

NORTH CUMBRIA METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1134232

Details

Other names	CARLISLE METHODIST CIRCUIT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2010-02-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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: TEACHING OF CHRISTIANITY THROUGH SERMONS, COURSES & SMALL GROUPS. PASTORAL WORKINCLUDING VISITING THE SICK & BEREAVED. TAKING RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLIES IN LOCAL SCHOOLS.PROMOTING THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH (& AIDING SOCIAL COHESION) THROUGH ACTIVITIES FOR OLDER PEOPLE, PARENTS AND TODDLERS & OTHER SPECIFIC NEED GROUPS. SUPPORTING OTHER CHARITIES IN THE UK & OVERSEAS FINANCIALLY & WITH PRAYER

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Cumbria

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£244,633	£358,864	-	-
2024-08-31	£255,063	£345,615	-	-
2023-08-31	£244,705	£322,687	-	-
2022-08-31	£406,719	£296,976	-	-
2021-08-31	£179,524	£223,376	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev David Newlove	Chair	2018-09-01
ALICE GREGAN		2017-11-01
Anne Anderson		2014-09-01
Barbara Clare Collinson		2014-09-01
CHRISTOPHER ADRIAN MITCHELSON		
CLARE DRIFFIELD		
Christine Louise Wharton		2015-09-01
Christine Margaret Kelly		2015-09-01
DOROTHY LAMB		
Deacon Mark Attwood		2021-09-01
Di Armstrong		2014-09-01
HAROLD BOWRON		2013-04-21
IAN STEWART		
JANICE ELIZABETH GRAY		2016-09-01
JOHN HUGGON		2004-09-01
Janet Elizabeth Wright		2018-09-01
Janet Mary Thompson		2016-09-01
John Oldman		2015-03-01
Joseph John Stobart Pattinson		2016-09-01
Kathleen Bowron		2014-09-01
Ken Holmes		2013-09-01
LEO MANN		
LYNNE GRAHAM		
Linda Johnson		2014-09-01
MARGERLY LITTLE		
MARGERLY MALLINSON		
MARION PROUDFOOT		

Name	Role	Appointed
MARY CAMPBELL CADDLE		
MILLIE MCKEY		
Melvyn Whatmough		2014-09-01
NATHAN ROBERT PATTINSON		
Nan Martin		2014-09-01
Nancy Simpson		2014-09-01
Patricia Staley		2013-09-01
RAYMOND BARON		
Rev GILBERT SYDNEY HALL		2014-09-01
Rev Philip Jackson		2021-09-01
Rev Tokunbo Asogbon		2021-09-01
Roland Malcolm Lowe		2016-09-01
STUART DENIS WILKINSON		
Selby Harrison		2014-03-01
WILLIAM LITTLE		
Wendy Lawson		2016-09-01

Accounts

NORTH CUMBRIA METHODIST CIRCUIT TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31st AUGUST 2025

Introduction

The Trustees are pleased to present the Annual Report of The Trustees of the North Cumbria Methodist Circuit (hereinafter referred to as “The Circuit”) for the year ending 31st August 2025.

The Circuit continues to grow and develop together as we work towards a single circuit. The new Circuit Mission and Vision Plan was agreed.

The Charity chosen by the Circuit for this year was “Cumbria Agricultural Chaplaincy.”

The new North West England District, of which Cumbria is now a part, launched with an event at Victoria Hall, Bolton

Staffing

Reverend Phil Jackson began his 4 year reinvitation. He remains Co-Superintendent and is still based in Wigton, Cornerstone churches.

Reverend David Newlove remains Co-Superintendent but also began his new post as Mission Area Lead for the Cumbrian Mission Area. He has been working half time in Circuit and half time as Mission Area Lead from September 2024. Subject to Synod and Connexional agreement to a Single Cumbria Circuit in September 2025 David will become Superintendent for the new Single Cumbria Circuit and no longer have pastoral charge of any churches.

Reverend Tokunbo Asogbon remains in Borders Methodist Church, Brampton but has requested to enter stationing in September 2026.

Deacon Mark, Mission Enabler, came to the end of his role in Cumbria and moved to Barnsley.

Reverend Nigel Rogers joined us in August to take over the churches for which David Newlove previously had pastoral charge,

Stationing:

Reverend Tokunbo Asogbon remains in Borders Methodist Church, Brampton but has requested to enter stationing in September 2026.

NEW APPOINTMENTS:

Circuit Stewards: Alan Fearon, Selby Harrison, Rita Yeowart

Circuit Meeting Secretary: Vicky Logan

Financial Steward: George Denholm

Safeguarding: Margaret Drury

Circuit Property Officer: Vacant (Duties divided between CLT & Manse Secretary)

Circuit Manses Secretary: Christine Kelly

Circuit Invitation Committee:

Circuit Ministers, Circuit Stewards, Circuit Meeting Secretary.

2 people per hub:

Borders: Millie McKey, Dorothy Lamb.

Solway: Christine Kelly, Lynne Graham.

Cornerstone: Margaret Ferriby, Betty Jagger.

City: Clare Driffield, John Huggon.

SYNOD REPS:

Lay Workers: Janice Gray, Jennie Crawley

Lay Reps to Synod: Rita Yeowart, Clare Driffield, George Denholm.

CIRCUIT SAFEGUARDING ADMINISTRATOR. Vicky Logan

CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS INDEPENDENT EXAMINER. Malcolm Uppard.

CIRCUIT ARCHIVIST: Vacant.

MANSES COMMITTEE: CLT plus Manse Secretary.

TO NOTE:

SECRETARY to LOCAL PREACHERS	Chris Mitchelson
TUTOR to LOCAL PREACHERS	Hazel Edmundson
PRESIDENT METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN	Pat Staley
SECRETARY METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN	Margery Little
TREASURER to METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN	Moirra Muse

The Leadership Team.

The leadership team consists of the Presbyters, Deacon and four Circuit Stewards who represent all Hubs.

Much work has been undertaken to develop the Hubs even further. In Carlisle there is now one Carlisle Methodist Church on three sites, Wigton Road, Upperby and Newtown/ Refresh.

Solway Methodists: Dalston, Monkhill, Thurstonfield, Port Carlisle, four churches who join together for some events.

Cornerstones, incorporating Wigton, Caldbeck, Abbeytown, Silloth, Aspatria.

Borders Methodist Church on three sites, Brampton, Gilsland, Longtown at present with Wetheral due to become a member 1st September 2024.

The Mission Enabler has continued his work with Estate Ministry and Children and Families work.

On-line and Zoom meetings continued as well as Bible studies, Lent meetings, Prayer workshops, fellowship groups and training programmes.

Aims and organisation .

The Governing Document of the Charity is the Deed of Union of the Methodist Church 1932 and the Methodist Church Act 1976. The purposes of the Methodist Church are, and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union, the advancement of:

The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;

Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;

Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;

Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

There are now 13 places of worship in the area covered by the Circuit and they are all open to anyone who may wish to visit them without any charge.

The Circuit continues with a quarterly preaching plan to ensure that regular acts of worship take place at all the churches and chapels in its geographical area and that the following activities take place to further the objectives set out above:-

- 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 where appropriate.

- **Public Benefit**

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

- **Brief financial review of the year**

The main source of income in this and every year is the assessment paid by the churches within the Circuit area. In the year to 31st August 2025, the assessments totalled £179,900.

Grants:

The Circuit received grant funding of £16,000 from the Connexion in respect of the employment of our Mission Enabler.

£15,000 from the District, setting up costs for the new circuit

£3,000 from District towards employment costs of Children and Families Worker

- **Total grants:** £34,000.

Expenditure re Stipends etc

The main expenditure relates to the stipends of presbyters and the salaries of lay employees, together with related employment costs, including the provision of manse to presbyters and the reimbursement of travelling and other costs, totalling **£211,422**. Stipends have increased annually in line with conference approved percentages and lay employees are paid, in accordance with Methodist Standing Orders, no less than the hourly rates set by the Living Wage Foundation.

Other costs include the contribution to the District **£57,155**

Manse costs include: £4,546 for new windows at Brampton manse. £5,850 for drive and patio repairs at Wigton Manse.

At 31st August 2025 the net current, unrestricted, assets of the Circuit were **£400,824** compared with total expenditure for the year of **£358,864**.

Plans for the 2025/2026 Circuit finances for the coming year have been prepared on the basis of changes in our current staffing figures, with anticipated cost of living stipend and pay increases combined with an increase in the assessments paid to the District and Connexion but with a knowledge of how costs will be affected with the move into the Single Cumbria Circuit at the end of this year.

Levels of assessments requested from the churches in the Circuit have been discussed with all churches as some churches were still unable to meet the level of assessments requested by the Circuit.

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 comprising the presbyters, deacon and circuit stewards.

Trustee Training :

A range of guidance is produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit, including the leaflet "The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church".

Related Partners

The Circuit is now part of the North West England District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. 13 Churches are linked to the Circuit and are listed in Appendix A to this Report.

