

LEICESTER WEST METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1133039

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-12-01

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

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

Activities: The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship through worship and mission. It does this through Worship, Learning and Caring, Service and Evangelism.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Leicester City
- Leicestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£437,191	£276,550	-	-
2024-08-31	£217,192	£270,133	-	-
2023-08-31	£205,557	£240,633	-	-
2022-08-31	£201,018	£210,429	-	-
2021-08-31	£185,912	£306,897	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALISON WHITMORE BSC		
ANGELA LESLEY DILKES		
Ann Lay		2018-09-01
CELIA DAVIS		2015-03-01
Carol Thomson		2009-09-01
Christine Beverley Massey		2014-03-04
DAVID SADLER		
David Postlethwaite		2019-03-12
EDITH COBLEY		
Eileen Ogleby		2019-03-12
Elizabeth Casely		2024-03-21
Elizabeth Clarke		
Eric Wardle		2016-09-01
Geoffrey Clarke B.SC		2007-03-01
IAN MAXWELL LAY NDD DLCA		
Ian Coghill		2020-03-05
JOHN EDWARD PICKARD		
Jessie Pickard		2018-09-01
Judith Coulthard		2019-03-12
MARILYN DRAYCOTT		
Peter Thomas Limb		2021-09-29
ROGER JOHN WHITTAKER		2013-02-26
Rev Joy Margaret Langford		2021-09-29
Sandra Andrews		2019-03-12
Steve Ramsden		2019-03-12
Stuart Crossley		2019-03-12
Tony Palmer		2020-03-05

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Vivienne Clarice Limb		2021-09-29
WILLIAM WALMSLEY		
Wendy Ramsden		2018-08-01

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LEICESTER WEST METHODIST CIRCUIT TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

01/09/2024 – 31/08/2025

Welcome to the 2024/25 Leicester West Methodist Circuit Trustees Report. The year has continued to see the Circuit provide a Methodist presence in the City of Leicester and County of Leicestershire and has been one where we continue to see the work of Jesus in our communities.

Aims

The Leicester West Circuit exists to support the Methodist Churches on the western edge of the City of Leicester and reaching out into the County of Leicestershire. Our aim is to bring a sense of belonging and support to the 10 churches we serve.

Achievements and Performance

Our team of three ministers, accredited local preachers and worship leaders has continued to provide regular worship and witness at the 10 churches across the circuit. Opportunities for circuit worship and fellowship by meeting together on Sunday evening has been possible by meeting on Zoom or at particular locations in person.

Our new superintendent minister was welcomed into the circuit with his family in September 2024.

Training of new local preachers continues with 2 on trial. We continue to receive part of their tutorial support from our neighbouring Leicester Trinity circuit.

One of our circuit stewards has completed the necessary training at Cliff College to be able to take on the role of a Local Lay Pastor and the circuit has been in the process of how this additional resource can be used in the future. In August 2026 our circuit mission enabler will reach the end of a five year contract, funded by a district grant and an allocated circuit fund. Discussions started on how the circuit can continue with an enabler role, possibly extending the present role or reshaping a new one.

The mens shed based at the New Parks church has continued to develop as part of the work of our circuit mission enabler. It has contributed to improving the mental health of those who are becoming part of it.

Meetings at our New Parks church with the Northampton District Mission Enabling team have taken place to seek advice on having faith based conversations about their future with their congregation and members. The circuit are in the process of finding the best ways to deal with the 1950's building which is in need of regeneration and our own mission enabler is looking at a Church at the Margins group.

The sale of church in Enderby was completed in March 2025. It had ceased to meet and had held its final service in August 2023. It continues being used as a church with a local free church who have purchased it. A small group of elderly Enderby Methodist members continue to receive support through a fellowship group with one of our circuit ministers.

Our circuit administrator has taken on the work of safeguarding officer. Our previous circuit safeguarding officer had held this important role in a voluntary capacity. Keeping all who have church roles which require safeguarding training kept up to date is an important part of our work.

