

# Nottingham North East Circuit of the Methodist Church

England & Wales · Charity number 1134223

## Details

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Other names	NOTTINGHAM NORTH CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, Nottingham North East Circuit of the Methodist Church
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2010-02-09
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PURPOSES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH ARE AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN SINCE THE DATE OF UNION THE ADVANCEMENT OF -(A) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(B) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CONNEXIONAL, DISTRICT, CIRCUIT, LOCAL OR OTHER ORGANISATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(C) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY SOCIETY OR INSTITUTION SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH;(D) ANY PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CHARITY BEING A CHARITY SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH.

**Activities:** Religious activities

## Classification

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

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Nottingham City
- Nottinghamshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£985,479	£1,266,642	£3,356,564	5
2024-08-31	£675,127	£805,238	£3,621,148	2
2023-08-31	£1,004,360	£817,673	£3,815,608	2
2022-08-31	£1,105,904	£1,432,747	£2,774,226	9
2021-08-31	£1,645,640	£1,099,983	£3,191,070	11
2020-08-31	£196,792	£223,364	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANN CHAMBERS		2024-01-01
BRIAN SHAW		2022-09-01
CATHERINE SMITH		2020-09-01
DAVID BLOUNT		2020-09-01
DOREEN CARRUTHERS		2020-09-01
David William Cook		2020-09-01
Deacon Julie Morton		2021-09-01
Frank Thomas Smith		2020-09-01
GILLIAN ANN SLACK		2020-09-02
GILLIAN SURGAY		2020-09-01
Gillian Bakewell		2020-09-01
Graham Daft		2020-09-01
Helen Snowball		2020-09-01
IAN PICKERING		2020-09-01
Ian Richard Lishman		2025-09-01
Ian Wood		2024-01-01
Jane Alison Nickolls		2020-09-01
Josephine Anne Williams		2025-01-01
Julie Compton		2020-09-01
Kathryn Ann Pickering		2020-09-01
LYNDA JOHNSON		2020-09-01
Lesley Vera Davies		2025-01-01
Linda Mary Treliving		2020-09-01
Lorna Ruth Lang Russell		2023-06-14
Marguerite Rosemary Carter		2020-09-01
Nicola Frances Dandie		2020-09-01
Pamela Christine Bullett		2024-09-01

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Patrick Neville Henderson		2020-09-01
Rev Alan Robert Boyd		2020-09-01
Rev FRANCES MARY RUTH ORTON		2020-09-01
Rev Jason Lee McMahon-Riley		2023-09-01
Rev John wiseman		2020-09-01
Rev Richard Byass		2020-09-02
Rev Robert William Gollins		2020-09-01
STEVE CORAH		2022-09-01

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# Accounts

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**Trustee's Annual Report**  
**September 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

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We present our financial statements and annual report for the Connexional Year 1st September 2024 – 31st August 2025

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  - 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.
  - Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
  - Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
  - Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institution

## **In September 2025**

We will have ...

11 churches (14 worshipping congregations)

Arnold

Bestwood Park (LEP)

Calverton

Gedling Road

Hucknall Central with Hucknall Eastside

Nuthall with Aspley and Awsworth

Phoenix Farm

Ravensworth Road

Rise Park (LEP)

Sherwood

St Johns

City Centre Pioneer Project

8 Paid Staff:

- 4 Presbyters – Rev R Byass, Rev J McMahon-Riley, Rev C Sutcliffe, Rev J Wiseman,
- 2 Deacons – Deacon J Morton, Deacon H Snowball
- 1 Youth Worker / Vision Co-ordinator – Mr M Williamson
- 1 Administrator / Finance Officer – Mrs C Smith

5 Volunteer Circuit Stewards:

Mr D Blount, Ms J Compton, Mrs L Davies, Mrs L Johnson,

Mr I Pickering,

3 Volunteer Safeguarding Officers:

Mrs M Carter, Mrs L Johnson, Miss G Surgay

3 lay staff:

Families Worker based at Arnold Methodist Church

Youth Missioner based at Arnold Methodist Church

Children and Families Worker based at Nuthall Methodist Church

1 student deacon on placement

## **Our Circuit Vision Statement**

Following the formation of the Nottingham North East Circuit in September 2020, we continue with our vision statement:

### **Equipping transformation through God's Love**

We do this through ...

- Prayer and Worship
- Discernment and Calling
- Discipleship and Evangelism
- Service and Caring
- Communication and Resources

## **Our Achievements 2024 - 2025**

### **1. Development of circuit vision**

As a circuit we continue to be mindful of

- Being responsible for our churches as well as being accountable to the District and, in turn, the Connexion
- Being sure of who it is we serve, both in terms of God and the churches and congregations we have locally
- Assessing what we have and what we need by way of resources and where our strengths and weaknesses are
- Acknowledging that we are part of a bigger picture in the Kingdom of God
- How we honour the fact that our churches are part of both our Circuit family, and their local communities, each seeking to be a unique and beautiful expression of a faith-filled Christian presence where they are

Our Circuit Vision remains the starting point for how we work as a circuit.

During connexional year 2025 – 2026 we will be undertaking a review of this vision assessing what we have achieved and where further work needs to be done.

## **2. Prayer and Worship**

- We continue to support our Preachers, Worship Leaders and those in training through quarterly meetings and provision of resources
- We undertook a series of themed preaching across the circuit using the Lent Resources provided by the Methodist Church.
- Filling the circuit plan continues to be a challenge due to the number of Local Preachers and Supernumerary ministers no longer being able to take appointments. In addition, increasing numbers of local preachers have positions of responsibility in their own churches, thereby limiting the number of appointments they can offer to the circuit. We have continued to plan some sectional services where churches join with each other for worship. When our smaller churches have been hosts they have been encouraged by having a larger congregation. Conversely, when they have been the visitors, the office holders have appreciated a week free from responsibilities.
- In October we will be encouraging churches to think about God's creation by providing a reflections booklet and themed preaching across the circuit.
- We continue to provide a weekly written service which churches can use for Local Arrangements, and we have also provided each church with 9 ready to use services based on the fruits of the spirit.
- We were thrilled to celebrate the ordination of Rev Jason McMahon-Riley at the Methodist Conference in June.

## **3. Discernment and Calling**

We seek to be a circuit where churches and individuals can consider their calling by providing appropriate support.

Our Deacon working in the City Centre has continued to network and build relationships within the City Centre. Discussions have begun regarding appointment of a Development Worker as part of the New People for New Places initiatives and we hope to appoint in the connexional year 2025 – 2026.

Arnold Methodist Church was successful in appointing a new Youth Missioner.

We continue to think about how we might recruit new circuit stewards, conscious that several of our existing circuit stewards are coming to the end of their term of office or have gone beyond it.

We trained 5 new worship leaders and gave 2 existing worship leaders a refresher course. We currently have 4 local preachers in training.

3 people are exploring presbyteral ministry

#### **4. Discipleship and evangelism**

We continue to use the “Our Calling” framework and the “Discipleship Pathways” to underpin all that we do. Our Vision Co-ordinator continues to work with churches as needed as they seek to discern what their calling is as a congregation and in their local community.

#### **5. Service and caring**

We celebrate the various ways in which our churches serve their communities through

- Mental Health Cafes
- Coffee Mornings
- Providing lunches
- Supporting foodbanks
- Toddler groups
- Work amongst young people
- Fellowship Groups
- Supporting the work of uniformed organisations
- Generosity in hiring buildings out
- ‘Open the book’ programmes in schools
- Partnerships with other organisations e.g. Pulp Friction at Bestwood Park and The Ark at Phoenix Farm, Food Cycle at Hucknall
- Choirs
- And many others, about which we probably don’t know!

#### **6. Communication and Resources**

We ...

- Have weekly staff meetings
- Have continued to support churches with GDPR
- Have helped churches with their Trusteeship obligations
- Have met with church treasurers, church property stewards, church stewards and safeguarding officers
- Have produced study booklets for Advent and Lent
- Provide weekly written services

- Have a website which is regularly updated
- Have an active social media presence
- Have initiated a quarterly circuit newsletter
- Regularly circulate a 'Dates for your Diary' sheet
- Offer to pay for worship resources for Local Preachers
- Assign a circuit steward to each church council
- Circulate notices / information via senior church stewards

We aim to...

- Continue to improve our communication with churches
- Provide resources for Worship where we can
- Produce Lent and Advent Study books
- Offer a printing service
- Support local churches in their mission and ministry

## **Legal / Church Requirements**

### **Safeguarding – we ...**

- Review the Circuit Safeguarding Policy annually
- Maintain a database of all safeguarding requirements
- Have held 3 training sessions of the Methodist Church Foundation course
- Liaise with district regarding Methodist Church Advanced Module training. We will be hosting an Advanced Training course in November 2026
- Have met with church safeguarding officers to give advice and support

### **EDI Training – we ...**

- Held our second annual EDI training course and continue to be mindful of the “God for All” and “Justice, Dignity and Solidarity” strategies of the Methodist Church.

### **GDPR – we ...**

- Continue to help churches with GDPR
- Are thankful for our Archivist team who have welcomed documents from churches and have deposited hundreds of items with the County Archives. They produced a display of items retrieved from the Nottingham East Circuit Millennium Capsules.