From September 1st 2024 the District will be part of North West Methodist District incorporating Cumbria, Bolton and Rochdale, Lancashire and Liverpool in a single district.

From September 1st 2025 a single Cumbria Circuit will be formed combining the current 9 circuits across the District.

Risk Management

Major risks, both physical and financial, are identified and recorded and professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget 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.

This year a Safeguarding audit was carried out and extra training sessions organised.

There was also EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) training for those who had not already done it.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

1. The care and nurture, 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.
2. The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
3. The Circuit 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.
4. The Circuit will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
5. The Circuit will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
6. The Circuit will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
7. The Circuit 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.
8. In all these principles the Circuit will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

The Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches. The 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.

The Safeguarding Policy for the Circuit was renewed and signed and distributed to all churches as was an accident book.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold approximately two quarters 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 the failure of churches to meet their quarterly assessment liabilities in full.

Legal and Administrative

The Circuit's financial statement for the year ended 31 August 2025 has been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) applicable in the UK (effective from 1st January 2015)

– the Charities SORP – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the “true and fair override” provision contained therein.

Full Name of Charity: North Cumbria Methodist Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1134232

Date of registration 2014

Main communication address: 42, Kirkland Fold , Wigton. CA7 9LL

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

A full list of Trustees is shown in Appendix B to this Report. Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers : Rev David Newlove, Rev Phil Jackson, Rev Tokunbo Asogbon, Deacon Mark Atwood

Circuit Stewards

Mr George Denholm - Steward with financial responsibility and Primary User for access to on-line banking.

Mr Alan Fearon

Mr Selby Harrison

Mrs Rita Yeowart

Administrator and Circuit Meeting Secretary : Miss Vicky Logan

Saints and Co accountants were to be used for Circuit accounts.

Independent examiner Mr Malcolm Uppard, 1 Green Lane, Houghton, Carlisle. CA3 0NT. Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Bankers H.S.B.C. 29 English Street, Carlisle. CA3 8JX.

APENDIX A.

LIST OF CHURCHES IN THE NORTH CUMBRIA CIRCUIT

Cornerstones :

Aspatria, Abbeytown, Wigton, Caldbeck.

Silloth Church was sold - the members now meet as a house group. Caldbeck was valued last year.

Solway Churches:

Dalston, Monkhill, Thurstonfield. Thursby Chapel sold June 2024.

City Methodist Churches:

Newtown, Wigton Road, Upperby.

Border Churches: Brampton, Gilsland, Wetheral
Longtown Methodist Church meet in Community centre.

Port Carlisle (Circuit resource centre)

Port Carlisle (Now renamed Port Carlisle Community Chapel) and is run by a management committee of volunteers.

MANSES:

Charlton Way(Crindledyke, Carlisle), Grange Drive,Carlisle.

Kirkland Meadows, Wigton. Manor Gardens, Brampton.

The Manses have still needed quite a lot of work this year. Because of the formation of a Single Cumbrian Circuit in September 2025, the future of the Manses will be decided in 2026.

Celebrations and Goodbyes.

Celebration Weekend :

On the 12th July a Farewell Gathering/ Cumberland Event was held to give thanks for Reverend David Newlove and Deacon Mark's ministry amongst us.

On 13th July a Celebration and Farewell Service was held to give thanks for the North Cumbria circuit and those who had worked so hard during as part of it.

On 31st August 2025 the Cumbria Circuit was launched and celebrated and our new ministers were all welcomed.

August 31st 2025 marks the end of North Cumbria Methodist Circuit.

APPENDIX B

List of Trustees up to 31st August 2025

Role	Church	First Name	Surname	
Church Rep	Brampton	Di	Armstrong	
Minister	Circuit	Tokunbo	Asogbon	
Deacon	Circuit	Mark	Attwood	
Church Steward	CMC, Upperby	Jean	Baron	
Church Treasurer	Longtown	Christine	Batey	
Supernumerary	Circuit	Paul	Beard	
LP Meeting rep	Brampton	Wendy	Beard	
Church Treasurer	Monkhill	Harold	Bowron	
Church Steward	Monkhill	Kathleen	Bowron	
Church Treasurer	CMC, Wigton Road	Mary	Caddle	
C&F worker	Cornerstone	Jennie	Crawley	
Finance Steward	Circuit	George	Denholm	
Church Rep	Cornerstone	Rosalind	Denholm	
Church Steward	CMC, Re:Fresh	Clare	Driffield	
Safeguarding	Circuit	Margaret	Drury	
Circuit Steward	Circuit	Alan	Fearon	

Hub Steward	Cornerstone	Margaret	Ferriby	
Supernumeracy	Circuit	Joan	Gooding	
Church Steward	Monkhill	Lynne	Graham	
Hub Steward	CMC, Wigton Road	Janice	Gray	
Supernumeracy	Circuit	Gilbert	Hall	

Supernumeracy	Circuit	Colin	Harbach	
Hub Steward	Cornerstone	Steve	Harding	
Hub Steward	CMC Upperby	Betty	Harrison	
Circuit Steward	Circuit	Selby	Harrison	
Hub Treasurer	Cornerstone	Abigail	Hartshorne - Bell	
Supernumeracy	Circuit	Margaret	Jackson	
Superintendent	Circuit	Phil	Jackson	
Church Treasurer	Brampton	Linda	Johnson	
Church Steward	CMC, Newtown	Ken	Holmes	
Church Rep	Thurstonfield	Archie	Kelly	
Manse Secretary	Circuit	Christine	Kelly	
Hub Steward	Upperby	Jennifer	Kendall	
Supernumeracy	Circuit	Ruth	Kershaw	

Hub Steward	CMC Wigton Road	Susan	Kidd	
Church Steward	Longtown	Dorothy	Lamb	
M.W.i.B. Rep	Dalston	Margery	Little	
Church Steward	Dalston	William	Little	
LP Meeting Rep	Dalston	Margery	Mallinson	
Church Treasurer	CMC Upperby	Leo	Mann	
Church Steward	Wetheral	Millie	McKey	
Church Rep	Monkhill	Glynis	Milburn	
Supernumeracy	Circuit	John	Millard	
LP&WL Secretary	Circuit	Chris	Mitchelson	
Superintendent	Circuit	David	Newlove	
Church Treasurer	Dalston	John	Oldman	
Church Steward	Dalston	Ann	Oldman	
LP Meeting Rep	Thurstonfield	Mary	Pattinson	
Church Steward	Thurstonfield	Nathan	Pattinson	
Hub Steward	Cornerstone	Janet	Porterhouse	
Hub Steward	CMC, Newtown	Marion	Proudfoot	

Church Rep	Longtown	Pauline	Robson	
Church Steward	Brampton	Nancy	Simpson	
Hub Steward	CMC Wigton Road	Pat	Staley	
Hub Rep	CMC Upperby	Ian	Stewart	
Church Rep	Gilsland	Evelynne	Whatmough	
Church Secretary	Gilsland	Melvyn	Whatmough	
Church Treasurer	CMC, Re:Fresh	Stuart	Wilkinson	
Hub Rep	CMC Wigton Road	Maira	Wilson	
Church Steward	Dalston	Janet	Wright	
Circuit Steward	Circuit	Rita	Yeowart	

Signed on behalf of the Circuit by

.....(signed)

Rev David Newlove Superintendent Minister

.....(signed)

George Denholm Circuit Treasurer

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

North Cumbria	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025**

North West England	District	Circuit no	1/23
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1134232

If not a registered charity **His Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**

(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. David Newlove
Rev. Phil Jackson
Rev. Tokunbo Asogbon
Deacon Mark Attwood

Circuit Stewards:

Alan Fearon
Selby Harrison
Rita Yeowart

Treasurer:

George Denholm

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note		£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS						
a2	Assessment/Share		179,900			179,900	174,186
a3	Capital receipts			217,000		217,000	121,045
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,808	13,701		15,509	10,588
a5	Grants		31,000		3,000	34,000	45,500
a6	Other receipts		6,964		8,261	15,224	24,789
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		219,672	230,700	11,261	461,633 (a8)	376,108

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		145,878		18,609	164,487	198,841
b3	Manse Costs		31,725			31,725	37,887
b4	Administration etc		14,577	633		15,210	25,756
b5	District Assessment		49,922	7,233		57,155	43,725
b6	Grants & donations						5,000
b7							
b8	Other payments		27,487	62,800		90,287	34,406
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		269,589	70,665	18,609	358,864 (b9)	345,615

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(49,917)	160,035	(7,349)	102,769	30,493
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		88,599	169,875	3,834	262,308 (c6)	231,816
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	38,682	329,910	(3,515)	365,077	262,309
c4	Transfers and adjustments		9,000	(16,000)	7,000		
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	47,682	313,910	3,485	365,077 (c8)	262,309 (c6)

SECTION D						
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					3,913
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				3,000	3,506
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				3,000	7,419
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					

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 2025 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	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)						(c6)		(c8)	
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT						(x)		(y)	
	461,633	(a8)	358,864	(b9)	102,769	(c7)	262,308	(c6)	365,077	(c8)
	461,633		358,864		102,769		262,308	(x)	365,077	(y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		TOTAL RECEIPTS		TOTAL PAYMENTS						

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	22,494	10,031
f3		
f4	69,939	41,136
f5	169,875	313,910
f6		
f7	262,308 (c6)	365,077 (c8)
f8	(e11)	(e12)
f9	262,308 (x)	365,077 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1	33371	35747
g2	2,089,849	2,131,274
g3		
g4		
g5		

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 2025 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 24th Sept. 2025
Name and address of treasurer GEORGE DENHOLM
42 KIRKLAND FOLD, WIGTON Post Code CA7 9LL

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting
Name of the Chair of the meeting Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

North Cumbria Methodist Circuit

Charity Number .. 1134232

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the NORTH CUMBRIA Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2025 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

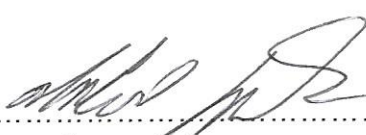
Independent Examiner's Statement

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.

