

CANTERBURY AND EAST KENT METHODIST CIRCUIT
(Charity Registration No. 1132654)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending 31 August 2023

CANTERBURY AND EAST KENT METHODIST CIRCUIT

Trustees' Annual Report

Introduction

Our calling is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ by encouraging, resourcing and enabling the people and churches of the Circuit to serve their communities and the wider world.

The Circuit came into being in September 2014, and was formed from the merger of three Circuits (Canterbury & Coastal, Thanet, and Dover and Deal Methodist Circuits). The new Circuit now comprises of churches covering the north east corner of Kent from beyond Faversham in North West down to Dover in the South East, including Methodist/URC and Methodist/Anglican partnerships. The Circuit also includes two Methodist Foundation Primary Schools and two independent Methodist schools, Kent College Canterbury and Lorenden. We also include Bradbury Grange MHA home.

Covering such a large and diverse area presents many challenges, but also many more opportunities. Canterbury is also home to three universities and its population is swelled by over 30,000 Students each year. The Circuit therefore has appointed a Deacon whose main ministry is to specially work with the Student Community.

We believe the Methodist Circuit encourages us to look beyond our individual congregations to give strength and mutual support to our large and small congregations alike, as we seek to embody the values of God's Kingdom and witness to the good news of Jesus Christ in the world.

Aims and organisation

Proclaiming the Gospel of Christ's Love through Joyful Worship, Action in Service, and Life in Discipleship.

Brief financial review of the year

The circuit continues to bring together the three former circuits and to reshape for mission.

The finances of the circuit are in deficit but work continues to bring the accounts back into balance with meetings of the church treasurers.

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches.

The rental income relates to the rental of a manse at Herne Bay together with a District Grant and funds from the Circuit Model Trust

Expenditure trends

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

13.5% 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.

The other expenditure includes expenses on the ministers manses reference both capital and maintenance.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2023 the net current assets of the Circuit were £597,700 (2022 : £433,168), giving approximately 6 months cover for expenditure.

Plans for 2023/24

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there remains 5 full time Presbyters, 2 Deacons and 1.5 presbyters from other denominations with anticipated cost of living stipend increases combined with an increase in the assessment paid to the district. Circuit Churches are indicating that they will have difficulty in increasing their assessment. However discussions have started in order to address the shortfall in income of reduce the expenditure.

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 (FRS) 102

Full Name of Charity: Canterbury and East Kent Methodist Circuit
Registration Charity Number: 1132654
Date of registration : 11 November 2009.
Main communication address : Circuit Office , St Peter's Methodist Church, St Peter's Street, Canterbury, CT1 2BE

The members of the Canterbury and East Kent Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.
Fully membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Circuit Ministers

Rev. Emmanuel Aggrey-Ogoe (Superintendent)
Rev. Dr Paul Glass
Rev. Catherine Wagstaff
Rev. Timothy Nicholls
Deacon Joy Everingham (Student Chaplain)
Deacon Michelle Legumi (Community Worker Dover Beacon Church)
Rev. Wesley Hampton
Rev. Martin Belgrove (URC)

Circuit Stewards

Mr. Michael Baybutt (Circuit Treasurer)
Mr. Neil Dobson (Senior Steward)
Mrs. Angela Pilgrim
Mr. Peter Bartlett
Mrs. Linda Bevertton

Administrator

Mrs. Tracey Yates

Investment Bankers

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

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Aims and organisation

Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around East Kent. 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.

Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Structure, Governance and Management

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

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church 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, the Circuit Finance and Property Committee

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion 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 South East District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit

BIRCHINGTON.
BROADSTAIRS.
CANTERBURY, ST. PETER'S.
CHALLOCK
DEAL TRINITY
DOVER, THE BEACON
DOVER - RIVER
FAVERSHAM UNITED
GARLINGE
GREENSTREET
HERNE BAY, UNITED CHURCH
MARGATE, UNION CHURCH
MARSHSIDE
MONKTON
OLD WIVES LEES
RAMSGATE, hARDRES STREET
STURRY & DISTRICT, UNITED CHURCH
WHITSTABLE, ST JOHN'S

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 half yearly 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, cooperating 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.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Canterbury and East Kent 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 Canterbury and East Kent 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

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manes and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

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SCHEDULE A

Circuit Ministers

Rev. Emmanuel Aggrey-Ogoe (Superintendent)
Rev. Dr Paul Glass
Rev. Catherine Wagstaff
Rev. Timothy Nicholls
Deacon Joy Everingham (Student Chaplain)
Deacon Michelle Legumi (Community Worker Dover Beacon Church)
Rev. Wesley Hampton
Rev. Peter Cornish (Rector & Authorised Methodist Minister)
Rev. Martin Belgrove (URC)