## **Annual Returns – we ...**

- Have ensured that all churches complete their Methodist Church annual returns and provided help when needed

## **Property – we ...**

- Have ensured that all property inspections have been completed
- Maintain all circuit held properties in good order
- Have made improvements to one of our manses towards becoming net zero
- Intend to move the circuit office into a circuit property which has been leased to a medical screening company until April 2025.
- Our circuit property steward is always ready to give advice

## **Finances – we ...**

- Have kept a watchful eye on balances and sought to transfer funds from reserves as and when needed using the correct mandates
- Have had two meetings with church treasurers which has been very well received and we aim to do this at regular intervals

## **Eco church / Eco Circuit**

As of August 2024 we have

2 churches with silver award

1 church with bronze award

At our circuit meeting in June 2025 we heard from these three churches about their experiences and hope to encourage other churches to explore becoming eco-churches.

We have registered to become an eco-circuit and work will begin on this from September 2025. Initially, we plan to produce a creation based reflection booklet and encourage a series of themed preaching across the circuit in October.



## **Statement of Trustees Responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provision of the Trust Deed require the

Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the Charity for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the appropriate charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining the proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice; Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

# Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	RICHARD J. BYASS	CATHERINE SMITH
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR .	FINANCE OFFICER TRUSTEE
Date	25 <sup>th</sup> March 2028	

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**Statements of Accounts  
and Financial Activity  
September 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

	As at 31 August 2025	As at 31 August 2024
<b>INCOME</b>		
Church Assessment	£314,172	£305,836
Donation	£0	£0
Grants	£0	£0
Other Income	£21,883	£39,633
Interest	£2,217	£4,018
Layworker Recharge	£41,911	£70,051
Property Rental	£23,930	£24,005
Sale of Property	£383,126	£0
Transfer From TMCP	£168,661	£149,527
TMCP Interest/Dividends	£29,578	£52,057
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£985,479</b>	<b>£645,127</b>
<b>Total Income Less Exceptionals</b>	<b>£433,691</b>	<b>£495,599</b>
<b>STAFF COSTS</b>		
Payroll - Ordained	(£127,099)	(£220,979)
Payroll - Lay Workers	(£124,381)	(£128,008)
Payroll - Charges	(£1,263)	(£1,891)
Payroll - Other	£0	£0
Stipends	(£28,546)	(£15,845)
Eden Project Wages	£0	£0
<b>Total Staff Costs</b>	<b>(£281,288)</b>	<b>(£366,723)</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENDITURE</b>		
District Assessment	(£117,464)	(£109,780)
CPF Levy	£0	£0
CMTF Contribution	(£64,751)	(£75,462)
Manse Costs - Maintenance	(£94,470)	(£21,021)
Manse Costs - Council Tax	(£10,045)	(£12,459)
Manse Costs - Water Rates	(£377)	(£1,333)
Manse Costs - Insurance	(£964)	(£5,177)
Purchase of Property	(£411,097)	£0
Admin	(£5,146)	(£7,801)
Admin Office Building	(£16,358)	(£14,734)
Phone/Broadband	(£4,682)	(£4,818)
External Organisations	£0	£0
City Centre	(£141,658)	(£120,513)
Bank Charges	(£60)	(£157)
TMCP Charges	(£3,185)	(£3,200)
Other Costs	(£23,538)	(£16,212)
Grants For Projects	(£94,870)	(£12,498)
Unclassified	£3,313	(£33,349)
	<b>(£985,353)</b>	<b>(£438,515)</b>
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>(£1,266,641)</b>	<b>(£805,238)</b>
<b>Total Costs Less Exceptionals</b>	<b>(£697,529)</b>	<b>(£669,991)</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(£281,163)</b>	<b>(£160,111)</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) Less Exceptionals</b>	<b>(£263,837)</b>	<b>(£174,391)</b>

**NNE** Financial Statements for Nottingham North East  
Nottingham North East Circuit For the Year 2024 - 2025

As at  
Aug-25

**Fixed Assets**

Property	£1,761,872.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<u>£1,761,872.00</u>

**Current Assets**

CAF Bank	£35,832.39
Central Finance Board	£55,581.48
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	£798,439.91
City Centre	£704,839.04
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>£1,594,692.82</u>

**Net Assets** £3,356,564.82

**Reserves**

Current Excess/(deficit) to date	(£281,162.54)
Reserves	£3,637,727.36
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<u>£3,356,564.82</u>

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Nottingham North East Circuit**

### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Nottingham North East Circuit ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st August 2025.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

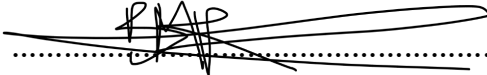
#### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act;
2. Or the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

**Signature of independent examiner**

  
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**Name of independent examiner:**

Benjamin McMahon-Riley

**Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner**

AAT Qualified Accountant

**Name of firm (where appropriate)**

BR Accounting Services

**Address :**

2 Fairburn Way,

Watnall,

Nottingham

**Post Code:** NG16 1GH

Date .....26/03/2026.....

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### **3. Discernment and Calling**

We seek to be a circuit where churches and individuals can consider their calling by providing appropriate support.

Our Deacon working in the City Centre has continued to network and build relationships within the City Centre. Despite some difficulties with premises the weekly drop in continues and develops.

We are actively seeking to recruit more circuit stewards and are supporting one of our churches in employing a Youth Missioner.

As begin to plan for our resourcing worship services we pray that this will encourage people to consider how they might help to resource worship, e.g. as Worship Leaders, Local Preachers, Stewards etc.

### **4. Discipleship and evangelism**

We continue to use the "Our Calling" framework and the "Discipleship Pathways" to underpin all that we do. We have held 2 Circuit Vision Days to allow churches to meet together, learn and share. Our Vision Co-ordinator continues to work with several churches as they seek to discern what their calling is as a congregation and in their local community.

## **5. Service and caring**

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- And many others, about which we probably don't know!

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- Support local churches in their mission and ministry

## **7. Legal / Church Requirements**

### **Safeguarding – we ...**

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- Have held 3 training sessions of the Methodist Church Foundation course
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### **EDI Training – we ...**

- Held an in person training course attended by over 30 people and this was well received. A resource pack was provided for each church and we aim to make this an annual training
- We also give advice as to how this training can be accessed on line

### **GDPR – we ...**

- Continue to help churches with GDPR
- As an extension of our GDPR work we have appointed a Volunteer Circuit Archivist who is supported by two further volunteers

### **Annual Returns – we ...**

- Have ensured that all churches complete their Methodist Church annual returns and provided help when needed

### **Property – we ...**

- Have ensured that all property inspections have been completed
- Maintained all circuit held properties in good order
- Our circuit property steward is always ready to give advice

### **Finances – we ...**

- Have successfully appointed a circuit steward with financial oversight
- Have kept a watchful eye on balances and sought to transfer funds from reserves as and when needed using the correct mandates
- Have opened a new bank account with CAF bank and put in place all the necessary procedures to comply with the Charity Commission recommendations for managing finances
- Have had two meetings with church treasurers which has been very well received and we aim to do this at regular intervals

### **Finances**

Our financial statements accounts and reserves policy are attached to this report. We are aware that we have been running at a significant deficit over the past year. We have consciously used our unrestricted reserves funds to address this deficit.

We continue to be aware of the likelihood of there being a deficit in the coming financial year and will be seeking to address this while continuing to use reserves to enable us to support local churches with staff and other resources.

### **Bankers**

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

CAF Bank

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

**Independent Auditor** Mr Benjamin McMahon-Riley

## **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.

### **Trustee Body**

All ministers, presbyteral and diaconal, stationed in the Circuit by the Conference or who are residing for the purposes of the stations of the Methodist Church in the Circuit and who are in the active work (that is not retired), are ex-officio members of the Circuit Meeting (the Trustee Body).

Other ministers who reside in the Circuit in accordance with the standing orders of the Church (including those who are retired) may choose to be members of the Circuit Meeting, and if they do so they are shown in the list of trustees.

