

WEST PENNINE MOORS METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1132674

Details

Other names	BLACKBURN METHODIST CIRCUIT, BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN METHODIST CIRCUIT, WEST PENNINE MOORS METHODISTCIRCUIT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-11-12
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Circuit Office Antley Methodist Church Blackburn Road Accrington Lancashire BB5 0DE
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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: Umbrella for the Methodist churches in the West Pennine Moors Methodist Circuit.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Blackburn With Darwen
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£341,824	£351,578	-	-
2024-08-31	£260,968	£346,062	-	-
2023-08-31	£257,852	£344,515	-	-
2022-08-31	£571,137	£271,907	£4,000,155	5
2021-08-31	£277,995	£337,299	-	-
2020-08-31	£338,447	£383,287	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ARTHUR GEORGE GRIME		2020-06-15
Alfred Peter Wray		2025-06-18
BRIAN PEEL		
CHARLOTTE RUMBLE		2014-09-01
Catherine Young		2022-09-01
DAVID HAWORTH		2012-12-05
David Albert Foster		2020-06-15
David Stuttard		2018-09-01
Dr GJ Murali		2023-07-01
Dr Katherine Elizabeth Burn		2022-09-01
Dr Victoria Higham		2021-09-01
Duncan Turner		2023-06-30
Fiona Murtagh		2024-10-28
Geraldine Simister		2022-09-01
HILARY PHYLLIS THOBURN		2012-12-05
Helen Pilkington		2023-07-01
Ian James Pilkington		2025-06-20
JACKIE LAMBERT		2013-08-22
JEAN SCOTT FISH		2015-01-07
JEAN TAYLOR		2012-12-05
JUNE LITTLEMORE		2024-09-01
Karen Elizabeth Rowley		2019-09-01
Kathryn Hodkinson		2018-09-01
Michael Bancroft BSc PGCE		2019-09-01
PATRICIA ANNE PEDDIE		2015-01-07
PATRICIA SCOTT BANCROFT		
PAUL EDWARD RUMBLE		2013-01-09

Name	Role	Appointed
REV T YOUNG		2011-12-12
Rev Andrew Paul Turner		2020-06-15
Rev CHRISTINE LEECH		2012-12-05
Rev JAMES HENDERSON		2015-01-07
Rev Joseph Suray		2025-09-01
Rev Keith William Borwick		2023-09-01
Rev Matthew Smith		2022-09-01
Richard Anthony Gunston		2023-07-07
Ruth Margaret Howarth		2022-07-07
SARAH WEAL		2012-12-05
Sarah Fairclough		2020-06-17
Sheila Mary Parker		2025-06-23
Simon Pearce Huggill		2024-03-12
Simon Rumble		2024-07-11
Susan Rumble		2023-01-02
THOMAS ALAN ISHERWOOD		2022-07-07
Tracy Parkinson		2025-09-01
VALERIE GREGORY		2011-10-18
Veronica Walsh		2025-06-05

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
West Pennine Moors Methodist Circuit

On accounts for the year
ended

31 August 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1132674

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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

Independent
examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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

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

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

Signed:

Date:

08/06/2026

Name:

Dean Rodgers

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ICAEW

Address:	PM+M Solutions for Business LLP
	New Century House, Greenbank Technology Park, Challenge Way,
	Blackburn, Lancashire, BB1 5QB

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None.

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- To be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice
- To make more follower of Jesus Christ

Action and Public Benefit

The circuit encourages and supports the Churches within it in the provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike; the provision of sacred apace for prayer and contemplation; the teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups; pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved; the promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services; groups for young people, senior citizens clubs, various groups for adults with a Christian ethos; promoting the whole mission of the church (and aiding social cohesion) through activities for older people, parents and toddlers and other specific needs groups; and supporting other charities in the UK and overseas, financially and with prayer.

Contribution of Volunteers

The Circuit is heavily dependent upon, and extremely grateful for, the contribution of volunteers as it seeks to carry out its objectives. With the exception of 2 stipendiary Ministers, 2 full time lay worker, and 2 part time lay workers, all members of the Circuit Leadership Team and all other Charity Trustees are unpaid volunteers.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The Circuit Mission Statement is:

“The West Pennine Moors Circuit exists to enable, encourage and equip Methodist people to go in the power of the Holy Spirit to make whole-life disciples of Jesus, to transform lives and communities”.

The Circuit Leadership Team meets regularly to discuss the progress of the Circuit and to ensure that the decisions of the managing trustees are taken forward, and to make recommendations to the Circuit Meeting for future action.

To help the aim for cohesion across the Circuit, worship which gathers various churches together across the Circuit has been introduced and all churches are encouraged to join in any special activity a particular church is holding. The Circuit has committed financial resources towards supporting and providing a base for the Asylum Seeker and Refugee Community (ARC) Charity. ARC has its own Charity status.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Risk Management

The Circuit Meeting is continuing to develop procedures for identifying and addressing the risks facing the charity. It has clearly outlined financial procedures and, in common with all Churches, has developed robust procedures for safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Principal Funding Sources

Contributions from the Churches by way of Circuit Assessment continue to be the main source of funding.

Investment and Reserves Policies and Review

The Circuit Assessment is reviewed annually and covers the cost of ministerial oversight and pastoral care of the churches in the Circuit and the support of 2 Presbyteral ministers and 3 lay workers. A forth lay worker, the Wesley Hall Centre Manager, is funded through the lettings at Wesley Hall, and managed by the Circuit Trustees. The Circuit Advance Fund derives from sales of chapels and manses and is restricted by the Methodist Church. The Reserves Policy is held in agreement with the Charity Commission and has been earmarked for future staffing, and a subsidy should a shortfall occur in the Assessment.