Supernumerary Ministers

Rev. Canon Malcolm Cooper
Rev Malcolm Peach
Rev. Roger North
Rev. Canon Harvey Richardson
Rev. Mike Walling

Circuit Links

Angela & Graham Gibbens (OWL)

Lay Employees

Circuit Administrator	Mrs. Tracy Yates/Ms Ruth Potter
Assistant Circuit Administrator	Mrs. Marjorie Dobson

Circuit Officers

Circuit Stewards

Mr. Michael Baybutt (Circuit Treasurer)
Mrs. Angela Pilgrim (Senior Steward)
Mr. Peter Bartlett
Mrs. Linda Beverton
Mrs. Marjory Dobson

Circuit Meeting Minute Secretary

Mrs. Tracy Yates assisted by Mrs Marjory Dobson

Circuit Treasurer

Mr. Michael Baybutt

Connexional Funds Treasurer

Mr. Peter Booth

Circuit Property Secretary

Mr Douglas Bush (Churches) / Mr. Peter Bartlett (Manses)

Circuit Safeguarding Officer

Mrs. Sue Boulden

Education

Rev. Dr. Paul Glass

Representative for Synod

Mr. Neil Dobson (ex officio)
Mrs. Linda Beverton
Mrs. Sue Boulden
Mrs. Marjory Dobson
Mr. Michael Baybutt
Mrs. Angela Pilgrim

Local Preachers' Secretary

Mrs. Christine Barker

Manses Secretary

Mr. Peter Bartlett

Methodist Women in Britain

Mrs. Marjory Dobson

All We Can

Rev. Roger North

JMA

Mrs. Ruth Denton

Action for Children

Mrs. Sue Huston-Dalglish

Methodist Homes

Mrs. Jean Hall

Social Responsibility

Rev. Canon Malcolm Cooper

Invitations Committee

Circuit Stewards & Circuit Ministers

World Missions Secretary/Representative

Mrs. Marjory Dobson

BIRCHINGTON.

Steward	Susan Huston-Dalglish
Treasurer	Christine Barker
Representatives	Timothy Setchell, Jerry Collis

BROADSTAIRS.

Steward	Carl Morris
Treasurer	Neil Dobson
Representatives	Janet Pitt

CANTERBURY, ST. PETER'S

Steward	Richard Cockell
Treasurer	James McCrea
Representatives	Helen Brown, Kaye Merrywest

CHALLOCK

Treasurer	Beryl Nason
Representative	Jill Jones

DEAL TRINITY

Steward	Geoff Potter
Treasurer	Neil Adams
Representative	Val Newman, Margaret Barker

DOVER, THE BEACON

Steward	Elizabeth Beck
Treasurer	E. Rawson
Representative	Ron Sutton, Maureen MacDonald

DOVER - RIVER

Steward	Helen Dear
Treasurer	Jane Walker
Representative	Derek Leach

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FAVERSHAM UNITED

Steward/Elder
Treasurer
Representative

Ron Trivasse
Roger Berryman
Reg Barnes

GARLINGE

Steward
Treasurer
Representative

Monica Harrison
Dennis Jarvis
Wendy Miller

GREENSTREET

Acting Treasurer

Roger Berryman (From Faversham)

