

RICHMOND AND HOUNSLOW CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1134245

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2010-02-10

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: The charity is an association of churches grouped together in a geographical area. The charity provides administration services and support for each of the churches within the circuit. In addition, the charity is also responsible for helping the wider community, which it does through a variety of donations to various charities and good causes.

Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Hounslow
- Richmond Upon Thames
- Wandsworth

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£342,309	£840,839	-	-
2024-08-31	£325,197	£408,765	-	-
2023-08-31	£246,789	£1,138,018	-	-
2022-08-31	£278,166	£422,926	-	-
2021-08-31	£1,303,209	£538,835	£10,418,248	8

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ARULAMPALAM CHARLES RAJKUMAR		
Andrew Thomas Logan		2015-03-10
BRENDAN DEAN WASMUTH		
Bismarck Laryea		2020-01-01
CAROL ANN POWERS		
Charles Oppong-Akuoko		2017-09-01
Deacon Katherine Johnson		2018-09-01
Deacon Richard David Goldstraw		2023-04-23
Dr MARGARET NORAH MOORE		
FRANCES MARY MOORHOUSE		2019-06-25
JANET EMILY WILSON		
JEAN ANN BUTCHER		
JEAN FLANN		
JOHN ROBERT LOGAN		
Jane Mary McMahon		2014-09-01
Jessica Anne Dalton		2023-09-01
KUMARI RAJINI MUTHUKUMAR		2015-09-01
Kojo Keigya Amoasi		2025-02-01
LYNETH FRIDAY		
MARGARET ANN LOGAN		
MISS WIN THOMPSON		
MR ALAN HOUSDON		
MRS GILL SPARKES		
MRS MARY PATTERSON		2012-03-15
Moses Tandayi		2017-09-01
REV GEOFFREY FARRAR		2017-09-01
Rev ADAM NYAWO		2016-09-01

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Heflin Jani		2022-09-01
Rev NICOLA MORRISON		2011-03-15
Sarah Weeks		2022-09-11
Stephen John Haines Ludlow		2020-02-10
Susan Penney		2021-10-01
VALERIE MARY HEARN		
VIVIEN NORMA ISAAC		

Accounts

RICHMOND AND HOUNSLOW CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

CHARITY NO.: 1134245

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

**for the year ended
31 August 2025**

Richmond and Hounslow Circuit of the Methodist Church

Status:	Registered Charity no. 1134245 The charity was established by a charitable trust deed on 10th February 2010. The charity's governing documents are the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976).	
Principal address:	13 Enmore Road London SW15 6LL	
Circuit Superintendent:	Reverend G Farrar	
Trustees	Mr Kojo Amoasi (appointed 24 February 2025) Mrs Jean Butcher Mrs Jessica Dalton Rev Geoffrey Farrar* Mrs Jean Flann Mrs Lyneth Friday Deacon Richard Goldstraw* Mr Ian Haddow (deceased July 2025) Miss Valerie Hearn Mr Alan Housdon Mrs Vivien Isaac Rev Heflin Jani Deacon Kathy Johnson* Mr Bismarck Laryea Mr Andrew Logan Mr John Logan Mrs Margaret Logan Mr Stephen Ludlow * Circuit Leadership Team	Mrs Jane McMahon Mrs Frances Moorhouse Dr Margaret Moore* Rev Nicola Morrison Mrs Rajini Muthukumar Rev Adam Nyawo* Mr Charles Oppong-Akuoko Mrs Mary Patterson* Mrs Susan Penney Ms Carol Powers Mr Charles Rajkumar Mrs Gill Sparkes Mr Moses Tandayi* Miss Winifred Thompson Mr Brendan Wasmuth* Mr Geoffrey Waterhouse (resigned 24 February 2025) Ms Sarah Weeks Ms Janet Wilson*
Auditors:	Azets Audit Services Gladstone House 77-79 High Street Egham Surrey TW20 9HY	
Bankers:	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church (CFB) 9 Bonhill Street London EC2A 4PE Charities Aid Foundation Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ	
Investment advisers:	The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Central Buildings Oldham Street Manchester M1 1JQ	

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Richmond and Hounslow Circuit of the Methodist Church

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 August 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), effective from 1 January 2019.

Structure, governance and management

The Richmond and Hounslow Circuit of the Methodist Church ('the Circuit') is an association of churches grouped together in a geographical area. Ordained ministers are appointed to serve the Circuit. The Superintendent Minister oversees for the work of all the churches in the circuit.

The Circuit was established as a registered charity by a charitable trust deed on 10th February, 2010. The Circuit's governing documents are the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976). The Standing Orders of the Methodist Church (as set out the *Constitutional Practice and Disciple of the Methodist Church*) govern the way the Circuit is constituted including how trustees are appointed.

The managing trustees at the date of this report are the members of the Circuit Meeting. These comprise all Circuit officers (as designated by SO 510 of the *Constitutional Practice and Disciple of the Methodist Church*), ministers and representatives from each of the congregations. Circuit meetings are held at least three times per year. Decision making is not vested in a small number of people.

The Circuit comprises seven congregations in south-west London: Barnes, Chiswick, Heston, Hounslow, Putney, Richmond (Methodist/URC LEP), and Roehampton.

Objects and activities

The Circuit operates as part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain, whose mission is

'to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission'.

The Circuit's specific calling is to facilitate and support the seven local Methodist Churches in its area as they respond to that call, through responsible stewardship and effective oversight of its resources (human, financial and property). It seeks to enable those local congregations to

- increase the awareness of God's presence and celebrate God's love (***Worship***)
- help people to grow and learn through mutual support and care (***Learning and Caring***),
- be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice (***Service***), and
- make more followers of Jesus Christ (***Evangelism***).

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The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Circuit should undertake for public benefit.

The Circuit relies on a large amount of time and effort provided by volunteers, who offer a variety of services which are unpaid, including its dedicated local preachers. The Circuit would like to place on record its thanks to these volunteers without whose support it could not operate. It is impossible to estimate the value of these donated services.

Achievements and performance

At its meeting in September 2024 the Circuit Meeting adopted Mission priorities for the coming year which are listed below together with what the Circuit has achieved in relation to those priorities.

	Vision	Actions
Worship	Offer accessible worship that truly connects people with God and allows them to explore their faith and the scriptures Encourage personal spirituality and greater involvement in worship by all our worshippers, especially our lay leaders	- the Circuit has supported the work of its ministers and leaders of worship through the work of the Preachers Meeting, as well as generous funding of resources and training opportunities. This has included providing individual grants to all worship leaders for the purchase of relevant books and resources, as well as attendance at conferences and retreats. - the Circuit organised a Quiet Day, 'A Day of Reflection', at Southlands College Chapel (University of Roehampton) in June, 2025, led by the President of the Methodist Church in Ireland - the Circuit also funded aids to worship for individual churches through its 'small grants' scheme, including cultural activities and improved AV equipment.
Learning and Caring	Continue to create a Circuit and churches where all are safe and the vulnerable are protected Ensure that all our congregations receive the pastoral oversight they need	- the Circuit continues to place the highest priority on Safeguarding in order to ensure that all may safely worship and participate in the life of our churches. - the Circuit staff team has worked together to ensure that proper pastoral care is provided in all our congregations throughout the year, covering as necessary for periods of absence, such as sabbaticals.

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	Vision	Actions
	Make our churches places where discipleship is actively encouraged and that opportunities for Bible study and growth are provided Roll out the EDI strategy	- the Circuit has supported relevant initiatives in the churches encouraging greater engagement with the scriptures in new and imaginative ways. - the Circuit continues to engage fully with the Connexional Justice, Diversity and Inclusion (JDI) strategy, encouraging all worship leaders and congregations to engage with this material and explore themes related to equality, diversity, and inclusion in worship and their life together.
Service	Provide opportunities and resources for our churches and properties to serve our different communities in as many ways as possible Enable our churches to serve the most vulnerable communities within our Circuit	- the Circuit has actively encouraged all its congregations to consider how they can best use their premises and resources to serve their communities better. During this period, the Circuit has provided generous grants to facilitate ambitious building projects at Chiswick, Hounslow and Putney. - the Circuit continues to provide generous support for the employment of a lay worker based at Chiswick and diaconal appointments in Richmond and Roehampton.
Evangelism	Encourage and equip our members and churches to be able to witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ according to their context and opportunities	the Circuit Continues to provide generous financial support to the Urban Mission in Roehampton, primarily through the employment of a full-time minister (deacon). The Mission seeks to make the love of God real in one of the most deprived areas of South-West London. The deacon employed in this role has continued to remain fully engaged in the life of the community, participating in numerous local groups and supporting initiatives such as the food bank, which operates out of the premises of Roehampton Methodist Church. The Circuit has begun exciting conversations about the future of the church in Roehampton with new partners.