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

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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner MALCOLM UPWARD

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCA

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 1 GREEN LANE, Houghton

..... CARLISLE Post Code CA3 0NT

Date 10TH DECEMBER 2025,

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THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

North Cumbria	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025**

North West England	District	Circuit no	1/23
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SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note		£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS						
a2	Assessment/Share		179,900			179,900	174,186
a3	Capital receipts			217,000		217,000	121,045
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,808	13,701		15,509	10,588
a5	Grants		31,000		3,000	34,000	45,500
a6	Other receipts		6,964		8,261	15,224	24,789
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		219,672	230,700	11,261	461,633 (a8)	376,108

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		145,878		18,609	164,487	198,841
b3	Manse Costs		31,725			31,725	37,887
b4	Administration etc		14,577	633		15,210	25,756
b5	District Assessment		49,922	7,233		57,155	43,725
b6	Grants & donations						5,000
b7							
b8	Other payments		27,487	62,800		90,287	34,406
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		269,589	70,665	18,609	358,864 (b9)	345,615

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(49,917)	160,035	(7,349)	102,769	30,493
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		88,599	169,875	3,834	262,308 (c6)	231,816
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	38,682	329,910	(3,515)	365,077	262,309
c4	Transfers and adjustments		9,000	(16,000)	7,000		
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	47,682	313,910	3,485	365,077 (c8)	262,309 (c6)

SECTION D						
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					3,913
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				3,000	3,506
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				3,000	7,419
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					

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 2025 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 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	461,633 (a8)	358,864 (b9)	102,769	(c7)	262,308 (c6)	365,077 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	461,633	358,864	102,769		262,308 (x)	365,077 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	22,494	10,031
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	69,939	41,136
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	169,875	313,910
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	262,308 (c6)	365,077 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	262,308 (x)	365,077 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	33371	35747
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,089,849	2,131,274
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 2025 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 24th Sept. 2025
Name and address of treasurer GEORGE DENHOLM
42 KIRKLAND FOLD, WIGTON Post Code CA7 9LL

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

North Cumbria Methodist Circuit

Charity Number .. 1134232

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the NORTH CUMBRIA Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2025 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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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.

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Date 10TH DECEMBER 2025,

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Accounts

NORTH CUMBRIA METHODIST CIRCUIT TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31st AUGUST 2024

Introduction

The Trustees are pleased to present the Annual Report of The Trustees of the North Cumbria Methodist Circuit (hereinafter referred to as “The Circuit”) for the year ending 31st August 2024.

The new Circuit continues to grow and develop together as we work towards a single circuit. The new Circuit Mission and Vision Plan was agreed.

The Charity chosen by the Circuit for this year was “Release International.”

Staffing

Staffing has seen the beginning of many changes throughout the year. Reverend Phil Jackson was offered a re-invitation for 4 years. He remains Co-Superintendent and is still based in Wigton, Cornerstone churches. Reverend David Newlove based in Carlisle, Carlisle Methodist Churches remains Co-Superintendent. In May 2024, David was appointed Mission Area Lead for the Cumbrian Mission Area. He will be half time in Circuit and half time Mission Area Lead from September 2024. Subject to Synod and Connexional agreement to a Single Cumbria Circuit, David will become Superintendent for the new Single Cumbria Circuit and no longer have pastoral charge of any churches.

Reverend Tokunbo Asogbon remains in Brampton, Borders Methodist Churches. He was received into Full Connexion at the Methodist Conference in Leeds on 30th June 2024. The ceremony was watched on line at a joint service for the Borders Hub held at Brampton Church.

Deacon Mark, Mission Enabler requested and was granted a Sabbatical from May to August. His role as Mission Enabler, which is grant funded, will come to an end September 2025. He stated a desire to remain in Cumbria.

Stationing:

The Circuit Invitation Committee met throughout the year to look at stationing requests for Deacon Mark Attwood's role and a Presbyteral replacement for David Newlove to cover the churches of which he has pastoral charge.

New Appointments.

Vicky Logan was appointed as Circuit Meeting Secretary.

Jennie Crawley was appointed as Children and Family worker by Cornerstones.

The Leadership Team.

The leadership team consists of the Presbyters, Deacon and four Circuit Stewards who represent all Hubs.

Much work has been undertaken to develop the Hubs even further. In Carlisle there is now one Carlisle Methodist Church on three sites, Wigton Road, Upperby and Newtown/ Refresh.

Solway Methodists: Dalston, Monkhill, Thurstonfield, Port Carlisle, four churches who join together for some events.

Cornerstones, incorporating Wigton, Caldbeck, Abbeytown, Silloth, Aspatria.

Borders Methodist Church on three sites, Brampton, Gilsland, Longtown at present with Wetheral due to become a member 1st September 2024.

The Mission Enabler has continued his work with Estate Ministry and Children and Families work.

On-line and Zoom meetings continued as well as Bible studies, Lent meetings, Prayer workshops, fellowship groups and training programmes.

Aims and organisation .

The Governing Document of the Charity is the Deed of Union of the Methodist Church 1932 and the Methodist Church Act 1976. The purposes of the Methodist Church are, and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union, the advancement of:

The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;

Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;

Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;

There are now 13 places of worship in the area covered by the Circuit and they are all open to anyone who may wish to visit them without any charge.

The Circuit continues with a quarterly preaching plan to ensure that regular acts of worship take place at all the churches and chapels in its geographical area and that the following activities take place to further the objectives set out above:-

- 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 where appropriate.

- **Public Benefit**

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Brief financial review of the year

The main source of income in this and every year is the assessment paid by the churches within the Circuit area. In the year to 31st August 2024, the assessments totalled £174,186.

Grants:

The Circuit received grant funding of £32,000 from the Connexion in respect of the employment of our Mission Enabler.

£500 from Cumbria District for computer equipment for a minister

£10,000 from District, setting up costs for the new circuit

£3,000 from District towards employment costs of Children and Families Worker

Total grants: £45, 500.

Expenditure re Stipends etc

The main expenditure relates to the stipends of presbyters and the salaries of lay employees, together with related employment costs, including the provision of manses to presbyters and the reimbursement of travelling and other costs, totalling **£262,484**. Stipends have increased annually in line with conference approved percentages and lay employees are paid, in accordance with Methodist Standing Orders, no less than the hourly rates set by the Living Wage Foundation.

Other costs include the contributions to the District **£43,725**

There had been significant expense in relation to faults in the manses. This year the costs include **£12,367** for a new bathroom for Wigton Manse.

At 31 August 2024 the net current, unrestricted, assets of the Circuit were **£295,679** compared with total expenditure for the year of **£345,615**.

Plans for the 2024/2025 Circuit finances for the coming year have been prepared on the basis of our current staffing figure, with anticipated cost of living stipend and pay increases combined with an increase in the assessments paid to the District and Connexion but with a knowledge of how costs will be affected with the move into the New District and the formation of a Single Cumbria Circuit the following year.

Levels of assessments requested from the churches in the Circuit have been discussed with all churches as some churches were still unable to meet the level of assessments requested by the Circuit.

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 comprising the presbyters, deacon and circuit stewards.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance is produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit, including the leaflet "The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church".

Related Partners

The Circuit is part of the Cumbria District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. 13 Churches are linked to the Circuit and are listed in Appendix B to this Report.

From September 1st 2024 the District will be part of North West Methodist District incorporating Cumbria, Bolton and Rochdale, Lancashire and Liverpool in a single district.

From September 1st 2025 a single Cumbria Circuit will be formed combining the current 9 circuits across the District.

Risk Management

Major risks, both physical and financial, are identified and recorded and professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget 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.

This year a Safeguarding audit was carried out and extra training sessions organised.

There was also EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) training for those who had not already done it.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

1. The care and nurture, 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.
2. The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
3. The Circuit 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.
4. The Circuit will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
5. The Circuit will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
6. The Circuit will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
7. The Circuit 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.
8. In all these principles the Circuit will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

The Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches. The 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. The Safeguarding Policy for the Circuit was renewed and signed and distributed to all churches as was an accident book.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold approximately two quarters 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 the failure of churches to meet their quarterly assessment liabilities in full.