Current Needs and Future Plans

Within the context of the calling of the Methodist Church (as set out above), the Circuit plans to:

- continue to support and encourage each local congregation in mission and ministry.
- establish and develop a training culture within the Circuit, encouraging lay preachers in their development, supporting probationers and facilitating the development of probationers in training.
- continue to review and actively manage the Circuit's investments in its financial and property resources, seeking to selectively release resources for mission, ministry and outreach.
- work through the Methodist Church stationing procedures to secure the appointment of new ministerial staff as vacancies are identified.
- continue to work ecumenically, especially in supporting and developing Local Ecumenical Partnerships, focussing on the Anglican-Methodist Covenant.
- develop both at Circuit and local level medium term plans for strategic development.

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the circumstances of the Circuit and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund its activities for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are therefore of the view that the charity is a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The West Pennine Moors Circuit is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. The managing trustees operate within the Methodist Church Connexion and as such, their governing document is the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church. The document is available for inspection by appointment at the Circuit Office, c/o Wesley Hall Methodist Church, Feilden Street, Blackburn BB2 1LQ.

The West Pennine Moors Circuit is registered as a separate charity, number 1132674.

Connected Charities

The churches forming the circuit are recognised as excepted charities and, as they are responsible for their own financial affairs. They are not reported in these statements.

Appointment of Trustees

All ministers, presbyteral and diaconal, stationed in the circuit by the conference or deemed to be resident in the circuit are members of the circuit meeting.

The following are ex officio members of the circuit meeting

Circuit Stewards	appointed by the circuit meeting
Circuit Meeting Secretary	appointed by the circuit meeting
Representatives to District Synod	appointed by the circuit meeting
Local Preachers' Secretary	appointed by the Local Preachers meeting

Each church is represented by a church steward, the church treasurer and representatives appointed by the Church Council in relation to the number of church members (one representative for every 60 members). The circuit meeting has the power to co-opt other members as necessary.

Trustee recruitment, induction, and training

As outlined above, the appointment of the majority of the members of the circuit meeting is outside the control of the meeting. In appointing the Circuit Leadership Team and other officers, the Meeting has regards to the balance of skills and gifts that are needed to further the work of the church. New members of the Leadership Team are inducted by the Leadership Team.

Organisation

The Circuit Meeting is convened three times a year, and more, if required. The circuit leadership team, appointed by the circuit meeting, is responsible for acting on behalf of the of the circuit meeting at other times. The leadership team meets at least six times a year. The circuit meeting retains responsibility for setting the mission priorities of the circuit, the overall strategy to deliver these priorities, the invitation of ministers, the oversight of local churches, the admission of people to the office of Local Preacher, and decisions on formal explorations of call to ministry and candidates to the ordained ministry.

The leadership team is assisted in the task of financial oversight by the Circuit Treasurer.

The Methodist church appoints a minister to be the Superintendent Minister of the circuit, whose duties are set out in Standing Orders of the Church.

Pay and remuneration

Stipends and allowances for presbyters and deacons (collectively ministers) are set annually by the Methodist Conference, and the Circuit is responsible for meeting those costs for all ministers appointed by the Conference to the Circuit.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Circuit Meeting to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Circuit Meeting has: - selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently - made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent - stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements - prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis The Circuit Meeting is responsible for keeping records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable regulations. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

The Circuit Accountants are PM+M Solutions for Business LLP, Greenbank Technology Park, New Century House, Blackburn BB1 5QB

ON BEHALF OF THE CIRCUIT MEETING

Joseph B Suray

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Rev'd Dr Joseph Suray Superintendent Minister

04/06/2026

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Date

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024-25
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1	Donations and legacies	2,047	-	-	-	-	2,047
2	Income from monetary investments	3,931	15,231	-	268	85	19,514
3	Income from investment properties	96,103	-	-	-	-	96,103
4	Assessments on Churches	196,050	-	-	-	-	196,050
5	Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Grants received	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Other charitable income	28,110	-	-	-	-	28,110
8	Total income	326,241	15,231	-	268	85	341,824
Expenditure							
9	Grants and donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Salaries and associated costs	191,638	-	-	-	-	191,638
11	Property maintenance	39,689	-	-	-	-	39,689
12	Insurance, utilities etc	29,846	-	-	-	-	29,846
13	District Assessment & Levy	55,470	9,986	-	-	-	65,455
14	Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Office expenses	2,739	-	-	-	-	2,739
16	Other outgoings	21,074	1,115	-	17	4	22,211
17	Total charitable expenditure	340,456	11,101	-	17	4	351,578
18	Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	-	7	-	-	-	7
19	Gains/(losses) on investment properties	70,000	-	-	-	-	70,000
20	Net income/(expenditure)	55,785	4,137	-	251	80	60,253
21	Transfers between funds	89,203	(88,173)	(946)	(12)	(72)	-
22	Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Net movement in funds	144,988	(84,036)	(946)	239	8	60,253
24	Total funds brought forward	2,401,745	343,001	946	5,627	1,801	2,753,120
25	Total funds carried forward	2,546,733	258,965	-	5,866	1,809	2,813,373

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

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Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2024/25 £	Totals 2023/24 £
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Fixed Assets

Circuit Manses & Equipment	2,350,000					2,350,000	2,280,000
Investment properties	0			0	0	0	0
Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total fixed assets	2,350,000	0	0	0	0	2,350,000	2,280,000

Current Assets

Debtors	3,628	0	0	0	0	3,628	1,530
Loans by the Circuit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investments with TMCP	0	258,965	0	5,866	1,809	266,640	350,429
Central Finance Board Deposits	116,958	0	0	0	0	116,958	54,124
Cash at Bank and in hand	86,186	0	0	0	0	86,186	83,586
Total current assets	206,772	258,965	0	5,866	1,809	473,412	489,669

Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)	10,039	0	0	0	0	10,039	16,549
Grants payable within one year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total current liabilities	10,039	0	0	0	0	10,039	16,549
Net current assets/liabilities	196,733	258,965	0	5,866	1,809	463,373	473,120

Total assets less current liabilities	2,546,733	258,965	0	5,866	1,809	2,813,373	2,753,120
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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after one year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loans to the Circuit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
						0	0
Net assets	2,546,733	258,965	0	5,866	1,809	2,813,373	2,753,120