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	Vision	Actions
	Make our churches centres for mission	the Circuit is also supporting the work of another deacon, based in Barnes and Richmond, who is seeking to engage with those on the fringes of Church and with the wider communities. In both cases, these appointments could not have been made without the generous financial support of the Circuit and District.
	Support churches engaging with discipleship, especially among children and young people	- the Circuit has once again provided generous financial support to young people attending the 3Gen event in Birmingham. - the Circuit has also indicated its willingness to provide support to congregations with any initiatives related to evangelism and youth work.
Circuit Life	Manage our resources in a way that takes account of both the need for sensible stewardship and serves our continuing mission	- the new Circuit Finance Officer appointed in September, 2025, has already made a significant difference to the smooth running of the Circuit's finances and operations, introducing new policies, procedures and planning tools. - the Circuit also developed a job description for a new Community Pastor role to work with the Gujarati fellowship based at Hounslow, and provide greater support for the existing congregation there. External funding will be sought and it is hoped that an appointment will be made soon in 2024/25.
	Encourage a greater sense of identity and community within the Circuit	
	Staffing	- the Circuit successfully recruited a new Community Pastor to work with the Gujarati fellowship based at Hounslow and has already made a very positive impact. - the Circuit also managed two staff sabbaticals and engaged with the stationing process for 2025/26 in a timely manner.
	Managing our finances and property	the Circuit successfully negotiated a new maintenance contract with PCC Ltd to manage its manses on an ongoing basis (starting 1 September, 2025) in order to ensure that they continue to meet its missional needs.

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 August 2025

Financial review

The accounts for the year show income of £342,309 (2024: £325,197), expenditure of £840,839 (2024: £408,765), a gain on monetary investments of £2,542 (2024: gain of £25,444) and a loss on disposal of investment property of £nil (2024: £143,492), resulting in a net decrease in funds of £495,988 (2024: decrease £201,616).

The general fund recorded a small surplus for the year of £3,890. The fund is intended to break even year on year. In 2024 the fund showed a deficit of £21,140 (excluding the property disposal of the former Brentford church).

There were no property movements in the financial year (2024: disposal of the former Brentford church).

The movement on the CMTF in the year was a decrease of £495,825 (2024: increase of £818,193). The prior year increase primarily reflected the net proceeds of the disposal of the former Brentford Church. In the current financial year the Circuit made major grants to 5 of its churches for property improvements to support mission, together with support for particular ministries and Circuit staff.

At the end of the financial year the Circuit had total funds of £8,063,055 (2024: £8,559,043).

Endowment and restricted total £53,839. Total unrestricted funds were £8,009,216 comprising designated funds of £56,177, CMTF £982,111 and the general funds £6,970,928.

Designated funds have been set aside to cover future expenditure on manse repairs, training and children and youth work not otherwise covered by the general fund budget.

Of the general funds, £6,305,000 comprises property (namely 4 manses occupied by Presbyters and Deacons) and a further £450,000 investment property (one manse let to a tenant) leaving £215,928 of free reserves. This represents approximately 12 months' worth of general fund expenditure.

Reserves policy

The Circuit's policy for the general funds is to hold at least six months expenditure, an amount of approximately £110,000. Actual reserves held currently exceed this figure. The use of these reserves is part of the medium term plan which was prepared for the Circuit Meeting in February 2025 and reviewed in September 2025. This plan includes provision for further spending from the CMTF and general fund for continued support to the churches in their mission, together with sustaining levels of ministry within the Circuit and maintaining manses to a reasonable standard.

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Trustees' report
for the year ended
31 August 2025

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- e) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish the extent to which the auditor is aware of such information.

10th March 2026

This report was approved by the trustees on ~~date~~ and signed on its behalf.



Rev'd Geoffrey Farrar



Mrs M Logan

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CIRCUIT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Richmond & Hounslow Methodist Circuit ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet, statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CIRCUIT

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities set out in the trustees' annual report, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CIRCUIT

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our audit report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

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Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and the regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Azets Audit Services

Sam Thomas
(Senior statutory auditor)

Date: *11th March 2026*

for and on behalf of Azets Audit Services
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

Gladstone House
77-79 High Street
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Surrey TW20 9HY

Azets Audit Services is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Statement of financial activities and Income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31 August 2025

		General fund	Circuit Model	Designated	Restricted &	Total	Total
	Note	(unrestricted)	Trust	funds	Endowment	funds	funds
		(unrestricted)	(unrestricted)	(unrestricted)	funds	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Donations and legacies		-	-	-	-	-	469
Charitable activities	4	152,908	-	-	91,000	243,908	234,446
Other trading activities	5	21,717	-	-	-	21,717	20,013
Investments	6	12,793	49,919	12,600	1,372	76,684	70,269
Total income		187,418	49,919	12,600	92,372	342,309	325,197
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds		117	4,566	-	8	4,691	1,950
Charitable activities:						-	-
Grants & donations		-	326,731	-	-	326,731	8,545
Stipends & salaries	7	138,926	-	-	150,608	289,534	231,318
Property	9	43,767	-	-	8,148	51,915	61,396
Assessment & Levy	11	37,500	96,613	-	-	134,113	77,796
Preaching, training & mission		2,889	-	-	2,598	5,487	3,162
Other costs	10	21,821	-	2,119	4,428	28,368	24,598
Total expenditure		245,020	427,910	2,119	165,790	840,839	408,765
Net gain/(loss) on monetary investments	14	48	2,489	-	5	2,542	25,444
Net gain/(loss) on investment property disposals/revaluations		-	-	-	-	-	(143,492)
Net income/(expenditure)		(57,554)	(375,502)	10,481	(73,413)	(495,988)	(201,616)
Transfers between funds	17	61,444	(120,323)	(10,481)	69,360	-	-
		3,890	(495,825)	-	(4,053)	(495,988)	(201,616)
Other recognised gains and losses							
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		3,890	(495,825)	-	(4,053)	(495,988)	(201,616)
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		6,967,038	1,477,936	56,177	57,892	8,559,043	8,760,659
Total funds carried forward	17	6,970,928	982,111	56,177	53,839	8,063,055	8,559,043

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

Movements in funds are disclosed in note 17 to the financial statements.

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Balance sheet
as at 31 August 2025

	Note	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		6,305,800		6,305,000
Investment property	13		450,000		450,000
Investments	14		928,303		1,443,404
Total fixed assets			<u>7,684,103</u>		<u>8,198,404</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	15	66,995		66,905	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>361,779</u>		<u>311,381</u>	
Total current assets		<u>428,774</u>		<u>378,286</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(49,822)</u>		<u>(17,647)</u>	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			378,952		360,639
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>8,063,055</u>		<u>8,559,043</u>
Net assets	18		<u><u>8,063,055</u></u>		<u><u>8,559,043</u></u>
The funds of the charity:					
Endowment funds			2,475		2,470
Restricted funds			51,364		55,422
Unrestricted funds:					
- General funds		6,970,928		6,967,038	
- Circuit Model Trust fund		982,111		1,477,936	
- Designated funds		<u>56,177</u>		<u>56,177</u>	
Total unrestricted funds			8,009,216		8,501,151
Total charity funds	17		<u><u>8,063,055</u></u>		<u><u>8,559,043</u></u>

The accounts were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 10th March 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Rev'd Geoffrey Farrar



Mrs M Logan

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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 August 2025

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
Cash flows from operating activities	20	<u>(553,609)</u>	<u>(205,046)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Investment income		76,684	70,269
Proceeds from disposal of investment property		-	886,508
Disposal of investments		517,643	-
Purchase of investments		-	(733,851)
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	12	(1,000)	-
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>593,327</u>	<u>222,926</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayments of loan granted by Circuit		10,680	10,350
Net cash provided by financing activities		<u>10,680</u>	<u>10,350</u>
Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year		50,398	28,230
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the year		311,381	283,151
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		<u><u>361,779</u></u>	<u><u>311,381</u></u>

Analysis of changes in net debt

	<u>At start of year</u> £	<u>Cashflows</u> £	<u>At end of year</u> £
Cash	311,381	50,398	361,779
	<u><u>311,381</u></u>	<u><u>50,398</u></u>	<u><u>361,779</u></u>

Richmond and Hounslow Circuit of the Methodist Church

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1 General information

Richmond & Hounslow Methodist Church Circuit is an association of Churches grouped together in a geographical area. The charity provides administration services and support for each of the Churches within the circuit. In addition, the charity is also responsible for helping the wider community, which it does through a variety of donations to various charities and good causes. The governing documents are the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

2 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

(i) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)* (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and SI 2008/629 (Charities Accounting and Reporting Regulations). Pending the making of replacement Regulations specific to the Charities SORP (FRS 102) in accordance with Reg.8(4)(d) of SI 2008/629, the charity trustees have departed from the requirement of Reg.8(5) by following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) instead of SORP 2005 to the extent necessary to give a true and fair view.

The accounts are prepared in Sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

Richmond and Hounslow Circuit of the Methodist Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value unless stated otherwise in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

(ii) Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date or the date of approval of the accounts that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

(iii) Consolidation

The Circuit has denominational regulatory oversight in respect of the work of the churches within the Circuit but has no legal or operational control of those churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances. For this reason, the financial statements of churches within the Circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

(iv) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

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2 Accounting policies (cont'd)

Where the Circuit holds money that may not be spent and must be retained (as capital) to generate an income the money or assets to be retained are classified as an Endowment Fund. The income may be restricted or unrestricted depending on the terms of the endowment.