Legal and Administrative

The Circuit's financial statement for the year ended 31 August 2024 has been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) applicable in the UK (effective from 1st January 2015)

– the Charities SORP – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the "true and fair override" provision contained therein.

Full Name of Charity: North Cumbria Methodist Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1134232

Date of registration 2014

Main communication address: 42, Kirkland Fold , Wigton. CA7 9LL

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

A full list of Trustees is shown in Appendix B to this Report. Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers : Rev David Newlove, Rev Phil Jackson, Rev Tokunbo Asogbon, Deacon Mark Atwood

Circuit Stewards

Mr George Denholm - Steward with financial responsibility and Primary User for access to on-line banking.

Mr Alan Fearon

Mr Selby Harrison

Mrs Rita Yeowart

Administrator and Circuit Meeting Secretary : Miss Vicky Logan

Saints and Co accountants were to be used for Circuit accounts.

Independent examiner Mr Malcolm Uppard, 1 Green Lane, Houghton, Carlisle.

CA3 0NT. Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Bankers H.S.B.C. 29 English Street, Carlisle. CA3 8JX.

APPENDIX B

LIST OF CHURCHES IN THE NORTH CUMBRIA CIRCUIT

Cornerstones Hub:

Aspatria, Abbeytown, Wigton.

Silloth Church was sold - the members now meet as a house group.

Caldbeck was valued last year.

Solway Hub:

Dalston, Monkhill, Thurstonfield.

Thursby Chapel sold June 2024.

City Hub:

Newtown, Wigton Road, Upperby.

Border Hub:

Brampton, Gilsland, Wetheral

Longtown Methodist Church meet in Community centre.

Port Carlisle (Circuit resource centre)

Port Carlisle (Now renamed Port Carlisle Community Chapel) and is run by a management committee of volunteers.

MANSES:

Charlton Way, Grange Drive, Kirkland Meadows, Manor Gardens.

Etterby Street Manse was sold, completed 27th August 2024.

The Manses have needed a lot of work this year which has taken a significant slice of the budget.

List of Trustees up to 31st August 2024

Role	Church	First Name	Surname	
Church Rep	Brampton	Di	Armstrong	
Minister	Circuit	Tokunbo	Asogbon	
Deacon	Circuit	Mark	Attwood	
Church Steward	CMC, Upperby	Jean	Baron	
Church Treasurer	Longtown	Christine	Batey	
Supernumerary	Circuit	Paul	Beard	
LP Meeting rep	Brampton	Wendy	Beard	
Church Treasurer	Monkhill	Harold	Bowron	
Church Steward	Monkhill	Kathleen	Bowron	
Church Treasurer	CMC, Wigton Road	Mary	Caddle	
C&F worker	Cornerstone	Jennie	Crawley	
Finance Steward	Circuit	George	Denholm	
Church Rep	Cornerstone	Rosalind	Denholm	
Church Steward	CMC, Re:Fresh	Clare	Driffield	
Safeguarding	Circuit	Margaret	Drury	
Circuit Steward	Circuit	Alan	Fearon	
Hub Steward	Cornerstone	Margaret	Ferriby	
Supernumerary	Circuit	Joan	Gooding	
Church Steward	Monkhill	Lynne	Graham	
Hub Steward	CMC, Wigton Road	Janice	Gray	
Supernumerary	Circuit	Gilbert	Hall	

Supernumerary	Circuit	Colin	Harbach	
Hub Steward	Cornerstone	Steve	Harding	
Hub Steward	CMC Upperby	Betty	Harrison	
Circuit Steward	Circuit	Selby	Harrison	
Hub Treasurer	Cornerstone	Abigail	Hartshorne-Bell	
Supernumerary	Circuit	Margaret	Jackson	
Superintendent	Circuit	Phil	Jackson	
Church Treasurer	Brampton	Linda	Johnson	
Church Steward	CMC, Newtown	Ken	Holmes	
Church Rep	Thurstonfield	Archie	Kelly	
Manse Secretary	Circuit	Christine	Kelly	
Hub Steward	Upperby	Jennifer	Kendall	
Supernumerary	Circuit	Ruth	Kershaw	
Hub Steward	CMC Wigton Road	Susan	Kidd	
Church Steward	Longtown	Dorothy	Lamb	
M.W.i.B. Rep	Dalston	Margery	Little	
Church Steward	Dalston	William	Little	
LP Meeting Rep	Dalston	Margery	Mallinson	
Church Treasurer	CMC Upperby	Leo	Mann	
Church Steward	Wetheral	Millie	McKey	
Church Rep	Monkhill	Glynis	Milburn	
Supernumerary	Circuit	John	Millard	
LP&WL Secretary	Circuit	Chris	Mitchelson	
Superintendent	Circuit	David	Newlove	
Church Treasurer	Dalston	John	Oldman	
Church Steward	Dalston	Ann	Oldman	
LP Meeting Rep	Thurstonfield	Mary	Pattinson	
Church Steward	Thurstonfield	Nathan	Pattinson	
Hub Steward	Cornerstone	Janet	Porterhouse	
Hub Steward	CMC, Newtown	Marion	Proudfoot	
Church Rep	Longtown	Pauline	Robson	

Church Steward	Brampton	Nancy	Simpson	
Hub Steward	CMC Wigton Road	Pat	Staley	
Hub Rep	CMC Upperby	Ian	Stewart	
Church Rep	Gilsland	Evelynne	Whatmough	
Church Secretary	Gilsland	Melvyn	Whatmough	
Church Treasurer	CMC, Re:Fresh	Stuart	Wilkinson	
Hub Rep	CMC Wigton Road	Moir	Wilson	
Church Steward	Dalston	Janet	Wright	
Circuit Steward	Circuit	Rita	Yeowart	

Signed on behalf of the Circuit by
David Newlove

.....(signed)
 Rev David Newlove Superintendent Minister

.....(signed) George Denholm Circuit
 Treasurer

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

North Cumbria	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024**

NORTH WEST ENGLAND ~~Cumbria~~ District	Circuit no	~~#~~ 1/23
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SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS						
a2	Assessment/Share		174,186			174,186	177,248
a3	Capital receipts			121,045		121,045	
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,824	7,765		10,588	8,496
a5	Grants		42,500		3,000	45,500	33,792
a6	Other receipts		16,629		8,159	24,789	25,169
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		236,139	128,810	11,159	376,108 (a8)	244,705

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		181,415		17,426	198,841	171,456
b3	Manse Costs		37,887			37,887	25,015
b4	Administration etc		25,207	549		25,756	24,323
b5	District Assessment		36,600	7,125		43,725	65,811
b6	Grants & donations		5,000			5,000	
b7							
b8	Other payments		9,988	24,418		34,406	36,081
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		296,097	32,091	17,426	345,615 (b9)	322,686

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(59,959)	96,718	(6,267)	30,493	(77,981)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		59,220	169,494	3,101	231,816 (c6)	309,798
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	(739)	266,212	(3,166)	262,309	231,817
c4	Transfers and adjustments		89,337	(96,337)	7,000	0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	88,599	169,875	3,834	262,309 (c8)	231,817 (c6)

SECTION D						
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				3,913	1,626
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				3,506	3,913
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				7,419	1,626
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)				0	3,913

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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	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	376,108 (a8)	345,615 (b9)	30,493	0 (c7)	231,816 (c6)	262,309 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	376,108	345,615	30,493	0	231,816 (x)	262,309 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	2,851	22,494
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	59,470	69,939
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	169,494	169,875
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL	231,815 (c6)	262,308 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	231,815 (x)	262,308 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	30,292	33,371
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g3	Other Assets		
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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 2024 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 *S. Denholm* Date *19/9/24*
Name and address of treasurer *GEORGE DENHOLM*
42 KIRKLAND FOLD, WIGTON Post Code *CA7 9LL*

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on *3.12.24*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Philip Jackson*
Name of the Chair of the meeting *PHILIP JACKSON* Date *19.12.24*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the North Cumbria Methodist Circuit

Charity Number .. 1134232

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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.

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Independent Examiner's Statement

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:

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Address

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THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

North Cumbria	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024**

NORTH WEST ENGLAND ~~Cumbria~~ District	Circuit no	~~#~~ 1/23
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Mr George Denholm

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		174,186		174,186	177,248
a3	Capital receipts			121,045	121,045	
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,824	7,765	10,588	8,496
a5	Grants		42,500		45,500	33,792
a6	Other receipts		16,629		24,789	25,169
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		236,139	128,810	376,108 (a8)	244,705

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		181,415	17,426	198,841	171,456
b3	Manse Costs		37,887		37,887	25,015
b4	Administration etc		25,207	549	25,756	24,323
b5	District Assessment		36,600	7,125	43,725	65,811
b6	Grants & donations		5,000		5,000	
b7						
b8	Other payments		9,988	24,418	34,406	36,081
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		296,097	32,091	345,615 (b9)	322,686

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(59,959)	96,718	(6,267)	30,493	(77,981)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		59,220	169,494	3,101	231,816 (c6)	309,798
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	(739)	266,212	(3,166)	262,309	231,817
c4	Transfers and adjustments		89,337	(96,337)	7,000	0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	88,599	169,875	3,834	262,309 (c8)	231,817 (c6)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				3,913	1,626
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				3,506	3,913
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				7,419	1,626
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)				0	3,913

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 2024 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	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	376,108 (a8)	345,615 (b9)	30,493	0 (c7)	231,816 (c6)	262,309 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	376,108	345,615	30,493	0	231,816 (x)	262,309 (y)
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Accounts

NORTH CUMBRIA METHODIST CIRCUIT

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31st AUGUST 2023

Introduction

The Trustees are pleased to present the Annual Report of The Trustees of the North Cumbria Methodist Circuit (hereinafter referred to as “The Circuit”) for the year ending 31st August 2023.