Funds of the Circuit

General Fund (Unrestricted)	2,546,733					2,546,733	2,401,745
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		258,965				258,965	343,001
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			0			0	946
Total Unrestricted Funds						2,805,698	2,745,692
Restricted Funds				5,866		5,866	5,627
Endowment Funds					1,809	1,809	1,801
Total Funds	2,546,733	258,965	0	5,866	1,809	2,813,373	2,753,120

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

The Circuit Accountants are PM&M Financial Planning, Greenbank Technology Park, New Century House, Blackburn BB1 5QB

ON BEHALF OF THE CIRCUIT MEETING

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip Gough". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

.....
Rev Phil Gough, Acting Superintendent Minister

28th June 2025

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Date

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

	Notes to the accounts	Santander + CFB General Fund (Unrestricted) £	TMCP 9034 & 21421 Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Arc Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023-24 £	Total 2022-23 £
Income								
1	Donations and legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Income from monetary investments	2,078	19,041	-	290	215	21,624	15,108
3	Income from investment properties	19,295	-	-	-	-	19,295	14,742
4	Assessments on Churches	194,758	-	-	-	-	194,758	198,002
5	Capital receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Grants received	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Other charitable income	25,291	-	-	-	-	25,291	29,999
8	Total income	241,422	19,041	-	290	215	260,968	257,851
Expenditure								
9	Grants and donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000
10	Salaries and associated costs	192,085	-	-	-	-	192,085	193,661
11	Property maintenance	13,730	-	-	-	-	13,730	22,548
12	Insurance, utilities etc	16,453	-	-	-	-	16,453	14,879
13	District Assessment and Levy	54,223	14,381	-	-	-	68,604	71,556
14	Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Office expenses	1,183	-	-	-	-	1,183	3,963
16	Other outgoings	52,845	1,132	-	15	15	54,007	12,908
17	Total charitable expenditure	330,519	15,513	-	15	15	346,062	344,515
18	Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	-	6,699	-	-	3,392	10,091	6,447
19	Gains/(losses) on investment properties	(6,000)	-	-	-	-	(6,000)	-
20	Net income/(expenditure)	(95,097)	10,227	-	275	3,592	(81,003)	(80,217)
21	Transfers between funds	62,515	(58,153)	-	(13)	(4,349)	-	-
22	Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Net movement in funds	(32,582)	(47,926)	-	262	(757)	(81,003)	(80,217)
24	Total funds brought forward	2,379,301	390,927	-	5,365	2,558	2,778,151	2,858,368
25	Total funds carried forward	2,346,719	343,001	-	5,627	1,801	2,697,148	2,778,151

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

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Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2023/24 £	Totals 2022/23 £
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Fixed Assets

Circuit Manses & Equipment	2,280,000					2,280,000	2,286,000
Investment properties	-			-	-	-	-
Investments	-			-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	2,280,000	-	-	-	-	2,280,000	2,286,000

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Current Assets

Debtors	-	-	-	-	-	-	38,894
Loans by the Circuit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments with TMCP	-	343,001	-	5,627	1,801	350,429	402,221
Central Finance Board Deposits	54,124	-	-	-	-	54,124	25,409
Cash at Bank and in hand	26,627	-	-	-	-	26,627	29,838
Total current assets	80,751	343,001	-	5,627	1,801	431,180	496,362

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Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)	14,032	-	-	-	-	14,032	4,211
Grants payable within 2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities	14,032	-	-	-	-	14,032	4,211
Net current assets/liabilities	66,719	343,001	-	5,627	1,801	417,148	492,151

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Total assets less current liabilities	2,346,719	343,001	-	5,627	1,801	2,697,148	2,778,151
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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loans to the Circuit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets	2,346,719	343,001	-	5,627	1,801	2,697,148	2,778,151

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Funds of the Circuit

General Fund (Unrestricted)	2,346,719					2,346,719	2,375,930
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		343,001				343,001	390,927
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			-			-	-
Total Unrestricted Funds						2,689,720	2,766,857
Restricted Funds				5,627		5,627	5,286
Endowment Funds					1,801	1,801	6,008
Total Funds	2,346,719	343,001	-	5,627	1,801	2,697,148	2,778,151

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Kate Prescott

Signed

Katherine Prescott
Circuit Treasurer



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name West Pennine Moors Methodist Circuit		
On accounts for the year ended	31 August 2024	Charity no (if any)	1132674
Set out on pages	1-7 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

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Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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

Signed:  **Date:** 30/06/2025

Name: Dean Rodgers

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ICAEW

Address:

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Blackburn, Lancashire BB1 5QB

Section B

Disclosure

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Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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WEST PENNINE MOORS METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1132674

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH – WEST PENNINE MOORS CIRCUIT TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable objectives

The circuit shares the same charitable objectives and the rest of the Methodist Church, which are set out as follows:

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of Union the advancement of –

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- d. Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Aims

The Circuit seeks to live out the calling of the Methodist Church, which is summarised thus: “The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the Gospel of God’s love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. Inspired by Our Calling, we aim:

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- To be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice
- To make more follower of Jesus Christ

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The circuit encourages and supports the Churches within it in the provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike; the provision of sacred space for prayer and contemplation; the teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups; pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved; the promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services; the provision of youth clubs, senior citizens clubs, men’s meetings and women’s meetings etc. with a Christian ethos; promoting the whole mission of the church (and aiding social cohesion) through activities for older people, parents and toddlers and other specific needs groups; and supporting other charities in the UK and overseas, financially and with prayer.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The Circuit Mission Statement is:

“The West Pennine Moors Circuit exists to enable, encourage and equip Methodist people to go in the power of the Holy Spirit to make whole-life disciples of Jesus, to transform lives and communities”.

The Circuit Leadership Team meets regularly to discuss the progress of the Circuit and to ensure that the decisions of the managing trustees are taken forward, and to make recommendations to the Circuit Meeting for future action.