(v) Income recognition

Income is recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:

- the charity has entitlement to the funds
- receipt of the income is considered probable
- the amount can be measured reliably.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Donated goods, services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.
- For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either:
 - the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made to the charity that a distribution will be made, or
 - when a distribution is received from the estate.

Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

- Investment income is recognised on an accruals basis.
- Income received in advance of the charity becoming entitled to it is deferred until such time as the services have been provided.

(vi) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

(vii) Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Freehold property comprises four residential properties used as Manses. All properties are owned by the trustees for Methodist Church Purposes as Custodian Trustees but since the charity controls them as Managing Trustees, they are included in these financial statements.

The properties are stated at a valuation by the Managing Trustees. The valuation is reflected in the properties revaluation fund since none of the properties has a known original cost. Revaluations occur at three yearly intervals, unless there is evidence of a material change in the value of the item. A revaluation of the properties was carried out by Sanderson Weatherall LLP on 31st August 2023.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

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2 Accounting policies (cont'd)

(viii) Investment properties

From time to time the Circuit may hold residential property which is surplus to its normal staffing requirements. Where this is the case and it is anticipated that the property is unlikely to be used as a manse within two years, the property is classified as Investment Property (whether let out or not) and any lets are at market rate unless there is a compelling reason not to do so in furtherance of the Circuit's charitable objectives.

Investment property is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. Revaluations occur at three year intervals, unless there is evidence of a material change in the value of the property. A revaluation of the properties was carried out by Sanderson Weatherall LLP on 31st August 2023.

The Circuit may also be required to assume responsibility for Church premises following closure and cessation of worship. This results in the Circuit becoming Managing Trustees for the property. At that time the property is recognised as an asset at its anticipated sale price as determined by a professional valuation and after taking into consideration the levy to be charged by the Connexion.

(ix) Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exist, the recoverable amount of the assets is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in expenditure for the year, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

Recognised impairment losses are reversed if, and only if, the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately, unless the relevant asset is carried out a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

(x) Monetary investments

The Circuit's investments are in monetary assets classified as basic financial instruments under FRS 102 and are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP.

(xi) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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2 Accounting policies (cont'd)

(xii) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financial transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt interest is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

(xiii) Pensions

Ordained presbyters and deacons are members of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (MMPS). This is a defined benefit scheme operated by the Methodist Church in Great Britain. The Circuit has no liabilities to the scheme over and above the contributions it makes in respect of its ordained ministers.

The charity's lay employees are able to make contributions into a defined contribution pension scheme. Eligible employees are automatically enrolled unless they have exercised their right to opt out of scheme membership.

Employees may choose to contribute 2% or more of their salary and the charity contributes 6%. Annual contributions are charged to the statement of financial activities.

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3 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	General fund (unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (unrestricted)	Designated funds (unrestricted)	Restricted & Endowment funds	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	-	-	-	469	469
Charitable activities	165,442	-	-	69,004	234,446
Other trading activities	20,013	-	-	-	20,013
Investments	15,035	40,965	12,550	1,719	70,269
Total income	<u>200,490</u>	<u>40,965</u>	<u>12,550</u>	<u>71,192</u>	<u>325,197</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	97	1,846	-	7	1,950
Charitable activities:					-
Grants & donations	826	7,250	-	469	8,545
Stipends & salaries	117,098	-	-	114,220	231,318
Property	53,215	-	-	8,181	61,396
District Assessment & Levy	37,964	39,832	-	-	77,796
Preaching, training & mission	2,762	-	-	400	3,162
Other costs	18,887	-	1,831	3,880	24,598
Total expenditure	<u>230,849</u>	<u>48,928</u>	<u>1,831</u>	<u>127,157</u>	<u>408,765</u>
Net gain/(loss) on monetary investments	1,857	23,410	-	177	25,444
Net gain/(loss) on investment property disposals/revaluations	(143,492)	-	-	-	(143,492)
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>(171,994)</u>	<u>15,447</u>	<u>10,719</u>	<u>(55,788)</u>	<u>(201,616)</u>
Transfers between funds	<u>(836,866)</u>	<u>802,746</u>	<u>(13,037)</u>	<u>47,157</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>(1,008,860)</u>	<u>818,193</u>	<u>(2,318)</u>	<u>(8,631)</u>	<u>(201,616)</u>
Other recognised gains and losses					
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	<u>(1,008,860)</u>	<u>818,193</u>	<u>(2,318)</u>	<u>(8,631)</u>	<u>(201,616)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	<u>7,975,898</u>	<u>659,743</u>	<u>58,495</u>	<u>66,523</u>	<u>8,760,659</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>6,967,038</u></u>	<u><u>1,477,936</u></u>	<u><u>56,177</u></u>	<u><u>57,892</u></u>	<u><u>8,559,043</u></u>

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4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Assessments	152,908	-	152,908	164,616	-	164,616
Performance related grants:			-			-
Urban Mission	-	21,000	21,000	-	21,000	21,000
Pioneering Ministry	-	15,000	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
Lay Pastor	-	20,000	20,000	-	20,000	20,000
Community Pastor	-	20,000	20,000	-	-	-
Contributions from churches:			-			-
Pioneering Ministry	-	5,000	5,000	-	5,004	5,004
Lay Pastor	-	8,000	8,000	-	8,000	8,000
Community Pastor	-	1,000	1,000	-	-	-
Other	-	1,000	1,000	826	-	826
	<u>152,908</u>	<u>91,000</u>	<u>243,908</u>	<u>165,442</u>	<u>69,004</u>	<u>234,446</u>

The Circuit comprised 7 churches and each is assessed for a contribution to meet the overall net costs of the Circuit using a formula based on assessable income.

5 Income from other trading activities

	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£
Other income		
Employment cost recharges - church staff	<u>21,717</u>	<u>20,013</u>

The Circuit employs lay staff on behalf of several of the churches and their costs are recharged as appropriate.

All income from trading activities relates to unrestricted funds.

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6 Investment income

	General fund (unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (unrestricted)	Designated funds (unrestricted)	Restricted & Endowment funds	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rental income	-	-	12,600	-	12,600	12,550
Income from unlisted investments	546	5,554	-	52	6,152	7,924
Interest receivable	12,247	44,365	-	-	56,612	48,145
Loan interest receivable	-	-	-	1,320	1,320	1,650
Total	<u>12,793</u>	<u>49,919</u>	<u>12,600</u>	<u>1,372</u>	<u>76,684</u>	<u>70,269</u>

Investment income - prior year

	General fund (unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (unrestricted)	Designated funds (unrestricted)	Restricted & Endowment funds	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Rental income	-	-	12,550	-	12,550
Income from unlisted investments	725	7,130	-	69	7,924
Interest receivable	14,310	33,835	-	-	48,145
Loan interest receivable	-	-	-	1,650	1,650
Total	<u>15,035</u>	<u>40,965</u>	<u>12,550</u>	<u>1,719</u>	<u>70,269</u>

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7 Stipends and salaries

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Stipends</i>	65,556	62,454	128,010	61,372	58,468	119,840
Social Security costs	7,178	6,709	13,887	5,959	5,558	11,517
Pension contributions	12,408	12,408	24,816	15,624	15,624	31,248
Apprenticeship levy	328	312	640	307	293	600
<i>Lay staff</i>						
Salaries and wages	47,435	59,869	107,304	30,737	31,087	61,824
Social Security costs	3,149	6,956	10,105	1,297	3,035	4,332
Pension contributions	2,636	1,600	4,236	1,650	-	1,650
Apprenticeship levy	236	300	536	152	155	307
Total	<u>138,926</u>	<u>150,608</u>	<u>289,534</u>	<u>117,098</u>	<u>114,220</u>	<u>231,318</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

There is no accrual for holiday pay as it is immaterial; the holiday year ends on 31 August. All staff are paid at or above the London Living Wage.

Each Presbyter or Deacon is entitled to a 3 month sabbatical every 5 years and expenses incurred are met by the Connexion with the Circuit continuing to pay the stipend. During the year there have been 2 (2024: no) sabbaticals. The Circuit does not accrue for holiday pay cover as the remaining staff cover the sabbaticals as needed and without extra pay.

8 Staff numbers

The average number of employees was as follows:

	2025 Headcount	2024 Headcount
Presbyters	2	2
Deacons	2	2
Lay Pastor	1	1
Community Pastor	1	0
Administration - Circuit	2	1
Administration & cleaning - Churches	2	2
	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>

The Circuit acts as the employer for all staff in the circuit whether based in the circuit or the local churches. Staff costs for those staff working within local churches are recharged to their respective churches.

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9 Property expenditure

The Circuit is Managing Trustee for 5 manses, 4 of which are occupied by ministers stationed in the Circuit. One manse is let on an Assured Shorthold Tenancy.

Until its sale in March 2024, the Circuit also acted as Managing Trustees for the closed church at Brentford.