The Methodist Church's Action for Hope programme has resources that can help our churches look at all aspects of the environment with work that can lead to Eco Church status.

Finances

The Standard Form of Accounts for the Circuit is attached.

Our financial position remains healthy with just around £305,000 of cash and investments in reserves. This includes £179,000 net proceeds of sale of property. Discussion are in progress for the allocation of these funds. There is also a further £35,000 ring-fenced to fund our Mission Enabler. We are however mindful of the financial position of some of our churches and their ongoing struggles to pay their assessments and will be reviewing our costs carefully as part of our ongoing review of the make-up of the circuit.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Finance and Property Committees 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.

Reserves Policy for General Funds

Under standing orders, the circuit must meet its financial obligations in relation to the support of its ministers and staff and the maintenance of manses. The total cost of these for the next year is budgeted to be in the region of £264,000. The circuit aims ideally to hold in general reserves sufficient money to meet at least six months expenditure (£132,000)

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benefit and address this through all of our churches by ensuring that the activities noted above focus not just on working within the four walls of our church buildings with existing worshippers but by ensuring that all activities are accessible to the communities in which the churches are based and that the churches reach out to be a living part of those communities.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document of the charity is the Deed of Union (1932) and The Methodist Church Act (1976) and it is constituted as a trust. The Leicester West Circuit is part of the Northampton District of the Methodist Church and is ultimately accountable to the Methodist Conference. The circuit meeting is convened at least twice a year and is responsible for making all decisions concerning the life of the circuit.

There is a circuit leadership team comprising the Stipendiary staff and circuit office holders which meets at least quarterly. There are also teams which meet on an adhoc basis looking at work with under 25's, mission and the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) issues as well as a manse committee. The Circuit meeting takes responsibility for disseminating Methodist Church policy on matters such as Caring Safely for Children and Vulnerable Adults, Risk Assessment and other matters.

The Circuit officers and Circuit meeting are regularly briefed on risks affecting the Circuit by both the Methodist Church and other experts and act accordingly.

Public Benefit

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

We have recognised the need to re-examine where churches and the circuit are in relation to the GDPR regulations. Updating records of consents to include personal contact information in church and circuit directories and other communications is a particular emphasis in the area. We have been seeking help on this from the District GDPR champion.

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 Northampton District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit

- Anstey
- Epworth
- Glenfield
- Huncote (currently a church on 2 sites with Trinity)
- Markfield

- New Parks
- Ratby
- St Andrews (Leicester Forest East) – a Local Ecumenical Partnership with the Church of England
- St Andrews (Glenfield Road East)
- Trinity

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 Leicester West 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 Leicester West 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.

After a face to face Foundation session in October 2021 with Covid restrictions in place, we can now offer this training face to face as well as on line. Working in conjunction with the other Methodist circuits in Leicestershire, we have been able to offer different training times and dates. We continue to remind people that after four years refresher training must be undertaken. For those requiring the Advanced Safeguarding Training, this is provided by the Northampton district and not the circuit. We are grateful to our circuit safeguarding officer who provides the support for this important area alongside one of our circuit stewards. We have also updated our social media policies with our mission enabler.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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Ministers:

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Rev J Kaci
Rec J Langford

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D Postlethwaite
S Andrews
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E Cobley

Treasurer:

E Wardle

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2025

Leicester West

Circuit

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		218,562		218,562	196,954
a3	Capital receipts			187,820	187,820	#
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		4,626	3,647	2,188	10,461
a5	Grants		8,000			8,000
a6	Other receipts		12,198		150	12,348
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		243,386	191,467	2,338	437,191 (a8)

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		167,336			167,336
b3	Manse Costs		18,018			18,018
b4	Administration etc		12,746			12,746
b5	District Assessment		50,620	596		51,216
b6	Grants & donations		1,763	1,000	8,586	11,349
b7						
b8	Other payments		15,885			15,885
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		266,368	1,596	8,586	276,550 (b9)