The new Circuit is now two years old and we have continued to grow and develop together as a single circuit. The new Circuit Mission and Vision Plan was agreed.

The Charity chosen by the Circuit for this year was “Safe Families for Children.”

Staffing

Staffing levels remain the same with three presbyters based in Wigton, Carlisle and Brampton and a Deacon in Carlisle working across the circuit as a Mission Enabler. The two Superintendents have continued in their roles as Co-Superintendents.

The leadership team consists of the presbyters, Deacon and four circuit stewards who represent all Hubs. Much work has been undertaken to develop the Hubs. There have been many opportunities to come together in fellowship and in steering group meetings.

Following the correct procedures in full, the Circuit Invitation Committee recommended to the Circuit meeting 13/9/22 that David Newlove be invited for a further 5 years from September 2023. Agreed.

Phil Jackson has requested an extension. The invitation committee has been given authority by the Circuit to act on their behalf to this request.

The Mission Enabler has continued his work with Estate Ministry and Children and Families work.

On-line and Zoom meetings continued as well as Bible studies, Lent meetings, Prayer workshops, fellowship groups and training programmes.

Aims and organisation .

The Governing Document of the Charity is the Deed of Union of the Methodist Church 1932 and the Methodist Church Act 1976. 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

There are now 15 places of worship in the area covered by the Circuit and they are all open to anyone who may wish to visit them without any charge.

The Circuit continues with a quarterly preaching plan to ensure that regular acts of worship take place at all the churches and chapels in its geographical area and that the following activities take place to further the objectives set out above:-

- 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 where appropriate.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Brief financial review of the year

The main source of income in this and every year is the assessment paid by the churches within the Circuit area. In the year to 31st August 2023, the assessments totalled £177,248. The Circuit also received grant funding of £32,000 from the Connexion in respect of the employment of our Mission Enabler.

The main expenditure relates to the stipends of presbyters and the salaries of lay employees, together with related employment costs, including the provision of manses to presbyters and the reimbursement of travelling and other costs, totalling £220,794.

Stipends have increased annually in line with conference approved percentages and lay employees are paid, in accordance with Methodist Standing Orders, no less than the hourly rates set by the Living Wage Foundation.

Other costs include the contributions to the District £65,811.

There had been significant expense in relation to faults in the manses, in particular to Manor Gardens.

At 31 August 2023 the net current, unrestricted, assets of the Circuit were £262,107 compared with total expenditure for the year of £322,687.

Plans for the 2022/23 Circuit finances for the coming year have been prepared on the basis of our current staffing figure, with anticipated cost of living stipend and pay increases combined with an increase in the assessments paid to the District and Connexion. Levels of assessments requested from the churches in the Circuit have been discussed with all churches as some churches were still unable to meet the level of assessments requested by the Circuit.

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 comprising the presbyters, deacon and circuit stewards.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance is produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit, including the leaflet "The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church".

Related Partners

The Circuit is part of the Cumbria District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. 15 Churches are linked to the Circuit and are listed in Appendix B to this Report.

After presentations, discussions, consultations and voting it was agreed to a proposal to form a single North West Methodist District. Following Conference on 29th June a new North West Methodist District was formed incorporating Cumbria, Bolton and Rochdale, Lancashire and Liverpool into a single district from September 1st 2024.

In light of the above changes it was proposed that we consider forming a single Cumbria Circuit combining the current 9 circuits across the District.

Risk Management

Major risks, both physical and financial, are identified and recorded and professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget 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:

1. The care and nurture, 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.
2. The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
3. The Circuit 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.
4. The Circuit will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation.

5. The Circuit will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
6. The Circuit will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
7. The Circuit 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.
8. In all these principles the Circuit will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

The Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches. The 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.

The Safeguarding Policy for the Circuit was renewed and signed and distributed to all churches.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold approximately two quarter's average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manse and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of the failure of churches to meet their quarterly assessment liabilities in full.

Legal and Administrative

The Circuit's financial statement for the year ended 31 August 2023 has been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) applicable in the UK (effective from 1st January 2015)

– the Charities SORP – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the "true and fair override" provision contained therein. Full Name of Charity: North Cumbria Methodist Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1134232

Date of registration 2014

Main communication address: 42, Kirkland Fold, Wigton. CA7 9LL

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

A full list of Trustees is shown in Appendix B to this Report.

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers :

Rev David Newlove, Rev Phil Jackson, Rev Tokunbo Asogbon,

Deacon Mark Atwood

Circuit Stewards

Mr George Denholm - Steward with financial responsibility, replaced Harold Bowron as Primary User for access to on-line banking.

Mr Alan Fearon

Mr Selby Harrison

Mrs Rita Yeowart

Administrator Miss Vicky Logan

Vicky Logan was asked to take up the vacant role of Circuit Secretary as no-one had come forward. This would be a paid position.

Saints and Co accountants were to be used for Circuit accounts.

Independent examiner Mr Malcolm Uppard, 1 Green Lane, Houghton, Carlisle. CA3 0NT.

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Bankers H.S.B.C. 29 English Street, Carlisle. CA3 8JX.

APPENDIX B

LIST OF CHURCHES IN THE NORTH CUMBRIA CIRCUIT

Cornerstones Hub:

Aspatria, Abbeytown, *Caldbeck, *Silloth, Wigton.

Solway Hub:

Dalston, Monkhill, *Thursby, Thurstonfield.

City Hub:

Newtown, *Tithe Barn, Wigton Road, Upperby.

Border Hub:

Brampton, Gilsland, *Longtown, Wetheral

***Port Carlisle (Circuit resource centre)**

*Caldbeck Chapel - been valued

*Longtown Methodist Church - meet in Community Centre

*Port Carlisle (Now renamed Port Carlisle Community Chapel)

*Silloth Methodist Church - Sold

*Thursby Methodist Church - no longer open for services

MANSES:

Etterby Street

Charlton Way

Grange Drive

Kirkland Meadows

Manor Gardens

Etterby Street Manse was now being overseen by a Letting Agency as the post of Property Steward has still not been filled.

List of Trustees up to 31st August 2023

Role	Church	First Name	Surname	
Church Rep	Brampton	Di	Armstrong	
Minister	Circuit	Tokunbo	Asogbon	
Deacon	Circuit	Mark	Attwood	
Church Steward	CMC, Upperby	Jean	Baron	
Church Treasurer	Longtown	Christine	Batey	
Supernumerary	Circuit	Paul	Beard	
Church Treasurer	Monkhill	Harold	Bowron	
Church Steward	Monkhill	Kathleen	Bowron	
Church Treasurer	CMC, Wigton Road	Mary	Caddle	
Finance Steward	Circuit	George	Denholm	
Church Rep	Cornerstone	Rosalind	Denholm	
Church Steward	CMC, Re:Fresh	Clare	Driffield	
Safeguarding	Circuit	Margaret	Drury	
Circuit Steward	Circuit	Alan	Fearon	
Hub Steward	Cornerstone	Margaret	Ferriby	
Supernumerary	Circuit	Joan	Gooding	
Church Steward	Monkhill	Lynne	Graham	
Church Steward	CMC, Wigton Road	Janice	Gray	
Supernumerary	Circuit	Gilbert	Hall	
Supernumerary	Circuit	Colin	Harbach	
Hub Steward	Cornerstone	Steve	Harding	
Circuit Steward	Circuit	Selby	Harrison	
Hub Treasurer	Cornerstone	Abigail	Hartshorne-Bell	
Church Steward	CMC, Newtown	Ken	Holmes	
Circuit Archivist	Circuit	John	Huggon	
Supernumerary	Circuit	Margaret	Jackson	
Superintendent	Circuit	Phil	Jackson	