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Manses						
Council tax	4,246	6,595	10,841	4,418	6,837	11,255
Water	1,759	1,553	3,312	1,870	1,344	3,214
Insurance	5,041	-	5,041	5,280	-	5,280
Maintenance contracts	291	-	291	251	-	251
Repairs & maintenance	3,436	-	3,436	7,222	-	7,222
Other costs	675	-	675	655	-	655
Refurbishment	28,319	-	28,319	25,798	-	25,798
Closed churches						
Insurance	-	-	-	5,299	-	5,299
Surveyor	-	-	-	1,800	-	1,800
Other costs	-	-	-	622	-	622
	<u>43,767</u>	<u>8,148</u>	<u>51,915</u>	<u>53,215</u>	<u>8,181</u>	<u>61,396</u>

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10 Other costs

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Telephone & Broadband	2,502	2,481	4,983	1,632	2,055	3,687
Travel	1,633	1,214	2,847	1,191	1,177	2,368
Printing, Postage & Stationery	1,228	406	1,634	1,186	324	1,510
Resources	1,138	327	1,465	13	80	93
Recruitment	-	-	-	1,111	-	1,111
Other office costs	1,580	-	1,580	1,443	244	1,687
Farewell and other gifts	559	-	559	244	-	244
Legal & professional fees	-	-	-	200	-	200
Youth club	1,274	-	1,274	826	-	826
Accountancy	-	-	-	-	-	-
Audit fees	11,680	-	11,680	11,000	-	11,000
Website	27	-	27	41	-	41
Depreciation	200	-	200	-	-	-
Removal costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal (general fund)	21,821			18,887		
			-			-
Letting costs: management fee	1,735	-	1,735	1,729	-	1,729
Letting costs: repairs	384	-	384	102	-	102
Subtotal (designated funds)	2,119			1,831		
	23,940	4,428	28,368	20,718	3,880	24,598

11 Trustees and Related party transactions

The Circuit Superintendent, Presbyters, Deacons and the Circuit Stewards form the Circuit Leadership Team and are considered as Key Management Personnel.

None of the trustees receive any remuneration for their role as trustee.

Presbyters and Deacons are trustees and details of their stipends and expenses are:

	Rev G Farrar 2025	Rev A Nyawo 2025	Deacon Richard 2025	Deacon Kathy 2025
	£	£	£	£
Stipend	34,122	31,020	31,020	31,020
Pension costs	6,204	6,204	6,204	6,204
Computer allowance	207	207	207	207
Travel	1,199	329	399	391
Telephone & internet	-	-	527	-
Removal	-	-	-	-
Other expenses	1,469	28	652	24

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	<u>Rev G Farrar 2024</u>	<u>Rev A Nyawo 2024</u>	<u>Deacon Richard 2024</u>	<u>Deacon Kathy 2024</u>
	£	£	£	£
Stipend	31,978	29,040	29,040	29,040
Pension costs	7,812	7,812	7,812	7,812
Computer allowance	194	194	194	194
Travel	749	370	230	687
Telephone & internet	-	-	904	1,205
Removal	-	-	-	-
Other expenses	605	34	499	102

Margaret Logan and Carol Powers were remunerated for their roles as Circuit Administrator and Lay Pastor respectively.

	<u>Lay Pastor 2025</u>	<u>Circuit Admin 2025</u>	<u>Lay Pastor 2024</u>	<u>Circuit Admin 2024</u>
	£	£	£	£
Remuneration	37,071	13,382	34,277	12,524
Pension costs	-	803	-	751
Other benefits	-	312	-	312
	<u>37,071</u>	<u>14,497</u>	<u>34,277</u>	<u>13,587</u>

The legal authority for payment to trustees in their roles as ministers or employees of the Circuit is contained within the Model Trusts.

Manses are provided by the Circuit for Presbyters and Deacons and the Circuit maintains the properties. The value of Council Tax and water charges paid by the Circuit is not disclosed here as HMRC does not regard this as a benefit in the hands of the minister.

Lay staff received travel expenses in relation to their roles, but none in respect of their roles as trustees.
No other trustees (2024: 1) received expenses (2024: £124) in respect of their Circuit role.

The aggregate amount of donations to the Circuit received from trustees in the year was £nil (2024: £nil).

All of the trustees are members of one or another church within the Circuit and may be trustees in their churches. Related parties include the Methodist Connexion, the London District and the churches within the Circuit which are listed below.

Barnes	Putney
Chiswick	Richmond (LEP)
Heston	Roehampton
Hounslow	

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The District Assessment is calculated for Circuits within the London District based on a formula which takes into account ministerial staffing, membership, free reserves, general fund surpluses and cash balances. The Levy is calculated on a sliding scale percentage of the Circuit's CMTF account balance at 31 August of the previous financial year.

	<u>General fund</u>	<u>Circuit Model Trust</u>	<u>Total 2025</u>	<u>General fund</u>	<u>Circuit Model Trust</u>	<u>Total 2024</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
District Expenses	5,400	-	5,400	5,467	-	5,467
Methodist Church Fund	32,100	-	32,100	32,497	-	32,497
Levy on CMTF funds	-	96,613	96,613	-	39,832	39,832
	<u>37,500</u>	<u>96,613</u>	<u>134,113</u>	<u>37,964</u>	<u>39,832</u>	<u>77,796</u>

The Circuit has a loan agreement with Barnes church. Further details of the loan, together with the amount outstanding at the year end, are in note 15.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	<u>Freehold land and buildings</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£
Cost or Valuation			
At 1 September 2024	6,305,000	-	6,305,000
Revaluation	-	-	-
Additions	-	1,000	1,000
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 August 2025	<u>6,305,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>6,306,000</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 September 2024	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	200	200
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 August 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
Net book value			
At 1 September 2024	<u>6,305,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,305,000</u>
At 31 August 2025	<u>6,305,000</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>6,305,800</u>

Land and buildings were revalued at 31 August 2023 by Sanderson Weatherall LLP, independent valuers not connected with the charity, on the basis of market value. The valuation conforms to International Valuation Standards and was based on recent market transactions on arms length terms for similar properties.

The valuation of £6,305,000 is split between Land values of £4,413,500 and building values of £1,891,500.

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13 Investment property

Fair value

At 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025

£

450,000

Investment property comprised one manse which is let out to tenants. The fair value of the manse has been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out at 31 August 2023 by Sanderson Weatherall LLP, who are not connected with the charity and then updated to reflect property valuation trends in the local area.

14 Fixed asset investments

	<u>CMTF</u>	<u>Brentford Church</u>	<u>Surplus funds</u>	<u>Alfred Lass Bequest</u>	<u>Total 2025</u>	<u>Total 2024</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 September 2024	1,404,836	32,266	3,832	2,470	1,443,404	684,109
Unrealised gain	2,489	48	-	5	2,542	25,444
Income	49,919	846	183	52	51,000	42,296
Capital income	-	-	-	-	-	886,508
Charges and transfers	(567,733)	(846)	(12)	(52)	(568,643)	(194,953)
Market value at 31 August	<u>889,511</u>	<u>32,314</u>	<u>4,003</u>	<u>2,475</u>	<u>928,303</u>	<u>1,443,404</u>
Consisting of:						
Managed Mixed Fund	196,794	25,903	-	2,475	225,172	224,756
Managed Equity Fund	84,484	-	-	-	84,484	82,358
Trustees Interest Fund	608,233	6,411	4,003	-	618,647	1,136,290
	<u>889,511</u>	<u>32,314</u>	<u>4,003</u>	<u>2,475</u>	<u>928,303</u>	<u>1,443,404</u>

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Circuit's other funds are held by TMCP.

The Brentford Church and Surplus funds may be used for any purpose and form part of the General Fund.

Fixed asset investments - prior year

	<u>CMTF</u>	<u>Brentford Church</u>	<u>Surplus funds</u>	<u>Alfred Lass Bequest</u>	<u>Total 2024</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 September 2023	647,762	30,409	3,645	2,293	684,109
Unrealised gain	23,410	1,857	-	177	25,444
Income	40,965	1,075	187	69	42,296
Capital income	886,508	-	-	-	886,508
Charges and transfers	(193,809)	(1,075)	-	(69)	(194,953)
Market value at 31 August	<u>1,404,836</u>	<u>32,266</u>	<u>3,832</u>	<u>2,470</u>	<u>1,443,404</u>
Consisting of:					
Managed Mixed Fund	196,431	25,855	-	2,470	224,756
Managed Equity Fund	82,358	-	-	-	82,358
Trustees Interest Fund	1,126,047	6,411	3,832	-	1,136,290
	<u>1,404,836</u>	<u>32,266</u>	<u>3,832</u>	<u>2,470</u>	<u>1,443,404</u>

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15 Debtors

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Due within one year:		
Trade debtors	-	1,737
Prepayments and accrued income	27,551	14,559
Loan to Barnes church	12,000	12,000
Other debtors	474	959
	<u>40,025</u>	<u>29,255</u>
Due after more than one year:		
Loan to Barnes church	26,970	37,650
Total debtors	<u>66,995</u>	<u>66,905</u>

The loan to Barnes church is repayable at £12,000 per year over 5 years. Interest is added to the loan on an annual, non cumulative basis. The interest rate in 2023-24 and 2024-25 was 2.75%.