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(22,982)	189,871	(6,248)	160,641
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		102,469	23,831	54,017	180,317 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	79,487	213,702	47,769	340,958
c4	Transfers and adjustments		27,127	(14,627)	(12,500)	(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	106,614	199,075	35,269	340,958 (c8)

SECTION D					
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS				
d	(these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)				
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			3,260	3,260
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			3,260	3,260
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)				

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Men's Shed	5,245	2,178	3,067		773	3,840
e2 New Parks Regeneration	11,732	6,015	5,717		2,009	7,726
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	16,977	8,193	8,784		2,782 (e11)	11,566 (e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	437,191 (a8)	276,550 (b9)	160,641	(c7)	180,317 (c6)	340,958 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	454,168	284,743	169,425		183,099 (x)	352,524 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	2,166	5,040
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	105,303	101,724
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	69,423	234,194
f6 Other funds	3,425	
f7 SUB TOTAL	180,317 (c6)	340,958 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	2,782 (e11)	11,566 (e12)
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SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 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 and address of treasurerEric Wardle.....

21B Park Hill Drive, Leicester..... Post Code...LE2 8HS..

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on ...8/1/26.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting ...Rev Andrew Lomax..... Date 8/1/26.....

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Leicester West Methodist. Circuit

Charity Number 1133039

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ...Leicester West..... Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 02 to 03 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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

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Signature of independent examiner

Name of independent examiner Viv Asher

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 3, Winterfield Close, Glenfield

..... Post Code LE3 8RR

Date ... 21/11/2025

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Signature of independent examiner

Name of independent examiner Viv Asher

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 3, Winterfield Close, Glenfield

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Date ... 21/11/2025

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Accounts

LEICESTER WEST METHODIST CIRCUIT TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

01/09/2023 – 31/08/2024

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Rev'd Helen Bell had advised the circuit in July 2023 that personal circumstances had led her to the prayerfully thought out decision to leave the circuit after 4 years instead of the 5 of the initial invitation, with 3 of the 4 years being circuit superintendent. The circuit's appreciation and thankfulness to Rev'd Helen and her husband for their ministry and work was expressed at the leaving service in July 2024.

The circuit went into the Methodist church's ministerial stationing process and was able to offer an invitation to Rev'd Sydney-Samuel Lake to be a circuit minister and circuit superintendent commencing September 2024.

Training of new local preachers continues with 2 on trial.

Our circuit mission enabler enabled us to put together another booklet of testimony and reflection from people in our churches for use during Lent.

The men's shed project based at the New Parks church has continued to develop as part of the work of our circuit mission enabler. It has contributed to improving the mental health of those who are becoming part of it. Initiatives such as planters for vegetable and flower growing have improved the visibility of the project. Both the mens's shed and the church have received certificates of appreciation from the community.

Our church at New Parks is a 1950's building and a regeneration project has been started. The resources needed to continue this are being sought.

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□ In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

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The Leicester West 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.

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**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Leicester West	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024**

Northampton	District	Circuit no	23-Sep
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1133039

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

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Ministers:

Rev Helen Bell
Rev Joy Langford
Rev Jimione Kaci

Circuit Stewards:

David Postlethwaite
Sandra Andrews
Edith Cobley

Treasurer:

Elizabeth Clarke

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2024

Leicester West Circuit

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1 RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	196,954.00			196,954.00	190,298.00
a3	Capital receipts					
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	6,824.52	2,250.66	3,156.77	12,231.95	7,259.19
a5	Grants	8,000.00			8,000.00	8,000.00
a6	Other receipts	6.00			6.00	
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	211,784.52	2,250.66	3,156.77	217,191.95 (a8)	205,557.19

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	145,750.42			145,750.42	136,911.40
b3	Manse Costs	38,285.16			38,285.16	37,466.51
b4	Administration etc	14,590.91	96.82	153.46	14,841.19	11,612.65
b5	District Assessment	45,345.84	849.32		46,195.16	50,973.16
b6	Grants & donations	3,296.48	7,026.00	255.82	10,578.30	220.00
b7						
b8	Other payments	14,482.49			14,482.49	3,449.65
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	261,751.30	7,972.14	409.28	270,132.72 (b9)	240,633.37

