

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021
FOR
BIRMINGHAM (WEST) & OLDBURY METHODIST
CIRCUIT**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Mission Statement

The Birmingham (West) and Oldbury Circuit is a part of the Birmingham District of the Methodist Church.

It is a Circuit registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales as registered charity number 1133064. The Circuit is constituted under the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act of 1946.

The Circuit continues to support ordained and lay ministry in local churches and their communities. We work with schools in our area, as well as nursery education. Care and support is given to those of all communities and faiths as we follow Christ's command to love our neighbours.

Mission statement

The aim of this circuit is to enable the churches and Christians in the area covered by the circuit to:

1. Live the Christian faith in local communities in relevant ways
2. Stimulate and broaden their mission by:
 - (a) leading people into a loving relationship with Christ
 - (b) serving the community and working for social justice
3. Create a policy relevant to the local situation
4. Develop a sense of belonging to the wider church of Christ - ecumenically, connexionally and internationally
5. Support and encourage one another and share resources - people, property, finances and worship.

The circuit is responsible for 11 (formerly 13) churches providing religious activities for their members in Birmingham, Dudley and Sandwell. These activities are supervised by the circuit ministers, lay workers and appointed lay preachers and worship leaders, the majority of whom are volunteers.

Sandon Road Methodist Church and Akrill Memorial Methodist Church ceased to meet during the year. Their closures were officially noted at the district spring synod on 24 April 2021.

The circuit is governed by the trustees consisting of the circuit officers and representatives of each of the 11 churches. The trustees hold at least three meetings each year. The circuit meeting is supported by the leadership team which consist of the ministers, lay worker, circuit stewards and secretary, which meets before each circuit meeting to fix the agenda and make recommendations. Other committees report to the circuit meeting on finance, property and any other matters which the circuit meeting so decides.

The circuit supports 3 full time presbyters to exercise pastoral oversight of the 11 churches that make up the circuit. The circuit also provides voluntary support and leadership in the form of a local preachers, a lay minister, circuit stewards and trustees. Other office holders support the churches with help and advice on property, finance, worship and work with young people. We continue to serve the changing communities where the churches are located.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Review of the year

As noted above, Sandon Road Methodist Church and Akrill Memorial Methodist Church closed during the year to 31 August 2021. Rev Ajay Singh moved from the circuit in July 2021 to take up an appointment in London. Mrs Helen Lynskey, the district treasurer, has been the acting treasurer for the circuit since April 2021. For a few weeks, the circuit was without an operational bank current account, while banking arrangements were being changed. During that interval, Birmingham Methodist District paid certain expenses of the circuit. The circuit reimbursed the full amount to Birmingham Methodist District when the bank account became operational again. The pandemic has affected the life of the churches and the circuit. Shortly after the pandemic, the circuit leadership team had an Away Day to consider the future mission of the circuit. The old Beginagen project, which offered debt counselling, closed during the year. The Beginagen bank account balances were transferred to the circuit, where they are held in a ring-fenced fund, pending a new purpose for Beginagen 2.

Serious Incident Report

A serious incident report was filed with the Charity Commission during the year. Financial controls have been reviewed and strengthened. The serious incident has not resulted in any financial loss to the circuit.

Public benefit

In setting our objectives and planning our activities, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commissioners' general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing our objectives, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

During the year, the circuit recorded total income from all sources amounting to £769k (2020 - £190k). £480k of that income is unrealised, as noted below. The circuit disbursed £171k (2020 - £251k), giving a net surplus of income over expenditure (after investment losses) of £566k (2020 - Deficit £60k). Total reserves at 31 August 2021 were £1,462k (2020 - £896k). £1,267k represents Freehold Land & Buildings (2020 - £819k). £37k (2020 - £26k) represent restricted funds.

No fund was in deficit at 31 August 2021.