To help the aim for cohesion across the Circuit, quarterly worship for the whole Circuit has been introduced and all churches are encouraged to join in any special activity a particular church is holding. The Circuit has committed financial resources towards supporting and providing a base for the Asylum Seeker and Refugee Community (ARC) Charity. ARC has its own Charity status.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Risk Management

The Circuit Meeting is continuing to develop procedures for identifying and addressing the risks facing the charity. It has clearly outlined financial procedures and, in common with all Churches, has developed robust procedures for safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Principal Funding Sources

Contributions from the Churches by way of Circuit Assessment continue to be the main source of funding.

Investment and Reserves Policies and Review

The Circuit Assessment is reviewed annually and covers the cost of ministerial oversight and pastoral care of the churches in the Circuit and the support of 3 Presbyteral ministers and 1 lay worker. The Circuit Advance Fund derives from sales of chapels and manses and is restricted by the Methodist Church.

The Reserves Policy is held in agreement with the Charity Commission and has been earmarked for future staffing, and a subsidy should a shortfall occur in the Assessment.

Current Needs and Future Plans

Within the context of the calling of the Methodist Church (as set out above), the Circuit plans to:

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- establish and develop a training culture within the Circuit, encouraging lay preachers in their development, supporting probationers and facilitating the development of probationers in training.
- continue to review and actively manage the Circuit's investments in its financial and property resources, seeking to selectively release resources for mission, ministry and outreach.
- work through the Methodist Church stationing procedures to secure the appointment of new ministerial staff as vacancies are identified.
- continue to work ecumenically, especially in supporting and developing Local Ecumenical Partnerships, focussing on the Anglican-Methodist Covenant.
- develop both at Circuit and local level medium term plans for strategic development.

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the circumstances of the Circuit and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund its activities for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are therefore of the view that the charity is a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The West Pennine Moors Circuit is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. The managing trustees operate within the Methodist Church Connexion and as such, their governing document is the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church. The document is available for inspection by appointment at the Circuit Office, c/o Antley Methodist Church, Blackburn Road, Accrington, Lancashire BB5 0DE

The West Pennine Moors Circuit is registered as a separate charity, number 1132674.

Connected Charities

The churches forming the circuit are themselves charities and, as they are responsible for their own financial affairs. They are not reported in these statements.

Appointment of Trustees

All ministers, presbyteral and diaconal, stationed in the circuit by the conference or deemed to be resident in the circuit are members of the circuit meeting.

The following are ex officio members of the circuit meeting

Circuit Stewards	appointed by the circuit meeting
Circuit Meeting Secretary	appointed by the circuit meeting

Representatives to District Synod appointed by the circuit meeting
Local Preachers' Secretary appointed by the Local Preachers meeting

Each church is represented by a church steward, the church treasurer and representatives appointed by the Church Council in relation to the number of church members (one representative for every 60 members). The circuit meeting has the power to co-opt other members as necessary. As at June 2023 there were 57 members of the circuit meeting, a full list is available from the Circuit Office

Trustee recruitment, induction, and training

As outlined above, the appointment of the majority of the members of the circuit meeting is outside the control of the meeting. In appointing the Circuit Leadership Team and other officers, the Meeting has regards to the balance of skills and gifts that are needed to further the work of the church. New members of the Leadership Team are inducted by the Leadership Team.

Organisation

The Circuit Meeting is convened three times a year. The circuit leadership team, appointed by the circuit meeting, is responsible for acting on behalf of the of the circuit meeting at other times. The leadership team meets at least six times a year. The circuit meeting retains responsibility for setting the mission priorities of the circuit, the overall strategy to deliver these priorities, the invitation of ministers, the oversight of local churches, the admission of people to the office of Local Preacher, and decisions on formal explorations of call to ministry and candidates to the ordained ministry.

The leadership team is assisted in the task of financial oversight by the Circuit Treasurer.

The Methodist church appoints a minister to be the Superintendent Minister of the circuit, whose duties are set out in Standing Orders of the Church.

Pay and remuneration

Stipends and allowances for presbyters and deacons (collectively ministers) are set annually by the Methodist Conference and the Circuit is responsible for meeting those costs for all ministers appointed by the Conference to the Circuit.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Circuit Meeting to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Circuit Meeting has: - selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently - made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent - stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements - prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis The Circuit Meeting is responsible for keeping records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the

financial statements comply with applicable regulations. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

The Circuit Accountants are PM&M Financial Planning, Greenbank Technology Park, New Century House, Blackburn BB1 5QB

ON BEHALF OF THE CIRCUIT MEETING

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip J Gough". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rev Phil Gough, Acting Superintendent Minister

DATE – 12/6/24

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

Notes to the accounts	SANT & CFB General Fund (Unrestricted) £	TMCP 9032 & 21421 Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Arc Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022-23 £	
Income							
1 Donations and legacies						0	
2 Income from monetary investments	1,100	13,666		343		15,108	
3 Income from investment properties	14,742					14,742	
4 Assessments on Churches	198,002					198,002	
5 Capital Receipts						0	
6 Grants received						0	
7 Other charitable income	29,999					29,999	
8 Total income	243,843	13,666	-	343	-	257,852	
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations	25,000					25,000	
10 Salaries and associated costs	193,661					193,661	
11 Property maintenance	22,548					22,548	
12 Insurance, utilities etc	14,879					14,879	
13 District Assessment & Levy	52,000	19,556				71,556	
14 Depreciation						0	
15 Office expenses	3,963					3,963	
16 Other outgoings	11,557	1,321		29		12,907	
17 Total charitable expenditure	323,608	20,877	0	29	0	344,515	
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments					6,447	6,447	
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties							
20 Net income/(expenditure)	-79,765	-7,212	0	314	6,447	-80,216	
21 Transfers between funds	59,000	-	59,000			0	
22 Other gains/(losses)							
23 Net movement in funds	-20,765	-66,212	0	314	6,447	-80,216	
24 Total funds brought forward	110,696	457,139	-	4,972	-	439	572,368
25 Total funds carried forward	89,931	390,927	-	5,286	6,008	492,152	

