

The **Methodist** Church 

**The West Devon  
Methodist Circuit**

Registered Charity Number: 1134070

**Trustees Annual Report  
Statement of  
Annual Financial Accounts  
Year ended 31st August 2022**

Name of Circuit : WEST DEVON

Circuit No: 24/24

**Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022**

Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021-22 £
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**Income**

1 Donations and legacies		2,000				2,000
2 Income from monetary investments		440	1,459		8	1,989
3 Income from investment properties	rents	19,789				19,789
4 Assessments on Churches		107,238				107,238
5 Capital Receipts		16,436	380,606			397,042
6 Grants received				3,000		3,000
7 Other charitable income		13,310				13,310
8 Total income		159,213	382,065	-	3,008	544,368

**Expenditure**

9 Grants and donations	10	58,562				58,562
10 Salaries and associated costs		79,013		3,000		82,013
11 Property maintenance		8,089				8,089
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			89,597			89,597
13 District Assessment & Levy		29,472	2,971			32,443
14 Depreciation						0
15 Office expenses		4,136		2	13	4,151
16 Other outgoings		24,401				24,401
17 Total charitable expenditure		203,673	92,568	0	3,002	299,256
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		-27			-223	-250
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						
20 Net income/(expenditure)		-44,487	289,497	0	6	244,862
21 Transfers between funds	11	34,677	-113,500	79,500	-609	0
22 Other gains/(losses)		-359,337				-359,337
23 Net movement in funds		-369,147	175,997	79,500	-603	-114,475
24 Total funds brought forward		535,440	3,032	100,500	1,746	645,646
25 Total funds carried forward		166,293	179,029	180,000	1,143	531,171

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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	192,324
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						456
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						
20 Net income/(expenditure)		92,750	-5,700	0	-846	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	88,797
24 Total funds brought forward		381,053	18,232	150,500	2,592	556,849
25 Total funds carried forward		535,440	3,032	100,500	1,746	645,646

**Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022**

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2021/22 £	Totals 2020/21 £
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**Fixed Assets**

Circuit Manses & Equipment	3	842,329				842,329	842,329
Investment properties	3					0	249,337
Investments						0	
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>842,329</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>842,329</b>	<b>1,091,666</b>

**Current Assets**

Debtors	3	4,652				4,652	4,000
Loans by the Circuit	10	1,000				1,000	41,000
Investments with TMCP		5,206	179,029	180,000		4,706	114,285
Central Finance Board Deposits		121,885			1,143	123,028	106,745
Cash at Bank and in hand		33,550				33,550	21,438
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>166,293</b>	<b>179,029</b>	<b>180,000</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>4,706</b>	<b>287,468</b>

**Current liabilities**

Creditors (due in under 1 year)						0	1,159
Grants payable within 2021-22						0	
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,159</b>
<b>Net current assets/liabilities</b>		<b>166,293</b>	<b>179,029</b>	<b>180,000</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>4,706</b>	<b>286,309</b>

<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>1,008,622</b>	<b>179,029</b>	<b>180,000</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>4,706</b>	<b>1,373,500</b>	<b>1,377,975</b>
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<b>Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)</b>								
Grants payable after 2021-22						0		
Loans to the Circuit						0		
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<b>Net assets</b>		<b>1,008,622</b>	<b>179,029</b>	<b>180,000</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>4,706</b>	<b>1,373,500</b>	<b>1,377,975</b>

**Funds of the Circuit**

General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,008,622					1,008,622	1,267,769
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			179,029				179,029	3,032
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				180,000			180,000	100,500
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>							<b>1,367,651</b>	<b>1,371,301</b>
Restricted Funds					1,143		1,143	1,746
Endowment Funds						4,706	4,706	4,928
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>1,008,622</b>	<b>179,029</b>	<b>180,000</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>4,706</b>	<b>1,373,500</b>	<b>1,377,975</b>

Signed

*A. Partridge*

Circuit Treasurer

# **Notes to the Accounts of West Devon Methodist Circuit**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022**

## **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 and Endowment funds are held for a narrower purpose. 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.

### **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. During this year the former loan of £40,000 to Bridestowe Church was converted into a non-repayable grant.

### **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 net value if they were marketed. Rents received for the 2 tenanted Manses were £19,789

The Circuit also has managing trustee responsibility for Belstone Chapel, where occasional services are held, and where the former Sunday School room is let 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 Tangible Fixed Assets.

### **Investment Properties**

Sales of the former Eworthy and Broadwoodkelly Chapels were completed during the year. Net receipts from sales were £291,009 after the CPF levies had been paid. This represents a profit on disposal of £41,672 compared to the valuation shown on the 2021 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 £4,652 debtors shown on the balance sheet refers to assessments and an insurance refund, which were payable before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022, and were received in September 2022

## Creditors

There were none.

## 4 Payment to Trustees

There were payments made to trustees for building services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, this excludes stipends.

### Trustee expenses

	2021/22	2020/21
Number of Trustees	2	0
Total amount	£2,434.00	£0

## 5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
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:**

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind

Employer's National Insurance costs

Pension costs

Total staff costs

This includes reimbursing the Methodist Connexion for the employment of our ordained minister.