In line with Methodist guidelines, assets from closed churches pass to the circuit at the date of closure. £52k relating to bank accounts and £480k representing the estimated realisable value of buildings are included within the income figure of £769k. Sandon Road Methodist Church, Akrill Methodist Church, together with 113 and 115 The Uplands, two dwelling houses formerly owned by Akrill Memorial Methodist Church, passed to the circuit during the year. Their estimated realisable value takes into account a compulsory 40% levy for the Methodist Connexional Priority Fund which will be deducted if and when those buildings are sold.

35 Newlands Drive, a former manse, which will be sold after the balance sheet date, has been revalued in the accounts.

Any difference between the balance sheet values and the eventual realisable value will be accounted for at the date of sale.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment policy and performance

To comply with Methodist Standing Orders, money for long term investment is lodged with TMCP "Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes" or with CFB "Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church. TMCP is the legal owner and custodian trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including legacies, endowments and accumulated funds. CFB manages a common deposit fund and a series of pooled investment funds for Methodist entities in Great Britain. Interest rates from deposits with TMCP and CFB reflect deposit rates available elsewhere. The investment policy of the circuit is aligned with those of TMCP and CFB, who take into account the social, environmental and ethical considerations that make investments suitable for the Methodist Church.

Interest received during the year ended 31 August 2021 was £235 (2020 - £751).

Reserves policy

"Free Reserves" represent the balance on the General Fund, the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Bequests Fund: £158k (2020 - £51k). Total reserves at 31 August 2021 were £1,462k (2020 - £896k). £1,267k (2020 - £819k) represent Freehold Land & Buildings. £37k (2020 - £26k) represent restricted funds.

The General Fund derives its income principally from church contributions (also known as assessments). This finances the day-to-day running costs of the circuit. The trustees believe that the balance on the General Fund should, under normal circumstances, be in the region of £80k- £100k, to cover four to cover six months of circuit running costs.

The Beginagen 2 Fund holds money given specifically for that project within a ring-fenced fund. The money will remain ring-fenced until a purpose is found for the fund.

TMCP 6925A is a restricted fund at the balance sheet date. The restricted fund related to Akrill Memorial Methodist Church. On 1 September 2021, the restriction was lifted and the balance transferred to the Circuit Model Trust Fund.

Going concern

The trustees of the circuit have every reason to believe that the circuit is a going concern. The churches continue to meet their assessments. Assessment income received from the churches is not sufficient to cover the circuit costs, based on three ministers. Proceeds from sales of buildings will be used to cover the shortfall. Reserves policies are reviewed annually. There are no subsidiary undertakings. Covid-19 has had financial implications for the circuit and all the churches within the circuit.

FUTURE EVENTS

After the end of the financial year, the following developments are reported:

- Rev Ilidio Christino de Oliveira Jr was welcomed as a circuit minister in October 2021
- The restricted fund relating to Akrill was transferred to the Circuit Model Trust Fund
- An Operations Manager, who will work jointly across this circuit and the neighbouring circuit of Blackheath & Halesowen, has been appointed, to commence work in January 2022
- A purpose for the Beginagen 2 Fund will be considered

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Related parties

The churches within the circuit during 2020-21 were:

Akrill Memorial Methodist Church (ceased to meet 24 April 2021)

Causeway Green Methodist Church

City Road Methodist Church

Court Oak Methodist Church

Ladywood Methodist Church

Quinton Methodist Church

Ridgacre Methodist Church

Rounds Green Methodist Church

Sandon Road Methodist Church (ceased to meet 24 April 2021)

St Johns Methodist Church

Tipton Road Methodist Church

Warley Woods Methodist Church

West Smethwick Methodist Church

Assessments paid by the churches to the circuit in respect of 2020-21 totalled £175k (2019-20 £165k). The circuit paid an assessment to Birmingham Methodist District in 2020-21 totalling £13k (2019-20 £33k). Birmingham Methodist District paid certain expenses on behalf of the circuit in 2020-21 totalling £6k (2019-20 £nil). All sums were reimbursed to Birmingham Methodist District before 31 August 2021.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1133064

Principal address

9 Leahouse Gardens

Oldbury

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Trustees

The members of the Birmingham (West) and Oldbury Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