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

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Fixed Assets

Circuit Manses & Equipment	2,286,000					2,286,000	3,427,123
Investment properties						0	
Investments						0	
Total fixed assets	2,286,000	0	0	0	0	2,286,000	3,427,123

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Current Assets

Debtors	38,894					38,894	38,894
Loans by the Circuit						0	0
Investments with TMCP		390,927		5,286	6,008	402,221	462,337
Central Finance Board Deposits	25,409					25,409	44,206
Cash at Bank and in hand	29,838					29,838	27,595
Total current assets	94,141	390,927	0	5,286	6,008	496,362	573,032

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Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)	4,211					4,211	0
Grants payable within 2022-23						0	
Total current liabilities	4,211	0	0	0	0	4,211	0
Net current assets/liabilities	89,930	390,927	0	5,286	6,008	492,151	573,032

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Total assets less current liabilities	2,375,930	390,927	0	5,286	6,008	2,778,151	4,000,155
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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2022-23						0	
Loans to the Circuit						0	
						0	
Net assets	2,375,930	390,927	0	5,286	6,008	2,778,151	4,000,155

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Funds of the Circuit

General Fund (Unrestricted)	2,375,930					2,375,930	3,537,818
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		390,927				390,927	457,139
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			0			0	0
Total Unrestricted Funds						2,766,857	3,994,957
Restricted Funds				5,286		5,286	4,970
Endowment Funds					6,008	6,008	228
Total Funds	2,375,930	390,927	0	5,286	6,008	2,778,151	4,000,155

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
West Pennine Moors Methodist Circuit

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 August 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1132674

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** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

12/06/2024

Name:

Ceri Dixon

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body**

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(if any):

Address: PM+M Solutions For Business LLP, New Century House, Greenbank
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WEST PENNINE MOORS METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1132674

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

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Trustee recruitment, induction, and training

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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Circuit Meeting to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Circuit Meeting has: - selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently - made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent - stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements - prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis The Circuit Meeting is responsible for keeping records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable regulations. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

The Circuit's Independent Examiner, Ms Kim McNery, has indicated her willingness to accept reappointment.

ON BEHALF OF THE CIRCUIT MEETING



Rev Stuart Smith, Superintendent Minister

DATE 24th May 2023

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	ARC Designate d Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowmen t Funds £	Totals 2021/22 £	Totals 2020/21 £
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Fixed Assets

Circuit Manses & Equipment	3,427,123				3,427,123	3,772,952
Investment properties					0	0
Investments					0	0
Total fixed assets	3,427,123	0	0	0	3,427,123	3,772,952

Current Assets

Debtors	38,894	0			38,894	86,649
Loans by the Circuit	0				0	80,000
Investments with TMCP		457,139		4,970	228	462,337
Central Finance Board Deposits	44,206				44,206	52,001
Cash at Bank and in hand	27,595				27,595	17,728
Total current assets	110,696	457,139	0	4,970	228	573,033

Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)						0	80,000
Grants payable within 2020-21						0	0
Total current liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	80,000
Net current assets/liabilities	110,696	457,139	0	4,970	228	573,033	273,802

	110,994	57,670	2,186	96,779	6,173		
Total assets less current liabilities	3,537,818	457,139	0	4,970	228	4,000,155	4,046,754

Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2020-21						0	0
Loans to the Circuit						0	0
						0	0
Net assets	3,537,818	457,139	0	4,970	228	4,000,155	4,046,754

Funds of the Circuit

General Fund (Unrestricted)	3,537,818					3,537,818	3,883,946
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		457,139				457,139	57,670
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			0			0	2,186
Total Unrestricted Funds						3,994,957	3,943,802
Restricted Funds				4,970		4,970	96,779
Endowment Funds					228	228	6,173
Total Funds	3,537,818	457,139	0	4,970	228	4,000,155	4,046,754

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 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 May 4th 2023

Name and address of treasurer Kate Prescott, 16 Blossom Avenue, Oswaldtwistle, Accrington

Post Code BB5 0FD

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 will be presented to the Circuit meeting held on: July 7th 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: 

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev Stuart Smith Date May 4th 2023

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the West Pennine Moors Circuit

Charity Number 1132674

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the West Pennine Moors Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages ... to As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Name of Circuit West Pennine Moors

No 21/02

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy.

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

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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner: Kim McInery

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: CIPFA

Name of firm (where appropriate):

Address: 3 Granville Road, Darwen

..... Post Code: ...BB3 2SS.....

Date: ...22nd May 2023.....

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WEST PENNINE MOORS METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1132674

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH - WEST PENNINE MOORS CIRCUIT TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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The circuit shares the same charitable objectives and the rest of the Methodist Church, which are set out as follows:

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- 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.

Aims

The Circuit seeks to live out the calling of the Methodist Church, which is summarised thus:

“The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the Gospel of God’s love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. Inspired by Our Calling, we aim:

- To increase awareness of God’s presence and to celebrate God’s love
- To help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care
- To be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice
- To make more follower of Jesus Christ

Action and Public Benefit

The circuit encourages and supports the Churches within it in the provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike; the provision of sacred space for prayer and contemplation; the teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups; pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved; the promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services; the provision of youth clubs, senior citizens clubs, men’s meetings and women’s meetings etc. with a Christian ethos; promoting the whole mission of the church (and aiding social cohesion) through activities for

older people, parents and toddlers and other specific needs groups; and supporting other charities in the UK and overseas, financially and with prayer.

Contribution of Volunteers

The Circuit is heavily dependent upon, and extremely grateful for, the contribution of volunteers as it seeks to carry out its objectives. With the exception of 3 stipendiary Ministers and 1 full time lay worker, all members of the Circuit Leadership Team and all other Charity Trustees are unpaid volunteers.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

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“The West Pennine Moors Circuit exists to enable, encourage and equip Methodist people to go in the power of the Holy Spirit to make whole-life disciples of Jesus, to transform lives and communities”.