Role	Church	First Name	Surname	
Church Treasurer	Brampton	Linda	Johnson	
Church Rep	Thurstonfield	Archie	Kelly	
Manse Secretary	Circuit	Christine	Kelly	
Supernumerary	Circuit	Ruth	Kershaw	
Church Steward	CMC, Wigton Road	Susan	Kydd	
Church Steward	Longtown	Dorothy	Lamb	
M.W.i.B. Rep	Dalston	Margery	Little	
Church Steward	Dalston	William	Little	
LP Meeting Rep	Dalston	Margery	Mallinson	
Church Treasurer	CMC, Upperby	Leo	Mann	
Church Steward	Wetheral	Millie	Mckey	
Church Rep	Monkhill	Glynis	Milburn	
Supernumerary	Circuit	John	Millard	
LP & WL Secretary	Circuit	Chris	Mitchelson	
Superintendent	Circuit	David	Newlove	
Church Treasurer	Dalston	John	Oldman	
Church Secretary	Dalston	Ann	Oldman	
Church Steward	Thurstonfield	Nathan	Pattinson	
Hub Steward	Cornerstone	Janet	Porthouse	
Church Steward	CMC, Newtown	Marion	Proudfoot	
Church Rep	Longtown	Pauline	Robson	
Church Steward	Brampton	Nancy	Simpson	
Church Steward	CMC, Wigton Road	Pat	Staley	
Church Rep	CMC, Upperby	Ian	Stewart	
Church Rep	CMC, Wigton Road	Janet	Thompson	
Meeting Secretary	Circuit	Christine	Wharton	

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Church Secretary	Gilsland	Melvyn	Whatmough	
Supernumerary	Circuit	Robert	White	
Church Treasurer	CMC, Re:Fresh	Stuart	Wilkinson	
Church Steward	Dalston	Janet	Wright	
Circuit Steward	Circuit	Rita	Yeowart	

Signed on behalf of the Circuit by

David Newlove

.....(signed)

Rev David Newlove Superintendent Minister

.....(signed)

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THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

North Cumbria	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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North Cumbria

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a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		177,248			177,248	180,550
a3	Capital receipts						74,614
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,990	6,506		8,496	1,736
a5	Grants		33,792			33,792	38,000
a6	Other receipts		21,810		3,359	25,169	141,963
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		234,840	6,506	3,359	244,705 (a8)	436,862

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		170,279		1,178	171,456	166,798
b3	Manse Costs		25,015			25,015	23,055
b4	Administration etc		23,587	736		24,323	31,204
b5	District Assessment		50,027	15,784		65,811	57,092
b6	Grants & donations						1,799
b7	Property Levy						10,923
b8	Other payments		31,357	4,724		36,081	36,953
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		300,265	21,245	1,178	322,687 (b9)	327,824

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(65,425)	(14,739)	2,181	(77,982)	109,037
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		74,645	234,233	920	309,798 (c6)	200,761
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	9,220	219,494	3,101	231,816	309,798
c4	Transfers and adjustments		50,000	(50,000)		(c7)	
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d1	Balance brought forward from last year				1,626	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				3,913	1,626
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				1,626	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)				3,913	1,626

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING**SECTION E**

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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	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)					
e10	244,705 (a8)	322,687 (b9)	(77,982)	(c7)	309,798 (c6)	231,816 (c8)
	244,705	322,687	(77,982)		309,798 (x)	231,816 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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 2023**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	15,598	2,851
f3	541	
f4	26,410	59,470
f5	234,233	169,494
f6	33,016	
f7	309,798 (c6)	231,815 (c8)
f8	(e11)	(e12)
f9	309,798 (x)	231,815 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1	24,023	30,292
g2	1,482,844	2,386,133
g3		
g4		
g5		

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)

Name of Circuit North Cumbria

Declarations and Scrutiny

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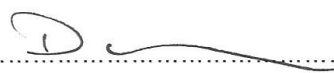
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Name of the Chair of the meeting DAVID NEWLOVE Date 6 December 2023

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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.

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Name of independent examiner

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address

.....

Post Code

Date

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May-23

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

North Cumbria	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2023**

Cumbria	District	Circuit no	09/01
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Mr George Denholm

20ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2023

North Cumbria

Circuit

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		177,248			177,248	180,550
a3	Capital receipts						74,614
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,990	6,506		8,496	1,736
a5	Grants		33,792			33,792	38,000
a6	Other receipts		21,810		3,359	25,169	141,963
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		234,840	6,506	3,359	244,705 (a8)	436,862

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		170,279		1,178	171,456	166,798
b3	Manse Costs		25,015			25,015	23,055
b4	Administration etc		23,587	736		24,323	31,204
b5	District Assessment		50,027	15,784		65,811	57,092
b6	Grants & donations						1,799
b7	Property Levy						10,923
b8	Other payments		31,357	4,724		36,081	36,953
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		300,265	21,245	1,178	322,687 (b9)	327,824

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(65,425)	(14,739)	2,181	(77,982)	109,037
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		74,645	234,233	920	309,798 (c6)	200,761
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	9,220	219,494	3,101	231,816	309,798
c4	Transfers and adjustments		50,000	(50,000)		(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	59,220	234,233	3,101	231,816 (c8)	309,798 (c6)

SECTION D						
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)					
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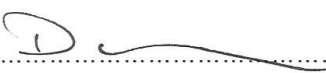
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Signature of independent examiner

Name of independent examiner MALCOLM UPPARD

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner F.C.A.

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 1 GREEN LANE, HOUGHTON

..... CARLISLE Post Code CA3 0NT

Date 5TH DEC 2023

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May-23

Accounts

NORTH CUMBRIA METHODIST CIRCUIT

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31st AUGUST 2022

Introduction

The Trustees are pleased to present the Annual Report of the Trustees of the North Cumbria Methodist Circuit (hereinafter referred to as "The Circuit") for the year ended 31st August 2022.

September 2021 saw the beginning of the new combined North Cumbria Methodist Circuit combining the Wigton and North Cumbria Circuits following approval by trustees of both Circuits and with the support of the District Policy Group, District Synod and Methodist Conference.

An Inauguration service for the Reverend Tokunbo Asogbon and his family was held at Wigton Road Church. The Circuit Mission Action Plan for 2021/2022 was adopted. Mission and Ministry in the North Cumbria Circuit is about:

1. Growing together as a new Circuit.
2. Supporting churches to grow whilst coming out of Pandemic restrictions
3. Exploring new models of church both as Hubs and in response to point 2.

A new logo for the Circuit was adopted.

Staffing

Staffing levels remain the same with 3 presbyters based in Wigton, Carlisle and Brampton and a Deacon in Carlisle working across the circuit as a Mission Enabler. The two Superintendents will continue in the role of Co-Superintendents.

The Leadership Team comprises of the presbyters, the Deacon and 7 circuit stewards taken from the two merged circuits.

Work towards forming 3 Mission Hubs across the circuits continues. Cornerstones is a well established Hub comprising of churches: Aspatria, Abbeytown, Caldbeck, Silloth, Wigton.

The new Hubs will be:

City Hub -comprising of churches: Newtown, Tithe Barn, Wigton Road, Upperby.

Solway Hub -comprising of churches: Dalston, Monkhill, Thursby, Thurstonfield

Border Hub comprising of churches: Brampton, Gilsland, Longtown, Wetheral.

The Administrator's hours were increased from 16 to 20 hours.

A lay Children and Family worker's contract ended August 2022. Recruitment procedures were followed and interviews were held but no appointment was made.

On- line and Zoom services and meetings continued throughout this time as did Bible Studies, Lent meetings, Prayer Workshops, fellowship groups and training programmes.

Aims and organisation

The Governing Document of the Charity is the Deed of Union of the Methodist Church 1932 and the Methodist Church Act 1976. 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

There are 18 places of worship in the area covered by the Circuit and they are all open to anyone who may wish to visit them without any charge. The Circuit continues with a quarterly preaching plan to ensure that

regular acts of worship take place at all the churches and chapels in its geographical area and that the following activities take place to further the objectives set out above:-

- 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 where appropriate.

Fewer Local Preachers are available to preach as some have moved away and some have given up. This made it difficult to fill the quarterly Plan.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Brief financial review of the year

The main source of income in this and every year is the assessment paid by the churches within the Circuit area. In the year to 31st August 2022, the assessments totalled £180,550 (2021 £112,520.00) The Circuit also received grant funding of £32,000.00 from the Connexion in respect of the employment of our Mission Enabler. Transfers from Wigton Circuit £24,403.88

The main expenditure relates to the stipends of presbyters and the salaries of lay employees, together with related employment costs, including the provision of manses to presbyters and the reimbursement of travelling and other costs, totalling £203,193.38 (2021 £131,436.17)) Other costs include the contributions to the District £45,990.00 (2021 £37,500.00)

Stipends have increased annually in line with conference approved percentages and lay employees are paid, in accordance with Methodist Standing Orders, no less than the hourly rates set by the Living Wage Foundation.

At 31 August 2022 the net current, unrestricted, assets of the Circuit were £ 300,878 , compared with total expenditure for the year of £296,766.

Plans for the 2021/22 Circuit finances for the coming year have been prepared on the basis of our current staffing figure, with anticipated cost of living stipend and pay increases combined with an increase in the assessments paid to the District and Connexion. Levels of assessments requested from the churches in the Circuit have been discussed as all churches lost revenue from donations and lettings during the time they were unable to open and falling numbers attending church since the Pandemic. Consequently some churches were unable to meet the level of assessments requested by the Circuit.