HERNE BAY, UNITED CHURCH

Steward
Treasurer
Representatives

John Nicholson
Michele Nicholson
Barbara Hammerton

MARGATE, UNION CHURCH

Steward
Treasurer
Representative

Pat Stringer
Andrew Ogden
Bob Buchanan

MARSHSIDE

Steward
Treasurer
Representative

Ronald Nicholls
Andrew Marchetti
Anthony Russell

MONKTON

Steward
Treasurer
Representative

Robert Hood
Peter Mitchell

OLD WIVES LEES

Steward
Treasurer

Peter Bartlett
Mary Bartlett

RAMSGATE, HARDRES STREET

Steward
Treasurer
Representative

Gillian Todd
Jackie Howe
Jeremy Fisher, Doug reed, John Impett, Peter Griggs

STURRY & DISTRICT, UNITED CHURCH

Churchwarden
Treasurer
Representatives

Anne Stevenson
Andrew Webster
Martin and Angela Pilgrim

WHITSTABLESt. JOHN'S

Steward
Treasurer
Representative

Lorna Horn
Graham Godley
Hilary Baybutt, Brenda Feast, Roger Rigg, Sue Rigg

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Circuit No : 36/27

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

Notes	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted & Endowment Funds		Total 2022-23	Total 2021-22
	General	Circuit Model Trust	Designated	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments							
1 Donations and legacies						0	0
2 Income from monetary investments	1,693	9,578		492	3,540	15,303	2,178
3 Income from investment properties	34,700					34,700	12,600
4 Assessments on Churches	404,356					404,356	277,779
5 Capital Receipts	4,605	365,925				370,529	174,386
6 Grants received	10,000					10,000	10,000
7 Other charitable income	52,133					52,133	60,171
8 Total income	507,486	375,503	0	492	3,540	887,022	537,114
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations	55,120			87	831	56,038	55,734
10 Salaries and associated costs	267,900					267,900	305,098
11 Property	94,857					94,857	60,911
12 Office expenses	13,839	670		45	321	14,874	18,241
13 District Assessment & Levy	73,405	9,248				82,654	83,890
14 Depreciation						0	828
15 Other outgoings	5,508					5,508	4,209
16 Total charitable expenditure	510,629	9,917	0	132	1,152	521,830	528,911
17 Net Income before investment gains/losses	(3,143)	365,586	0	360	2,389	365,192	8,203
19 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		(28)		(177)	(1,262)	(1,467)	(2,318)
20 Gains/(losses) on property disposals/revaluations	395,429					395,429	109,831
21 Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	392,286	365,558	0	183	1,127	759,154	115,716
22 Transfers between funds	271,665	(271,665)				0	0
23 Reclassification of funds	0					0	0
24 Other gains/(losses)							
25 Net movement in funds	663,951	93,893	0	183	1,127	759,154	115,716
26 Total funds brought forward	2,367,398	234,954	0	15,867	112,897	2,731,116	2,615,400
27 Total funds carried forward	3,031,349	328,847	0	16,050	114,024	3,490,270	2,731,116

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Circuit No : 36/27

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

Notes		Unrestricted Funds			Restricted & Endowment Funds		Total 2023	Totals 2022
		General	Circuit Model Trust	Designated	Restricted	Endowment		
		£	£	£	£	£		
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	BS1	2,428,538					2,428,538	1,881,515
Investment properties	BS1	830,953					830,953	381,882
Investments	BS2		629		3,997	28,453	33,079	34,551
Total fixed assets		3,259,491	629	0	3,997	28,453	3,292,569	2,297,948
Current Assets								
Debtors	BS3	186,405					186,405	118,350
Loans by the Circuit							0	0
Investments with TMCP	BS2		328,219		12,053	85,570	425,842	329,169
Central Finance Board Deposits	BS4	43,292					43,292	53,708
Cash at Bank and in hand	BS4	46,413					46,413	20,445
Total current assets		276,110	328,219	0	12,053	85,570	701,952	521,672
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	BS5	104,252					104,252	88,504
Grants payable within 2022-23							0	0
Total current liabilities		104,252	0	0	0	0	104,252	88,504
Net current assets/(liabilities)		171,858	328,219	0	12,053	85,570	597,701	433,168
Total assets less current liabilities		3,431,349	328,847	0	16,050	114,024	3,890,270	2,731,116
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2022-23							0	0
Loans to the Circuit		400,000					400,000	0
							0	0
Net assets		3,031,349	328,847	0	16,050	114,024	3,490,270	2,731,116
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)	BS6.1	3,031,349						
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	BS6.2		328,847					
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0				
Total Unrestricted Funds							3,360,196	2,602,352
Restricted Funds	BS7				16,050		16,050	15,867
Endowment Funds	BS7					114,024	114,024	112,897
Total Funds		3,031,349	328,847	0	16,050	114,024	3,490,270	2,731,116

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ending 31 August 2023

1 Basis of accounting and accounting policies

i Accounting framework

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)* applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1 January 2015) – (the Charities SORP (FRS 102) as amended by Update Bulletin 1) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the "true and fair override" provision contained therein.

ii Public benefit entity

The Canterbury and East Kent Methodist 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 note(s) 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, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuits financial position and activities.

iv Content

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

v FRS102 SORP2015 [applies to 2016-17 onwards]

These accounts are compliant with FRS102 and with the FRS102 SORP 2015.

vi 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.

vii Consolidation

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

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viii 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 will be 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 payments over of their contributions to various Funds controlled and administered by The Methodist Church - "Connexional Funds"
- The administration (application, collection and distribution) of grants requested by Churches within the Circuit from, but not limited to, the District and Connexion.

In all these matters the transactions are not reflected in the SOFA because they are the income of either the Connexion or Churches as appropriate.