The Circuit Leadership Team meets regularly to discuss the progress of the Circuit and to ensure that the decisions of the managing trustees are taken forward, and to make recommendations to the Circuit Meeting for future action.

To help the aim for cohesion across the Circuit, quarterly worship for the whole Circuit has been introduced and all churches are encouraged to join in any special activity a particular church is holding. The Circuit has committed financial resources towards supporting and providing a base for the Asylum Seeker and Refugee Community (ARC) Charity. ARC has its own Charity status.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

We have sold one manse this year, the proceeds of which have been used to buy another manse.

Risk Management

The Circuit Meeting is continuing to develop procedures for identifying and addressing the risks facing the charity. It has clearly outlined financial procedures and, in common with all Churches, has developed robust procedures for safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Principal Funding Sources

Contributions from the Churches by way of Circuit Assessment continue to be the main source of funding.

Investment and Reserves Policies and Review

The Circuit Assessment is reviewed annually and covers the cost of ministerial oversight and pastoral care of the churches in the Circuit and the support of 3 Presbyterian ministers and 2 lay workers. The Circuit Advance Fund derives from sales of chapels and manses and is restricted by the Methodist Church. The Reserves Policy is held in agreement with the Charity Commission and has been earmarked for future staffing, and a subsidy should a shortfall occur in the Assessment.

Current Needs and Future Plans

Within the context of the calling of the Methodist Church (as set out above), the Circuit plans to:

- continue to support and encourage each local congregation in mission and ministry.
- establish and develop a training culture within the Circuit, encouraging lay preachers in their development, supporting probationers and facilitating the development of probationers in training.
- continue to review and actively manage the Circuit's investments in its financial and property resources, seeking to selectively release resources for mission, ministry and outreach.
- work through the Methodist Church stationing procedures to secure the appointment of new ministerial staff as vacancies are identified.
- continue to work ecumenically, especially in supporting and developing Local Ecumenical Partnerships, focussing on the Anglican-Methodist Covenant.
- develop both at Circuit and local level medium term plans for strategic development.

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the circumstances of the Circuit and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund its activities for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are therefore of the view that the charity is a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The West Pennine Moors Circuit is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. The managing trustees operate within the Methodist Church Connexion and as such, their governing document is the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church. The document is available for inspection by appointment at the Circuit Office, c/o Antley Methodist Church, Blackburn Road, Accrington, Lancashire BB5 0DE

The West Pennine Moors Circuit is registered as a separate charity, number 1132674.

Connected Charities

The churches forming the circuit are themselves charities and, as they are responsible for their own financial affairs. They are not reported in these statements.

Appointment of Trustees

All ministers, presbyteral and diaconal, stationed in the circuit by the conference or deemed to be resident in the circuit are members of the circuit meeting.

The following are ex officio members of the circuit meeting

Circuit Stewards	appointed by the circuit meeting
Circuit Meeting Secretary	appointed by the circuit meeting
Representatives to District Synod	appointed by the circuit meeting
Local Preachers' Secretary	appointed by the Local Preachers meeting

Each church is represented by a church steward, the church treasurer and representatives appointed by the Church Council in relation to the number of church members (one representative for every 60 members). The circuit meeting has the power to co-opt other members as necessary. As at March 2021 there were 62 members of the circuit meeting, a full list is available from the Superintendent Minister's manse.

Trustee recruitment, induction, and training

As outlined above, the appointment of the majority of the members of the circuit meeting is outside the control of the meeting. In appointing the Circuit Leadership Team and other officers, the Meeting has regards to the balance of skills and gifts that are needed to further the work of the church. New members of the Leadership Team are inducted by the Leadership Team.

Organisation

The Circuit Meeting is convened four times a year. The circuit leadership team, appointed by the circuit meeting, is responsible for acting on behalf of the of the circuit meeting at other times. The leadership team meets at least six times a year. The circuit meeting retains responsibility for setting the mission priorities of the circuit, the overall strategy to deliver these priorities, the invitation of ministers, the oversight of local churches, the admission of people to the office of Local Preacher, and decisions on formal explorations of call to ministry and candidates to the ordained ministry.

The leadership team is assisted in the task of financial oversight by the Circuit Treasurer.

The Methodist church appoints a minister to be the Superintendent Minister of the circuit, whose duties are set out in Standing Orders of the Church.

Pay and remuneration

Stipends and allowances for presbyters and deacons (collectively ministers) are set annually by the Methodist Conference and the Circuit is responsible for meeting those costs for all ministers appointed by the Conference to the Circuit.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

The Circuit's Independent Examiner, Stephen Holden ACA, indicated his willingness to accept reappointment, but due to personal issues has had to step down. Ms Kim McInery has indicated her willingness to take over the appointment"

ON BEHALF OF THE CIRCUIT MEETING



Rev Stuart Smith, Superintendent Minister

DATE 29th June 2022

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
ACCRUALS BASIS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2021

Lancashire District

Circuit no

21-02

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1132674

Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number
If not a registered charity

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Circuit Ministers	Circuit Stewards	Page No	Issue No
Rev. S. Smith	Mrs. S. Crook	Front Page	1
Rev. L. Makin	Mr. C. Fairclough	SOFA	1
Rev. R Ormrod	Mrs. J. Fish	Balance Sheet	1
	Mrs. P. Peddie		
	Mr. J. Venables		
		Declarations	1
		Audit Report	1

Treasurer

Mrs S. Crook

Bookkeeper:

Mr. J. Gregory

Circulation

PDF by email: Circuit Meeting Secretary, Circuit Stewards, Minister

Paper copy: Current Year, Next Year

STATEMENT of FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SETTEE)