Each church is represented by a Church Steward and the Church Treasurer

The Circuit Meeting has the power to co-opt other members

### **Statement of Trustees Responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provision of the Trust Deed require the

Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the Charity for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the appropriate charities SORP;

- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining the proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

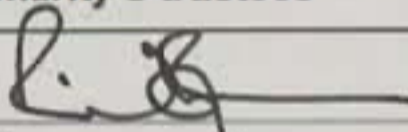
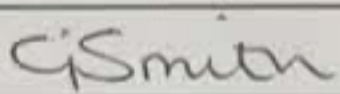
The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice; Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Richard J Baper	CATHERINE SMITH
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	CIRCUIT ADMINISTRATOR FINANCE OFFICER
Date	24 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	

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charity number 1134223

**Statements of Accounts  
and Financial Activity  
September 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024**

## Financial Statements for Nottingham North East For the Year 2023 - 2024

	As at 31/08/2024	As at 31/08/2023
<b>INCOME</b>		
Church Assessment	£305,836	£261,308
Donation	£0	£0
Grants	£0	£52,297
Other Income	£39,633	£54,552
Interest	£4,018	£584
Layworker Recharge	£70,051	£14,393
Property Rental	£24,005	£19,014
Sale of Property	£0	£572,636
Transfer From TMCP	£149,527	£0
TMCP Interest/Dividends	£52,057	£29,576
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>£645,127</u>	<u>£1,004,360</u>
<b>Total Income Less Exceptionals</b>	£495,599	£431,724
<b>STAFF COSTS</b>		
Payroll - Ordained	(£220,979)	(£172,807)
Payroll - Lay Workers	(£128,008)	(£110,600)
Payroll - Charges	(£1,891)	(£1,265)
Payroll - Other	£0	(£1,562)
Stipends	(£15,845)	(£5,883)
Eden Project Wages	£0	(£480)
<b>Total Staff Costs</b>	<u>(£366,723)</u>	<u>(£292,597)</u>
<b>OTHER EXPENDITURE</b>		
District Assessment	(£109,780)	(£100,660)
CPF Levy	£0	(£181,014)
CMTF Contribution	(£75,462)	(£59,942)
Manse Costs - Maintenance	(£21,021)	(£11,018)
Manse Costs - Council Tax	(£12,459)	(£9,461)
Manse Costs - Water Rates	(£1,333)	(£2,260)
Manse Costs - Insurance	(£5,177)	(£7,951)
Purchase of Property	£0	£0
Admin	(£7,801)	(£5,750)
Admin Office Building	(£14,734)	(£18,846)
Phone/Broadband	(£4,818)	(£3,981)
External Organisations	£0	(£1,262)
City Centre	(£120,513)	(£109,928)
Bank Charges	(£157)	(£158)
TMCP Charges	(£3,200)	(£2,610)
Other Costs	(£16,212)	(£27,082)
Grants For Projects	(£12,498)	(£17,500)
Unclassified	(£33,349)	(£34,349)
	<u>(£438,515)</u>	<u>(£593,774)</u>
<b>Total Costs</b>	<u>(£805,238)</u>	<u>(£886,371)</u>
<b>Total Costs Less Exceptionals</b>	<u>(£669,991)</u>	<u>(£576,582)</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<u>(£160,111)</u>	<u>£117,989</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) Less Exceptionals</b>	<u>(£174,391)</u>	<u>(£144,858)</u>



# Financial Statements for Nottingham North East

For the Year 2023 - 2024

Aug-24

## Fixed Assets

Property	<u>£1,761,872.00</u>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<u>£1,761,872.00</u>

## Current Assets

Nottingham East HSBC	£0.00
CAF Bank	£62,571.79
Central Finance Board	£80,095.19
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	£963,469.46
City Centre	<u>£753,139.43</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>£1,859,275.87</u>

**Net Assets** £3,621,147.87

## Reserves

Current Excess/(deficit) to date	(£160,111.15)
Reserves	<u>£3,781,259.02</u>
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<u>£3,621,147.87</u>
	£0.00

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the**

Nottingham North East Circuit

Charity Number 1134223

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Nottingham North East Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 11 to 13. 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.

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
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I 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**

[Signature] .....

**Name of independent examiner**

BEN JAMIN ..... ANTHONY ..... MCMAHON - RILEY .....

**Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner**

..... CIMVA / AAT .....

**Name of firm (where appropriate)**

..... BL ..... ACCOUNTING ..... SERVICES .....

**Address**

..... 2 ..... FOREGREN ..... WAY ..... WATWALL .....

..... Post Code ..... N<sup>o</sup> 16 ..... 2.6H .....

**Date** ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> ..... June ..... 2025 .....

**Nottingham North East Circuit of the Methodist Church**

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charity number 1134223

**Trustee's Annual Report**  
**September 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023**

## **Introduction**

We present our financial statements and annual report for the Connexional Year 1st September 2022 – 31st August 2023

## **Our Objectives and Activities**

The activities covered in these financial statements fall within the work of The Methodist Church in Great Britain ('The Methodist Church' or 'The Church').

The aim of The Methodist Church in Great Britain is to fulfil its calling, which is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

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- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.
  - 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.
  - Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
  - Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
  - Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institution

## **Our Circuit**

We have ...

11 churches (14 worshipping congregations)

- Arnold
- Bestwood Park (LEP)
- Calverton
- Gedling Road
- Hucknall Central with Hucknall Eastside,
- Nuthall with Aspley and Awsorth
- Phoenix Farm
- Ravensworth Road
- Rise Park (LEP)
- Sherwood
- St Johns
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### **9 Paid Staff:**

- 4 Presbyters – Rev R Byass, Rev A Charlesworth, Rev Y Case, Rev J Wiseman
- 3 Deacons – Deacon J Jones, Deacon J Morton, Deacon H Snowball
- 1 Youth Worker – Mr M Williamson
- 1 Administrator / Finance Officer – Mrs C Smith

### **4 Volunteer Circuit Stewards:**

Mr D Blount, Ms J Compton, Mrs L Johnson, Mr I Pickering

### **3 Volunteer Safeguarding Officers:**

Mrs M Carter, Mrs L Johnson, Miss G Surgay

## **Our Circuit Vision Statement**

Following the formation of the Nottingham North East Circuit in September 2020, we have now developed our vision statement:

(Equipping) TRANSFORMATION (through God's Love)

We do this through ...

- Prayer and Worship
- Discernment and Calling
- Discipleship and Evangelism
- Service and Caring
- Communication and Resources

## **Our Achievements this year**

### **1. Development of circuit vision**

As we considered our vision as a circuit there were a number of things we had to consider, including:

- The Methodist Church, and how we are responsible for our churches as well as being accountable to the District and, in turn, the Connexion;
- What ministry looks like in the context of reduced staffing;
- Being sure of who it is we serve, both in terms of God and the churches and congregations we have locally;
- Assessing what we have and what we need by way of resources and where our strengths and weaknesses are;
- Acknowledging that we are part of a bigger picture in the Kingdom of God;
- How we honour the fact that our churches are part of both our Circuit family, and their local communities, each seeking to be a unique and beautiful expression of a faith-filled Christian presence where they are.

Our Circuit Vision is now the starting point for how we work as a circuit

## **2. Prayer and Worship**

- We continue to support our Preachers, Worship leaders and those in training through quarterly meetings.
- We engaged in the Methodist Discipleship Pathways across the circuit in study and devotional readings, and in preaching themes.
- We are aware that there are a significant number of Local Arrangements on the preaching plan each quarter and continue to support churches in covering these.

## **3. Discernment and Calling**

We seek to be a circuit where churches and individuals can consider their calling by providing appropriate support.

Our Deacon working in the City Centre is currently exploring the needs of the City Centre, working with other faith and non-faith groups and considering how a Methodist Presence may look like, and how that could be established.

## **4. Discipleship and evangelism**

Using the "Our Calling" framework and the "Discipleship Pathways" we are considering how we may encourage local churches and individuals in their discipleship during 2022 – 2023. This will necessitate good communication and provision of resources (see below)

Many churches continue to evaluate how they might sustain a life of evangelism and mission in their communities. Again, we will be looking to how we might support them in this in the next connexional year.

## **5. Service and caring**

We celebrate the various ways in which our churches serve their communities through

- Mental Health Cafes
- Coffee Mornings
- Providing lunches
- Supporting foodbanks

- Toddler groups
- Work amongst young people
- Fellowship Groups
- Supporting the work of uniformed organisations
- Generosity in hiring buildings out
- 'Open the book' programmes in schools
- And many other ways which we probably don't know about.

## **6. Communication and Resources**

We ...

- Have weekly staff meetings
- Have produced newsletters explaining GDPR
- Have had zoom meetings to help with GDPR
- Have produced study booklets for Advent and Lent
- Provide weekly written services
- Have a website which is regularly updated
- Have an active social media presence
- Offer to pay for worship resources for Local Preachers
- Assign a circuit steward to each church council
- Circulate notices / information via senior church stewards

**We aim to...**

- Improve our communication with churches
- Provide help with trusteeship
- Provide resources for Discipleship Pathways
- Meet annually with significant church office holders e.g. treasurers / safe guarding officers
- Produce Lent and Advent Study books
- Offer a printing service
- Support local churches in their mission and ministry

## **7. Legal / Church Requirements**

### **Safeguarding – we ...**

- Review the Circuit Safeguarding Policy annually
- Maintain a database of all safeguarding requirements
- Have held 4 training sessions of the Methodist Church Foundation course
- Liaise with district regarding Methodist Church advanced module training
- Have met with church safeguarding officers to give advice and support

### **GDPR – we ...**

- Have held meetings with church representatives to help them fulfil all GDPR requirements
- Have provided newsletters and the required documents to give information to churches

### **Annual Returns – we ...**

- Have ensured that all churches complete their Methodist Church annual returns and provided help when needed.

