gains arising on the investments at the end of year are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

xiii Any debtors would be stated at the amounts owed to the Circuit or prepaid.

xiv Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses and accruals.

Notes to the Accounts**1. ASSESSMENTS ON CHURCHES**

The Circuit comprises 10 churches and each is assessed for a contribution to meet overall net costs of the Circuit. The aim is to cover all these net core costs from the Assessment.

2. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, this excludes stipends and salaries detailed below.

Details of minister's stipends, other salaries and benefits are shown in note 3. The ministers represent the key management personnel of the charity. The manses are also occupied by ministers of the Circuit. All employees of the charity are also trustees as allowed under the Trust Deed.

Assessments paid by churches	2019/20	2018/19
Barking	42,478	41,524
Barkingside	27,876	27,250
Beacontree Heath	18,528	18,167
Gantshill	27,876	27,250
Goodmayes	27,876	27,250
Grange Hill	10,393	10,381
Ilford	26,515	25,953
Old Dagenham	24,051	24,655
Seven Kings	25,220	24,655
The Drive	33,090	32,441

3. STIPENDS, SALARIES & ASSOCIATED COSTS

Stipends/Salaries were paid to 4 full-time Presbyters, as well as 2 part-time Lay staff who were involved in Circuit administration and the Religious Education Resources Project (RERP) operating in local Schools. No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000. There is no accrual for holiday pay as it is immaterial. The holiday year ends on 31st August. All staff are paid at or above the London Living Wage. Presbyters are members of the Methodist Ministers Pension Scheme (MMPS). This is a defined benefit scheme. Lay employees are contractual employees and have the option of joining a pension scheme which the Circuit has arranged with The Pensions Trust. This is a defined benefit scheme to which the Circuit contributes as employer. The Connexion accounts for both pension schemes and shows the figures in the annual Methodist Church in Great Britain accounts. Restricted funds represent a grant from the London District Advance Fund towards the salary costs of the RERP. Stipend and salary figures shown below are gross and include all associated payroll costs:

	2020	2019
Ministers Stipends (Salaries £104,616; ERNI £9,638; Pension Contbns. £26,801)	141,056	138,332
Lay Salaries (Salaries £36,508; ERNI £2,244 and Pension Contbns. £2,145)	37,723	36,029
Payroll Admin Costs	174	166
less RERP Contribution	0	0
less Ilford, Barking, M C contribution	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	174	166
Pensions Trust (Lay Workers)	-39	74
less RERP Contribution	0	0
less Ilford M C Contribution	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	-39	74
Apprenticeship Levy	685	863
less Ilford, Barking, M C contribution	0	0
less RERP contribution	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	685	863
Ministers Travel	4,007	5,839
Ministers Printing, Postages & Stationery	795	1,390
Ministers Telephone & Broadband	3,569	3,392
less Private Use	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	3,569	3,392
Ministers Support & Training	1,886	545
Relocation Allowance & Removal Expenses	<u>4,525</u>	<u>1,608</u>
TOTAL STIPENDS, SALARIES & ASSOCIATED COSTS	<u>194,381</u>	<u>188,238</u>

Five lay staff members are paid by third parties. The salaries paid to these employees is not included in the above figures.

4. PROPERTY EXPENSES

The Circuit is Managing Trustee for 4 manses which are occupied by Ministers stationed in the Circuit. The Circuit is responsible for payment of Council Tax, Utilities maintenance charges, Water charges and Insurance, as well as general maintenance costs.

Exceptional charges were incurred during the year in respect of the Shafter Road manse in order to bring it up to a satisfactory state of repair for an incoming Minister. This essential work was funded from the Circuit's Reserves.

	2020	2019
MANSE PROPERTY COSTS		
Quinquennial & Testing Reports	890	5,420
Insurance	3,236	3,293
Manses Cncl. Tax, Water Rates, Genl Mntce.	14,618	17,592
Manse Repairs & Renewals		
19 Bethell Avenue	2,960	2,345
7 Hastings Avenue	300	109
46 Lyndhurst Gardens	18,130	33,689
27 Shafter Avenue	36,939	80
	58,329	36,223
OTHER PROPERTY COSTS		
The Circuit hires a room under annual Licence from Beacontree Heath Methodist Church for use as an administrative office. Licence is renewable annually on 1st September with a rental of £4,000 per annum for 2019/20.		
Circuit Office rent	<u>3,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
TOTAL PROPERTY EXPENSES	<u>80,073</u>	<u>66,528</u>

5. OFFICE EXPENSES AND ADMINISTRATION

These costs are for operating the Circuit Office and include printing, postages, stationery, telephone and broadband expenses and also include the administration charge made by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes for maintaining our Circuit Model Trust Fund account. Main costs were:

	2020	2019
Photocopying		
Postages and Stationery	1,354	1,923
Telephone and Broadband	989	1,836
Sundries	1,081	1,511
TMCP Administration charge	<u>331</u>	<u>341</u>
Total	<u>3,757</u>	<u>5,611</u>

6. OTHER OUTGOINGS

	2020	2019
Account Examination Fee	720	1,500
Preaching Fees	0	486
Sundries:		
Compliance survey contribution	0	0
Refreshments	0	0
Circuit events	122	461
Other	1,105	128
	<u>1,226</u>	<u>588</u>
	<u>1,946</u>	<u>2,575</u>

BS1 MANSE PROPERTIES

Buildings comprise 4 manse properties occupied by Ministers stationed in the Circuit. Office equipment consists of two Desktop PCs and two colour printer/copiers which have now been fully written down in value.