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	ARC	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Current Year 2020-21
	£	£	£	£	£	£
		TMCP Statemwnt				
INCOME						
1 Donations and legacies			6,950			6,950
2 Income from monetary investments	113	470		581	137	1,301
3 Income from Property investments	25,139					25,139
4 Assessments on Churches	216,077					216,077
5 Capital Receipts						0
6 Grants received	3,000		11,000			14,000
7 Other charitable income	13,484		1,181			14,665
8 Total income	257,813	470	19,131	581	137	278,132
EXPENDITURE						
9 Grants and donations						0
10 Salaries and associated costs	167,901		8,133			176,034
11 Property maintenance	23,748					23,748
12 Insurance, Utilities etc.	13,736					13,736
13 District Assessment & Levy	61,308					61,308
14 Depreciation						0
15 Office expenses	3,533					3,533
16 Other outgoings	50,445	7,558	671	194	72	58,940
17 Total charitable expenditure	320,671	7,558	8,804	194	72	337,299
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments				- 235	- 216	-451
19 Gains/(losses) on property investment						
20 Net income/(expenditure)	-62,858	-7,088	10,327	152	-151	-59,618
21 Transfers between funds	74532	- 51,687	- 22,845			
22 Other gains/(losses)						
23 Net movement in funds	11,674	-58,775	-12,518	152	-151	-59,618
24 Total funds brought forward	99,320	116,445	14,704	96,628	5,657	332,754
25 Total funds carried forward	110,994	57,670	2,186	96,780	5,506	273,136

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DECLARATION

Bookkeeper

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 Council

Signature of the Bookkeeper

J W Gregory

Name

Mr. James William Gregory

Address

13 Aysgarth Drive, DARWEN, Lancashire, BB3 1LB

Date

01-08-22

Treasurer

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

Signature of the Treasurer

S. Crook

Name

Mrs. Shirley Crook

Address

47 Laburnum Drive, Oswaldtwistle, BB5 3AW

Date

01.08.22

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for Approval

I confirm that the accounts have been presented to the Circuit Meeting

Signature of the Chair of the Meeting

Name

Address

Date

This report is on the Circuit Accounts for the Year Ended

Date

31 August 2021

Respective Responsibilities of the 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 required

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- To 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.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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Independent Examiner's Statement

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Signature	KMcInery			
Name	KIM MCINERY			
Address	3 GRAVILLE RD	BB3 2SS	Date	04-08-22

Relevant Professional Qualification or Body	CIPFA
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WEST PENNINE MOORS METHODIST CIRCUIT

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To help the aim for cohesion across the Circuit, quarterly worship for the whole Circuit has been introduced and all churches are encouraged to join in any special activity a particular church is holding. The Circuit has committed financial resources towards supporting and providing a base for the Asylum Seeker and Refugee Community (ARC) Charity. ARC has received its own Charity status at the end of this financial year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

We have sold one manse this year, the proceeds of which have been used to buy another manse.

Risk Management

The Circuit Meeting is continuing to develop procedures for identifying and addressing the risks facing the charity. It has clearly outlined financial procedures and, in common with all Churches, has developed robust procedures for safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Principal Funding Sources

Contributions from the Churches by way of Circuit Assessment continue to be the main source of funding.

Investment and Reserves Policies and Review

The Circuit Assessment is reviewed annually and covers the cost of ministerial oversight and pastoral care of the churches in the Circuit and the support of 3

Presbyteral ministers and 2 lay workers. The Circuit Advance Fund derives from sales of chapels and manses and is restricted by the Methodist Church. The Reserves Policy is held in agreement with the Charity Commission and has been earmarked for future staffing, the ARC Project, and a subsidy should a shortfall occur in the Assessment.

Current Needs and Future Plans

Within the context of the calling of the Methodist Church (as set out above), the Circuit plans to:

- continue to support and encourage each local congregation in mission and ministry.
- establish and develop a training culture within the Circuit, encouraging lay preachers in their development, supporting probationers and facilitating the development of probationers in training.
- continue to review and actively manage the Circuit's investments in its financial and property resources, seeking to selectively release resources for mission, ministry and outreach.
- work through the Methodist Church stationing procedures to secure the appointment of new ministerial staff as vacancies are identified.
- continue to work ecumenically, especially in supporting and developing Local Ecumenical Partnerships, focussing on the Anglican-Methodist Covenant.
- develop both at Circuit and local level medium term plans for strategic development.

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the circumstances of the Circuit and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund its activities for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are therefore of the view that the charity is a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The West Pennine Moors Circuit is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. The managing trustees operate within the Methodist Church Connexion and as such, their governing document is the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church. The document is available for inspection by appointment at the Circuit Office, c/o Antley Methodist Church, Blackburn Road, Accrington, Lancashire BB5 0DE

The West Pennine Moors Circuit is registered as a separate charity, number 1132674.

Connected Charities

The churches forming the circuit are themselves charities and, as they are responsible for their own financial affairs. They are not reported in these statements.

Appointment of Trustees

All ministers, presbyteral and diaconal, stationed in the circuit by the conference or deemed to be resident in the circuit are members of the circuit meeting.

The following are ex officio members of the circuit meeting

Circuit Stewards	appointed by the circuit meeting
Circuit Meeting Secretary	appointed by the circuit meeting
Representatives to District Synod	appointed by the circuit meeting
Local Preachers' Secretary	appointed by the Local Preachers meeting

Each church is represented by a church steward, the church treasurer and representatives appointed by the Church Council in relation to the number of church members (one representative for every 60 members) The circuit meeting has the power to co-opt other members as necessary. As at March 2020 there were 62 members of the circuit meeting, a full list is available from the Superintendent Ministers manse.

Trustee recruitment, induction, and training

As outlined above, the appointment of the majority of the members of the circuit meeting is outside the control of the meeting. In appointing the Circuit Leadership Team and other officers, the Meeting has regards to the balance of skills and gifts that are needed to further the work of the church. New members of the Leadership Team are inducted by the Leadership Team.