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Trade creditors	12,721	364
Deferred income	24,986	6,283
Accruals	12,115	11,000
Total	<u>49,822</u>	<u>17,647</u>

Deferred income

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Balance at beginning of year	6,283	67,757
Amounts released to income	(6,283)	(67,757)
Amounts deferred in the year	24,986	6,283
Balance at the end of the year	<u>24,986</u>	<u>6,283</u>

Income is deferred when it has been invoiced or received in advance of the relevant activity being carried out or (in the case of grant income) when performance-related conditions have not yet been met.

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17 Movements in funds

	<u>At 1 September 2024</u> £	<u>Incoming resources</u> £	<u>Outgoing resources</u> £	<u>Gains & losses</u> £	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>At 31 August 2025</u> £
Endowment funds						
F Alfred Lass Bequest	2,470	52	(8)	5	(44)	2,475
Restricted funds:						
Barnes Church loan	49,650	1,320	-	-	(12,000)	38,970
Labyrinth	-	1,000	(2,553)		1,553	-
Pioneering Ministry	1,856	20,000	(46,709)	-	29,100	4,247
Urban Mission	4,344	21,000	(46,772)	-	28,981	7,553
Lay Pastor	(428)	28,000	(37,572)	-	8,900	(1,100)
Community Pastor	-	21,000	(32,176)		12,870	1,694
Total restricted funds	<u>55,422</u>	<u>92,320</u>	<u>(165,782)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,404</u>	<u>51,364</u>
Unrestricted funds:						
Designated funds						
Manse repairs	53,097	-	-	-	-	53,097
Training	2,300	-	-	-	-	2,300
Children & Youth	780	-	-	-	-	780
Urban Mission	-	12,600	(2,119)	-	(10,481)	-
			-		-	-
Total designated funds	<u>56,177</u>	<u>12,600</u>	<u>(2,119)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,481)</u>	<u>56,177</u>
General funds	175,940	186,389	(244,903)	-	62,185	179,611
Circuit Surplus fund	3,832	183	(12)	-	-	4,003
Brentford church TMCP funds	32,266	846	(105)	48	(741)	32,314
Investment property revaluation fund	450,000	-	-	-		450,000
Fixed asset revaluation fund	6,305,000	-	-	-	-	6,305,000
Circuit Model Trust Fund	1,477,936	49,919	(427,910)	2,489	(120,323)	982,111
Total unrestricted funds	<u>8,501,151</u>	<u>249,937</u>	<u>(675,049)</u>	<u>2,537</u>	<u>(69,360)</u>	<u>8,009,216</u>
Total funds	<u><u>8,559,043</u></u>	<u><u>342,309</u></u>	<u><u>(840,839)</u></u>	<u><u>2,542</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>8,063,055</u></u>

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17 Movements in funds (Cont'd)

Movements in funds - previous year

	At 1 September <u>2023</u> £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Gains & losses £	Transfers	At 31 August <u>2024</u> £
Endowment funds						
F Alfred Lass Bequest	2,293	69	(7)	177	(62)	2,470
Restricted funds:						
Barnes Church loan	60,000	1,650	-		(12,000)	49,650
Pioneering Ministry	1,500	20,004	(45,648)	-	26,000	1,856
Urban Mission	2,730	21,000	(46,105)		26,719	4,344
Lay Pastor	-	28,000	(34,928)		6,500	(428)
Offerings	-	469	(469)		-	-
Total restricted funds	<u>64,230</u>	<u>71,123</u>	<u>(127,150)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,219</u>	<u>55,422</u>
Unrestricted funds:						
Designated funds						
Manse repairs	53,097	-	-	-	-	53,097
Training	2,300	-	-	-	-	2,300
Children & Youth	780	-	-	-	-	780
Closed church expenses	2,318	-	-	-	(2,318)	-
Urban Mission	-	12,550	(1,831)		(10,719)	-
Total designated funds	<u>58,495</u>	<u>12,550</u>	<u>(1,831)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,037)</u>	<u>56,177</u>
General funds	156,844	199,218	(230,752)	(143,492)	194,122	175,940
Circuit Surplus fund	3,645	197	(10)	-	-	3,832
Brentford church TMCP funds	30,409	1,075	(87)	1,857	(988)	32,266
Investment property revaluation fund	1,480,000	-	-	-	(1,030,000)	450,000
Fixed asset revaluation fund	6,305,000	-	-	-	-	6,305,000
Circuit Model Trust Fund	647,762	40,965	(48,928)	23,410	814,727	1,477,936
Grants paid in advance	48,500	-	-	-	(48,500)	-
Owing to GF for manse repair	(36,519)	-	-	-	36,519	-
Total unrestricted funds	<u>8,694,136</u>	<u>254,005</u>	<u>(281,608)</u>	<u>(118,225)</u>	<u>(47,157)</u>	<u>8,501,151</u>
Total funds	<u><u>8,760,659</u></u>	<u><u>325,197</u></u>	<u><u>(408,765)</u></u>	<u><u>(118,048)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>8,559,043</u></u>

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17 Movements in funds (Cont'd)

Purposes of restricted funds

Urban Mission, Pioneering Ministry, Lay Pastor - these funds support particular ministries within the Circuit.

Offerings - collected for specific Connexional funds.

Purposes of designated funds

These funds have been set aside by the Circuit Meeting to serve specific purposes but are not restricted by any document or deed to that purpose alone.

Manse repairs - for major repairs or refurbishments not covered by the annual amounts within the general fund.

Training - unspent budget from prior years agreed to be set aside for future training needs.

Children & Youth - unspent budget from prior years agreed to be set aside for future needs in this area of work.

Urban Mission - receives the rent (less fees and costs) from the Roehampton manse which the trustees have agreed to be used to support this particular ministry.

General fund - for use at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the Circuit and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Circuit Model Trust Fund - for use at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the Circuit. Its main source of income is legacies and proceeds (after fees and levies) from the sale of manses and church buildings in the Circuit.

Although this is an unrestricted fund under the control of the Circuit Meeting, prior approval is still required from the District to utilise these funds. Methodist Standing Orders 917, 930 and 931 are applicable.

Circuit property is carried in the General fund but upon sale the net proceeds are processed through the Circuit Model Trust Fund. The sale during the year of the former Brentford church gave rise to a transfer of £886,508.

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Circuit Model Trust £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	6,305,800	-	-	-	-	6,305,800
Investment property	450,000	-	-	-	-	450,000
Investments	36,317	889,511	-	-	2,475	928,303
Net current assets	178,811	92,600	56,177	51,364	-	378,952
Net assets at 31 August 2025	<u>6,970,928</u>	<u>982,111</u>	<u>56,177</u>	<u>51,364</u>	<u>2,475</u>	<u>8,063,055</u>

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Analysis of net assets between funds - previous year

	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Circuit Model Trust</u>	<u>Designated funds</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u>	<u>Endowment funds</u>	<u>Total funds</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	6,305,000	-	-	-	-	6,305,000
Investment property	450,000	-	-	-	-	450,000
Investments	36,098	1,404,836	-	-	2,470	1,443,404
Net current assets	175,940	73,100	56,177	55,422	-	360,639
Net assets at 31 August 2024	<u>6,967,038</u>	<u>1,477,936</u>	<u>56,177</u>	<u>55,422</u>	<u>2,470</u>	<u>8,559,043</u>

19 Events after the balance sheet date

At the Circuit Meeting held on 30 September 2025, the meeting agreed that the Circuit should release Barnes Methodist Church from the loan made to it by the Circuit and accordingly the value of the loan will be written down to zero at that date.

20 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Net surplus/(deficit) for the reporting year (as per the statement of financial activities)	(495,988)	(201,616)
Adjustments for:		
Loss/(Gain) on investments	(2,542)	(25,444)
Loss/(Gain) on investment property	-	143,492
Depreciation charge	200	
Investment charges		
Interest income from investments	(76,684)	(70,269)
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	(10,770)	87,700
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	32,175	(138,909)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	<u>(553,609)</u>	<u>(205,046)</u>

Accounts

RICHMOND AND HOUNSLOW CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

CHARITY NO.: 1134245

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

**for the year ended
31 August 2024**

Richmond and Hounslow Circuit of the Methodist Church

Status: Registered Charity no. 1134245
The charity was established by a charitable trust deed on 10th February 2010.
The charity's governing documents are the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

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Trustees' report
for the year ended
31 August 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), effective from 1 January 2019.

Structure, governance and management

The Richmond and Hounslow Circuit of the Methodist Church ('the Circuit') is an association of churches grouped together in a geographical area. Ordained ministers are appointed to serve the Circuit. The Superintendent Minister oversees for the work of all the churches in the circuit.

The Circuit was established as a registered charity by a charitable trust deed on 10th February, 2010. The Circuit's governing documents are the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976). The Standing Orders of the Methodist Church (as set out the *Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church*) govern the way the Circuit is constituted including how trustees are appointed.