CIRCUIT MINISTERS AND OFFICERS

Trustees who served between 1 September 2020 and signing date of accounts to 31 August 2021:

Circuit staff

Rev M Chisvo
Rev N Suray
Rev A Singh - resigned 31 August 2021
Rev I Christino de Oliveira Jr - appointed 15 October 2021
Rev B Taylor
Rev Prof. F Young

Other trustees

Dr M Hall
Mr J Larwood
Mr E Hall
Mrs A Davis
Mr J Barton
Mr J Cowan
Mr F Marius
Mr H Njoh - resigned 10 May 2021
Mrs G Njoh - resigned 31 August 2021
Mrs J Tolley
Mrs D Bastable - resigned 24 April 2021
Mrs M Atherton - resigned 24 April 2021
Mrs C Antoine - resigned 24 April 2021
Ms J Hall - resigned 24 April 2021
Mr J Hadley
Mrs B Cooper
Mr R Atkiss
Mrs V Gadd
Mrs C Hallam
Mr D Hallam
Miss C Scott
Miss M Scott
Miss J Thompson
Mr L Parkes
Mr C Haynes
Mr A Burrridge
Mrs F Houten
Mrs R Bissell
Mrs A Mansell
Mrs D Knott
Mrs I Nott
Mr P Knott
Miss J Sherwell - resigned 24 April 2021
Mrs V Turner - resigned 24 April 2021
Mr M Wallis - resigned 24 April 2021

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Mrs E Wallis - resigned 24 April 2021

Mrs H Butler

Miss V Leoque

Mr G Taylor

Ms K Dell

Mrs J Mosedale

Miss E Homer

Mrs I Clarke

Ms M Holding

Mrs D Black

Independent Examiner

James Cruse

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EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 7 March 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BIRMINGHAM (WEST) & OLDBURY METHODIST
CIRCUIT**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Birmingham (West) & Oldbury Methodist Circuit

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Birmingham (West) & Oldbury Methodist Circuit (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ACA, FCCA, BSc (Econ) Hons which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. 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.

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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7 March 2022

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Charitable activities	3				
Assessments from churches		175,025	-	175,025	164,650
Donations		23,000	11,763	34,763	7,504
Other		5,594	-	5,594	3,000
Investment income	2	21,810	41	21,851	15,110
Assets from closed churches		531,788	-	531,788	-
Total		757,217	11,804	769,021	190,264
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
Support costs		152,212	526	152,738	212,907
Contribution to Methodist funds		13,565	-	13,565	32,672
Grants and donations		5,000	-	5,000	5,000
Total		170,777	526	171,303	250,579
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(31,300)	-	(31,300)	-
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		555,140	11,278	566,418	(60,315)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		869,758	25,758	895,516	955,831
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		1,424,898	37,036	1,461,934	895,516

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 AUGUST 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	586,990	-	586,990	818,818
Investment property	10	680,000	-	680,000	-
		<u>1,266,990</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,266,990</u>	<u>818,818</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	62,829	5,056	67,885	15,431
Cash at bank		100,301	31,980	132,281	105,378
		<u>163,130</u>	<u>37,036</u>	<u>200,166</u>	<u>120,809</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(5,222)	-	(5,222)	(44,111)
		<u>157,908</u>	<u>37,036</u>	<u>194,944</u>	<u>76,698</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>157,908</u>	<u>37,036</u>	<u>194,944</u>	<u>76,698</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>1,424,898</u>	<u>37,036</u>	<u>1,461,934</u>	<u>895,516</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>1,424,898</u>	<u>37,036</u>	<u>1,461,934</u>	<u>895,516</u>
FUNDS	13				
Unrestricted funds				1,424,898	869,758
Restricted funds				37,036	25,758
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>1,461,934</u>	<u>895,516</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 7 March 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>506,668</u>	<u>(32,993)</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<u>506,668</u>	<u>(32,993)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of investment property		<u>(480,000)</u>	-
Interest received		<u>235</u>	<u>751</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		<u>(479,765)</u>	<u>751</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>26,903</u>	<u>(32,242)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>105,378</u>	<u>137,620</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>132,281</u>	<u>105,378</u>

