


The **Methodist** Church 

**The West Devon
Methodist Circuit**

Registered Charity Number: 1134070

**Trustees Annual Report
Statement of
Annual Financial Accounts
Year ended 31st August 2021**

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020-21 £
Income							
1 Donations and legacies		1,406					1,406
2 Income from monetary investments		167	574		3		744
3 Income from investment properties	Rents	19,229					19,229
4 Assessments on Churches		110,503					110,503
5 Capital Receipts	3	129,800					129,800
6 Grants received					8,050		8,050
7 Other charitable income	3	7,413			1,383		8,796
8 Total income		268,518	574	-	9,436	-	278,528
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		1,000					1,000
10 Salaries and associated costs		100,193			8,050		108,243
11 Property maintenance		15,524			2,232		17,756
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			6,274				6,274
13 District Assessment & Levy		31,067					31,067
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses		2,469					2,469
16 Other outgoings		25,515					25,515
17 Total charitable expenditure		175,768	6,274	0	10,282	0	192,324
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						456	456
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties							
20 Net income/(expenditure)		92,750	-5,700	0	-846	456	86,660
21 Transfers between funds		59,500	-9,500	-50,000			0
22 Other gains/(losses)	3	2,137					2,137
23 Net movement in funds		154,387	-15,200	-50,000	-846	456	88,797
24 Total funds brought forward		381,053	18,232	150,500	2,592	4,472	556,849
25 Total funds carried forward		535,440	3,032	100,500	1,746	4,928	645,646

Name of Circuit

WEST DEVON

Circuit No 24/24

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

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2019-20
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1 Donations and legacies		2,031					2,031
2 Income from monetary investments		272	2,152		20		2,444
3 Income from investment properties		19,235					19,235
4 Assessments on Churches		114,474					114,474
5 Capital Receipts		214,000					214,000
6 Grants received					12,113		12,113
7 Other charitable income		1,928					1,928
8 Total income		351,940	2,152	-	12,133	-	366,225
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		5,100					5,100
10 Salaries and associated costs		101,951			12,113		114,064
11 Property maintenance		4,667					4,667
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			12,718				12,718
13 District Assessment & Levy		30,250					30,250
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses		2,025					2,025
16 Other outgoings		26,276					26,276
17 Total charitable expenditure		170,269	12,718	0	12,113	0	195,100
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						-43	-43
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties							
20 Net income/(expenditure)		181,671	-10,566	0	20	-43	171,082
21 Transfers between funds		101,000		-99,500	-1,500		0
22 Other gains/(losses)							
23 Net movement in funds		282,671	-10,566	-99,500	-1,480	-43	171,082
24 Total funds brought forward		98,382	28,798	250,000	4,072	4,515	385,767
25 Total funds carried forward		381,053	18,232	150,500	2,592	4,472	556,849

Name of Circuit

WEST DEVON

Circuit Number 24/24

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2020/21	Totals 2019/20
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

Fixed Assets

Circuit Manses & Equipment	3 & 8	842,329				842,329	842,329
Investment properties	3 & 9	249,337				249,337	104,000
Investments						0	0
Total fixed assets		1,091,666	0	0	0	1,091,666	946,329

Current Assets

Debtors	3	4,000				4,000	0
Loans by the Circuit	10	41,000				41,000	41,000
Investments with TMCP	11	5,217	3,032	100,500	608	114,285	176,890
Central Finance Board Deposits	11	105,607			1,138	106,745	96,518
Cash at Bank and in hand		21,438				21,438	28,443
Total current assets		177,262	3,032	100,500	1,746	287,468	342,851

Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)		1,159				1,159	
Grants payable within 2020-21						0	
Total current liabilities		1,159	0	0	0	1,159	0
Net current assets/liabilities		176,103	3,032	100,500	1,746	286,309	342,851

Total assets less current liabilities		1,267,769	3,032	100,500	1,746	4,928	1,377,975	1,289,180
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Long term liabilities

(due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2020-21							0	
Loans to the Circuit							0	
							0	
Net assets		1,267,769	3,032	100,500	1,746	4,928	1,377,975	1,289,180

Funds of the Circuit

General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,267,769				1,267,769	1,113,384		
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			3,032			3,032	8,732		
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)		11		100,500		100,500	160,000		
Total Unrestricted Funds						1,371,301	1,282,116		
Restricted Funds		11			1,746	1,746	2,592		
Endowment Funds						4,928	4,472		
Total Funds			1,267,769	3,032	100,500	1,746	4,928	1,377,975	1,289,180

Signed

A. Partridge

Circuit Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts of West Devon Methodist Circuit

For year ended 31st August 2021

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

During 2020-2021 the Bank balance held by North Tawton chapel at the time of closure (£3208) was transferred to the circuit, and is included in the SOFA 'Other Charitable Income' total.