The managing trustees at the date of this report are the members of the Circuit Meeting. These comprise all Circuit officers (as designated by SO 510 of the *Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church*), ministers and representatives from each of the congregations. Circuit meetings are held at least three times per year. Decision making is not vested in a small number of people.

The Circuit comprises seven congregations in south-west London: Barnes, Chiswick, Heston, Hounslow, Putney, Richmond (Methodist/URC LEP), and Roehampton.

Objects and activities

The Circuit operates as part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain, whose mission is

'to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission'.

The Circuit's specific calling is to facilitate and support the seven local Methodist Churches in its area as they respond to that call, through responsible stewardship and effective oversight of its resources (human, financial and property). It seeks to enable those local congregations to

- increase the awareness of God's presence and celebrate God's love (***Worship***)
- help people to grow and learn through mutual support and care (***Learning and Caring***),
- be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice (***Service***), and
- make more followers of Jesus Christ (***Evangelism***).

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The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Circuit should undertake for public benefit.

The Circuit relies on a large amount of time and effort provided by volunteers, who offer a variety of services which are unpaid, including its dedicated local preachers. The Circuit would like to place on record its thanks to these volunteers without whose support it could not operate. It is impossible to estimate the value of these donated services.

Achievements and performance

At its meeting in October 2023 the Circuit Meeting adopted Mission priorities for the coming year which are listed below together with what the Circuit has achieved in relation to those priorities.

	Vision	Actions
Worship	Offer accessible worship that truly connects people with God and allows them to explore their faith and the scriptures Encourage personal spirituality and greater involvement in worship by all our worshippers, especially our lay leaders	- the Circuit has supported the work of its ministers and leaders of worship through the work of the Preachers Meeting, as well as generous funding of resources and training opportunities. This has included providing individual grants to all worship leaders for the purchase of relevant books and resources, as well as attendance at conferences and retreats. - the Circuit organized a Quiet Day on the theme of 'Finding Peace' at Southlands College Chapel in June, 2024, encouraging attendees to explore their own spirituality further. - the Circuit also funded aids to worship for individual churches through its 'small grants' scheme, including the provision of new AV equipment at Barnes for Bible study and a new piano at Hounslow.
Learning and Caring	Continue to create a Circuit and churches where all are safe and the vulnerable are protected Ensure that all our congregations receive the pastoral oversight they need	- the Circuit has placed a renewed emphasis on Safeguarding in this year. It has reorganised its handling of safeguarding records and delivered a number of training sessions to ensure that all office holders have engaged with the relevant learning – both Foundation and Advanced. This has involved a considerable amount of time and resources and we are very grateful to all those who have engaged so willingly to ensure that all may safely worship and participate in the life of our churches. - the Circuit staff team has worked together to ensure that proper pastoral care is provided in all our congregations throughout the year, covering as necessary for periods of illness and absence.

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Vision

Make our churches places where discipleship is actively encouraged and that opportunities for Bible study and growth are provided

Roll out the EDI strategy

Actions

- the Circuit has supported relevant initiatives in the churches encouraging greater engagement with the scriptures in new and imaginative ways.
- the Circuit has also engaged fully with the Connexional Justice, Diversity and Inclusion (JDI) strategy, encouraging all worship leaders and congregations to engage with this material and explore themes related to equality, diversity, and inclusion in worship and their life together. This has included the marking of Racial Justice Sunday in all our churches.

Service

Provide opportunities and resources for our churches and properties to serve our different communities in as many ways as possible

- the Circuit has encouraged all its congregations to consider how they can best use their premises and resources to serve their communities better. During this period, the Circuit has been reviewing how best it can provide financial support for those congregations seeking to redevelop their premises to make them more suitable for the mission of the church in the 21st century. The Circuit Meeting agreed to be bold in its use of these resources, which have primarily come about through the sale of church sites, and is looking forward to supporting these projects as they come to fruition.

Enable our churches to serve the most vulnerable communities within our Circuit

- the Circuit provides generous support for the employment of a lay worker based at Chiswick. She has continued to develop new initiatives to meet the needs of the community and engage with those on the fringes of church. This has included starting a new Stroke Club and ongoing work with the Cedars youth project.
- the Circuit provided specific grants to enable congregations to install defibrillators for community use on their premises. These have now been installed at: Hounslow, Richmond and Roehampton.

Evangelism

Encourage and equip our members and churches to be able to witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ according to their context and opportunities

- the Circuit Continues to provide generous financial support to the Urban Mission in Roehampton, primarily through the employment of a full-time minister (deacon). The Mission seeks to make the love of God real in one of the most deprived areas of South-West London. The deacon employed in this role has continued to remain fully engaged in the life of the community, participating in numerous local groups and supporting initiatives such as the food bank, which operates out of the premises of Roehampton Methodist Church. The Circuit has agreed to explore more fully in the coming year how this mission might develop over the longer term.

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	Vision	Actions
	Make our churches centres for mission Support churches engaging with discipleship, especially among children and young people	- the Circuit is also supporting the work of another deacon, based in Barnes and Richmond, who is seeking to engage with those on the fringes of Church and with the wider communities. In both cases, these appointments could not have been made without the generous financial support of the Circuit and District. - the Circuit has provided generous financial support to young people attending the 3Gen event in Birmingham. - the Circuit has also indicated its willingness to provide support to congregations with any initiatives related to evangelism and youth work.
Circuit Life	Manage our resources in a way that takes account of both the need for sensible stewardship and serves our continuing mission Working with others	- the Circuit successfully recruited a paid part-time Finance Officer to manage the day-to-day financial operations from September 2024, following a national recruitment exercise. This new post reflects the commitment of the Circuit meeting to ensure that its resources are properly managed and that all necessary regulations are complied with. It also appointed a new Circuit Treasurer to take over from Janet Wilson as she steps down after many years' service. - the Circuit also developed a job description for a new Community Pastor role to work with the Gujarati fellowship based at Hounslow, and provide greater support for the existing congregation there. External funding will be sought and it is hoped that an appointment will be made soon in 2024/25.
	Managing our finances and property	- the Circuit oversaw the successful completion of the sale of the site of Brentford Methodist Church, meeting all the requirements of good governance and charity law. The proceeds of this sale will be used to further the charitable purposes of the Circuit. - the Circuit continues to invest in its manse, tackling long-term maintenance issues and renewing its properties. This year, work commenced at the Lampton Park Road manse in Hounslow, tackling a number of long-standing issues and renewing the outdated kitchen. The exterior of the manse in Enmore Road, Putney, was also re-painted. Further work will be carried out in coming years, alongside routine maintenance.
	Encourage a greater sense of identity and community within the Circuit	- the Circuit held two joint services to celebrate its life together: an Easter Offering service in April, where the Rev'd Dr Jonathan Huster, Secretary of the Methodist Conference, preached; and a service to celebrate the ministry of Rev'd Allison Waterhouse in June. - members of the Circuit worked with archival students from the University of Roehampton to go through some of the Circuit archives, currently held at Putney Methodist Church. Relevant material will be deposited with the County archives in due course.

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Financial review

The accounts for the year show income of £325,197 (2023: £246,789), expenditure of £408,765 (2023: £1,138,018), a gain on monetary investments of £25,444 (2023: loss of £7,679) and a loss on disposal of investment property of £143,492 (2023: loss on revaluation of property £1,063,000), resulting in a net decrease in funds of £201,616 (2023: decrease £1,961,908).

Funds have been reclassified in the 2023-24 accounts to confirm to general Methodist practice so that properties are included as part of the General Fund and the Circuit Model Trust Fund (CMTF) shown as an unrestricted fund. There is no effect on the total funds of the previous year.

The general fund showed a net deficit of £30,359 before gains/losses and transfers, largely relating to redecoration at the Putney manse (2023: net deficit £792,767 following significant refurbishment of two manses).

The former Brentford church was sold in the year realising proceeds of £886,508 after accounting for the Connexional levy. With the carrying value of the property at £1,030,000 there was therefore a loss on disposal of £143,492. While the property was carried in the general fund, proceeds are directed to the CMTF resulting in a transfer from the general fund to the CMTF equivalent to the net proceeds.

The movement on the CMTF in the year was an increase of £818,193 (2023: decrease of £70,536), primarily due to the proceeds from the Brentford church. Transfers of £48,500 were made to support specific ministries of the Circuit and £7,250 to the churches.

At the end of the financial year the Circuit had total funds of £8,559,043 (2023: £8,760,659).

Endowment, restricted and designated funds total £114,069. The CMTF holds £1,477,936 and the general funds £6,967,038.

Designated funds have been set aside to cover future expenditure on manse repairs, training and children and youth work not otherwise covered by the general fund budget.

Of the general funds, £6,305,000 comprises property (namely 4 manses occupied by Presbyters and Deacons) and a further £450,000 investment property (one manse let to a tenant) leaving £212,038 of free reserves. This represents approximately 12 months' worth of general fund expenditure.