### **Property – we ...**

- Have ensured that all property inspections have been completed
- Maintained all circuit held properties in good order

### **Finances – we ...**

- Have appointed a finance officer
- Have subscribed to some finance software to give better organisation of our records
- Have kept a watchful eye on balances and sought to transfer funds from reserves as and when needed using the correct mandates



## **Statement of Trustees Responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice; Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		C. Smith
Full name(s)	RICHARD JOHN BUSS	CATHERINE JULIA SMITH
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	FINANCE OFFICER

Date 6th June 2024  
6th June 2024

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charity number 1134223

**Statements of Accounts  
and Financial Activity**

**September 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023**

## Financial Statements for Nottingham North East For the Year 2022 - 2023

	As at 31/08/2023	As at 31/08/2022
<b>INCOME</b>		
Church Assessment	£261,308	£296,219
Donation	£0	£0
Grants	£52,297	£28,785
Other Income	£54,552	£30,031
Interest	£584	£86
Layworker Recharge	£14,393	£6,946
Property Rental	£19,014	£13,417
Sale of Property	£572,636	£415,772
Transfer From TMCP	£0	£1,885
TMCP Interest/Dividends	£29,576	(£455)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£1,004,360</b>	<b>£792,687</b>
<b>Total Income Less Exceptionals</b>	<b>£431,724</b>	<b>£375,030</b>
<b>STAFF COSTS</b>		
Payroll - Ordained	(£172,807)	(£210,048)
Payroll - Lay Workers	(£110,600)	(£102,352)
Payroll - Charges	(£1,265)	£0
Payroll - Other	(£1,562)	(£3,215)
Stipends	(£5,883)	(£3,580)
Eden Project Wages	(£480)	£13,225
<b>Total Staff Costs</b>	<b>(£292,597)</b>	<b>(£305,970)</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENDITURE</b>		
District Assessment	(£100,660)	(£107,356)
CPF Levy	(£181,014)	(£139,909)
CMTF Contribution	(£59,942)	(£88,356)
Manse Costs - Maintenance	(£11,018)	£10,483
Manse Costs - Council Tax	(£9,461)	(£9,350)
Manse Costs - Water Rates	(£2,260)	(£1,607)
Manse Costs - Insurance	(£7,951)	(£4,335)
Purchase of Property	£0	(£400,000)
Admin	(£5,750)	(£5,848)
Admin Office Building	(£18,846)	(£41,067)
Phone/Broadband	(£3,981)	(£3,892)
External Organisations	(£1,262)	£752
City Centre	(£75,579)	(£49,538)
Bank Charges	(£158)	(£139)
TMCP Charges	(£2,610)	(£1,217)
Other Costs	(£27,082)	(£22,061)
Grants For Projects	(£17,500)	(£15,500)
Unclassified	£0	(£11,638)
	<u>(£525,077)</u>	<u>(£890,579)</u>
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>(£817,673)</b>	<b>(£1,196,549)</b>
<b>Total Costs Less Exceptionals</b>	<b>(£542,233)</b>	<b>(£566,035)</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>£186,687</b>	<b>(£403,861)</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) Less Exceptionals</b>	<b>(£110,509)</b>	<b>(£191,004)</b>



# Financial Statements for Nottingham North East

For the Year 2022 - 2023

Aug-23

## Fixed Assets

Property	<u>£1,761,872.00</u>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>£1,761,872.00</b>

## Current Assets

Nottingham North HSBC	£0.00
Nottingham East HSBC	£49,313.29
Central Finance Board	£26,949.35
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	£1,114,910.02
City Centre	£862,563.15

**Total Current Assets** £2,053,735.81

**Net Assets** £3,815,607.81

## Reserves

Current Excess/(deficit) to date	(£110,509.01)
Reserves	<u>£3,926,116.82</u>
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>£3,815,607.81</b>
	£0.00

Name of Circuit Nottingham North East No. 1

**Declarations and Scrutiny**

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 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: C. Smith

Date: 6/6/24

Name and address of Treasurer:

Mrs C. Smith  
circuit office  
90 Peshwood Park Methodist Church  
Beckhampton Rd Nottingham  
Post Code NG5 5NG

**Presentation to the Circuit meeting**

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were ~~will be~~ presented to the Circuit meeting held on 6/6/24

Signature of the Chair of the meeting  
[Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting  
Rev. Richard Buss Date 6/6/24

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the**

Nottingham North East Circuit

Charity Number 11.34223

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Nottingham North East Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023 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').

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Signature of independent examiner

~~BMK~~

Brian McMAHON-KELLY

Name of independent examiner

Brian McMahon-Kelly

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

CIMA, CAF, AAT, DBE

Name of firm (where appropriate)

BK Accounting Services

Address

2 Fabian Way, Walsham

Post Code NG16 6GH

Date 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**Nottingham North East Circuit of the Methodist Church**

England & Wales - Charity number 1134223

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Methodist Circuit

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**Trustees' Annual Report  
September 1st 2021 –  
31st August 2022**

**Charity Address  
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Nottingham  
NG5 5NG  
[office@nnemethodist.org.uk](mailto:office@nnemethodist.org.uk)  
07988 538420**

## Introduction

We present our financial statements and annual report for the Connexional Year  
1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

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## Our Circuit

We have ...

15 churches (16 worshipping congregations)

Arnold, Aspley, Awsworth, Bestwood Park (LEP), Burton Joyce, Calverton, Gedling Road, Hucknall Central with Hucknall Eastside, Nuthall, Phoenix Farm, Ravensworth Road, Rise Park (LEP), Sherwood, St Johns, Thurgarton

9 paid staff

- 4 Presbyters – Rev R Byass, Rev A Charlesworth, Rev Y Case, Rev J Wiseman
- 3 Deacons – Deacon J Jones, Deacon J Morton, Deacon H Snowball
- 1 Youth Worker – Mr M Williamson
- 1 Administrator / Finance Officer – Mrs C Smith

5 Volunteer Circuit Stewards –  
Mr D Blount, Ms J Compton, Mrs L Johnson, Mr I Pickering, Mrs V Stone

3 Volunteer Safeguarding Officers  
Mrs M Carter, Mrs L Johnson, Miss G Surgay

## **Our Circuit Vision Statement**

Following the formation of the Nottingham North East Circuit in September 2020, we have now developed our vision statement:

(Equipping) TRANSFORMATION (through God's Love)

We do this through ...

- Prayer and Worship
- Discernment and Calling
- Discipleship and Evangelism
- Service and Caring
- Communication and Resources

## **Our Achievements this year**

### **1. Development of circuit vision**

As we considered our vision as a circuit there were a number of things we had to consider, including:

- The Methodist Church, and how we are responsible for our churches as well as being accountable to the District and, in turn, the Connexion;
- What “leadership” looks like;
- Being sure of who it is we serve, both in terms of God and the churches and congregations we have locally;
- Assessing what we have and what we need by way of resources and where our strengths and weaknesses are;
- Acknowledging that we are part of a bigger picture in the Kingdom of God;
- How we honour the fact that our churches are part of both our Circuit family, and their local communities, each seeking to be a unique and beautiful expression of a faith-filled Christian presence where they are.

Our Circuit Vision is now the starting point for how we work as a circuit

### **2. Prayer and Worship**

We continue to support our Preachers, Worship leaders and those in training through quarterly meetings.

We engaged in Bible Month across the circuit looking at the Book of Isaiah

We continued to provide a weekly service for churches to distribute to members who are no longer able to attend worship in person.

We are aware that there are a significant number of Local Arrangements on the preaching plan each quarter and so will be seeking to see how we can support churches to cover these.

### **3. Discernment and Calling**

We seek to be a circuit where churches and individuals can consider their calling by providing appropriate support.

Unfortunately, two of our current churches are currently prayerfully considering their future and so we will be supporting them through this process, both practically in terms of processes, but spiritually as they seek to discern where God may be calling them to.

Our Deacon working in the City Centre is currently exploring the needs of the City Centre, working with other faith and non-faith groups and considering how a Methodist Presence may look like, and how that could be established.

### **4. Discipleship and evangelism**

Using the “Our Calling” framework and the “Discipleship Pathways” we are considering how we may encourage local churches and individuals in their discipleship during 2022 – 2023. This will necessitate good communication and provision of resources (see below)

As we have moved out of COVID many churches are having to evaluate how they might continue to be evangelists in their communities. Again, we will be looking to how we might support them in this in the next connexional year.

### **5. Service and caring**

We celebrate the various ways in which our churches serve their communities through

Mental Health Cafes

Coffee Mornings

Providing lunches

Supporting foodbanks

Toddler groups

Work amongst young people

Fellowship Groups

Supporting the work of uniformed organisations

Generosity in hiring buildings out

‘Open the book’ programmes in schools

And many others which we probably don’t know about.

### **6. Communication and Resources**

We ...

Have weekly staff meetings

Have produced newsletters explaining GDPR

Have had zoom meetings to help with GDPR

Have produced study booklets for Advent and Lent

Provide weekly written services

Have a website which is regularly updated

Have an active social media presence

Offer to pay for worship resources for Local Preachers

Assign a circuit steward to each church council

Circulate notices / information via senior church stewards

We aim to...

Improve our communication with churches

Provide help with trusteeship

Provide resources for Discipleship Pathways  
Meet annually with significant church office holders e.g. treasurers / safe guarding officers  
Produce Lent and Advent Study books  
Offer a printing service  
Support local churches in their mission and ministry

## **7. Legal / Church Requirements**

Safeguarding – we ...

Review the Circuit Safeguarding Policy annually  
Maintain a database of all safeguarding requirements  
Have held 4 training sessions of the Methodist Church Foundation course  
Liaise with district regarding Methodist Church advanced module training  
Have met with church safeguarding officers to give advice and support

GDPR – we ...

Have held zoom meetings with church representatives to help them fulfil all GDPR requirements  
Have provided newsletters and the required documents to give information to churches

Annual Returns – we ...