General Trust Funds totalling £2137 previously held by TMCP on behalf of North Tawton and Spreyton chapels were also transferred to the Circuit Funds held by TMCP.

Resources Expended

This 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.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets include 3 manses. Two of these are let on assured shorthold tenancies while we have no ministers to occupy them. The deemed valuation of the 3 manses is £732,329, which was the insured value in 2018, and which the trustees consider is the approximate nett value if they were marketed.

The Circuit also has Managing Trustee responsibility for Belstone Chapel, where occasional services are held, and where the former Sunday School room is used as a Tearoom in this popular Dartmoor village. The estimated sale value of the building is £150,000. If sold, this would be subject to an automatic levy of £40,000 by the custodian trustees for Methodist Connexional Priority Funds, so the net asset value to the Circuit would be £110,000, as included in the accounts.

Investment Properties

The congregations of two chapels have 'ceased to meet' and the Circuit has taken responsibility for those premises, pending their sales.

The former Eworthy Chapel had an estimated market value from an independent quantity surveyor of £140,000, which would be subject to a levy of £36,000, giving a net value of £104,000. However capital works (installation of new sewage digester plant, etc) costing £15,537 have been carried out to facilitate a sale, and this sum has been capitalised. The total value of Eworthy Chapel is therefore calculated as £119,537 on the balance sheet.

The former Broadwoodkelly Chapel property has been valued at £183,000 by an independent Quantity Surveyor. This would be subject to a levy of £53,200, so is included at a value of £129,800 on the balance sheet.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

The £4000 debtor refers to a grant for work done in 2020-2021, which was received after the year end.

Creditors

Creditors are for sundry expenses for which invoices/claims were received after the year end.

4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, this excludes stipends.

Trustee expenses

	2020/21	2019/20
Number of Trustees	0	0
Total amount	£0	£0

5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	To be agreed	245
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	NIL	NIL

6 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

	2020/21	2019/20
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£ 63567	69390
Employer's National Insurance costs	£ 2915	3266
Pension costs	£ 2872	2889
Total staff costs	£ 69354	75545

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:

In addition to the sums above paid to Lay members of staff, we reimbursed the Methodist Connexion for the employment costs of our Ordained minister as follows:

Payroll administration fees and Apprentice Levies were also paid

	2020/21	2019/20
	3	3.5
£	37832	36868
£	1058	

7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31 st August 2021 there are no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2021.

8 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Land £	Manse £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	0	732329	110000	0		842329
Additions		0	249337			249337
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward	0	732329	359337	0		1091666

Accumulated depreciation:

The Trustees do not consider it appropriate to provide for any depreciation in the value of the Tangible Fixed Assets represented in these accounts

9 Investment assets

The circuit has no Investment properties, but as explained above it is currently responsible for the former church buildings at Eworthy and Broadwoodkelly, pending their sales, which are estimated to generate £249,337 nett.

The circuit has no common investment fund holdings

10 Loans

The Circuit currently has no loans.

However, it made loans to 2 churches in earlier years for building improvements, which are outstanding at 31st August 2021 but are expected to be repaid during the next 5 years.

11 Analysis of restricted and designated funds

Restricted funds are £1138 held for maintenance of 3 burial grounds which the circuit is responsible for, and £608 held in the Andrew John Memorial Trust for training and resourcing Local Preachers. Total £1746.

The Circuit had designated £160,000 of the Circuit Model Trust Fund (held by Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes) to support the continued employment of lay staff for missional purposes. £59,500 of this was drawn down during 2020-2021, leaving a designated sum of £100,500 available for this purpose.

WEST DEVON METHODIST CIRCUIT

ANNUAL TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st AUGUST 2021

INTRODUCTION

The West Devon Circuit is situated to the north-west of Dartmoor and is spread over approx. 400 sq miles.

The Circuit currently serves twelve active churches, with memberships ranging from 5 to 74, and has a total membership of 263.

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

The Charity objective is to act as a resource provider within the area for the Methodist Church.

The purposes of the Methodist Church are, and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union, the advancement of:

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and 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, 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

Specifically, we engage with:

- The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
- The resourcing of children, youth and families work including work in schools, clubs and local events.
- Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
- Provision of support at local care homes and other institutions.

The Circuit's Mission Statement is:

To be a witness to God's love in Christ;
to serve the community in the name of Christ;
to grow God's kingdom in the power of Christ.

We seek to accomplish this by:

- equipping people to be more effective disciples; to lead inspiring and challenging worship; to share in the ministries of the church.
- encouraging the Circuit Churches to identify and share resources with one another and ecumenically.
- engaging with and supporting those who work for better community life, both locally and globally.
- exploring opportunities for releasing lay workers and others to work on the fringe of church life.