Reserves policy

The Circuit's policy for the general funds is to hold at least six months expenditure, an amount of approximately £105,000. Actual reserves held currently exceed this figure. The use of these reserves is part of the medium term plan which the Circuit Meeting is drawing up.

The Circuit Meeting is actively discussing how best to utilise the increased CMTF to further mission within the Circuit over the medium term.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

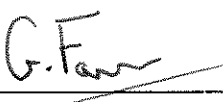
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- e) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish the auditor is aware of such information.

This report was approved by the trustees on 24 February 2025 and signed on its behalf.



Rev'd Geoffrey Farrar



Mrs M Logan

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CIRCUIT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Richmond & Hounslow Methodist Circuit ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet, statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities set out in the trustees' annual report, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CIRCUIT

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our audit report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CIRCUIT

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and the regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Azets Audit Services

Sam Thomas

(Senior statutory auditor)

Date: *24 February 2025*

for and on behalf of Azets Audit Services

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditor

Trinity Court
34 West Street
Sutton
SM1 1SH

Azets Audit Services is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Statement of financial activities and Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 August 2024

						(restated)
		General fund	Circuit Model	Designated	Restricted &	Total
	Note	(unrestricted)	Trust	funds	Endowment	funds
		(unrestricted)	(unrestricted)	(unrestricted)	funds	2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Income from:						
Donations and legacies		-	-	-	469	469
Charitable activities	4	165,442	-	-	69,004	234,446
Other trading activities	5	20,013	-	-	-	20,013
Investments	6	15,035	40,965	12,550	1,719	70,269
Total income		200,490	40,965	12,550	71,192	325,197
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds		97	1,846	-	7	1,950
Charitable activities:						-
Grants & donations		826	7,250	-	469	8,545
Stipends & salaries	7	117,098	-	-	114,220	231,318
Property	9	53,215	-	-	8,181	61,396
Assessment & Levy	11	37,964	39,832	-	-	77,796
Preaching, training & mission		2,762	-	-	400	3,162
Other costs	10	18,887	-	1,831	3,880	24,598
Total expenditure		230,849	48,928	1,831	127,157	408,765
Net gain/(loss) on monetary investments	13	1,857	23,410	-	177	25,444
Net gain/(loss) on investment property disposals/revaluations		(143,492)	-	-	-	(143,492)
Net income/(expenditure)		(171,994)	15,447	10,719	(55,788)	(201,616)
Transfers between funds	17	(836,866)	802,746	(13,037)	47,157	-
		(1,008,860)	818,193	(2,318)	(8,631)	(201,616)
Other recognised gains and losses						
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
						(160,000)
Net movement in funds		(1,008,860)	818,193	(2,318)	(8,631)	(201,616)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		7,975,898	659,743	58,495	66,523	8,760,659
Total funds carried forward	17	6,967,038	1,477,936	56,177	57,892	8,559,043

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

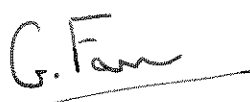
Movements in funds are disclosed in note 17 to the financial statements.

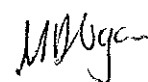
Richmond and Hounslow Circuit of the Methodist Church

Balance sheet
as at 31 August 2024

	Note	2024		restated 2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		6,305,000		6,305,000
Investment property	13		450,000		1,480,000
Investments	14		1,443,404		684,109
Total fixed assets			<u>8,198,404</u>		<u>8,469,109</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	15	66,905		164,955	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>311,381</u>		<u>283,151</u>	
Total current assets		<u>378,286</u>		<u>448,106</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(17,647)</u>		<u>(156,556)</u>	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			360,639		291,550
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>8,559,043</u>		<u>8,760,659</u>
Net assets	18		<u><u>8,559,043</u></u>		<u><u>8,760,659</u></u>
The funds of the charity:					
Endowment funds			2,470		2,293
Restricted funds			55,422		64,230
Unrestricted funds:					
- General funds		6,967,038		7,975,898	
- Circuit Model Trust fund		1,477,936		659,743	
- Designated funds		<u>56,177</u>		<u>58,495</u>	
Total unrestricted funds			8,501,151		8,694,136
Total charity funds	17		<u><u>8,559,043</u></u>		<u><u>8,760,659</u></u>

The accounts were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 24 February 2025
and signed on their behalf by:


Rev'd Geoffrey Farrar


Mrs M Logan

Richmond and Hounslow Circuit of the Methodist Church

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 August 2024

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
Cash flows from operating activities	20	<u>(205,046)</u>	<u>(831,693)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Investment income		70,269	47,634
Proceeds from disposal of investment property	13	886,508	817,094
Purchase of investments		(733,851)	-
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>222,926</u>	<u>864,728</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayments of loan granted by Circuit		10,350	-
Net cash provided by financing activities		<u>10,350</u>	<u>-</u>
(Decrease)/Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year		28,230	33,035
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the year		283,151	250,116
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		<u><u>311,381</u></u>	<u><u>283,151</u></u>

Analysis of changes in net debt

	<u>At start of year</u> £	<u>Cashflows</u> £	<u>At end of year</u> £
Cash	283,151	28,230	311,381
	<u><u>283,151</u></u>	<u><u>28,230</u></u>	<u><u>311,381</u></u>

Richmond and Hounslow Circuit of the Methodist Church

Notes to the accounts
for the year ended
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1 Accounting policies

Richmond & Hounslow Methodist Church Circuit is an association of Churches grouped together in a geographical area. The charity provides administration services and support for each of the Churches within the circuit. In addition, the charity is also responsible for helping the wider community, which it does through a variety of donations to various charities and good causes. The governing documents are the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

(i) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)* (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and SI 2008/629 (Charities Accounting and Reporting Regulations). Pending the making of replacement Regulations specific to the Charities SORP (FRS 102) in accordance with Reg.8(4)(d) of SI 2008/629, the charity trustees have departed from the requirement of Reg.8(5) by following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) instead of SORP 2005 to the extent necessary to give a true and fair view.

The accounts are prepared in Sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.
Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

Richmond and Hounslow Circuit of the Methodist Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value unless stated otherwise in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

(ii) Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date or the date of approval of the accounts that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

(iii) Consolidation

The Circuit has denominational regulatory oversight in respect of the work of the churches within the Circuit but has no legal or operational control of those churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances. For this reason, the financial statements of churches within the Circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

(iv) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

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2 Accounting policies (cont'd)

Where the Circuit holds money that may not be spent and must be retained (as capital) to generate an income the money or assets to be retained are classified as an Endowment Fund. The income may be restricted or unrestricted depending on the terms of the endowment.

(v) Income recognition

Income is recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:

- the charity has entitlement to the funds
- receipt of the income is considered probable
- the amount can be measured reliably.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Donated goods, services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.
- For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either:
 - the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made to the charity that a distribution will be made, or
 - when a distribution is received from the estate.

Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

- Investment income is recognised on an accruals basis.
- Income received in advance of the charity becoming entitled to it is deferred until such time as the services have been provided.

(vi) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

(vii) Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Freehold property comprises four residential properties used as Manses. All properties are owned by the trustees for Methodist Church Purposes as Custodian Trustees but since the charity controls them as Managing Trustees, they are included in these financial statements.

The properties are stated at a valuation by the Managing Trustees. The valuation is reflected in the properties revaluation fund since none of the properties has a known original cost. Revaluations occur at three yearly intervals, unless there is evidence of a material change in the value of the item. A revaluation of the properties was carried out by Sanderson Weatherall LLP on 31st August 2023.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

Richmond and Hounslow Circuit of the Methodist Church

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1 Accounting policies (cont'd)

(viii) Investment properties

From time to time the Circuit may hold residential property which is surplus to its normal staffing requirements. Where this is the case and it is anticipated that the property is unlikely to be used as a manse within two years, the property is classified as Investment Property (whether let out or not) and any lets are at market rate unless there is a compelling reason not to do so in furtherance of the Circuit's charitable objectives.

Investment property is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. Revaluations occur at three year intervals, unless there is evidence of a material change in the value of the property. A revaluation of the properties was carried out by Sanderson Weatherall LLP on 31st August 2023.

The Circuit may also be required to assume responsibility for Church premises following closure and cessation of worship. This results in the Circuit becoming Managing Trustees for the property. At that time the property is recognised as an asset at its anticipated sale price as determined by a professional valuation and after taking into consideration the levy to be charged by the Connexion.

(ix) Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exist, the recoverable amount of the assets is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in expenditure for the year, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

Recognised impairment losses are reversed if, and only if, the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately, unless the relevant asset is carried out a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

(x) Monetary investments

The Circuit's investments are in monetary assets classified as basic financial instruments under FRS 102 and are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP.

(xi) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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1 Accounting policies (cont'd)

(xii) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financial transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt interest is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

(xiii) Pensions

Ordained presbyters and deacons are members of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (MMPS). This is a defined benefit scheme operated by the Methodist Church in Great Britain. The Circuit has no liabilities to the scheme over and above the contributions it makes in respect of its ordained ministers.

The charity's lay employees are able to make contributions into a defined contribution pension scheme. Eligible employees are automatically enrolled unless they have exercised their right to opt out of scheme membership.

