

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

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 –

- a. The Christian faith in accordance with 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.

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

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

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

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, indicated his willingness to accept reappointment, but due to personal issues has had to step down. Ms Kim McNery 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
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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
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	Mrs. P. Peddie		
	Mr. J. Venables		
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Treasurer

Bookkeeper:

Mrs S. Crook	Mr. J. Gregory
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Circulation

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STATEMENT of FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SETTEE)

		General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	ARC	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Current Year 2020-21
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	INCOME		TMCP Statement				
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

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (**other than those that are on the attached report***):

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

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

** Please circle as appropriate*

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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