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

ix Expenditure

This is recognised when a 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.

x Grants

Grants are recognised in full when the award is made once the District accepts that there is a legal or constructive obligation to make the payment and that such payment is probable. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the original terms agreed.

xi VAT

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

xii Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown in the accounts at deemed historical cost representing each property's gross carrying value as at 31 August 2023, being that property's insurance value in 2022. No depreciation is provided on the buildings 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 cost to date. Properties have been reviewed for impairment.

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xiii Monetary Investments

The Circuit's investments are in monetary assets classified as basic financial instruments under FRS102 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 investments at the end of the year are shown in the SOFA.

xiv Investment Property

From time to time the Circuit may hold residential property (formerly manse) which is surplus to its normal staffing requirements. Where this is the case and it is anticipated that the property is unlikely to be used as a manse for a period of two years, the property is classified as Investment Property (whether let or not) and any lets are at market rates unless there is a compelling reason not to do so in furtherance of the circuit's charitable objectives.

xv Receivables and Payables; Bank and Cash

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

xvi Methodist Church Fund

The Methodist Church Connexion raises assessments on Circuits and these are paid quarterly to their Districts. The Circuits raise assessments against Churches in the Circuit. The District quarterly remits to The Methodist Church Fund most of the sum received from Circuits. A small sum is retained by the District to meet its own costs. The Circuit may act as agent for ad hoc collections for various funds controlled and administered by The Methodist Church.

xvii Ministers' manse costs

The Circuit is required to provide accommodation for each minister in the Circuit and their families and this is seen as a benefit to the Circuit. Ministers are expected to occupy the manse provided for them. The Circuit bears the cost of repairs, maintenance, buildings insurance, Council Tax, water charges and telephone costs. These figures are not separately disclosed as benefits-in-kind as HMRC does not seek to tax these receipts in the hands of ministers.

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2 Glossary of terms

CFB: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church manages a Common Deposit Fund and a series of pooled investment funds for Methodist entities in Great Britain and provides investment advice to those entities

Church: a group of members from fewer than 10 to more than 300

Circuit: a group of Methodist Churches near each other, typically between 10 and 30

CMTF: Circuit Model Trust Fund

Connexion: The Methodist Church in GB which includes the Head Office at Methodist Church House, all Methodist Districts, Circuits and Churches in Great Britain

District: a group of contiguous Circuits, usually between 15 and 30

DAF: District Advance Fund

DPC: District Policy Committee

FRS: Financial Reporting Standard

MCF: Methodist Church Fund

MMPS: Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme

PASLEMC: Pensions and Assurance Scheme for Lay Employees of the Methodist Church

SOFA: Statement of Financial Activities

SORP: Statement of Recommended Practice

TMCP: Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds

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3 Income from Investment Property

The trustees have determined that the property listed below is unlikely to be returned as a manse in the foreseeable future and have therefore classified the same as an investment property. Letting income is shown gross of fees and commissions.

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total	2022
Letting Income:							
80 Linden Avenue, Herne Bay	13,800					13,800	12,600
79 Preston Park, Faversham	20,900					20,900	0
Totals	34,700	0	0	0	0	34,700	12,600

4 Assessments on Churches

The Circuit comprises 18 churches and each is assessed for a contribution to meet the overall net costs of the Circuit. In making it's Assessment budgeted income from investment income (including property letting) and confirmed external grants is taken into account. The Circuit aims to cover all it's net costs from the Assessment.

An Assessment on Churches is annually determined by the Circuit using a formulaic method which takes into account the relative number of members in each church and its relative income (after deduction of certain actual and notional expenses).

Assessments on churches are quarterly in advance and are treated as pre-payments on a receivable basis. If any church has not paid its assessment by the due date the sum in question is also treated as a creditor. Such cases are detailed in Notes BS3 and BS6.

Church	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total	2022
Birchington	9,996					9,996	9,444
Broadstairs	21,000					21,000	21,996
Challock	3,780					3,780	2,916
Faversham	24,372					24,372	22,164
Garlinge	9,996					9,996	13,572
Hardres Street	37,620					37,620	33,288
Herne Bay	24,096					24,096	21,912
Monkton	2,328					2,328	2,124
River	41,508					41,508	40,908
St. Johns	39,600					39,600	36,000
St. Peters Canterbury	90,000					90,000	95,484
Sturry	21,996					21,996	20,004
Dover -Beacon	34,104					34,104	34,104
Deal	28,764					28,764	26,148
Margate	14,520					14,520	13,200
Whitsable - URC	676					676	800
Old Wives Lees	0					0	902
Marshside	0					0	3,404
Assessments written off	0					0	-120,591
Totals	404,356	0	0	0	0	404,356	73,455

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5 Capital Receipts

Relates to the sale of Greenstreet Methodist Church, Teynham in January 2023. The figure is shown net of all related selling fees and commissions.
In addition all sales of Methodist property are subject to a levy by the Connexion calculated on a sliding scale based on the gross sale price.