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9) -49,966.78	-5,721.48	2,747.49	-52,940.77	-35,076.18
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	107,015.58	33,972.92	92,269.26	233,257.76 (c6)	268,333.94
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2) 57,048.80	28,251.44	95,016.75	180,316.99	233,257.76
c4	Transfers and adjustments	45,420.00	-4,420.00	-41,000.00	(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4) 102,468.80	23,831.44	54,016.75	180,316.99 (c8)	233,257.76 (c6)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
	(these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				3,260	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				3,260	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Men's Shed	138.58	4175.72	-4037.14		4810.29	773.15
e2 New Parks Regeneration	2009.23		2009.23			2009.23
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2147.81	4175.72	-2027.91		4810.29 (e11)	2782.38 (e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	217191.95 (a8)	270132.72 (b9)	-52940.77	(c7)	233257.76 (c6)	180316.99 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	219339.76	274308.44	-54968.68		238068.05 (x)	183099.37 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	1845.72	2166.30
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	110169.86	105302.50
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	87817.18	69423.19
f6 Other funds	33425.00	3425.00
f7 SUB TOTAL	233257.76 (c6)	180316.99 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	4810.29 (e11)	2782.38 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	238068.05 (x)	183099.37 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 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 and address of treasurer Elizabeth Clarke

8 Faire Road, Glenfield, Leicester, LE3 8EA

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 10/4/25.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Leicester West.. Circuit

Charity Number 1133039

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Leicester West Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024 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

Independent Examiner’s Statement

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Name of independent examiner ...Brian Slater.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ...CIMA.....

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address7 Faire Road, Glenfield, Leicester

..... Post Code LE3 8EE

Date ...13/11/24.....

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Rev'd Judith Lincoln completed the fifth and final year of her service as a minister in the circuit in July 2023. The circuit entered the stationing process at the start of the 2022/23 Methodist year for a minister to start in September 2023 and Rev'd Jimione Kaci has been invited to take the oversight of four of our churches.

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a2	Assessment/Share	190,298.00			190,298.00	192,321.96
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b5	District Assessment	49,406.56	1,566.60		50,973.16	43,188.35
b6	Grants & donations	220.00			220.00	1,815.74
b7						
b8	Other payments	3,278.59		171.06	3,449.65	821.94
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	238,537.57	1,745.19	350.61	240,633.37 (b9)	210,429.04

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9) -36,669.10	-250.99	1,843.91	-35,076.18	-9,418.84
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	95,044.68	62,663.91	110,625.35	268,333.94 (c6)	277,752.78
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2) 58,375.58	62,412.92	112,469.26	233,257.76	268,333.94
c4	Transfers and adjustments	48,640.00	-28,440.00	-20,200.00	(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4) 107,015.58	33,972.92	92,269.26	233,257.76 (c8)	268,333.94 (c6)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
	(these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				2,360	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				2,360	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Men's Shed	5,889.00	1,078.79	4,810.21			4,810.21
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	5,889.00	1,078.79	4,810.21		(e11)	4,810.21 (e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	205,557.19 (a8)	240,633.37 (b9)	-35,076.18	(c7)	268,333.94 (c6)	233,257.76 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	211,446.19	241,712.16	-30,265.97		268,333.94 (x)	238,067.97 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	1,780.36	1,845.72
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	98,264.32	110,169.86
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	125,664.26	87,817.18
f6 Other funds	42,625.00	33,425.00
f7 SUB TOTAL	268,333.94 (c6)	233,257.76 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	4,810.21 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	268,333.94 (x)	238,067.97 (y)

SECTION G
OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
 f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
 g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Name of Circuit No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

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Signature of treasurer Date..... 19/10/2023

Name and address of treasurer Elizabeth Clarke

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Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Helen Bell

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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Charity Number .. 1133039

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Name of independent examiner Brian Lewis Slater

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner CIMA

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 7 Faire Road, Glenfield, Leicester

..... Post Code LE3 8EE

Date ... 17/11/2023

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Form reviewed

May-23

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LEICESTER WEST METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1133039

Accounts

LEICESTER WEST METHODIST CIRCUIT TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

01/09/2021 – 31/08/2022

Welcome to the 2021/22 Leicester West Methodist Circuit Trustees Report. 2021-22 has continued to see the Circuit provide a Methodist presence in the City of Leicester and County of Leicestershire and has been one where we continue to see the work of Jesus in our communities.