Have ensured that all churches complete their Methodist Church annual returns and provided help when needed.

Property – we ...

Have ensured that all property inspections have been completed  
Maintained all circuit held properties in good order

Finances – we ...

Have appointed a finance officer  
Have subscribed to some finance software to give better organisation of our records  
Have kept a watchful eye on balances and sought to transfer funds from reserves as and when needed using the correct mandates

## **8. Purchase of New Building**

In November 2021 we completed the purchase of a building adjacent to Bestwood Park Church. Following commission of the building the circuit office was established there in March 2022. In July 2022 a licence was signed with the Charity Pulp Friction to run a community café. The congregation at Bestwood Park are working towards moving to this building for worship in September 2022 and will seek to develop both this new building and the existing building to spread God's love in this community.

## **Finances**

Our financial statements accounts and reserves policy are attached to this report. We are aware that we have been running at a significant deficit over the past year. We have consciously used our unrestricted reserves funds to address this deficit. We have encountered extraordinary, significant costs in purchasing and commissioning the new building, a building which will however, be used in service to a deprived area of the city.



<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
Mr David Blount	Circuit Steward (Property)		
Ms Julie Compton	Circuit Steward		
Mrs Lynda Johnson	Circuit Steward Safeguarding Officer		
Mr Ian Pickering	Circuit Steward		
Mrs Val Stone	Circuit Steward		
Rev Alan Boyd	Supernumerary Presbyter		
Rev Robert Gollins	Supernumerary Presbyter		
Rev Dr David Monkton	Supernumerary Presbyter		
Rev Ruth Orton	Supernumerary Presbyter		
Mr Graham Daft	Secretary		
Miss Gill Surgay	Safeguarding Officer		
Mrs Mags Carter	Safeguarding Officer		
Mr Patrick Henderson	Church Appointed		Arnold Methodist Church
Mrs Margaret Moore	Church Appointed		Arnold Methodist Church
Vacant			Bestwood Park Methodist Church
Vacant			Bestwood Park Methodist Church
Mrs Gill Cracknall	Church Appointed		Calverton Methodist Church
Mrs Linda Treliving	Church Appointed		Calverton Methodist Church
Mrs Nicola Dandie	Church Appointed		Gedling Road Methodist Church
Vacant	Church Appointed		Gedling Road Methodist Church
Mrs Lynda Hatton	Church Appointed		St John's Carlton Methodist Church
Mr John Hatton	Church Appointed		St John's Carlton Methodist Church
Miss Gillian Bakewell	Church Appointed		Hucknall Central Methodist Church
Mrs Jill Daft	Church Appointed		Hucknall Central Methodist Church
Mr Steve Corah	Church Appointed		Nuthall Methodist Church
Mrs Sue Perrett	Church Appointed		Nuthall Methodist Church
Mr Dave Cook	Church Appointed		Phoenix Farm Methodist Church

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Mrs Jane Nickolls	Church Appointed		Phoenix Farm Methodist Church
Mrs Doreen Carruthers	Church Appointed		Ravensworth Rd Methodist Church
Mrs Gillian Slack	Church Appointed		Ravensworth Rd Methodist Church
Mrs Kathryn Pickering	Church Appointed		Rise Park Methodist Church
Vacant	Church Appointed		Rise Park Methodist Church
Ms Alice McGregor	Church Appointed		Sherwood Methodist Church
Mr Brian Shaw	Church Appointed		Sherwood Methodist Church

## Trustee Training

All trustees are made aware of their responsibilities. For the connexional year 2022 – 2023 we are developing an introduction pack containing essential documents and trustee declaration forms. We will also be seeking to appoint new trustees in accordance with the Methodist Church Safer Recruiting Procedures.

## Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Nottingham & Derby District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

## Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Leadership Team, with professional advice taken as required. Following the sudden illness of the proposed circuit treasurer in Autumn 2020 we have been looking to develop and enhanced our financial procedures. This has included development of the circuit administrator's role to include that of circuit finance officer, using a software package to produce the accounts, seeking a better way of managing day to day transactions in the context of changing banking practices (e.g. on line banking) whilst keeping in line with charity commission requirements. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded. Income and Expenditure is being monitored is monitored at each meeting of the Circuit Leadership team as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

## Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provision of the Trust Deed require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the Charity for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

- Observe the methods and principles in the appropriate charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining the proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice; Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

## Declarations

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.**

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>		
<b>Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>		
<b>Date</b>		

Nottingham North East  
Methodist Circuit

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charity number 1134223

**Statement of Accounts and  
Financial Activity  
September 1st 2021 –  
31st August 2022**

**Charity Address  
NNE Circuit Office  
c/o Bestwood Park Methodist Church  
Beckhampton Rd  
Nottingham  
NG5 5NG  
[office@nnemethodist.org.uk](mailto:office@nnemethodist.org.uk)  
07988 538420**

**NNE**

**Balance Sheet detailed**

	<b>As at 31/08/2022</b>	<b>As at 31/08/2021</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
3040: Circuit Property	1,761,872.00	1,761,872.00
<b>Total Fixed assets</b>	<b>1,761,872.00</b>	<b>1,761,872.00</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
5001: Nottingham North HSBC	12,992.94	60,410.92
5002: Nottingham East HSBC	505.49	3,061.43
5004: Central Finance Board	82,961.33	70,975.21
5009: Trustees For Methodist Church Purposes	915,894.13	1,294,749.29
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>1,012,353.89</b>	<b>1,429,196.85</b>
<b>Net Asset surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>2,774,225.89</b>	<b>3,191,068.85</b>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Excess/(deficit) to date	(416,842.96)	-
Z01: Starting balances	3,191,068.85	3,191,068.85
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>2,774,225.89</b>	<b>3,191,068.85</b>

<b>Represented by Funds</b>		
General (Unrestricted)	2,691,619.21	3,141,537.85
Restricted	82,606.68	49,531.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,774,225.89</b>	<b>3,191,068.85</b>



## Nottingham North East Methodist Circuit Statement of Financial Activities 2021 - 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Offerings and tax recoverable	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and investment income	4,207.24	-	-	4,207.24	-
Lettings	8,393.84	-	-	8,393.84	-
Other income	771,562.64	68,793.93	-	840,356.57	-
Internal organisations (income)	162,946.42	-	-	162,946.42	-
<b>Total income</b>	<b>947,110.14</b>	<b>68,793.93</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,015,904.07</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Resources used</b>					
Circuit assessment or share	107,356.00	-	-	107,356.00	-
Grants and donations	104,856.20	-	-	104,856.20	-
Repairs and maintenance	14,606.27	30,706.33	-	45,312.60	-
Utilities, insurances etc	26,574.29	2,689.65	-	29,263.94	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenditure	1,143,636.02	2,322.27	-	1,145,958.29	-
Internal organisations (expenditure)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>1,397,028.78</b>	<b>35,718.25</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,432,747.03</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>(449,918.64)</b>	<b>33,075.68</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(416,842.96)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Transfers</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(449,918.64)</b>	<b>33,075.68</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(416,842.96)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>3,141,537.85</b>	<b>49,531.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,191,068.85</b>	<b>3,191,068.85</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>2,691,619.21</b>	<b>82,606.68</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,774,225.89</b>	<b>3,191,068.85</b>



## Nottingham North East Methodist Circuit Statement of Financial Activities 2021 - 2022

### Represented by

#### Unrestricted

General Fund	2,691,619.21	-	-	2,691,619.21	3,141,537.85
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#### Restricted

Agency collection	-	49,531.00	-	49,531.00	49,531.00
City Centre	-	31,991.68	-	31,991.68	-
External Organisations - Connexional Funds	-	1,084.00	-	1,084.00	-

<b>Total funds</b>	<b>2,691,619.21</b>	<b>82,606.68</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,774,225.89</b>	<b>3,191,068.85</b>
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### Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
<b>Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets</b>						
3040: Circuit Property	1,761,872.00	-	-	-	1,761,872.00	1,761,872.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,761,872.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,761,872.00</b>	<b>1,761,872.00</b>
<b>Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand</b>						
5001: Nottingham North HSBC	31,141.56	-	(18,148.62)	-	12,992.94	60,410.92
5002: Nottingham East HSBC	1,431.19	-	(925.70)	-	505.49	3,061.43
5004: Central Finance Board	(18,719.67)	-	101,681.00	-	82,961.33	70,975.21
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,853.08</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,606.68</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>96,459.76</b>	<b>134,447.56</b>
<b>Current Asset - Investments</b>						
5009: Trustees For Methodist Church Purposes	915,894.13	-	-	-	915,894.13	1,294,749.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>915,894.13</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>915,894.13</b>	<b>1,294,749.29</b>
<b>Net total assets</b>	<b>2,691,619.21</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,606.68</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,774,225.89</b>	<b>3,191,068.85</b>
<b>Represented by</b>						
General (Unrestricted)	2,691,619.21	-	-	-	2,691,619.21	3,141,537.85
Restricted - City Centre	-	-	31,991.68	-	31,991.68	-