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total	2022
Gross sale proceeds	19,487	301,513				321,000	266,000
COF Levy on Property Sales		(96,074)				(96,074)	(76,257)
COF Levy refund		160,486				160,486	0
Selling Agents fees	(12,066)					(12,066)	(9,996)
Legal fees	(2,817)					(2,817)	(2,866)
Surveyors fees						0	(2,495)
Totals	4,605	365,925	0	0	0	370,529	174,386

6 Grants Receivable

Circuit Mission Enabler	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total	2022
District advance - Deacon	10,000					10,000	10,000
Totals	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000

7 Other Income

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total	2022
Payments for salaries:							
St. Peter's	18,251					18,251	15,813
Whitstable	21,111					21,111	19,059
Ramsgate	8,227					8,227	16,746
Margate	0					0	1,150
Misc	175					175	375
Donations	4,369					4,369	7,029
Totals	52,133	0	0	0	0	52,133	60,172

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8 Grants & Donations

Grants and donations as listed below were agreed and/or made during the year. Where a grant has been made from the Circuit Model Trust Fund, Restricted or Endowment Funds and the grant monies are for use within the Circuit they are treated as a transfer between Funds. The tables below (one for each fund type) detail the new grants agreed and paid over this year, this years instalment of grants agreed in prior years and the future instalments of grants to be paid.

Grantee Donee	This Year New				General					
	Agreed	Paid External	Paid Internal Tfr	Carried forward	Unpaid b/fwd	Piad this year Ext	Paid Internal Tfr	Carried forward	Total Paid Ext	Total Paid Int Tfr
United Reformed Church						51,120			51,120	
Crosslinks						4,000			4,000	
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	55,120	0	0	55,120	0

Grantee Donee	This Year New				Circuit Model Trust					
	Agreed	Paid External	Paid Internal Tfr	Carried forward	Unpaid b/fwd	Piad this year Ext	Paid Internal Tfr	Carried forward	Total Paid Ext	Total Paid Int Tfr
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Grantee Donee	This Year New				Designated					
	Agreed	Paid External	Paid Internal Tfr	Carried forward	Unpaid b/fwd	Piad this year Ext	Paid Internal Tfr	Carried forward	Total Paid Ext	Total Paid Int Tfr
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Grantee Donee	This Year New				Restricted					
	Agreed	Paid External	Paid Internal Tfr	Carried forward	Unpaid b/fwd	Piad this year Ext	Paid Internal Tfr	Carried forward	Total Paid Ext	Total Paid Int Tfr
Circuit Churches										
Deal & Dover							87			
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	0	0	0

Grantee Donee	This Year New				Endowment					
	Agreed	Paid External	Paid Internal Tfr	Carried forward	Unpaid b/fwd	Piad this year Ext	Paid Internal Tfr	Carried forward	Total Paid Ext	Total Paid Int Tfr
Circuit Churches										
Deal & Dover							831			831
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	831	0	0	831

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9 Stipends and Salaries and Associated Costs

Ministers and Deacons	Full Time (5)	Part Time	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Stipends	138,169		138,169					138,169
Pension Fund Contribution	35,255		35,255					35,255
National Insurance	12,905		12,905					12,905
Travel	13,575		13,575					13,575
App Levy	990		990					990
Costs	576		576					576
	201,471		201,471	0	0	0	0	201,471

Layworkers	Full Time (6)	Part Time	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Salary	40,586		40,586					40,586
Pension Fund Contribution	2,777		2,777					2,777
National Insurance	2,720		2,720					2,720
	46,083		46,083	0	0	0	0	46,083

Administration Staff	Full Time (1)	Part Time	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Salary	18,840		18,840					18,840
Pension Fund Contribution	819		819					819
National Insurance	687		687					687
	20,346		20,346	0	0	0	0	20,346

Stipends & Salaries Totals	267,900	0	0	0	0	0	267,900
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No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000. There is no accrual for holiday pay as it is immaterial; the holiday years end on 31st August. All staff are paid at or above the living wage.

Whilst several lay workers are paid through the central payroll system of the Methodist Church, their expenditure is reimbursed by the appropriate church with one exception whose majority of pay is reimbursed by Faversham and Whitstable although the circuit is making a contribution towards these costs.

