



Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	01	09	2022		31	08

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Linacre Methodist Mission & Neighbourhood Centre



Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1134158

Charity's principal address 123-129 Linacre Road

Litherland

Liverpool

Postcode

L21 8NS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

		Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
	1	Rev Ian Hu			Ex Officio
	2	Rev Neil Stubbens	Chair		Ex Officio
	3	Rev Sue Edwards	Vice chair		Ex Officio
	4	John Langton	Secretary		General Church Meeting- GCM
	5	Jean Barnes	Church Steward		GCM
	6	Sandra Bell	Church Steward		GCM
	7	Brenda Coates			GCM
	8	Val Cousins			GCM

	9	Joan Cumming			GCM
	10	Dot Dickson	Church Steward		GCM
	11	Val Gee	Church Steward		GCM
	12	Nigel Harrison			GCM
	13	Margaret Langton			GCM
	14	Viv Marriott	Church Steward		GCM
	15	Linda Murphy			GCM
	16	Liz Shaw			GCM
	17	Margaret Wheeler			GCM

	18	Bryan Heath-Dodd	Circuit Steward		Circuit Meeting
	19				
	20				
	21				
	Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)				
		Name		Dates acted if not for whole year	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Act of Parliament

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by General Church meeting and Circuit meeting, some ex officio and existing trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- Trustees' consideration of major risks and the system

Induction/Training

Range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion, including a leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' given to each trustee.

Structure

We are part of the Liverpool North Circuit which is part of the Liverpool Methodist District which is in turn accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Related Parties We do not use a professional fundraiser or work with a commercial participator,

Risks

and procedures to manage them.

- Considered by the Church Council.
- Take professional advice as required.
- Regular review process.
- Adopted the following policies: Confidentiality, Conflict of interest, Data Protection, Equal Opportunities, Health & Safety, Lone Worker, Safeguarding, Volunteering, Reserves.

Equal Opportunities Statement

The trustees are committed to making every effort to ensure that all members of the community have an equal opportunity to join in activities and events in the Church and Neighbourhood Centre, avoiding any unlawful discrimination.

The Church and Neighbourhood Centre strives to ensure that the environment is free of harassment and bullying, and that everyone is treated with dignity and respect.

Particular care will be taken to deal effectively with any complaints of discrimination, harassment or bullying.

Safeguarding Statement

Safeguarding of all people who use the premises continues to be a high priority and we remain diligent in applying all safeguarding measures of the Methodist Church. All Trustees, employees and volunteers undergo DBS checks and 'Creating Safer Space' training & Safer Recruitment as and when appropriate.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be

charity set out in its governing document.

deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

- The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, Local or other organisation of The Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.
- Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

- To carry out religious activities.
- To provide premises for use by a wide range of community groups and activities.
- To carry out youth work, uniformed and non-uniformed.

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

We have not had any serious incidents which require reporting to the Charity Commission.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment
- contribution made by volunteers.

Linacre Methodist Mission is a faith-based organisation, managing a Grade II Listed Building that has stood at the heart of the neighbourhood, known locally as Linacre, for over 100 years. The Main Worship Hall's architecture was revolutionary in style, when it was built in 1905, resulting in a building that was regarded as one of the most striking in the North of England. The interior was arranged in amphitheatre style to seat 1,250 people and had a large platform with seating for 100 in the choir. Although the Hall has been modernised, much of the original structure remains.

The spaciousness of the Hall, the magnificent mosaic text above the choir created by Italian craftsmen and the richly decorated ceiling can still be admired.

We believe that in Jesus, God showed us how life could be lived to the full. Christianity is not about some dour, dull, and repressed lifestyle, but about delighting in the world that God has made, rejoicing in the friendships he gives and celebrating the joy that comes through knowing Jesus.

Our programme here at Linacre seeks to reflect the 'fullness of life' that Jesus wants us to know. Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

The geographical area of Litherland is an area with a high level of social deprivation, above average mortality rates for both male and female and a higher percentage of persons with below average mental wellbeing in comparison with the rest of the Borough of Sefton. Therefore, in addition to our faith activity, Linacre Mission is fully committed to serving and supporting the local community, to tackle its general needs and enhance its quality of life. At present the building delivers activities for older people, children and young people and family-based activities. This facility is vast, with over 1,600 sq.m² of floor space distributed throughout a diverse series of community rooms and large halls. The building has been identified as an important landmark in the area.