Organisation

The Circuit Meeting is convened three times a year. The circuit leadership team, appointed by the circuit meeting, is responsible for acting on behalf of the of the circuit meeting at other times. The leadership team meets at least six times a year. The circuit meeting retains responsibility for setting the mission priorities of the circuit, the overall strategy to deliver these priorities, the invitation of ministers, the oversight of local churches, the admission of people to the office of Local Preacher, and decisions on formal explorations of call to ministry and candidates to the ordained ministry.

The leadership team is assisted in the task of financial oversight by the Circuit Treasurer.

The Methodist church appoints a minister to be the Superintendent Minister of the circuit, whose duties are set out in Standing Orders of the Church.

Pay and remuneration

Stipends and allowances for presbyters and deacons (collectively ministers) are set annually by the Methodist Conference and the Circuit is responsible for meeting those costs for all ministers appointed by the Conference to the Circuit.

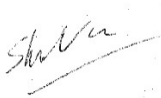
TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Circuit Meeting to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Circuit Meeting has: - selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently - made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent - stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements - prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis The Circuit Meeting is responsible for keeping records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable regulations. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

The Circuit's Independent Examiner, Stephen Holden ACA, has indicated his willingness to accept reappointment.

ON BEHALF OF THE CIRCUIT MEETING



Rev Stuart Smith, Superintendent Minister

DATE 12th November 2021

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

WEST PENNINE MOORS CIRCUIT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st AUGUST 2020**

LANCASHIRE	District	Circuit no	21 Feb 21/02
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1132674

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**

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(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

Rev S Smith
Rev R Ormrod
Rev A L Makin

Circuit Stewards:

Mr C Fairclough
Mrs S Crook
Mrs J Fish
Mrs P Peddie
Mr J Venables

Treasurer:

Mrs S Crook

Name of Circuit WEST PENNINE MOORS

Circuit No

21/02
24 Feb

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

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	ARC	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2019-20
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1	Donations and legacies	1,080		5,281			6,361
2	Income from monetary investments	274	1,387				1,661
3	Lettings	27,391					27,391
4	Assessments on Churches	227,753					227,753
5	Capital Receipts			60,856			63,856
6	Grants received	3,000		943			11,425
7	Other charitable income	10,482					11,425
		269,980	1,387	67,080	-	-	338,447
Expenditure							
9	Grants and donations						0
10	Salaries and associated costs	181,457		69,376			250,833
11	Property maintenance	11,115					11,115
12	Insurance, Utilities etc.	19,301		595			19,896
13	District Assessment & Levy	62,560					62,560
14	Depreciation						0
15	Office expenses	2,118		9,269			11,387
16	Other outgoings	17,528		6,493			27,496
17	Total charitable expenditure	294,079	6,493	82,715	0	0	383,287
18	Gains/(losses) on monetary investments				5,804	333	6,137

- 19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties
- 20 Net income/(expenditure)
- 21 Transfers between funds
- 22 Other gains/(losses)
- 23 Net movement in funds
- 24 Total funds brought forward
- 25 Total funds carried forward

	-24,099	-5,106	-15,635	5,804	333	-38,703		
	35,398	45,627	10,229			0		
	11,299	-50,733	-5,406	5,804	333	-38,703		
	88,021	167,178	20,110	90,824	5,324	371,457		
	99,320	116,445	14,704	96,628	5,657	332,754		

Name of Circuit
WEST PENNINE MOORS

Circuit No 21/02
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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

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Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	ARC £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2019/20 £	Totals 2018/19 £
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Fixed Assets							
Circuit Manse & Equipment	3,692,952					3,692,952	3,692,952
Investment properties						0	0
Investments						0	0
Total fixed assets	3,692,952	0	0	0	0	3,692,952	3,692,952

Current Assets							
Debtors	12,942					12,942	0
Loans by the Circuit						0	0
Investments with TMCP		116,446			96,628	5,657	263,326
Central Finance Board Deposits	-1,420					-1,420	29,183
Cash at Bank and in hand	87,798			14,703		102,501	78,948
Total current assets	99,320	116,446	14,703	96,628	5,657	332,754	371,457

Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)						0	0
Grants payable within 2018-19						0	0
Total current liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net current assets/liabilities	99,320	116,446	14,703	96,628	5,657	332,754	371,457
Total assets less current liabilities	3,792,272	116,446	14,703	96,628	5,657	4,025,706	4,064,409

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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)									
Grants payable after 2018-19								0	0
Loans to the Circuit								0	0
								0	0
Net assets	3,792,272	116,446	14,703	96,628	5,657	4,025,706	4,064,409		

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Funds of the Circuit									
General Fund (Unrestricted)			3,792,272					3,792,272	3,780,973
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)				116,446				116,446	167,178
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)					14,703			14,703	20,110
Total Unrestricted Funds								3,923,421	3,968,261
Restricted Funds						96,628		96,628	90,824
Endowment Funds							5,657	5,657	5,324
Total Funds	3,792,272	116,446	14,703	96,628	5,657	4,025,706	4,064,409		

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Signed

S. Cook

SHIRLEY COOK
Circuit Treasurer

Name of Circuit WEST PENNINE MOORS No. 21/02

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 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 S Crooke Date 20/10/21

Name and address of treasurer SHIRLEY CROOK 47 LABURNUM DRIVE

OSWALDTWISTLE LANCASHIRE Post Code BB5 3AW

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 2 Dec 2021

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Shirley

Name of the Chair of the meeting ROBERT STUART SMITH Date 26/10/21

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the WEST PENNINE MOORS Circuit

Charity Number 1132674

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the WEST PENNINE MOORS Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages ... to ... As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit WEST PENNINE MOORS No 21/02

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

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

Signature of independent examiner Stephen Holden

Name of independent examiner STEPHEN HOLDEN

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACA

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A SIGNING PURELY IN MY OWN NAME

Address 49, ROYSHAW AVENUE

BLACKBURN Post Code BB1 8RT

Date 20/10/21

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September 2020

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