Aims

The Leicester West Circuit exists to support the Methodist Churches on the western edge of the City of Leicester and reaching out into the County of Leicestershire. Our aim is to bring a sense of belonging and support to the 11 churches we serve.

Achievements and Performance

Our team of three ministers, accredited local preachers and worship leaders has continued to provide regular worship and witness at the 11 churches across the circuit. Although restrictions relating to Covid were removed in early 2022, the Methodist Church continued to advise us to be mindful of others in the way we meet in light of previous experience. The continuing use of online resources has been useful in individual churches and across the circuit with regular Sunday evening services on Zoom.

At the beginning of this church year, Rev'd Helen Bell became circuit superintendent after the first year of her circuit appointment and our new circuit administrator took office at the same time. Two of our local preachers on trial completed their training during this year and came onto our team of accredited preachers at special services in January and March 2022. Two others were on note and in training with support from a tutor and mentor. Another of our preachers had offered to candidate for the Methodist ministry and has been accepted to start training in September 2022.

Our circuit mission enabler, Justin Moulder was appointed in August 2021 and after a settling in period getting to know our local churches and their particular surrounding environments, we can report some encouraging signs: for example the regular coffee morning at the St Andrew's Glenfield Road church has officially become a place of welcome and plans for a Men's Shed project at our New Parks church have begun. The aim of this is to obtain and erect a shed on the church site to help men meet to combat loneliness and other problems. With support from a local community panel, the aim will be to refurbish tools with a charity *Tools for Self reliance* and supply tools for use in developing countries.

We were able to take part in the Methodist Church's "Love is...." initiative over Easter 2022 which was to help our churches create opportunities to reach out in local communities. Each church received a special "Love is..." candle and had its own specific idea ranging from an exhibition to giving out hot cross buns at the nearby Park and Ride site.

Encouragement for churches to start looking at the energy usage in their buildings and ways of becoming more efficient has been started through the A.Rocha UK Eco-Church scheme survey. It looks at all aspects of a church's life and includes our own individual choices. Achieving certain levels of compliance can lead to awards at bronze, silver and gold levels. We have now appointed a circuit Eco

Champion and several churches have registered for eco church. We can now report that one church has received a bronze award, another is close to getting bronze and a third has bronze and silver.

Finances

The Standard Form of Accounts for the Circuit is attached.

Our financial position remains healthy with just under £200,000 of cash and investments in reserves. We are however mindful of the financial position of some of our churches and their ongoing struggles to pay their assessments and will be reviewing our costs carefully as part of our ongoing review of the make-up of the circuit.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Finance and Property Committees 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.

Reserves Policy for General Funds

Under standing orders, the circuit must meet its financial obligations in relation to the support of its ministers and staff and the maintenance of manses. The total cost of these for the next year is budgeted to be in the region of £226,600. The circuit aims ideally to hold in general reserves sufficient money to meet at least six months expenditure (£113,300)

Objectives and Activities

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.

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship through worship and mission. It does this through worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism. We have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and address this through all of our churches by ensuring that the activities noted above focus not just on working within the four walls of our church buildings with existing worshippers but by ensuring that all

activities are accessible to the communities in which the churches are based and that the churches reach out to be a living part of those communities.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document of the charity is the Deed of Union (1932) and The Methodist Church Act (1976) and it is constituted as a trust. The Leicester West Circuit is part of the Northampton District of the Methodist Church and is ultimately accountable to the Methodist Conference. The circuit meeting is convened at least twice a year and is responsible for making all decisions concerning the life of the circuit.