It is the vision of Linacre Mission, in partnership with the local community and other key stakeholders, to be a 'beacon' for local community engagement and support, as well as a strategic facility providing wider benefits to the surrounding South Sefton environs, and engaging in local social and economic regeneration in this key focus of multiple deprivation in Merseyside. All activities within Linacre are carried out by volunteers. We have a regular core group of approximately 10 volunteers supported by a less regular group of approximately 10 people.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In September 2022 we welcomed two ministers, Rev Ian Hu and Rev Karen Beecham who jointly fulfilled the role of Circuit Superintendent. Our previous Superintendent had decided the role was not for him and had moved on after only one year. Due to falling membership and closure of churches within the Circuit, the Liverpool North Circuit, Liverpool North Central and Crosby Districts were looking to amalgamate. 2022 has involved a lot of work for all members of the three Circuits to create a new and viable Circuit for September 2023.

Despite the difficulties within the Circuit, as a church we continued with our regular programme and activities. In October we celebrated our Church Anniversary as we were led in worship by Rev Sue Edwards. In December we commenced our Christmas celebrations with our Carols by

Candlelight. This is always well attended by the local community and users of our building. In January we held our annual Covenant Service when we re dedicated ourselves to the work of God. Rev Simon Edwards led us in worship in August. Simon grew up at Linacre and trained here as a Local Preacher before candidating for the Ministry.

During Advent we looked at the film, 'It's a wonderful life,' as part of our Bible study programme. In Lent we looked at 'the prayers of Jesus,' and as part of Bible Month we studied the Book of Revelation.

In February Linacre hosted the Circuit Ash Wednesday service and we also hosted the welcome services for Rev Ian Hu and Rev Karen Beecham. Both services were attended by representatives of the other churches within the circuit.

We held our annual General Church Meeting in June to appoint our Church Stewards and to look back and celebrate the past year.

Sadly, in November we lost one of our regular members, but we were able to celebrate her life with her family.

Following the closure of one of our churches, we opened our doors to the Liverpool Peniel Church, an Indian Church, who now worship in the Albert Walker Hall every Sunday. We continue to host the Divine Ministries Nigerian Church also on Sunday mornings.

Neighbourhood Centre Review

We are registered as a Place of Welcome and continue to manage to obtain funding to purchase food. We offer free meals to anyone who wishes to attend along with the opportunity to make friends and enjoy a warm environment. The numbers attending grow weekly. At the same time as Place of Welcome, a Community Pantry is held on our premises giving local people the opportunity to purchase food more cheaply.

Many organisations continue to use the premises for conferences and training days, and we are a registered centre for Sefton Council. Examples of organisations are Sefton One Vision Housing; Sefton CVS; Safeguarding children and adults training.

Our Community Bingo continues to be extremely popular on a monthly basis and self-funding. Prizes are mostly donated but we also offer vouchers for Tesco and a local butcher. The Bingo engages with a wide range of people, from 90-year-olds to young children. We are able to pay for the hire of the room and to donate money to the Church. The atmosphere is always one of enjoyment and excitement. Numbers are regularly between 35 to 40.

Grants have enabled us to purchase food to provide hampers for needy families identified through our local

schools. Each 'hamper' consists of 4 large shopping bags containing food and household items. In July we were able to provide 85 families with food.

The Neighbourhood Centre continues to be a very busy distribution centre for the Food bank and is in fact the second busiest in the South Sefton area. This project is run in partnership with the Trussell Trust charity.

Tiny Steps continues to meet regularly on a Wednesday and Thursday morning. Parents, Grandparents and Child Minders bring pre-school children to play together and develop their social skills. This is also an opportunity to work with parents in helping them to play with their children and to develop the child's language skills through communicating together.

Rainbows continued to have a full complement and a waiting list. Several girls have progressed to Brownies with new girls joining Rainbows.

Youth Club run by Sefton Youth Services has restarted following lockdown, on Tuesday nights. The young people attending continue to have a safe place to meet and to receive a variety of activities, training, and opportunities. Sefton Youth Services run The Duke of Edinburgh scheme.

Feelgood Drop in. This group meets on a Friday morning and is open to anyone with mental health issues. Volunteers are able to assist with form filling or to signpost to other assistance.

Reach men's group. This is a drop-in group which meets on Tuesday afternoons and Friday mornings for men with mental health issues. They have access to table tennis, pool and darts. Approximately 14 men attend each session regularly. Counselling is also offered to the men. Many of them attend Place of Welcome prior to their meeting.

Party Troopers. This is a small business producing balloon sculptures for parties which hires one of our rooms.

St. John Ambulance. This year we welcome St. John Ambulance to our premises on a weekly basis.

Section E Financial review	
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	<p>Aims</p> <p>(1) To secure and sustain the church's viability and future.</p> <p>(2) To give reassurance to the general public that the church, which is a charity, intends to use all of the money coming into its care for the purposes of the charity.</p>
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None
Further financial review details (Optional information)	
You may choose to include	Financial plans

additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Linacre Mission building is over 100 years old and it had a major upgrade using the Big Lottery in 2010/2011, there are still many areas to be attended to and there will always be a need for maintenance in such a big building. The fire alarm, security alarm and lifts continue to cause a strain on our finances. On a Grade II listed building of this size, the cost of any repairs is high and therefore contingency finance has to be in place. Increasing costs of ministry are likely to result in increased assessments being paid to the Circuit. The aim is to generate income from Gift Aid and through increased rental income now that the building has reopened, and to be able to put aside donations that are given to the church.