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 (comprising the presbyters and Circuit Stewards) and the Local Preachers meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance is produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit, including the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church'.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Cumbria District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. 15 Churches are linked to the Circuit and are listed in Appendix B to this Report.

Risk Management

Major risks, both physical and financial, are identified and recorded and professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget 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:

1. The care and nurture, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults.
2. The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
3. The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
4. The Circuit 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.
5. The Circuit 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.
6. The Circuit will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
7. The Circuit will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
8. The Circuit 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.
9. In all these principles the Circuit will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

The Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches. The 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.

Safeguarding courses were run to bring up to date training throughout the Circuit following the break in courses during COVID.

The Circuit Safeguarding Policy was renewed, accepted and signed and distributed to all churches.

Advanced training was available on line.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold approximately two quarter's 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 the failure of churches to meet their quarterly assessment liabilities in full.

Legal and Administrative

The Circuit's financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) applicable in the UK (effective from 1st January 2015) – the Charities SORP – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the "true and fair override" provision contained therein.

Full Name of Charity: North Cumbria Methodist Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1134232

Date of registration 2014

Main communication address Brae Lees, Kirkandrews-On-Eden, Carlisle, CA5 6DU

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

A full list of Trustees is shown in Appendix A to this Report
A full list of properties owned by the Circuit is shown in Appendix B

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers Rev David Newlove
 Rev Phil Jackson
 Rev Tokunbo Asogbon
 Deacon Mark Attwood

Circuit Stewards Mr Harold Bowron
 Mrs Kathleen Bowron
 Mrs Margaret Ferriby
 Mr Selby
 Mrs Rita Yeowart
 Mr George Denholm
 Mr Alan Fearon

Administrator Miss Vicky Logan

Mr Harold Bowron acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Circuit during the year.

Independent examiner Mr Malcolm Uppard, 1 Green Lane, Houghton, Carlisle. CA3 0NT.

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

Bankers H.S.B.C. 29 English Street, Carlisle. CA3 8JX.

Signed on behalf of the Circuit b

David Newlove

.....(signed)

Harold Bowron

.....(signed)

Rev David Newlove
Superintendent Minister

Harold Bowron
Circuit Treasurer

NORTH CUMBRIA METHODIST CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS
Period ending 31 August 2022

Receipts				Payments				Christmas Lunch Account			
Opening Balance				16,639.70							
Assessments								Brought forward			
Brampton				38,000.00				Interest			
Cornerstone				56,200.00				Sub total			
Dalston				13,300.00				Tithe Barn coffee morning			
Gilsland				3,000.00				Total			
Longtown				2,500.00							
Monkhill				4,000.00				Reserves			
Newtown				2,800.00				CMTF			
Thursby				3,000.00				Shawbrook Bank			
Thurstonfield				6,000.00							
Tithebarn				4,000.00							
Upperby				7,500.00							
Wetheral				8,000.00							
Wigton Road				32,250.00							
Total				180,550.00							
Rents				9,200.00				Solway			
Chairman's Benevolence Fund				210.00				Income			
Donations				1,110.00				Lettings			
Miscellaneous				728.58				Donations			
Telephones				35.61				Collections			
Christmas Cards				51.00				Total			
Christmas lunch				105.00							
Refund of fees selling Silloth Church				2,415.00							
Gift Aid				1,694.90				Expenditure			
Bank Interest				90.90				Insurance			
				15,640.99				Pat testing			
Circuit Project				1,625.62				Water			
				1,625.62				Electricity			
Solway				1,395.08				Fire extinguishers			
				1,395.08				Tree felling			
								Bookcase			
Transfers from Wigton Circuit				29,403.88				Windows			
				29,403.88							
Transfer from TMCP				35,000.00				Total			
				35,000.00				2,028.01			
Grant for Dcn M. Attwood				32,000.00							
				32,000.00							

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

North Cumbria	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		180,550		180,550	112,525
a3	Capital receipts			74,614	74,614	11,818
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		111	1,625	1,736	1,576
a5	Grants		32,000		32,000	21,853
a6	Other receipts		50,739	65,245	117,819	31,752
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		263,399	141,484	406,719 (a8)	179,524

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		166,798		166,798	111,984
b3	Manse Costs		23,055		23,055	19,389
b4	Administration etc		30,520	684	31,204	18,864
b5	District Assessment		45,990	11,102	57,092	49,193
b6	Grants & donations		1,799		1,799	10,683
b7	Property Levy			10,923	10,923	2,363
b8	Other payments		5,894	210	6,104	10,899
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		274,057	22,709	296,976 (b9)	223,376

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(10,657)	118,774	1,626	109,743	(43,852)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		50,302	150,459		200,760 (c6)	244,612
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	39,645	269,233	1,626	310,503	200,760
c4	Transfers and adjustments		35,000	(35,000)		(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	74,645	234,233	1,626	310,503 (c8)	200,760 (c6)

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e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
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e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	406,719 (a8)	296,976 (b9)	109,743	(c7)	200,760 (c6)	310,503 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	406,719	296,976	109,743		200,760 (x)	310,503 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	7,353	16,304
f3 Bank Deposit Account	646	541
f4 Central Finance Board	9,287	26,410
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	150,458	234,233
f6 Other funds	33,016	33,016
f7 SUB TOTAL	200,760 (c6)	310,503 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	200,760 (x)	310,503 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	24,373	24,023
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,370,603	1,482,844
g3 Other Assets	3,524	
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

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Name of Circuit NORTH CUMBRIA No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment 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 H. Bowron Date..... 23rd October 2022
Name and address of treasurer Harold John Bowron

Braelees, Kirkandrews on Eden, Carlisle. CA5 6DU

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 9th November 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting D. Newlove
Name of the Chair of the meeting DAVID NEWLOVE Date 9th November 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... **North Cumbria circuit**

Charity Number .. **1134232**

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the NORTH CUMBRIA 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.

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Independent Examiner's Statement

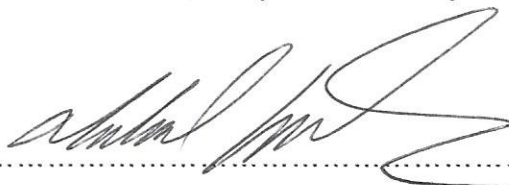
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Signature of independent examiner

Name of independent examiner **Malcolm Uppard**Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner **F.C.A.**

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address **1 Green Lane, Houghton**..... **Carlisle****CA3 0NT**

Date

3rd Nov. 2022

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Accounts

NORTH CUMBRIA METHODIST CIRCUIT

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31ST AUGUST 2021

Introduction

The Trustees are pleased to present the Annual Report of the Trustees of the North Cumbria Methodist Circuit (hereinafter referred to as "The Circuit") for the year ended 31st August 2021.

Once again two Lockdowns and the three tier restrictions introduced through this time had an affect on our worship and our face to face encounters. Churches were not open for the main part of the year and even when they were allowed to re-open many members were nervous about meeting inside for services. The circuit kept churches up to date with information and advice to church stewards to follow government advice and to provide safe spaces for people to worship.

On- line and Zoom services and meetings continued throughout this time as did Bible Studies, Lent meetings, Prayer Workshops and fellowship groups. Church councils could not meet in person in 2020. Permission from The Conference Office and the Charity Commission allowed an exemption from holding the usual Spring Church Council Meetings. Trustees could arrange a meeting via Zoom.

The work on merging The North Cumbria and The Wigton Circuits into one new Circuit continued. It was anticipated that the new Circuit would be launched on the 1st September 2021 following a positive vote from both Circuits and with the support of the District Policy Group, District Synod and Methodist Conference.

The staffing levels will remain the same with three presbyters based in Wigton, Carlisle and Brampton and a Deacon in Carlisle working across the circuit as a Mission Enabler. It is anticipated that the two Superintendents will continue in that role as Co- Superintendents. The two Leadership Teams have been holding joint meetings and continued to do so throughout the year to prepare for September. The size and makeup of the new Leadership team will be decided once the circuits become one.

Work towards forming three Mission Hubs across the circuits continues but is restricted by COVID restrictions.

The presbyter in Brampton, Rachel Williams has been matched with Stockton On Tees Circuit. Tokunbo Asogbon was matched with North Cumbria circuit and will take up his post in Brampton and begin on 1st September 2021.

Aims and organisation

The Governing Document of the Charity is the Deed of Union of the Methodist Church 1932 and the Methodist Church Act 1976. 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

There are 14 places of worship in the area covered by the Circuit and they are all open to anyone who may wish to visit them without any charge. The Circuit continues with a quarterly preaching plan to ensure that regular acts of worship take place at all the churches and chapels in its geographical area and that the following activities take place to further the objectives set out above:-

- 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 where appropriate.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Brief financial review of the year

The main source of income in this and every year is the assessment paid by the churches within the Circuit area. In the year to 31st August 2021, the assessments totalled £112,525 (2020 £127,525). The Circuit also received grant funding of £16,000 from the Connexion in respect of the employment of our Mission Enabler.