There is a circuit leadership team comprising the Stipendiary staff and circuit office holders which meets quarterly. There are also teams which meet on an adhoc basis looking at work with under 25's, mission and the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) issues as well as a manse committee. The Circuit meeting takes responsibility for disseminating Methodist Church policy on matters such as Caring Safely for Children and Vulnerable Adults, Risk Assessment and other matters.

The Circuit officers and Circuit meeting are regularly briefed on risks affecting the Circuit by both the Methodist Church and other experts and act accordingly.

Public Benefit

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

GDPR

We have recognised the need to re-examine where churches and the circuit are in relation to the GDPR regulations. Updating records of consents to include personal contact information in church and circuit directories and other communications is a particular emphasis in the area. We have been seeking help on this from the District GDPR champion.

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 Northampton District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit

- Anstey
- Epworth
- Enderby
- Glenfield
- Huncote
- Markfield
- New Parks
- Ratby

- St Andrews (Leicester Forest East) – a Local Ecumenical Partnership with the Church of England
- St Andrews (Glenfield Road East)
- Trinity

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 Leicester West 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 Leicester West 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.

After a face to face Foundation session in October 2021 with Covid restrictions in place, we can now offer this training face to face as well as on line. Working in conjunction with the other Methodist circuits in Leicestershire, we have been able to offer different training times and dates. We continue to remind people that after four years refresher training must be undertaken. For those requiring the Advanced Safeguarding Training, this is provided by the Northampton district and not the circuit. We are grateful to our circuit safeguarding officer who provides the support for this important area alongside one of our circuit stewards. We are also looking at an update of our social media policies with our mission enabler.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Leicester West	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2022

Northampton	District	Circuit no	23-09
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1133039

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 Helen Bell
Rev Judith Lincoln
Rev Joy Langford

Circuit Stewards:

David Postlethwaite
Edith Cobley
Sandra Andrews
Carol Long

Treasurer:

Elizabeth Clarke

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	192,321.96			192321.96	183539.96
a3	Capital receipts					
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	246.04	-47.12	489.32	688.24	2372.11
a5	Grants	8,000.00			8000.00	
a6	Other receipts					
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	200,568.00	-47.12	489.32	201010.20 (a8)	185912.07

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	130,150.86			130150.86	128443.93
b3	Manse Costs	27,167.16			27167.16	56989.58
b4	Administration etc	6,794.34	284.40	206.25	7284.99	6653.50
b5	District Assessment	40,693.60	2494.75		43188.35	48869.36
b6	Grants & donations	1,815.74			1815.74	53117.00
b7						
b8	Other payments	821.94			821.94	12823.83
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	207,443.64	2779.15	206.25	210429.04 (b9)	306897.20

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9) -6,875.64	-2826.27	283.07	-9418.84	-120985.13
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	52,238.49	99790.18	125724.11	277752.78 (c6)	398737.91
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2) 45,362.85	96963.91	126007.18	268333.94	277752.78
c4	Transfers and adjustments	13,800.00	-4300.00	-9500.00	(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4) 59,162.85	92663.91	116507.18	268333.94 (c8)	277752.78 (c6)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	201,010 (a8)	210,429 (b9)	(9,419)	(c7)	277,753 (c6)	268,334 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	201,010	210,429	(9,419)		277,753 (x)	268,334 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	2,089.34	1,780.36
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	100,881.28	98,264.32
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	172,157.16	125,664.26
f6	Other funds	2,625.00	42,625.00
f7	SUB TOTAL	277,752.78 (c6)	268,333.94 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	277,752.78 (x)	268,333.94 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	
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g3	Other Assets	
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Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting ...Rev Helen Bell..... Date

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Relevant professional qualification of independent examinerACA.....