General Fund (Unrestricted)

The reserves policy is to hold at least six months expenditure in hand. Based on the proposed budget these reserves are believed to be reasonable and a balanced budget is proposed.

Section F

Other optional information

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Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Rev.S. Edwards	J. Langton
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Full name(s)

Susan Edwards	John Langton
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	Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Vice Chair	
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	Date		
		July 2024	July 2024

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment funds	Total 2022-23	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
		£	£	£			
Tangible fixed assets							
Land and buildings		2,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment							
investments				2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total fixed assets		2,000,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,002,000.00	2,002,000.00	2,002,000.00
Current Assets					0.00	0.00	0.00
Debtors and prepayments	20						£
Cash in Bank and in hand	21	15,288.46	12,246.42	0.00	27,534.88	56,992.60	42,550.00
Central finance Board deposits		60,000.00	53,011.57		113,011.57	421.38	48,910.00
Total current assets		75,288.46	65,257.99	0.00	140,546.45	57,413.98	91,540.00
Creditors and accruals (due in under 1 year)					0.00	0.00	3,200.00
Net Current Assets (liabilities)		75,288.46	65,257.99	0.00	140,546.45	57,413.98	88,200.00
Total Assets less current liabilities		2,075,288.46	65,257.99	2,000.00	2,142,546.45	2,059,413.98	2,090,200.00
Loans and creditors due after 1 year							
Provisions for liabilities and charges							
Net Assets		2,075,288.46	65,257.99	2,000.00	2,142,546.45	2,059,413.98	2,090,200.00
Funds of the church							
Unrestricted funds		2,075,288.46			2,075,288.46	2,045,305.83	2,033,000.00
Restricted funds			65,257.99		65,257.99	12,108.15	55,200.00
Endowment funds				2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total funds		2,075,288.46	65,257.99	2,000.00	2,142,546.45	2,059,413.98	2,090,200.00

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ending 31st August 2023			LINACRE METHODIST MISSION AND NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE						
		Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment funds	Total 2023	Total 2022	Total 2021	
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Income and Endowments from :	3								
Donations and legacies									
Collections and tax credit			36360.46	6543.75		42904.21	30677.37	21986.08	
Donations			3686.55	2311.00		5997.55	3569.94	10923.30	
Legacies			48000.00			48000.00	0.00	550.00	
Charitable activities									
Fundraising			128.26			128.26	1907.95	5863.51	
Grants			3486.00	51704.94		55190.94	45499.55	373666.99	
Other Trading activities	4								
Lettings			17580.00			17580.00	33265.00	23045.00	
Miscellaneous			420.73			420.73	527.34	610.63	
Investments	5			2890.19	59.91	2950.10	4.46	18.52	
Other	6								
Internal organisations				5397.78		5397.78	1718.77	1484.46	
Miscellaneous									
TOTAL			109662.00	68847.66	59.91	178569.57	117170.38	438148.49	
Expenditure on:									
Salaries and associated costs	9		5504.74			5504.74	4719.86	15407.50	
Circuit Assessment			15000.00			15000.00	15000.00	13200.00	
Maintenance on church Building	10		10997.24	15258.00		26255.24	50345.35	376208.80	
Office Expenses	11		1503.21			1503.21	1620.54	645.53	
Utilities (insurance, heat, light water etc.	12		33294.07			33294.07	25907.17	17479.41	
Depreciation									
Internal organisations	13			3044.89		3044.89	1613.88	1015.24	
Other expenditure	14			10834.93		10834.93	52012.74	20517.71	
Total			66299.26	29137.82	0.00	95437.08	151219.54	444474.19	
Net income (expenditure)			43362.74	39709.84	59.91	83132.49	-34035.16	-6325.70	
Transfers between funds	16		1619.91	-1560.00	-59.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	
						0.00	0.00		
Gains on investment assets			44982.65	38149.84	0.00	83132.49	-34035.16	-6325.70	
Net movement in funds			44982.65	38149.84	0.00	83132.49	-34035.16	-6325.70	
Reconciliation of funds									
Total funds brought forward			2045305.83	12108.15	2000.00	2059413.98	2095463.14	2096587.96	
Total funds carried forward			2090288.48	50257.99	2000.00	2142546.47	2061427.98	2090262.26	

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of LMMNC, named above

LMMNC's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 present a true and fair view of LMMNC's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view. My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than as disclosed below*)

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011

have not been met, or

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