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**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	566,418	(60,315)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	528	20,379
Losses on investments	31,300	-
Interest received	(235)	(751)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(52,454)	2,775
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(38,889)	4,919
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	506,668	(32,993)

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.9.20	Cash flow	At 31.8.21
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	105,378	26,903	132,281
	105,378	26,903	132,281
Total	105,378	26,903	132,281

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

INCOME RECOGNITION

Income is brought into account when it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income will accrue to the circuit. No attempt is made to measure the value of services donated by volunteers.

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the circuit to pay out resources.

GOVERNANCE COSTS

These are costs associated with the general running of the charity and its strategic management, rather than the costs of its charitable activities and day to day management.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets and investment properties are recognised at cost or fair valuation.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation had been charged on freehold property up until 31 August 2020 at 2% straight line method. Depreciation is no longer charged on freehold property as the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the properties in their present conditions to be no less than the value as which they are stated in the Balance Sheet. In the absence of any evidence of impairment, any potential depreciation charges on the properties would be immaterial.

The three manses (freehold properties), where the three circuit ministers reside, are: 9 Leahouse Gardens, Oldbury; 208 Spies Lane, Halesowen; and 2 Wall Close, Smethwick.

35 Newlands Drive has not been used as a manse for many years. It will be put on the market for sale during 2021-22. The value in the accounts reflects the trustees' estimate of the proceeds of sale, net of selling costs and the Methodist CPF levy applicable to certain Methodist property sales.

Akrill Memorial Methodist Church and Sandon Road Methodist Church are currently empty, pending being placed on the market for sale. The value in the accounts reflects the trustees' estimate of the proceeds of sale, net of selling costs and the Methodist CPF levy applicable to certain Methodist property sales.

113 The Uplands and 115 The Uplands are rental properties, formerly owned by Akrill Memorial Methodist Church, which passed to the circuit during 2020-21. 113 is currently empty and not yet in the process of being sold. 115 is currently tenanted. The value in the accounts reflects the trustees' estimate of the proceeds of sale, net of selling costs and the Methodist CPF levy applicable to certain Methodist property sales.

Equipment, now fully depreciated, has been written out of the accounts.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

INVESTMENT PROPERTY

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

TAXATION

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for specified purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specified purposes.

PENSION COSTS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The Methodist Church operates a defined benefit pension scheme for its ministers. A defined contribution scheme is operated for lay employees. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

VAT

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

GOING CONCERN

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern, including the impact of COVID-19. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the charity has adequate monetary assets and human resources available to continue in operation as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

CONSOLIDATION

Birmingham West & Oldbury Methodist Circuit oversees the work of ministers and lay workers in the churches within the circuit but does not have financial control over those churches. For this reason, the financial statements of the churches within the circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

DEBTORS

Debtors are recorded at transaction price.

CREDITORS

Creditors are recorded at transaction price.

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2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Property income	21,616	14,359
Deposit account interest	235	751
	<u>21,851</u>	<u>15,110</u>

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Assessments from churches	175,025	164,650
Donations	34,763	7,504
Other	5,594	3,000
	<u>215,382</u>	<u>175,154</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Support costs		152,738	152,738
Contribution to Methodist funds	13,565	-	13,565
Grants and donations	5,000	-	5,000
	<u>18,565</u>	<u>152,738</u>	<u>171,303</u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Support costs	150,698	2,040	152,738

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2021 nor for the year ended 31 August 2020.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2021 nor for the year ended 31 August 2020.

7. STAFF COSTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	82,296	78,562
Social security costs	8,053	10,141
Other pension costs	20,598	16,428
	110,947	105,131

Staff costs include stipends paid to ministers and salaries paid to lay workers.