ANNUAL REVIEW

In September 2020 the Circuit Ministry Team comprised of: The Superintendent Minister, two Children & Family Workers (part-time), the Youth Worker (full-time) and two Lay Assistants (part-time).

The Circuit was successful in the Methodist Church stationing process resulting in Rev. Christopher Jackson being appointed as Superintendent from September 1st 2021. In preparation, the Circuit installed a new kitchen at the Manse and did some other maintenance work while the property was vacant.

The Youth Worker was made redundant during the year.

The Covid-19 pandemic continued to disrupt many aspects of church life amid the uncertainty. Lockdowns continued to bring challenges for staff and congregations.

The congregations at Broadwoodkelly and Lakeway (North Tawton) decided to cease worship and close.

The Circuit appointed a surveyor to write a report re. the disposal of Broadwoodkelly. As Lakeway is the responsibility of the URC, the Circuit had no obligations on closure, apart from supporting members.

By the end of the year all other churches were either open for worship, or preparing to reopen in September 2021.

The sale of Eworthy was ongoing. The Circuit agreed to installing a new sewage treatment plant and it's expected that the final offer will reflect costs incurred.

The Circuit continues to manage the Methodist building at Belstone, a popular tourist village on the edge of Dartmoor. The church no longer has a regular worshipping congregation and, due to the pandemic, no seasonal, worship services took place during the year. The former Sunday School room is leased for use as a tearoom. The unmodernised church is open

for viewing and private prayer when the tearoom is open, four afternoons per week.

The Manses at Hatherleigh and Northlew are let with the tenancies managed by Stags Estate Agents, who undertake regular maintenance checks and report back to the Circuit. Management charges are 11% + VAT of rents collected.

INCOME

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the Circuit Churches. There is also rental income relating to the rental of the Manses at Northlew and Hatherleigh. External grants were received towards funding for the Youth Worker, the Family Workers and the Lay Assistants, but did not cover the full costs of the posts. The shortfall was met by drawing on reserves by earlier sales of redundant chapels.

EXPENDITURE

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with increases set by the Methodist Conference.

Approximately 18% of expenditure was the Circuit's contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

Funding for the part-time Administrator and other additional expenditure incurred for lay ministry work were taken from reserves.

FUND BALANCES

As at 31st August 2021, the net current balance was £286,309 including repayable loans to two churches totalling £41,000 for building improvement schemes.

The balances also include restricted funds for Burial Grounds at Highampton, Langham Cross and Widdon as well as funds held by The Trustees for Methodist Purposes (TMCP) following the sale of property. A proportion of this is designated for payment of staff in the coming year as we are not likely to generate enough revenue income to fully cover costs.

RESERVES POLICY

Policy for General Funds

The Circuit Meeting acknowledges the policy of the Methodist Church in relation to financial reserves and at this point will endeavour to maintain a reserve amounting to six months general expenditure (£87,884). This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen expenditure on Manses; to meet the stipend of the Superintendent Minister and to fulfil our District assessment; whilst enabling the ongoing work and witness of the Circuit through missional and outreach opportunities to continue and develop.

Funds held for specific purposes: £100,500 has been designated to help meet salaries and other expenses of lay workers over coming years. This policy will be reviewed annually by the Circuit Trustees.

Policy for Restricted Funds

The Andrew John Memorial held with TMCP is for Ministerial or Local Preacher training (value £608).

The CFB account for the Burial Grounds is to be used solely for the upkeep and maintenance of the three Methodist Burial Grounds where the Circuit Meeting are the Managing Trustees: Highampton, Langham Cross and Widdon (value £1,138).

Terms relating to Endowment Funds

There are 6 Endowment Funds held with TMCP: for General Purposes, Preachers' Travel Expenses, Property Maintenance (total value £4,928).

TRUSTEES as at 31st August 2021

Mrs Margaret Allin	Miss Barbara Dawson	Mrs Frances Hucker	Mr Alan Partridge
Mr Richard Balsdon	Mrs Beryl Down	Mr Julian Hucker	Rev. Irving Penberthy
Mrs Daisy Bray	Mr David Down	Mrs Marlene Hunkin	Mr Barry Searle
Mr Michael Cole	Mr Ken Down	Mr David James	Rev. Liz Singleton
Mrs Christine Cottle	Mr Kevin Down	Mr Dean James	Mr Ken Smallacombe
Mrs Dorothy Couch	Mrs Pam Down	Mrs Ruth James	Mr Ian Trenaman
Mrs Jackie Crawford	Mrs Frances Farley	Mrs Linda Kyle	Miss Sandra Trenaman
Mr Mike Curtice	Mr Les Gilbert	Mr Brian Maddaford	Mr Owen Vanstone
Mrs Barbara Dalton	Mrs Lucy Gilbert	Mrs Deirdre Madders	Mrs Judy Waterer
Miss Winifred Davey	Miss Brenda Hockridge	Mr Alan Marshall	Mrs Lynda Whitworth
			Mr Ian Young

PRIORITIES FOR 2021/22

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that staffing levels remain the same. The staff team will work with the trustees, and their appointed officers, to engage with church and community activities appropriate

to changing circumstances linked to the Covid pandemic.