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Date

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Accounts

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Aims

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Achievements and Performance

At the start of the year, the circuit finally completed its planned transition from 4 full time ministers to 3 full time ministers, having had 2 years of 3 full time and 1 half time minister. The support from a team of dedicated local preachers and worship leaders alongside our ministers has provided worship at 11 churches across the circuit. The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to have an impact on all aspects of the churches' life, including regular Sunday worship and fellowship. After 5 months of not meeting in person during the 2020 lockdown our buildings started to reopen for worship and community use from September 2020. Detailed guidance including risk assessments from the Methodist Church nationally was used help individual churches to reopen their buildings safely in stages. We continued to use online resources alongside meeting in person as appropriate.

From January to March 2021 we followed guidance from the Methodist church and again restricted the use of our buildings and continued to use online resources. We were able to reopen by Easter.

During the course of the year, the circuit continued to roll out the updated safeguarding training for those working with Children and Vulnerable Adults. The training involved a number of training sessions run by the circuit safeguarding officer and the district safeguarding officer. We have now been able to offer training in face to face meetings as well as online for the Foundation 2020 course by working in collaboration with neighbouring Methodist circuits for the Foundation and refresher courses. The latter are for those who have gone more than four years since their initial training. The Advanced safeguarding training course for those who require it has been run at district level by the Northampton District Safeguarding team by online training and we are up to date with those in positions which require it.

We said farewell to Rev Novette Headley in August 2021 after being with us for 7 years as our superintendent minister. After 2 years in a half time appointment, Rev Joy Langford is now continuing in a full time appointment and takes the pastoral oversight of a third church. The circuit has completed the transition from 4 to 3 full time ministers. The Rev Helen Bell now becomes our superintendent minister from September 2021.

After careful consideration the circuit made a decision to recruit a Circuit Mission Enabler whose role would be to look at each of our circuit churches and start to look at ways of engaging in mission in their particular neighbourhood and giving advice and help. This would be a part time lay

employment role funded partly by a district grant over 5 years. We have now appointed Mr Justin Moulder in this role and he started in August 2021.

After over 30 years of service, our circuit administrator and secretary retired in August 2021 and we welcomed a new administrator to take care of this important role.

Our team of local preachers includes those who are at the various stages of the training required to become fully accredited local preachers. We are fortunate to have a team who can lead worship regularly throughout the circuit.

Encouragement for churches to start looking at the energy usage in their buildings and ways of becoming more efficient was started through using the A.Rocha UK Eco-Church scheme survey. It looks at all aspects of a church's life and includes our own individual choices. Achieving certain levels of compliance can lead to awards at bronze, silver and gold levels.

The circuit took part in local church, circuit and district discussions on the Methodist Conference task group's report on marriage and relationships, "God in Love Unites Us". The conference decision to finally approve or otherwise draft standing orders enabling Methodist churches to conduct the marriage of same sex couples had been planned for the July 2020 Methodist Conference. This was deferred until the 2021 conference and the approval of the standing orders was finally given. Each church will individually make its own decision on whether or not to permit the marriages. Likewise ministers will need to decide individually whether they will be happy to conduct such services.

Finances

The Standard Form of Accounts for the Circuit is attached.

The Circuit funds benefitted at the end of 2019/2020 from the sale of a manse. Some of the proceeds (£43,500) have been spent on refurbishments to the remaining 3 manses and a further £53,000 has been awarded in grants to projects at churches within the circuit, notably Glenfield Methodist Church's 20-20 project.

Our financial position remains healthy with just under £278,000 of cash and investments in reserves. We are however mindful of the financial position of some of our churches and their ongoing struggles to pay their assessments and will be reviewing our costs carefully as part of our ongoing review of the make-up of the circuit.

Objectives and Activities

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.

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship through worship and mission. It does this through worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism. We have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and address this through all of our churches by ensuring that the activities noted above focus not just on working within the four walls of our church buildings with existing worshippers but by ensuring that all activities are accessible to the communities in which the churches are based and that the churches reach out to be a living part of those communities.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document of the charity is the Deed of Union (1932) and The Methodist Church Act (1976) and it is constituted as a trust. The Leicester West Circuit is part of the Northampton District of the Methodist Church and is ultimately accountable to the Methodist Conference. The circuit meeting is convened at least twice a year and is responsible for making all decisions concerning the life of the circuit.