The main expenditure relates to the stipends of presbyters and the salaries of lay employees, together with related employment costs, including the provision of manses to presbyters and the reimbursement of travelling and other costs, totalling £139,274. Other costs include the contributions to the District £49,193. Stipends have increased annually in line with conference approved percentages and lay employees are paid, in accordance with Methodist Standing Orders, no less than the hourly rates set by the Living Wage Foundation.

At 31 August 2021 the net current, unrestricted, assets of the Circuit were £228,657 compared with total expenditure for the year of £223,376.

Plans for the 2020/21 Circuit finances for the coming year have been prepared on the basis of our current staffing figure, with anticipated cost of living stipend and pay increases combined with an increase in the assessments paid to the District and Connexion. Levels of assessments requested from the churches in the Circuit have been discussed as all churches lost revenue from donations and lettings during the time they were unable to open and consequently some churches were unable to meet the level of assessments requested by the Circuit.

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 comprising the presbyters , deacon and circuit stewards.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance is produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit, including the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church'.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Cumbria District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. 15 Churches are linked to the Circuit and are listed in Appendix B to this Report.

Risk Management

Major risks, both physical and financial, are identified and recorded and professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget 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:

1. The care and nurture, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults.
2. The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
3. The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
4. The Circuit 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.
5. The Circuit 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.
6. The Circuit will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
7. The Circuit will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
8. The Circuit 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.
9. In all these principles the Circuit will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

The Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches. The 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 approximately two quarter's 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 the failure of churches to meet their quarterly assessment liabilities in full.

Legal and Administrative

The Circuit's financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) applicable in the UK (effective from 1st January 2015) – the Charities SORP – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the "true and fair override" provision contained therein.

Full Name of Charity: North Cumbria Methodist Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1134232

Date of registration 2014

Main communication address Brae Lees, Kirkandrews-On-Eden, Carlisle, CA5 6DU

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

A full list of Trustees is shown in Appendix B to this Report

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers Rev David Newlove

Rev Rachel Williams (moved to Stockton Circuit July 2021)

Deacon Mark Attwood

Circuit Stewards

Mrs Nan Martin

Mr Ken Holmes

Mr Selby Harrison

Mr Harold Bowron

Mrs Kathleen Bowron

Administrator

Miss Vicky Logan

Mr Harold Bowron acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Circuit during the year.

Independent examiner Mr Malcolm Uppard, 1 Green Lane, Houghton, Carlisle. CA3 0NT.

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

Bankers H.S.B.C. 29 English Street, Carlisle. CA3 8JX.

APPENDIX A

LIST OF TRUSTEES.

Title	First Name	Surname	Notes
Mrs	Anne	Anderson	Corby Hill Closed end of September, no longer trustee by next meeting February 2021
Ms	Di	Armstrong	
Dcn	Mark	Attwood	Minister
Mr	Raymond	Baron	
Mr	Harold	Bowron	Circuit Treasurer
Mrs	Kathleen	Bowron	Circuit Steward
Mrs	Mary	Caddle	
Mrs	Clare	Collinson	Corby Hill Closed end of September, no longer trustee by next meeting February 2021
Mrs	Val	Cowen	
Mrs	Clare	Driffield	
Mrs	Margaret	Drury	
Rev	Donald	Frith	Supernumerary Minister Moved out of Circuit by July 21
Rev	Joan	Gooding	Supernumerary Minister
Mrs	Lynne	Graham	
Mrs	Janice	Gray	
Mrs	Alice	Gregan	
Rev	Gilbert	Hall	Supernumerary Minister
Rev	Colin	Harbach	Supernumerary Minister
Mr	Selby	Harrison	Circuit Steward
Mr	Ken	Holmes	
Mr	John	Huggon	

Rev	Margaret	Jackson	Supernumerary Minister
Dr	Alan	Jefferson	Moved out of Circuit January 2021
Mrs	Linda	Johnson	
Mrs	Christine	Kelly	
Rev	Ruth	Kershaw	Supernumerary Minister
Mrs	Susan	Kydd	
Mrs	Dorothy	Lamb	
Mrs	Wendy	Lawson	Corby Hill Closed end of September, no longer trustee by next meeting February 2021
Mrs	Margery	Little	
Mr	William	Little	
Mr	Roland	Lowe	Resigned August 2021
Mrs	Margery	Mallinson	
Mr	Leo	Mann	
Mrs	Nan	Martin	Senior Circuit Steward until August 21
Mrs	Millie	Mckey	
Mrs	Glynis	Milburn	
Mr	Chris	Mitchelson	
Title	First Name	Surname	Notes
Rev	David	Newlove	Minister
Mrs	Phyllis	Nicholson	
Mr	John	Oldman	
Mr	Joseph	Pattinson	
Mr	Nathan	Pattinson	
Mrs	Christine	Pritchard	Moved out of Circuit August 2021
Mrs	Marion	Proudfoot	
Mrs	Pauline	Robson	
Mrs	Nancy	Simpson	
Mrs	Pat	Staley	
Mr	Ian	Stewart	
Mr	Jim	Stobart	

Mrs	Joyce	Stobart	
Mrs	Janet	Thompson	
Mrs	Christine	Wharton	
Mr	Melvyn	Whatmough	
Rev	Robert	White	Supernumerary Minister
Mr	Stuart	Wilkinson	
Rev	Rachel	Williams	Minister Moved out of Circuit August 2021
Mrs	Elizabeth	Woodmass	
Mrs	Janet	Wright	

APPENDIX B

LIST OF CHURCHES IN THE CIRCUIT

Brampton Methodist Church
 Corby Hill & Warwick Bridge Methodist Church (Closed end of September 2020.)
 Dalston Methodist Church
 Gilsland Methodist Church
 Longtown Methodist Church
 Monkhill Methodist Church
 Newtown Methodist Church
 Port Carlisle (A Circuit Resource Centre)
 Thursby Methodist Church
 Thurstonfield Methodist Church
 Tithe Barn Methodist Church
 Upperby Methodist Church
 Walton (A Fellowship within the Parish Church)
 Wetheral Methodist Church
 Wigton Road Methodist Church

Signed on behalf of the Circuit by

David Newlove

.....(signed)

Rev David Newlove
 Superintendent Minister

Harold Bowron

.....(signed)

Harold Bowron
 Circuit Treasurer

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

North Cumbria Circuit	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2021**

CUMBRIA	District	Circuit no	09 01
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1134232

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

(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. David Newlove
Rev. Rachel Williams
Deacon Mark Attwood

Circuit Stewards:

Mrs Nan Martin
Mr Kenneth Holmes
Mr Selby Harrison
Mrs Kathleen Bowron

Treasurer:

Mr Harold John Bowron

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021
North Cumbria
Circuit

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		112,525			112,525	127,525
a3	Capital receipts			11,818		11,818	
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		638	938		1,576	2,848
a5	Grants		5,853		16,000	21,853	48,809
a6	Other receipts		31,752			31,752	2,127
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		150,768	12,756	16,000	179,524 (a8)	181,309

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		63,984		48,000	111,984	142,770
b3	Manse Costs		19,389			19,389	17,732
b4	Administration etc		18,459	406		18,864	30,039
b5	District Assessment		37,500	11,693		49,193	53,726
b6	Grants & donations		10,133		550	10,683	825
b7	CPF Levy			2,363		2,363	
b8	Other payments		10,899			10,899	6,792
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		160,364	14,462	48,550	223,376 (b9)	251,884

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(9,596)	(1,706)	(32,550)	(43,852)	(70,575)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		29,898	182,165	32,550	244,612 (c6)	315,187
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	20,302	180,459		200,760	244,612
c4	Transfers and adjustments		30,000	(30,000)			
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	50,302	150,459		200,760 (c8)	244,612 (c6)

SECTION D					
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)				
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				290
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			2,384	2,814
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			2,384	3,104
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)				

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 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	179,524 (a8)	223,376 (b9)	(43,852)	(c7)	244,612 (c6)	200,760 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	179,524	223,376	(43,852)		244,612 (x)	200,760 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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	15,913	7,353
f3 Bank Deposit Account	653	646
f4 Central Finance Board	13,470	9,287
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	182,164	150,458
f6 Other funds	32,414	33,016
f7 SUB TOTAL	244,614 (c6)	200,760 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	244,614 (x)	200,760 (y)

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	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	20,593.00	24,373.05
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,309,832	1,370,603
g3 Other Assets	4,146	3,524
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

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Name of Circuit NORTH CUMBRIA No. 09 01

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Signature of treasurer H Bowron Date 02-Nov-21

Name and address of treasurer Harold Jonn Bowron, Brae Lees, Kirkandrews on Eden,

..... Carlisle, Cumbria.

CA5 6DU

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 6th December 2021

Signature of the Chair of the meeting X David Newlove

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev. David Newlove

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... North Cumbria Circuit

Charity Number 1134232

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Name of Circuit NORTH CUMBRIA No 0901

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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner **Malcolm Uppard**

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner **F.C.A.**

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address **1 Green Lane, Houghton**

..... **Carlisle**

CA3 0NT

Date 3rd December 2021

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