3 churches in the circuit, Faversham (Methodist), Herne Bay (URC) and Deal (Methodist) have URC ministers. Accordingly payments are made to the URC to cover Stipend costs and Misc expenses. The circuit also makes a contribution to the URC in respect of Rev Martin Belgrove for 75% stipend and expenses. Rev Alan Spence for 50% stipend and expenses. The circuit also pays the Diocese of Canterbury stipend expenses for Rev Peter Cornish and Sturry PCC for his expenses.

Pensions

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

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9 Stipends and Salaries and Associated Costs Cont..

Cost of Superintendent, Presbyters and Trustees

The Superintendent of the Circuit, the other Presbyters and the remaining members of the CLT are considered as Key Management Personnel. The Superintendent chairs meetings of the CLT and Circuit Meetings. The members of the Circuit Meeting are the trustees of the Circuit. The stipends, employer's NIC and employer's pension contributions and other expenses of the Presbyters of the Circuit are paid by the Circuit.

The manses are provided by the Circuit and the Circuit maintains the property. The value of the Council Tax and water charges paid by the Circuit is not disclosed here as HMRC does not regard the as a benefit-in-kind in the hands of the minister.

Each Presbyter is entitled to a 3 month sabbatical every 5 years and the expenses incurred by the Presbyter are met by the Connexion with the Circuit continuing to pay the stipend. There have been no sabbatical during the year.

Payments to trustees

Fees and Expenses paid to Circuit Trustees during the period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023

Trustee	Expenses incurred and reimbursed	Travelling expenses reimbursed	Fees Paid	
Rev E Aggrey-Ogoe	399	1,425		
Rev C Wagstaff	52	590		
Rev T Nicholls	2,244	2,732		
Rev W Hampton	65	853		
Rev M Cooper	9	602	1,025	
Deacon M Lugumi	476	1,637		
Mr M Baybutt	528	441		
Mrs A Pilgrim	199			
Mr P Bartlett	97			
Ms L Beverton	0	78		
Mr N Dobson	270			
Mrs M Dobson	451			
Mrs T Yates	5	8		
Ms C Barker	85			
Totals	<u>4,880</u>	<u>8,365</u>	<u>1,025</u>	<u>14,270</u>

Notes Travelling expenses are at the rate stipulated by the Methodist Conference or the Circuit for cars and cycles if the actual cost of travel by other means including public transport

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10 Property Expenses

The Circuit is Managing Trustee for seven manses . Three manses are let and are treated as an investment properties.

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	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Council Tax	15,328					15,328
Water charges	4,368					4,368
Insurance	8,851					8,851
Light and heat	1,305					1,305
Repairs	45,787					45,787
Whitstable URC	3,950					3,950
Property inspection	0					0
Survey report	3,300					3,300
Totals	82,888	0	0	0	0	82,888

Letting Expenses

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Agents fees	4,164					4,164
Totals	4,164	0	0	0	0	4,164

Other property expenses

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Legal & professional fees	7805					7805
Totals	7805	0	0	0	0	7805

Property Totals

94,857	0	0	0	0	94,857
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11 Office & Administration cocts

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Printing, postage and stationery	1,728					1,728
Telephone	4,061					4,061
Bank charges	62					62
Bridging loan fee	400					400
Computer costs	1,632					1,632
Office expenses	2,073					2,073
Professional services	284					284
Accountancy	3,600					3,600
Auditors remuneration	0					0
TMCP admin/investment fees		670		45	321	1,035
Totals	13,839	670	0	45	321	14,874

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12 District Assessment & Levy

The District Assessment is calculated relative to the proportion of church members and staffing (Presbytes and Mission staff only) of all Circuits in the District. 50% of the overall cost is calculated using relative membership proportions and 50% using relative staffing proportions.

The levy is calculated on a sliding scale percentage of the Circuit's CMTF account balance as at 31st August the previous accounting year.

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
District Assessment	16,685					16,685
Methodist Church Fund (MCF)	56,720					56,720
Levy on CMTF Funds		9,248				9,248
						0
Totals	73,405	9,248	0	0	0	82,653

13 Other Outgoings

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Preaching Fees	1,350					1,350
Quinquennial Inspections	650					650
Minister relocation costs	2,099					2,099
Miscellaneous	1,410					1,410
Totals	5,508	0	0	0	0	5,508

14 Investment Management

During the year the Circuit paid TMCP, the custodians of the Circuit's investments (Circuit Model Trust Fund, Restricted and Endowment Funds) management charges based on 0.2% of the value of the individual funds at the beginning of the year.

Realised and Unrealised losses in the invested funds are listed below.