## Nottingham North East Methodist Circuit Statement of Financial Activities 2021 - 2022

### Interest and investment income

1101 - Interest - Bank	146.62	-	-	-	146.62	-
1102 - Interest - CFB	349.18	-	-	-	349.18	-
1103 - Interest - TMCP	3,295.97	-	-	-	3,295.97	-
1104 - Dividends - TMCP	415.47	-	-	-	415.47	-
<b>Interest and investment income Totals</b>	<b>4,207.24</b>	-	-	-	<b>4,207.24</b>	-

### Lettings

1204 - Rental Income - Bulwell Manse	8,325.28	-	-	-	8,325.28	-
2667 - Rental - HOPE Nottingham	68.56	-	-	-	68.56	-
<b>Lettings Totals</b>	<b>8,393.84</b>	-	-	-	<b>8,393.84</b>	-

### Other income

1301 - Sales proceeds - Property	409,772.30	-	-	-	409,772.30	-
1302 - Sales proceeds - Furniture	-	-	-	-	-	-
1303 - Sales proceeds - Other Assets	6,000.00	-	-	-	6,000.00	-
1304 - Donations - In Memoriam	-	-	-	-	-	-
1305 - Donations - General	-	-	-	-	-	-
1309 - Methodist Collections - Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
1310 - Other Collections - Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
1313 - Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
1314 - Capital receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
2002 - Church Assessment	296,219.00	-	-	-	296,219.00	-
2003 - City Centre	-	-	67,709.93	-	67,709.93	-
2004 - Transfer from closed church	14,624.80	-	-	-	14,624.80	-
2655 - Rental Income - Medigold	5,091.96	-	-	-	5,091.96	-
2660 - External Organisations - connexional funds	-	-	1,084.00	-	1,084.00	-
2662 - Insurance Claim	-	-	-	-	-	-
2664 - Refunds	6,114.45	-	-	-	6,114.45	-
2700 - Reimbursement	33,740.13	-	-	-	33,740.13	-
<b>Other income Totals</b>	<b>771,562.64</b>	-	<b>68,793.93</b>	-	<b>840,356.57</b>	-

### Internal organisations (income)

1901 - Internal organisations (inc)	1,000.00	-	-	-	1,000.00	-
2666 - Lay Worker Contributions	11,946.42	-	-	-	11,946.42	-
2671 - Transfer from TMCP	150,000.00	-	-	-	150,000.00	-



## Nottingham North East Methodist Circuit Statement of Financial Activities 2021 - 2022

<b>Internal organisations (income)</b>					
<b>Totals</b>	<b>162,946.42</b>	-	-	-	<b>162,946.42</b>
<b>Incoming resources Grand totals</b>	<b>947,110.14</b>	-	<b>68,793.93</b>	-	<b>1,015,904.07</b>

### RESOURCES USED

#### Circuit assessment or share

2001 - Circuit Assessment or Share	107,356.00	-	-	-	107,356.00
<b>Circuit assessment or share Totals</b>	<b>107,356.00</b>	-	-	-	<b>107,356.00</b>

#### Grants and donations

2101 - Methodist Entities	-	-	-	-	-
2104 - Benevolence Distributions	-	-	-	-	-
2105 - Other Collections - Payments	-	-	-	-	-
2106 - Collections Methodist - Payments	-	-	-	-	-
2670 - Grant	104,856.20	-	-	-	104,856.20
<b>Grants and donations Totals</b>	<b>104,856.20</b>	-	-	-	<b>104,856.20</b>

#### Repairs and maintenance

2220 - Manse - repairs, maintenance etc	12,269.73	-	30,706.33	-	42,976.06
2221 - Church - Repairs	2,336.54	-	-	-	2,336.54
2222 - Quinquennials	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Repairs and maintenance Totals</b>	<b>14,606.27</b>	-	<b>30,706.33</b>	-	<b>45,312.60</b>

#### Utilities, insurances etc

2301 - Insurance - Manses	8,068.44	-	-	-	8,068.44
2302 - Insurance - Other Buildings	2,237.75	-	-	-	2,237.75
2310 - Gas / Heating Bestwood Park Community Church	-	-	-	-	-
2320 - Water Rates	4,062.06	-	363.65	-	4,425.71
2321 - Council tax	12,206.04	-	2,326.00	-	14,532.04
<b>Utilities, insurances etc Totals</b>	<b>26,574.29</b>	-	<b>2,689.65</b>	-	<b>29,263.94</b>

#### Depreciation

2401 - Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Depreciation Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### Provisions

<b>Provisions Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
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#### Other expenditure

2072 - Transfer to other account	150,000.00	-	-	-	150,000.00
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**Nottingham North East Methodist Circuit Statement of Financial Activities 2021 - 2022**

<b>Resources used Grand totals</b>	<b>1,397,028.78</b>	<b>- 35,718.25</b>	<b>- 1,432,747.03</b>	<b>-</b>
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## 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 - *C. Smith*

Date – May 11<sup>th</sup> 2023

Name and address of treasurer – Catherine Smith  
NNE Circuit Office,  
c/o Bestwood Park Methodist Church,  
Beckhampton Road, Nottingham  
NG5 5NG

### 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: Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: *A. Charlesworth*

Name of the Chair of the meeting: *A. CHARLESWORTH* Date *30/06/23*

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Nottingham North East Methodist Circuit

Charity Number 1134223

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Nottingham North East Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022 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 - Nottingham North East Circuit

No - 22/01

### 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 ..... *Louise J Langford* .....

Name of independent examiner: ..... *LOUISE LANGFORD* .....

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

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

Address: ..... *32 OLD TANNERY DRIVE LOWDHAM* .....

..... *NOTTINGHAM* ..... Post Code: *NG14 7PS*

Date: ..... *29/06/2022* .....

\* delete or circle as appropriate

# RESERVES POLICY

Report on behalf of

Nottingham North East Methodist Circuit Meeting

To

Notts and Derby District

We submit our annual report in accordance with the requirements of the Methodist Conference and the Charity Commission guidance in CC19.

- (i) The trustees have established their mission aims taking into account all of the resources available in terms of people, property and money
- (ii) Mission initiatives/projects have been costed or estimates made of projected future costs which take into account the needs of the buildings and the requirements of the Quinquennial Inspection Report/s

(iii) We have agreed a Reserves Policy which is set out overleaf and is recorded in the trustees' minutes and our Annual Report

(iv) We recognise the need to be accountable as charity trustees for all the money which comes into our hands and will provide further information as required by the Circuit/District/Connexion

(v) Our Report is attached overleaf →

\* please delete as appropriate

## To be completed by Receiving Body

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Policy accepted and acknowledgement sent to the trustees

YES  / NO

Policy noted and the following enquiries made of the trustees

Responses received and any further action taken

\*Circuit

Signatures .....

Date.....

\* Please delete as appropriate

## RESERVES POLICY of

Nottingham North East Circuit Meeting

1.	General Funds held at Y/E 31/08/22	£2,691,619.21
2.	Restricted Funds held "	£82,606.68
3.	Endowment Funds held "	£0

## 4. Reserves policy for General Funds

6 months average expenses to be held with additional funds to maintain manses to acceptable standard

## 5. Policy for Restricted Funds

Restricted funds used only for work in the City Centre

## 6. Terms relating to Endowment Funds held

There are no endowment funds.

This Reserves Policy has been approved by

Nottingham North East Circuit Meeting

Treasurer	Trustee
Full name CATHERINE SMITH	Full Name A. CHARLESWORTH
Signature C Smith	Signature A. Charlesworth

## 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 - *C. Smith*

Date - May 11<sup>th</sup> 2023

Name and address of treasurer - Catherine Smith  
NNE Circuit Office,  
c/o Bestwood Park Methodist Church,  
Beckhampton Road, Nottingham  
NG5 5NG

### 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: Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: *A. Charlesworth*

Name of the Chair of the meeting: *A. CHARLESWORTH* Date *30/06/23*

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Nottingham North East Methodist Circuit

Charity Number 1134223

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Nottingham North East Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022 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 - Nottingham North East Circuit

No - 22/01

### 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 ..... *Louise J Langford*

Name of independent examiner: ..... *LOUISE LANGFORD*

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

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

Address: ..... *32 OLD TANNERY DRIVE LOWDHAM*

..... *NOTTINGHAM* Post Code: *NG14 7PS*

Date: ..... *29/06/2022*

\* delete or circle as appropriate

**Nottingham North East Circuit of the Methodist Church**

England & Wales - Charity number 1134223

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# Accounts

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## Annual Trustees Report Nottingham North East Circuit 2020 - 2021 Introduction

Welcome to the first Annual Trustees Report of the Nottingham North East Methodist Circuit following the joining of the Nottingham North and Nottingham East Methodist Circuits in September 2020. This amalgamation had been in planning for 18 months but becoming a new circuit in the middle of a global pandemic was not without its challenges. We quickly had to adapt to new ways of worship, conducting meetings and staying connected with each other to foster relationships and a cohesive new trustee body. Unfortunately, one of the key people (the treasurer) in the leadership team became ill, meaning that they were unable to take up their role. Despite these difficulties we feel that that we have already developed a strong circuit leadership team and trustee body and that churches do feel a part of this new circuit. We will continue to support churches as we develop our circuit vision plan and mission statement in the coming year.

### Aims and organisation

The Nottingham North East Circuit is a group of churches who seek, serve and follow Jesus so that God's love is shared in our communities and lives are transformed.