1.1 Cost or Valuation	Buildings	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost/valuation brought forward	1,285,935	2,998	1,288,933
Gains on Manse Properties	41,144		41,144
less accumulated depreciation		<u>-2,998</u>	<u>-2,998</u>
Net Book Value carried forward	<u>1,327,079</u>	0	<u>1,327,079</u>

Schedule of Manses:	Value
	£
19 Bethel Avenue Ilford	465,593
7 Hastings Avenue Ilford	264,396
46 Lyndhurst Gardens Barking	370,502
27 Shafter Road Dagenham	226,588
Total Value	<u>1,327,079</u>

BS2 INVESTMENT ASSETS

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund are held in cash by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds, and interest is credited to the account each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments. TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, by providing guidance and acting under their direction, the managing trustees comply with Charity Law and Methodist law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference.

ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENT MOVEMENTS

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits	2020	2019
	<u>160,999</u>	<u>165,737</u>

CHANGES IN INVESTMENT VALUES

Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	165,737	170,708
less Net transfers and charges	<u>-4,738</u>	<u>-4,971</u>
Carrying (market) value at end of year	<u>160,999</u>	<u>165,737</u>

BS3 CENTRAL FINANCE BOARD (CFB) and BANK BALANCES

Monetary balances held at the CFB of the Methodist Church and at HSBC bank are all available on demand without loss of interest. CFB interest is credited to principal each month. The split of these balances across General, Designated and Restricted Funds is arbitrary but wherever possible balances are not shown as negative.

Balances held at 31 August 2020

	General	Designated	Total
Central Finance Board	53,288	0	53,288
HSBC Bank	<u>6,646</u>	<u>0</u>	6,646
Totals	<u>59,934</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>59,934</u>

BS4 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**BS5.1 General Fund**

Balance	31-Aug-20	2019
	<u>1,377,318</u>	<u>1,380,711</u>

The purpose of the Fund is for use at the discretion of the managing trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the Circuit and which have not been designated for other purposes. About 90% of this fund is held as freehold property, being manses for ministers.

BS5.2 Circuit Model Trust Fund

Balance	31-Aug-20	2019
	<u>160,999</u>	<u>165,737</u>

The purpose of the Fund is for use at the discretion of the managing trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the Circuit. Its main source of income is from formalistically determined contributions from the sale of manses and church buildings in the Circuit.

BS5.3 Designated Funds

	31-Aug-20	2019
Balance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Manse Maintenance Fund

	31-Aug-20	2019
Balance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

These funds are the unspent budgeted maintenance funds to go towards future repairs and maintenance costs of the manses.

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2019

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Total 2018-19 £	Total 2017-18 £
Income						
1		-	-	-	-	-
2	1	798	1,406	-	2,204	1,619
3		-	-	-	-	-
4		259,981	-	-	259,981	254,793
5		-	-	-	-	-
6		-	-	-	-	-
7		-	-	-	-	-
8		260,779	1,406	-	262,185	256,412
Expenditure						
9		-	-	-	-	-
10	3	188,238	-	-	188,238	180,249
11	4	56,829	-	9,699	66,528	30,849
12		41,573	-	-	41,573	42,067
13		-	6,035	-	6,035	6,737
14		-	-	-	-	-
15	5	5,270	341	-	5,611	4,274
16	6	2,575	-	-	2,575	3,125
17		294,485	6,377	9,699	310,560	267,301
18		-	-	-	-	-
19		-	-	-	-	-
20		(33,705)	(4,971)	(9,699)	(48,375)	(10,889)
21		-	-	-	-	-
22		35,016	-	-	35,016	50,445
23		1,311	(4,971)	(9,699)	(13,359)	39,556
24		1,379,399	170,708	9,699	1,559,806	1,520,250
25		1,380,711	165,737	-	1,546,447	1,559,806

Comparative Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2019

		General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Totals 2019	Totals 2018
Notes to the Accounts		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Circuit Manses & Equipment	BS1	1,285,935	-	-	1,285,935	1,250,919
Investment properties		-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		1,285,935	-	-	1,285,935	1,250,919
Current Assets						
Debtors		6,697	-	-	6,697	3,806
Loans by the Circuit		-	-	-	-	-
Investments with TMCP	BS2	-	165,737	-	165,737	170,708
Central Finance Board Deposits	BS3	76,414	-	-	76,414	137,881
Cash at Bank and in hand	BS3	14,946	-	-	14,946	622
Total current assets		98,057	165,737	-	263,794	313,017
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under 1 year)		3,282	-	-	3,282	4,130
Grants payable within 2018-19		-	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities		3,282	-	-	3,282	4,130
Net current assets/liabilities		94,776	165,737	-	260,512	308,887
Total assets less current liabilities		1,380,711	165,737	-	1,546,447	1,559,806
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2018-19		-	-	-	-	-
Loans to the Circuit		-	-	-	-	-
Net assets		1,380,711	165,737	-	1,546,447	1,559,806
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)	BS5.1	1,380,711	-	-	1,380,711	1,379,399
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	BS5.2	-	165,737	-	165,737	170,708
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	BS5.3	-	-	-	0	9,699
Total Unrestricted Funds		1,380,711	165,737	-	1,546,447	1,559,806
Restricted Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Endowment Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds		1,380,711	165,737	-	1,546,447	1,559,806

**Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit
DECLARATIONS**

Treasurer

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

Signature of Treasurer Date

Name

Address

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval

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

Signature of the Chair of the Meeting

Name of the Chair of the Meeting

Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Barking, Dagenham & Ilford Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2020

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit Circuit

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Barking, Dagenham and Ilford Circuit

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Barking, Dagenham & Ilford Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Circuit you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Circuits' gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Circuit as required by section 130 of the 2011
- (2) the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- (2) the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Name

PHILLIP DU GAY

Signature

P. du Gay

Relevant Professional qualification or body

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Date

28/6/21