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

	2021/22	2020/21
£	0	63567
£	0	2915
£	0	2872
£	81643	69354
	3.5	3

## 7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 there are no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

## 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		732329	359337	0		1091666
Additions		0				0
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)			249337			249337
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward	0	732329	110000	0		842329

## 9 Investment assets

The Circuit has no Investment properties

The Circuit has no common investment fund holdings

## 10 Loans

In previous years the Circuit had made 2 loans to churches £40,000 to Bridestowe, and £1,000 to Boasley. During the year it was agreed to convert the £40,000 Bridestowe loan to a non-repayable grant. This sum is included in the grants and donations expenditure shown on the SOFA.

## 11 Analysis of restricted and designated funds 2021 2022

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Burial grounds	1138	5	0		1143	Upkeep of burial grounds
Andrew John Memorial Trust	608	3	2	609	0	Training and resourcing local preachers
Unrestricted, but designated MTF	100500			79500	180000	Missional activities 2022 - 2025
Totals	1746	8	2	609	181143	

(notes to circuit accounts 2021-2022)

## WEST DEVON METHODIST CIRCUIT

### ANNUAL TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st AUGUST 2022

#### 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 236.

#### 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 build God's kingdom in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We seek to accomplish this by:

- equipping people to be effective disciples; to engage with 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 in the church and community.

#### ANNUAL REVIEW

In September 2021 the Circuit welcomed Rev. Chris Jackson as Superintendent to the Circuit.

The Circuit staff comprised of: The Superintendent Minister, two Family Workers (part-time), two Lay Assistants (part-time) and an Administrator (part-time).

Following the disruption of the Covid 19 pandemic, all churches were open for worship and most were beginning to re-introduce, or make plans for some regular mid-week events.

Members at Madworthy are planning a major renovation scheme to make the property more suitable for different styles of worship and events as well as becoming a rural resource centre.

At Petrockstowe, the Methodist and CofE congregations join for worship every week and are working towards forming a Local Ecumenical Partnership.

Although Sunday worship is only held once a month at Providence, members are actively bringing people from the community into the building on open days to view an exhibition of Chris Chapman's photos. This has proved very successful and plans are being made to continue through the next year.

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, but, following the pandemic, a 'Songs of Praise' evening was held in the Summer. The unmodernised church is open for viewing and private prayer when the tearoom is open, four afternoons per week.



The sales of Eworthy and Broadwoodkelly were completed during the year with total proceeds of £380,606.

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 12% + 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 Family Workers, 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 15% of expenditure was the Circuit's contribution to the District and Connexion, used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church. In addition, levies totalling £89,597 were retained by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes from the proceeds of sale of two chapels for the wider Methodist Church activities.

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 2022, total funds held were £531,171 including a repayable loan of £1,000 to a church for building improvements.

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 projected expenditure.

### 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 £82,500. 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: £180,000 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 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 £1,143. Actual expenditure on maintaining the burial grounds generally exceeds the amount held in this account, the remainder being paid from the General Funds).

#### **Terms relating to Endowment Funds**

There are 6 Endowment Funds held with TMCP: for General Purposes, Preachers' Travel Expenses, Property Maintenance (total value £4,706).

### TRUSTEES as at 31st August 2022

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

#### PRIORITIES FOR 2022/23

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.

#### LOOKING FORWARD TO 2022/23

- To explore the use of social media as a means of improved communication and mission.
- To continue to develop pastoral care within each church community with the support of the Lay Assistants.
- All Lay Staff on the Circuit Ministry Team (Lay Assistants and Family Workers) to continue to meet with the Superintendent Minister on a regular basis for mutual support.
- The work of the Family Workers to be also 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 recent years.
- 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 2022 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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#### 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

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

#### CIRCUIT ADMINISTRATOR

- Miss Sandra Trenaman

#### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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

#### 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 (Superintendent Minister, Circuit Stewards, Circuit Treasurer & Administrator) along with the Circuit Meeting and the Local Preachers' 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.

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer .....  ..... Date 15/2/2023

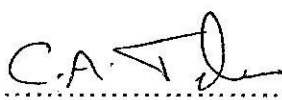
Name and address of treasurer Alan Partridge

16 Kestrel Close, Okehampton, Devon EX20 1UT

Post Code

### Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 /will be presented to the Circuit meeting held on: 15th March 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting:  .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev Chris Jackson

Date 16/02/2023

## 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 2022 set out on pages 1 to 6. 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.

**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 i.e. all R&P accounts~~
- ~~the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts. Delete if not applicable i.e. 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 .....



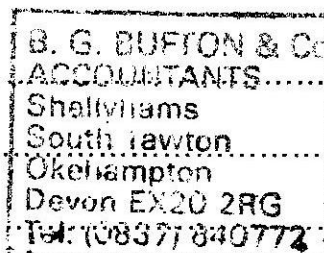
Name of independent examiner: .....



Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: .....

Name of firm (where appropriate): .....

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