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Circuit Model Trust		(28)				(28)
Collins Bequest 5081				(177)		(177)
Balch Bequest 5854					(129)	(129)
Cook Settlement Fund 8692					(1,133)	(1,133)
Totals	0	(28)	0	(177)	(1,262)	(1,467)

15 Property disposals/revaluations

The net gains or losses are detailed below. The current carrying values are based on the property insurance value as at October 2022.

	Carrying	Purchase/ (sale)	Revalue	Gain/(Loss)
23 South Canterbury Road	411,317		483,298	71,981
22 Hillview Road	311,165		365,620	54,455
The Sycamores	484,078		568,793	84,715
23 Riverdale	349,644		410,832	61,188
1 Tolputt Close		600,665	599,995	(670)
80 Linden Avenue	381,882		448,712	66,830
79 Preston Park	325,311		382,241	56,930
Totals	2,263,397	600,665	3,259,491	395,429

16 Reclassification of funds

Any fund classification has changed (e.g. Restricted to Unrestricted or vice versa) at the direction of the Circuit trustees or Custodian trustees is listed below.

Circuit property is always carried in the General Fund but upon sale the net proceeds are processed through the Circuit Model Trust Fund. This requires an adjustment and any such sales during the year are reflected below at the gross sale price

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
						0
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0

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BS1 Manses & Other Property

Buildings comprises of 5 manses located in Broadstairs, Canterbury, Dover and Whitstable. There are 2 investments properties, one in Herne Bay and a former manse in Faversham

1.1 Cost or valuation

	Investment Properties	Land	Buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	381,882	0	1,881,515	0	8,905	0	1,890,420
Additions in the year			600,665				600,665
Revaluations	123,760		271,669				271,669
Less: Disposals in the year							0
Transfers between categories	325,311		(325,311)				-325,311
Balance carried forward	830,953	0	2,428,538	0	8,905	0	2,437,443

1.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions

Basis Rate		N/A	N/A	N/A	SL	
					3 years	
Balance brought forward	0	0	0	0	8,905	0
Depreciation charge for the year					0	0
Impairment provisions						
Revaluations						0
Disposals						0
Transfers						0
Balance carried forward	0	0	0	0	8,905	0

1.2 Net book value

Balance brought forward	381,882	0	1,881,515	0	0	0	1,881,515
Balance carried forward	830,953	0	2,428,538	0	0	0	2,428,538

Schedule of Manses, Investment property & Churches Closed for Worship

Property	Type	Value
80 Linden Avenue	Investment	448,712
79 Preston Park	Investment	382,241
23 South Canterbury Road	Manse	483,298
22 Hillview Road	Manse	365,620
89a Ramsgate Road	Manse	568,793
23 Riverdale	Manse	410,832
1 Tolpudd Close	Manse	599,995
		3,259,491

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BS2 Investment Assets (and Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP))

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Circuit's other funds (as listed below) are held by TMCP in Trust ees Interest and/or Managed Equity Funds on which interest and dividends are credited to the accounts each month/quarter. These are regarded as medium and long term inve stments.

TMCP is the legal owner and custodian trustee of all Methodist model trust property, including legacies, endowments and accum ulated funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local managing trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure tha t, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the managing trustees comply with Charity Law and Methodist Law and policy as determined by the Method ist Conference.

	Price (£)
2C100 - CFB Managed Mixed Fund	5.028
2C110 - Trustees Interest Fund	n/a

	CMTF 18669	Various Bequests 6859	Circuit Account 11817	Various Bequests 3088	Sale of Land 8031	Ashby Bequest 18169	Collins Bequest 5081	Restricted	Balch Bequest 5854	Flints Charity 1139	Cook Bequest 19409	Kidman Trust 5970	Wilson Bequest 8031A	Cook Settlement Fund 8692	Endow	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£	£	£		£
2C100 - No Units	125						795	795	580					5,079	5,659	5,999
2C100	629	0	0	0	0	0	3,997	3,997	2,916	0	0	0	0	25,537	28,453	33,079
2C110	328,219	2,906	2,254	4,193	552	1,884	264	12,053	1,596	680	78,872	310	112	4,000	85,570	425,842
	328,847	2,906	2,254	4,193	552	1,884	4,261	16,050	4,513	680	78,872	310	112	29,537	114,024	458,921

BS3 Debtors & Prepayments

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Church Assessments	164,435					164,435
Stipends, Pension, NI	15,527					15,527
Other Debtors	6,443					6,443
Totals	186,405	0	0	0	0	186,405

BS4 Central Finance Board (CFB) and Bank balances

Monetary balances held at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church are available on demand without loss of interest.