There is a circuit leadership team comprising the Stipendiary staff and circuit office holders which meets quarterly. There are also teams which meet on an adhoc basis looking at work with under 25's, mission and social responsibility as well as a manse committee. The Circuit meeting takes responsibility for disseminating Methodist Church policy on matters such as Caring Safely for Children and Vulnerable Adults, Risk Assessment and other matters.

The Circuit officers and Circuit meeting are regularly briefed on risks affecting the Circuit by both the Methodist Church and other experts and act accordingly.

Public Benefit

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

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 Northampton District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit

- Anstey
- Epworth

- Enderby
- Glenfield
- Huncote
- Markfield
- New Parks
- Ratby
- St Andrews (Leicester Forest East)
- St Andrews (Glenfield Road East)
- Trinity

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Finance and Property Committees 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 Leicester West 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 Leicester West 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

Reserves Policy for General Funds

Under standing orders, the circuit must meet its financial obligations in relation to the support of its ministers and staff and the maintenance of manses. The total cost of these for the next year is budgeted to be in the region of £229,000

The circuit aims ideally to hold in general reserves sufficient money to meet at least six months expenditure totalling £114,500

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Leicester West	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2021

Northampton	District	Circuit no	23-09
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1133039

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 Helen Bell
Rev Judith Lincoln
Rev Joy Langford

Circuit Stewards:

David Postlethwaite
Edith Cobley
Sandra Andrews
Carol Long

Treasurer:

Elizabeth Clarke

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Assessment/Share	183,539.96			183,539.96	185,721.64
a3	Capital receipts					203,225.12
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	77.00	2,120.16	174.95	2,372.11	1,604.78
a5	Grants					
a6	Other receipts					
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	183,616.96	2,120.16	174.95	185,912.07 (a8)	390,551.54

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	128,443.93			128,443.93	127,972.46
b3	Manse Costs	56,989.58			56,989.58	18,780.09
b4	Administration etc	6,653.50			6,653.50	6,672.51
b5	District Assessment	48,869.36			48,869.36	49,639.56
b6	Grants & donations	5,617.00	47,500.00		53,117.00	1,902.69
b7						
b8	Other payments	4,656.99	8,166.84		12,823.83	3,916.32
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	251,230.36	55,666.84		306,897.20 (b9)	208,883.63

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9) -67,613.40	-53,546.68	174.95	-120,985.13	181,667.91
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	49,833.89	213,336.86	135,567.16	398,737.91 (c6)	217,070.00
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2) -17,779.51	159,790.18	135,742.11	277,752.78	398,737.91
c4	Transfers and adjustments	70,018.00	-60,000.00	-10,018.00		
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4) 52,238.49	99,790.18	125,724.11	277,752.78 (c8)	398,737.91 (c6)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
	(these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING**SECTION E**

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	185,912 (a8)	306,897 (b9)	(120,985)	(c7)	398,737.91 (c6)	277,752.78 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	185,912	306,897	(120,985)		398,737.91 (x)	277,752.78 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	668.36	2,089.34
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	112,464.41	100,881.28
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	285,605.14	172,157.16
f6	Other funds		2,625.00
f7	SUB TOTAL	398,737.91 (c6)	277,752.78 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	398,737.91 (x)	277,752.78 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	
g3	Other Assets	
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	
g5	Other Liabilities	

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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 and address of treasurerElizabeth Clarke.....

...8 Faire Road, Glenfield, Leicester..... Post Code...LE3 8EA...

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on ...29th September 2021.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting ...Rev Helen Bell..... Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Leicester West Circuit

Charity Number 1133039.....

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Leicester West..... Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021 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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Name of independent examiner John Allen

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .. Institute of Chartered Accountants in Engla

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address

..... Post Code

Date

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Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .. Institute of Chartered Accountants in Engla

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