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
	3	3
Ministers		

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Charitable activities			
Assessments from churches	164,650	-	164,650
Donations	-	7,504	7,504
Other	3,000	-	3,000
Investment income	14,891	219	15,110
Total	182,541	7,723	190,264
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Support costs	195,854	17,053	212,907
Contribution to Methodist funds	32,672	-	32,672
Grants and donations	5,000	-	5,000

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8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Total	233,526	17,053	250,579
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(50,985)	(9,330)	(60,315)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	920,743	35,088	955,831
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	869,758	25,758	895,516

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST OR VALUATION			
At 1 September 2020	909,210	14,630	923,840
Disposals	-	(14,630)	(14,630)
Reclassification	(257,000)	-	(257,000)
At 31 August 2021	652,210	-	652,210
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 September 2020	90,920	14,102	105,022
Charge for year	-	528	528
Eliminated on disposal	-	(14,630)	(14,630)
Revaluation adjustments	(25,700)	-	(25,700)
At 31 August 2021	65,220	-	65,220
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 August 2021	586,990	-	586,990
At 31 August 2020	818,290	528	818,818

Cost or valuation at 31 August 2021 is represented by:

Cost	Freehold property £ 652,210
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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

As at 31 August 2021 the Circuit owned 3 manses (2020: 4).

10. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	£
FAIR VALUE	
Additions	480,000
Revaluation	(31,300)
Reclassification	231,300
	<u> </u>
At 31 August 2021	680,000
	<u> </u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 August 2021	680,000
	<u> </u>
At 31 August 2020	<u> </u>
	<u> </u>
Fair value at 31 August 2021 is represented by:	
	£
Valuation in 2021	680,000
	<u> </u>

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other debtors	67,885	8,056
Unpaid assessments	-	7,375
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	67,885	15,431
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Other creditors	<u>5,222</u>	<u>44,111</u>

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	(101)	107,264	-	107,163
Circuit model trust fund	14,602	(346)	-	14,256
Property fund	818,818	448,172	-	1,266,990
Bequests fund	36,439	50	-	36,489
	<u>869,758</u>	<u>555,140</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,424,898</u>
Restricted funds				
Akrill fund	12,432	17	-	12,449
Beginagen 1 fund	13,326	(502)	(12,824)	-
Beginagen 2 fund	-	11,763	12,824	24,587
	<u>25,758</u>	<u>11,278</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,036</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>895,516</u>	<u>566,418</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,461,934</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	277,046	(169,782)	-	107,264
Circuit model trust fund	48	(394)	-	(346)
Property fund	480,000	(528)	(31,300)	448,172
Bequests fund	123	(73)	-	50
	<u>757,217</u>	<u>(170,777)</u>	<u>(31,300)</u>	<u>555,140</u>
Restricted funds				
Akrill fund	42	(25)	-	17
Beginagen 1 fund	(1)	(501)	-	(502)
Beginagen 2 fund	11,763	-	-	11,763
	<u>11,804</u>	<u>(526)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,278</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>769,021</u>	<u>(171,303)</u>	<u>(31,300)</u>	<u>566,418</u>

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	30,467	(30,568)	(101)
Circuit model trust fund	15,118	(277)	14,841
Property fund	839,197	(20,379)	818,818
Bequests fund	35,961	239	36,200
	<u>920,743</u>	<u>(50,985)</u>	<u>869,758</u>
Restricted funds			
Akrill fund	12,351	81	12,432
Beginagen 1 fund	22,737	(9,411)	13,326
	<u>35,088</u>	<u>(9,330)</u>	<u>25,758</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>955,831</u>	<u>(60,315)</u>	<u>895,516</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	182,105	(212,673)	(30,568)
Circuit model trust fund	125	(402)	(277)
Property fund	-	(20,379)	(20,379)
Bequests fund	311	(72)	239
	<u>182,541</u>	<u>(233,526)</u>	<u>(50,985)</u>
Restricted funds			
Akrill fund	106	(25)	81
Beginagen 1 fund	7,617	(17,028)	(9,411)
	<u>7,723</u>	<u>(17,053)</u>	<u>(9,330)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>190,264</u>	<u>(250,579)</u>	<u>(60,315)</u>