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Central Finance Board - Savings accounts	41,547					41,547
Central Finance Board - Current accounts	1,745					1,745
	43,292	0	0	0	0	43,292
CAF current account	41,290					41,290
CAF deposit account	5,123					5,123
	46,413	0	0	0	0	46,413
Totals	89,704	0	0	0	0	89,704

BS5 Creditors, Accruals and Income in Advance

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Expenses	29,894					29,894
Accountancy	3,600					3,600
Auditors remuneration	0					0
Stipends - URC	23,732					23,732
URC (M&M)	47,026					47,026
Totals	104,252	0	0	0	0	104,252

BS6 Unrestricted Funds

BS6.1 General Fund

	2023	2022
Balance as at 31 August	3,031,349	2,367,398

The purpose of the fund is for use at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the Circuit and which have not been designated for other purposes. About 98% of this fund is held as a freehold property, being manses for ministers, investment properties and a redundant church.

BS6.2 Circuit Model Trust Fund

	2023	2022
Balance as at 31 August	328,847	234,954

The purpose of the fund is for use at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the Circuit. Its main source of income is legacies and formulaically determined contributions from the sale of manses and church buildings in the Circuit. Although this is technically an Unrestricted Fund under the control of the Circuit Meeting, prior approval is still required from the District to utilise these funds.

BS7 Restricted and Endowment Funds

	2023	2022
Balance as at 31 August	16,050	15,867
Restricted Funds Endowment Funds	114,024	112,897

The restricted and endowment funds exist to support the circuit with the exception of the Evelyn Hilda Ashby Bequest which is to support individuals in specific need. All the funds' assets are managed by TMCP and the net income (after charges) is paid direct to the administrators of the fund.

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BS8 Summary of fund movements

Fund	Balance at 01/09/2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Revaluations	Gains/Losses	Balance at 31/08/2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
General	2,469,080	507,486	(510,629)	271,665		395,429	3,133,032
Circuit Model Trust	234,954	251,349	(85,330)	(150,000)		(44)	250,929
Total unrestricted	2,704,034	758,836	(595,959)	121,665	0	395,385	3,383,961
Various Bequests 6859	2,909	14	(8)	(3)			2,912
Circuit Account 11817	2,190	10	(7)				2,194
Various Bequests 3088	4,074	19	(12)				4,081
Sale of Land 8031	536	3	(2)				537
Ashby Bequest 18169	1,830	9	(5)				1,833
Collins Bequest 5081	4,327	108	(13)			(280)	4,143
Total Restricted	15,866	162	(46)	(3)		(280)	15,699
Balch Bequest 5854	4,522	85	(13)			(204)	4,390
Flints Charity 1139	661	3	(2)				662
Cook Bequest 19409	76,631	359	(218)				76,772
Kidman Trust 5970	301	1	(1)				302
Wilson Bequest 8031A	108	1	(0)				108
Cook Settlement Fund 8692	30,674	710	(706)			(1,788)	28,890
Total Endowment	112,897	1,159	(940)	0		(1,992)	111,124
Total Restricted and Endowment	128,763	1,321	(986)	(3)	0	(2,272)	126,823
Total of all funds	2,832,797	760,157	(596,946)	121,663	0	393,113	3,510,784

BS9 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General	CMTF	Desig	Restricted	Endow	Total
Tangible fixed assets	2,428,538	0	0	0	0	2,428,538
Fixed assets investments	830,953	0	0	0	0	830,953
Investments		629	0	3,997	28,453	33,079
Current assets	276,110	328,219	0	12,053	85,570	701,951
Current liabilities	(104,252)	0	0	0	0	(104,252)
	3,431,348	328,847	0	16,050	114,024	3,890,269

BS10 Related Parties

All of the Circuit trustees are members of one within the Circuit and may be trustees in their Churches.

Connected organisations include the Methodist Connexion, Churches within the District, other Methodist Districts in Great Britain, the Methodist Ministers' Children's Relief Association, CFB and TMCP, except as reported in Note 9. All of these entities have their own trustees or directors and autonomous administration such that BEH has no significant influence over any of them, nor they over BEH. They are, therefore, not considered related parties.

Names of related parties	Party	Receipts	Payments	Adjustments
		£	£	£
JAM	Connexion			
The Methodist Church Fund	Connexion			
Mission in Britain	Connexion			
Presbyters & Deacons Fund	Connexion			
Property Fund	Connexion			
World Mission Fund	Connexion			
		0	0	0

BS11 Volunteer contributions

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

BS12 Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

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

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Declaration

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting

Signature of treasurer

Date

Name of treasurer

Address

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the Circuit Meeting on and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Date