### Brief financial review of the year

As with many churches, the Circuit finances are a tale of two competing narratives. Our overall day to day running costs currently exceed our overall income. However, we end the year with a significant increase in overall funds due to property sale proceeds.

- **Income trends**

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches.

The rental income relates to the rental of a manse in Bulwell, the rental of office space at Bestwood Park church and rental of the former Netherfield Methodist Church. We also receive a connexional grant for the diaconate work in the City Centre and some district funding for our youth worker. We also received income following the closure of Mapperley Church (closure of CFB account)

- **Expenditure Trends**

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with conference approved increases.

14.7% of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

During this financial year we have encountered some extraordinary expenses, including a £10,000 redundancy payment, legionella testing for all churches, photocopying and postal costs for distribution of printed worship materials to those members unable to access digital worship.

- **Fund balances**

As of 31 August 2021 the net current assets of the Circuit were

Current Account	£63,472
CFB Account	£70,975
TMCP Account	£1,294,197

This allows us to adequately cover our reserves policy of keeping 6 months running costs available.

## **Plans for 2021 / 2022**

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there remain six full time ordained staff to be paid out of circuit funds and one full time deacon to be paid out of restricted funds from the sale of the Central Mission. We are mindful of the anticipated cost of living stipend increases combined with an increase in the assessment paid to the district. We also have a circuit administrator (30 hours per week). Our Youth Worker's contract finishes in August 2022, but we will be looking to continue their employment solely out of circuit funds. However, we are also mindful that many of our churches have experienced, and continue to experience, financial changes due to the Covid 19 pandemic. As such we continue to base the churches' assessment to circuit on membership, offertory and unrestricted funds which each church holds.

## **Basis of preparation and legal framework**

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 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

Full Name of Charity: Nottingham North East Methodist Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1134223

Date of registration: September 2020

Main communication address: Nottingham North East Circuit Office  
c/o Bestwood Park Methodist Church  
Beckhampton Road  
Nottingham  
NG5 5NG

[office@nnemethodist.org.uk](mailto:office@nnemethodist.org.uk)  
07988 538420

The members of the Nottingham North East Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Fully membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

### **Circuit Ministers and officers**

Active Circuit Ministers	Rev Andrew Charlesworth Rev Richard Byass Rev John Wiseman Rev Yanyan Case Deacon Helen Snowball Deacon Jenny Jones
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Circuit Lay Workers	Mr Marc Williamson (Circuit Youth Worker) Mrs Catherine Smith (Local Church Pastoral Worker)
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Circuit Stewards            Mr David Blount (Property)  
                                     Mrs Lynda Johnson  
                                     Ms Julie Compton  
                                     Mr I Pickering  
                                     Mrs Val Stone  
                                     Mr Derek Marshall (only served part of the year)

Administrator:            Mrs Catherine Smith  
                                     Mrs Elaine Lloyd (retired December 2021)

Name of treasurer acted as the principal officer overseeing the day-to-day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year.

Mr D Marshall (until October 2020) / Mr I Clarke

Accounts Prepared by Mrs Catherine Smith (advice received from Rev Andrew Charlesworth)  
This necessitated the combining of two previous sets of accounts into a single account.

Independent examiner    Mrs Louise Langford  
                                     32 Old Tannery Drive  
                                     Lowdham  
                                     Nottingham  
                                     NG14 7PS

Investment Bankers        Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church  
  
                                     Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Current Account            HSBC UK  
                                     26 Clumber Street  
                                     Nottingham  
                                     NG1 3GA

## **Aims and organisation**

Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around the north east of Nottingham 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 discipline of The Methodist Church.
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church.
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.
- e) The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.
- f) The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- g) The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
- h) Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

- i) Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
- j) Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

### **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 and Leaders of Worship Meeting and Circuit Safeguarding Officers.

### **Trustee Training**

All our circuit stewards have completed training on their role. We aim to keep the managing trustees aware of their responsibilities and will be undertaking further work on this in the future.

### **Related Parties**

The Circuit is part of the Nottingham and Derby District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Methodist Churches are part of the circuit

- Arnold Methodist Church
- Aspley Methodist Church (Meeting at Aspley YMCA)
- Awsorth Methodist Church (Meeting at the Youth Wing of the Village Hall)
- Bestwood Park Church LEP
- Burton Joyce Methodist Church – closing June 2022
- Calverton Methodist Church
- Gedling Rd Carlton Methodist Church
- Hucknall Central and East Side Methodist Church
- Main Street Carlton Methodist Church – now closed
- Nuthall Methodist Church Methodist Church
- Phoenix Farm Methodist Church
- The Church on Rise Park LEP
- St Johns Methodist Church
- Sherwood Methodist Church
- Thurgarton Methodist Church

### **Risk Management**

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Leadership Team with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

## **Safeguarding**

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Nottingham North East Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of the Nottingham North East Circuit Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches. We recommend that the Nottingham and Derby District Safeguarding Policy for Churches is adopted by local churches.

The Nottingham North East Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

## **Reserves Policy**

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 4 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Nottingham North East	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 AUGUST 2021

Notts and Derby	District	Circuit no	22-Jan
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1134223
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If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number

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(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242 )

Ministers:

Rev Andrew Charlesworth
Rev Richard Byass
Rev John Wiseman
Rev Yanyan Case
Deacon Helen Snowball
Deacon Jenny Jones

Circuit Stewards:

David Blount
Julie Compton
Lynda Johnson
Ian Pickering
Valerie Stone

Treasurer:

Catherine Smith
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SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
a2	Assessment/Share	311,787			<b>311,787</b>	328,566
a3	Capital receipts		937,962		<b>937,962</b>	259,286
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	94	5,621		<b>5,715</b>	6,941
a5	Grants	32,730		51,886	<b>84,616</b>	21,546
a6	Other receipts	141,083	164,477		<b>305,560</b>	20,908
a7	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>485,694</b>	<b>1,108,059</b>	<b>51,886</b>	<b>1,645,639 (a8)</b>	<b>637,247</b>

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	384,182		280	<b>384,462</b>	300,806
b3	Manse Costs	36,089		943	<b>37,032</b>	69,467
b4	Administration etc	12,249	1,354		<b>13,603</b>	213,000
b5	District Assessment	92,116	243,954		<b>336,070</b>	57,645
b6	Grants & donations			1,132	<b>1,132</b>	33,373
b7						
b8	Other payments	26,324	301,360		<b>327,684</b>	91,076
b9	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>550,960</b>	<b>546,667</b>	<b>2,355</b>	<b>1,099,983 (b9)</b>	<b>573,967</b>

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a7-b9)</b>	<b>(65,266)</b>	<b>561,392</b>	<b>49,531</b>	<b>545,657</b>	<b>63,280</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	149,824	733,357		883,181 (c6)	154,055	
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>84,557</b>	<b>1,294,749</b>	<b>49,531</b>	<b>1,428,838</b>	<b>217,335</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments	360			360 (c7)		
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>84,917</b>	<b>1,294,749</b>	<b>49,531</b>	<b>1,429,198 (c8)</b>	<b>217,335 (c6)</b>

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
d	<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>					
	<b>(these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)</b>					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				2,982	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				2,622	
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)</b>				<b>360</b>	

**SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING****SECTION E** Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

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

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds				(e11)	(e12)
e9	1,645,639 (a8)	1,099,983 (b9)	545,657	360 (c7)	883,181 (c6)	1,429,198 (c8)
e10	<b>1,645,639</b>	<b>1,099,983</b>	<b>545,657</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>883,181 (x)</b>	<b>1,429,198 (y)</b>
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

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

**SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	53,517	63,472
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	96,306	70,975
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	733,357	1,294,749
f6	Other funds		
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>883,181 (c6)</b>	<b>1,429,197 (c8)</b>
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT</b>	<b>883,181 (x)</b>	<b>1,429,197 (y)</b>

**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,761,872
g3	Other Assets	
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	
g5	Other Liabilities	

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

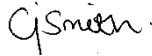
f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer Date 30-06-22



Name and address of treasurer Catherine Smith

13 Westbrook Avenue, Ravenshead, Nottingham Postcode: NG15 9FY

### Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 will be presented to the Circuit meeting held on .....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Andrew Charlesworth Date 30-06-22

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Nottingham North East Circuit

Charity Number 1134223

### Responsibilities and basis of report

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\* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit NOTTINGHAM NORTH EAST No 1134 223

### Independent Examiner's Statement

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Signature of independent examiner Louise J Langford

Name of independent examiner LOUISE LANGFORD

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....

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

Address 32 OLD TANNERY DRIVE LOWOHAM

NOTTINGHAM Post Code NG14 7PS

Date 30/06/2022

\* delete or circle as appropriate

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**Nottingham North East Circuit of the Methodist Church**

England & Wales - Charity number 1134223

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# Accounts

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Nottingham North Circuit of the Methodist  
Church

Trustees Annual Report

Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020

## 1. Objectives and Activities

Our Calling as the Nottingham North Circuit of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out our discipleship in worship and mission, doing this through Evangelism, Worship, Service, Learning and Caring.

## 2. Achievements and performance

The circuit has engaged with churches and local communities to provide a wider mission to society and to develop whole life discipleship by

- Supporting radical hospitality
- Encouraging passionate worship
- Resourcing intentional faith development
- Supporting, encouraging and resourcing risk taking mission and service
- Engaging in and supporting extravagant generosity
- Responding to the challenges of the Covid 19 pandemic, working within and following government guidelines from March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020 to August 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.