The Circuit is committed to the employment of Lay Workers for 1 year from September 2021 according to individual terms of employment.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2021/22

- To work with other circuits in the District to enable the 'At Home' worship resources to continue.
- To explore the use of social media as a means of mission.
- To continue to develop pastoral care within each church community with the support of the Lay Assistants.
- Lay workers on the Circuit Ministry Team to continue to meet with the Superintendent Minister on a regular basis for mutual support.
- Children & Family workers to be guided and monitored by their management committee.
- To identify training and support opportunities for different office holders within the Circuit.
- To encourage Churches within the Circuit to develop their Christian worship and witness, and to explore new ways of engaging with local communities, especially to build on any new initiatives that have been started during the previous year.
- Ensure that all those within the Circuit who should attend Safeguarding Training do so - Foundation, Refresher and Advanced Modules as appropriate.

CHARITY COMMISSION NO: 1134070

DATE OF REGISTRATION: 04/02/2010

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102.

The members of the West Devon Methodist Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, the superintendent minister and representatives appointed by the local churches.

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EMAIL: chris.jackson7@gmail.com

ACTIVE CIRCUIT MINISTER

- Rev. Chris Jackson

CIRCUIT STEWARDS

- Mrs Barbara Dalton
- Mr Dean James
- Mrs Ruth James
- Mr Alan Marshall

CIRCUIT TREASURER

- Mr Alan Partridge

CIRCUIT LAY WORKERS

- Children & Family Workers: Miss Sarah Balsdon, Mrs Rebecca Mogridge
- Lay Assistants: Mrs Angela Banfield, Miss Vicki Brown

CIRCUIT ADMINISTRATOR

- Miss Sandra Trenaman

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

- Mr Barry Bufton, Shellyhams, South Tawton, Okehampton, EX20 2RG

INVESTMENT BANKERS

- Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
- Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
- HSBC

PUBLIC BENEFIT

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

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team along with the Local Preachers' Meeting and the Circuit Meeting.

TRUSTEE TRAINING

A range of guidance produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit, specifically the leaflet, 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is available for all new Circuit Meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

RELATED PARTIES

The Circuit is part of the Plymouth & Exeter District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following are linked to the Circuit:

- Boasley Methodist Church
- Bridestowe Methodist Church
- Chilla Methodist Church
- Exbourne Methodist Church
- Fairplace Church (Okehampton)
- Hatherleigh Methodist Church
- Iddesleigh Methodist Church
- Madworthy Methodist Church
- Northlew Methodist Church
- Petrockstowe Methodist Church
- Providence Methodist Church
- Winkleigh Methodist Church

RISK MANAGEMENT

All special activities and events organised on behalf of the circuit are risk assessed in advance.

Where appropriate, additional insurance cover is taken out against major risks which have been identified.

Income and Expenditure is monitored and is compared with the approved annual budget on a regular 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 West Devon 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 West Devon 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.

Name of Circuit WEST DEVON No. 24/24

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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 A. Partridge Date 8/2/2022

Name and address of treasurer ALAN PARTRIDGE

16 KESTREL CLOSE, OKEHAMPTON Post Code EX20 1UT

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 02/03/22

Signature of the Chair of the meeting C. A. Jackson

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV. C. A. JACKSON Date 02/03/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

WEST DEVON Circuit

Charity Number 1134070

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the WEST DEVON 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

Name of Circuit WEST DEVON No. 24/24

Independent Examiner's Statement


[The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of (*insert name of applicable listed body*)]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

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

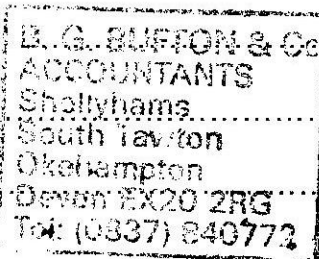
I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner *Bruce Gwynn Buxton*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate) 

Address *Shelleyham*

South Tawton

Date *4.9.2022* *Devon EX20 2RG* Post Code *Tel: (0337) 840772*

* delete or circle as appropriate

September 2021