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	30,467	76,696	-	107,163
Circuit model trust fund	15,118	(623)	-	14,495
Property fund	839,197	427,793	-	1,266,990
Bequests fund	35,961	289	-	36,250
	<u>920,743</u>	<u>504,155</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,424,898</u>
Restricted funds				
Akrill fund	12,351	98	-	12,449
Beginagen 1 fund	22,737	(9,913)	(12,824)	-
Beginagen 2 fund	-	11,763	12,824	24,587
	<u>35,088</u>	<u>1,948</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,036</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>955,831</u>	<u>506,103</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,461,934</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	459,151	(382,455)	-	76,696
Circuit model trust fund	173	(796)	-	(623)
Property fund	480,000	(20,907)	(31,300)	427,793
Bequests fund	434	(145)	-	289
	<u>939,758</u>	<u>(404,303)</u>	<u>(31,300)</u>	<u>504,155</u>
Restricted funds				
Akrill fund	148	(50)	-	98
Beginagen 1 fund	7,616	(17,529)	-	(9,913)
Beginagen 2 fund	11,763	-	-	11,763
	<u>19,527</u>	<u>(17,579)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,948</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>959,285</u>	<u>(421,882)</u>	<u>(31,300)</u>	<u>506,103</u>

General fund

The general fund represents the surplus free funds of the charity that are not designated for particular purposes and therefore available for the aims and objectives of the charity.

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Circuit model trust fund - designated

The circuit model trust fund represents designated funds set aside for the furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Property fund - designated

The property fund represents designated funds set aside in respect of properties (fixed and investment) held by the charity.

Bequests fund - designated

The bequests fund represents a designated funds set aside for any future bequests.

Akrill fund - restricted

The Akrill fund represents a restricted fund set aside for the support of individuals in specific need.

Beginagen 1 fund - restricted

The Beginagen 1 fund represents a restricted fund set aside specifically supporting a debt counsellor on behalf of the Circuit. This project closed during 2020-21.

Beginagen 2 fund - restricted

The Beginagen 2 fund represents a restricted fund for the purpose of which has yet to be decided.

14. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

No contingent liabilities were identified at 31 August 2021.

15. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 August 2021 the Circuit had no capital commitments.

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2021.

17. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, the validity of which is dependent upon Birmingham (West) & Oldbury Methodist Circuit being able to continue to operate and come to terms with the significant impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. At the present time there are many unknown variables which makes forecasting the future results and impact on the charity challenging.

Covid-19 represents a significant event both during and since the end of the financial period. The impact of this and the counter measures being taken to suppress it are considered to be non-adjusting post year-end events and therefore have not been taken into account in preparing the Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Investment income		
Property income	21,616	14,359
Deposit account interest	235	751
	<u>21,851</u>	<u>15,110</u>
Charitable activities		
Assessments from churches	175,025	164,650
Donations	34,763	7,504
Other	5,594	3,000
	<u>215,382</u>	<u>175,154</u>
Assets from closed churches		
Assets from closed churches	531,788	-
Total incoming resources	<u>769,021</u>	<u>190,264</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Contributions to Methodist funds	13,565	32,672
Grants and donations	5,000	5,000
	<u>18,565</u>	<u>37,672</u>
Support costs		
Other		
Wages	82,296	78,562
Social security	8,053	10,141
Pensions	20,598	16,428
Telephone and travel	7,829	16,862
Other property costs	7,094	21,650
Manse costs	14,445	16,605
Depreciation	528	20,379
Other expenses	6,866	27,188
Administration	2,989	4,072
	<u>150,698</u>	<u>211,887</u>

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	2021 £	2020 £
Other		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>2,040</u>	<u>1,020</u>
Total resources expended	<u>171,303</u>	<u>250,579</u>
Net income/(expenditure) before gains and losses	597,718	(60,315)
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	<u>(31,300)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>566,418</u>	<u>(60,315)</u>

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