### 2.1. Plans for future years

In light of Covid 19 we will carry forward plans already in place, making adjustments in line with government restrictions and guidelines.

Nottingham East Methodist Circuit Charity (1134229) will officially and formally merge with Nottingham North Methodist Circuit Charity (1134223) to become Nottingham North East Methodist Circuit Charity (1134223) on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2020

#### **Evangelism** – *to make more followers of Christ*

Over the next 5 years we will encourage our churches to increase the number of disciples (church members) with the number of new members outweighing natural loss in churches through varying styles of evangelism, pioneer ministry, Fresh Expressions and Church Planting.

In 2020 – 2021 we will

- Engage with the Nottingham and Derby District to provide Mission shaped Introduction and Mission Shaped Ministry Courses in our churches
- Engage and promote resources which grow confidence in the Gospel and an ability to share faith
- Organise missions within the circuit and identify evangelists of all ages to take part
- Promote the National Weekend of Invitation and end encourage an invitational mindset

#### **Worship** – *to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love*

We will resource diverse styles and opportunities for passionate worship.

In 2020 – 2021 we will

- Organise Circuit worship and bible events
- Promote youth led worship around the circuit
- Identify new local preachers and worship leaders in the circuit

#### **Service** – *To be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice*

To be outward looking in our communities, serving needs and to seek justice wherever we are able

In 2020 – 2021 we will

- Promote outreach work in our communities and to encourage Chaplaincy in different sectors

**Learning and caring** – *to help people to grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care*

We will resource churches to nurture an attitude of intentional faith development across the circuit

In 2020 – 2021 we will

- Encourage our people to attend whole life discipleship courses
- Resource creative ways of developing spirituality and engaging with the bible

### **3 Financial Review**

#### **3.1 Investment policy and performance**

To comply with Methodist Standing Orders, moneys for long time investment are lodged with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP). TMCP acts as custodian trustee for all real estate held by Districts and for all large (over 20k) bequests and for the proceeds of sale of any property formerly owned by the District. These sums are invested in unitized investments or held on deposit. The investment returns are close to tracking the movements in the FTSE 100 index. The deposit income mirrors the deposit rates available elsewhere. The Nottingham North Circuit Trustees' investment policy is aligned with that of the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church (CFB) and TMCP because these organisations take into consideration the social, environmental and ethical considerations, both negatively and positively, that make investments suitable for the Methodist Church.

Short term deposits are lodged directly with the Central Finance Board (CFB) and attract good rates of interest.

There are no benchmarks for the expected returns or appreciation on investments at TMCP and CFB. It is the Circuit's policy to manage the cash and investment resources of the Circuit so that a rate of return on investment – both by way of dividend and capital appreciation – is obtained at least as good as market rate considering the Circuit's low appetite for risk.

### 3.2 Reserves level and policy

The reserves 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 was £567765

Which can be split

Unrestricted Funds

General £60263

Model Trust Fund £507502

Restricted Funds £0

Total funds £567765

The Trustees have agreed to keep the general funds to a level representing 6 months expenditure.

All monies are invested with the CFB or TMCP with a certain amount kept in the current account for week by week expenses

### 3.3 Collaborative arrangements with connected charities

The circuit's main source of funding is the assessments obtained from each church within the circuit, based on a formula which included the churches' ability to pay. This amounted to £157457

#### **4. Trustees' responsibilities**

For each financial year ending on 31 August the Trustees are required to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees must:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently using the accruals method;
2. Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
3. Follow applicable accounting standards;
4. Prepare accounts to comply with the Charities SORP.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Circuit and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Circuit and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information (if any) included on the Circuit's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom, governing and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

In addition to the above, the Trustees are responsible for ensuring the Health and Safety policy is implemented.

Training in the responsibilities of trustees is offered to all new trustees soon after their appointment.

#### **4.1 Risk**

The Circuit is largely risk averse, but especially in making grants to churches embarking on new and imaginative initiatives. The Circuit is prepared to underwrite considered risks.

### **5 Structure, governance and management**

The Circuit is an unincorporated association and is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church and was registered with the Charity Commissioners on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

#### **5.1 Structure**

Circuits are the coordinating charities for local groups of Churches; Circuits pay the stipends of the ministers and employ lay staff to serve the Churches in the Circuit; most decisions are made at and ratified by the periodic Circuit Meeting. A District is the coordinating charity for a group of contiguous Circuits and makes its decisions at half yearly Synods. The Methodist Conference meets once each year as the supreme denominational body for all Methodist Churches.

Overall regulatory authority rests with the Methodist Conference.

The Connexional Office implements decisions made by Conference and is also responsible for the stationing of presbyters and deacons (collectively known as ministers) in individual Circuits within the District.

Connexional decisions are passed to the Chair of District and the appropriate officers of the District for implementation.

The District passes control down to Circuit level for local implementation by the Superintendent Minister, ministerial staff and Circuit Stewards, and authority is delegated to the Circuit Meeting for certain matters.

The Circuit Meeting passes regulatory control down to Church Councils for local implementation by the presbyter, the Church Stewards, and other officers, and this regulatory authority is then exercised by Church Councils as Managing Trustees of their charity.



## **5.2 Purpose of the Circuit**

The Circuit is a local grouping of churches.

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

- a. the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church, and
- b. any charitable purposes for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organization of the Methodist Church, and
- c. any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church, and
- d. any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary of the Methodist Church.

The primary purpose of the Circuit is to advance the mission of the Churches in its geographical area:

1. to provide ministry and administrative resources to local churches.
2. offering to Churches, resources of finance, property, personnel and safeguarding expertise.

## **5.3 Governance**

The Circuit operates within a statutory framework of regulation and seeks to ensure that it follows Methodist Standing Orders. It relies on the District and the Connexional Office at 25 Marylebone Road London NW1 5JR to provide guidance on changes that could affect the Circuit.

The Circuit Meeting is the principle body responsible for the affairs of the Circuit and the development of circuit policy.

Membership of the Circuit Meeting is set out in the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church, (standing orders).

#### **5.4 Responsibility of the Circuit Meeting**

- a. to formulate and promote policies which will advance our policy of discipleship and mission, through evangelism, worship, service, learning and caring;
- b. to supervise the use of resources of personnel, finance and property and to assist local Churches having exceptional problems;
- c. to encourage inter- Church and Ecumenical co-operation;
- d. to assess the contribution to be made by each local church towards the general expenditure of the Circuit, including the circuit contribution to the Methodist Church Fund;
- e. to keep within its purview all Circuit concerns not dealt with elsewhere;
- f. to contribute and respond, as the case may be, to the development of Connexional policies as reflected in the work of the Conference and the Methodist Council, and the District, and to carry out its other responsibilities with any such development in mind;
- g. to be constantly aware of the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

The Circuit Meeting is charged to undertake these policies with the practices of radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity within the Circuit.

#### **Key Working Practices**

It will ensure that:

- Appropriate staff have been and will be appointed to resource and implement the Circuit Policy.
- Safeguarding policies and practices permeate all areas of Circuit life.
- Equality, diversity and inclusion informs our practice.
- Finance and resources are in place to enable the vision of the Policy.
- Circuits and churches are enabled to develop their own Mission Plans by 2020.

## **6. Reference and Administrative Details**

### **6.1 Name of the Charity**

Nottingham North Circuit of the Methodist Church

### **6.2 Charity registration number**

1134223

### **6.3 Principal Office**

n/a

### **6.4 Chair of Circuit Meeting**

Rev Andrew Charlesworth

### **6.5 Secretary of Circuit Meeting**

Mr Graham Daft

### **6.6 Circuit Treasurer**

Mr David Gorton

## **6.8 Names of Trustees**

The following served as trustees throughout part or all of the year, or were trustees at the date of the report

Rev Andrew Charlesworth  
Rev Sue Edwards  
Rev Barbara Neill  
Rev Lawrence Sharp  
Rev David Wheatley  
Gillian Bakewell  
David Blount  
Jennifer Breaks  
Derrick Brewster  
Anne Brewster  
Doreen Carruthers  
Steve Corah  
Rebecca Cornell  
Graham Daft  
Jill Daft  
Christopher Easton  
Pauline Fisher  
Joan French  
David Gorton  
Joan Hallam  
Lynda Johnson  
Anthony Derek Marshall  
Ian Pickering  
Shirley Pickett  
Audrey Seaman  
Gill Slack  
Patricia Stansby  
Peter Stokes  
Valerie Stone  
Gillian Surgay  
Elizabeth Walker  
Janet Wilson

## **6.9 Managing Trustees**

The Managing Trustees for the circuit are all members of the circuit meeting

## **6.10 Bank**

HSBC Arnold

## **6.11 Investment Managers**

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church  
9 Bonhill Street  
London  
ERC2A 4PE

### **6.12 Custodian Trustees**

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes  
Central Buildings,  
Oldham Street  
Manchester  
M1 1JQ

### **6.13 Independent Examiner**

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus  
Units 1&2 North West,  
41 Talbot Street  
Nottingham  
NG1 5GL

### **Approvals**

Signed on behalf of the Circuit Meeting by:

Trustee

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Date

Trustee

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Date

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