Employees may choose to contribute 2% or more of their salary and the charity contributes 6%. Annual contributions are charged to the statement of financial activities.

2 Restatement of 2022-23 figures

Prior year figures have been restated to present the properties as part of the General Fund and to reclassify the Circuit Model Trust Fund as unrestricted in accordance with Methodist practice. There is no effect on the total funds at 1 September 2022 or 31 August 2023.

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3 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities - restated

	General fund (unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (unrestricted)	Designated funds (unrestricted)	Restricted & Endowment funds	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	-	-	-	952	952
Charitable activities	131,338	-	-	20,000	151,338
Other trading activities	46,865	-	-	-	46,865
Investments	8,677	26,886	12,000	71	47,634
Total income	186,880	26,886	12,000	21,023	246,789
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	131	1,880	-	7	2,018
Charitable activities:					-
Grants & donations	-	28,530	-	952	29,482
Stipends & salaries	136,716	-	-	52,346	189,062
Property	778,719	-	-	2,531	781,250
District Assessment & Levy	36,856	40,735	-	-	77,591
Preaching, training & mission	6,438	-	-	-	6,438
Other costs	20,787	-	2,110	29,280	52,177
Total expenditure	979,647	71,145	2,110	85,116	1,138,018
Net gain/(loss) on monetary investments	(1,064)	(6,513)	-	(102)	(7,679)
Net gain/(loss) on investment property disposals/revaluations	(903,000)	-	-	-	(903,000)
Net income/(expenditure)	(1,696,831)	(50,772)	9,890	(64,195)	(1,801,908)
Transfers between funds	(13,391)	(19,764)	(10,464)	43,619	-
	(1,710,222)	(70,536)	(574)	(20,576)	(1,801,908)
Other recognised gains and losses					
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets	(160,000)	-	-	-	(160,000)
Net movement in funds	(1,870,222)	(70,536)	(574)	(20,576)	(1,961,908)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	9,846,120	730,279	59,069	87,099	10,722,567
Total funds carried forward	7,975,898	659,743	58,495	66,523	8,760,659

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4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Assessments	164,616		164,616	131,338		131,338
Performance related grants:			-			-
Urban Mission	-	21,000	21,000		20,000	20,000
Pioneering Ministry		15,000	15,000		-	-
Lay Pastor		20,000	20,000			-
Contributions from churches:		-	-	-	-	-
Pioneering Ministry		5,004	5,004	-	-	-
Lay Pastor	-	8,000	8,000	-		-
Other	826		826		-	-
	<u>165,442</u>	<u>69,004</u>	<u>234,446</u>	<u>131,338</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>151,338</u>

The Circuit comprised 7 churches and each is assessed for a contribution to meet the overall net costs of the Circuit using a formula based on assessable income.

5 Income from other trading activities

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
Other income		
Salary recharges - lay pastor	-	27,873
Salary recharges - administrative staff	20,013	17,588
Contractor charges rebilled	-	1,404
	<u>20,013</u>	<u>46,865</u>

The Circuit employs lay staff on behalf of several of the churches and their costs are recharged as appropriate.

All income from trading activities relates to unrestricted funds.

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6 Investment income

					(restated)	
	General fund (unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (unrestricted)	Designated funds (unrestricted)	Restricted & Endowment funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rental income			12,550		12,550	12,000
Income from unlisted investments	725	7,130		69	7,924	8,285
Interest receivable	14,310	33,835			48,145	27,349
Loan interest receivable	-			1,650	1,650	-
Total	15,035	40,965	12,550	1,719	70,269	47,634

Investment income - prior year (restated)

	General fund (unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (unrestricted)	Designated funds (unrestricted)	Restricted & Endowment funds	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Rental income	-	-	12,000	-	12,000
Income from unlisted investments	739	7,475	-	71	8,285
Interest receivable	7,938	19,411	-	-	27,349
Loan interest receivable	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>8,677</u>	<u>26,886</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>47,634</u>

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7 Stipends and salaries

	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u>	<u>Total 2024</u>	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u>	<u>Total 2023</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Stipends</i>	61,372	58,468	119,840	56,901	38,324	95,225
Social Security costs	5,959	5,558	11,517	5,341	3,568	8,909
Pension contributions	15,624	15,624	31,248	14,487	10,262	24,749
Apprenticeship levy	307	293	600	288	192	480
<i>Lay staff</i>						
Salaries and wages	30,737	31,087	61,824	54,469	-	54,469
Social Security costs	1,297	3,035	4,332	3,496	-	3,496
Pension contributions	1,650	-	1,650	1,459	-	1,459
Apprenticeship levy	152	155	307	275	-	275
Total	<u><u>117,098</u></u>	<u><u>114,220</u></u>	<u><u>231,318</u></u>	<u><u>136,716</u></u>	<u><u>52,346</u></u>	<u><u>189,062</u></u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

There is no accrual for holiday pay as it is immaterial; the holiday year ends on 31 August. All staff are paid at or above the London Living Wage.

Each Presbyterian is entitled to a 3 month sabbatical every 5 years and the expenses incurred by the Presbyterian are met by the Connexion with the Circuit continuing to pay the stipend. During the year there have been no (2023: no) sabbaticals. The Circuit does not accrue for holiday pay cover as the remaining staff cover the sabbaticals as needed and without extra pay.

8 Staff numbers

The average number of employees was as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	Headcount	Headcount
Presbyters	2	2
Deacons	2	1
Lay Pastor	1	1
Administration - Circuit	1	1
Administration & cleaning - Churches	2	2
	<u><u>8</u></u>	<u><u>7</u></u>

The Circuit acts as the employer for all staff in the circuit whether based in the circuit or the local churches. Staff costs for those staff working within local churches are recharged to their respective churches.

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9 Property expenditure

The Circuit is Managing Trustee for 5 manses, 4 of which are occupied by ministers stationed in the Circuit. One manse is let on an Assured Shorthold Tenancy.

Until its sale in March 2024, the Circuit also acted as Managing Trustees for the closed church at Brentford.

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Manses						
Council tax	4,418	6,837	11,255	9,507	2,174	11,681
Water	1,870	1,344	3,214	1,678	300	1,978
Insurance	5,280	-	5,280	6,647	-	6,647
Maintenance contracts	251	-	251	396	-	396
Repairs & maintenance	7,222	-	7,222	6,475	-	6,475
Other costs	655	-	655	4,427	57	4,484
Refurbishment	25,798	-	25,798	732,887	-	732,887
Closed churches						
Insurance	5,299	-	5,299	10,774	-	10,774
Surveyor	1,800	-	1,800	4,200	-	4,200
Other costs	622	-	622	1,728	-	1,728
	<u>53,215</u>	<u>8,181</u>	<u>61,396</u>	<u>778,719</u>	<u>2,531</u>	<u>781,250</u>

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10 Other costs

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Telephone & Broadband	1,632	2,055	3,687	1,646	1,367	3,013
Travel	1,191	1,177	2,368	1,221	649	1,870
Printing, Postage & Stationery	1,186	324	1,510	1,372	239	1,611
Resources	13	80	93	127	41	168
Recruitment	1,111	-	1,111			-
Other office costs	1,443	244	1,687	1,276		1,276
Farewell and other gifts	244	-	244	20		20
Legal & professional fees	200	-	200	480		480
Youth club	826	-	826	1,404		1,404
Accountancy	-	-	-	4,200	-	4,200
Audit fees	11,000	-	11,000	9,000	-	9,000
Website	41	-	41	41	-	41
Rent of property during manse refurbishment	-	-	-	-	18,956	18,956
Removal costs	-	-	-	-	8,028	8,028
Subtotal (general fund)	<u>18,887</u>			<u>20,787</u>		
			-			-
Letting costs: management fee	1,729	-	1,729	1,584	-	1,584
Letting costs: repairs	102	-	102	526	-	526
Subtotal (designated funds)	<u>1,831</u>			<u>2,110</u>		
	<u>20,718</u>	<u>3,880</u>	<u>24,598</u>	<u>22,897</u>	<u>29,280</u>	<u>52,177</u>

11 Trustees and Related party transactions

The Circuit Superintendent, Presbyters, Deacons and the Circuit Stewards form the Circuit Leadership Team and are considered as Key Management Personnel.

None of the trustees receive any remuneration for their role as trustee.

Presbyters and Deacons are trustees and details of their stipends and expenses are:

	Rev G Farrar 2024	Rev A Nyawo 2024	Deacon Richard 2024	Deacon Kathy 2024
	£	£	£	£
Stipend	31,978	29,040	29,040	29,040
Pension costs	7,812	7,812	7,812	7,812
Computer allowance	194	194	194	194
Travel	749	370	230	687
Telephone & internet	-	-	904	1,205
Removal	-	-	-	-
Other expenses	605	34	499	102

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	Rev G Farrar 2023	Rev A Nyawo 2023	Deacon Richard 2023	Deacon Kathy 2023
	£	£	£	£
Stipend	29,621	26,928	11,220	26,928
Pension costs	7,244	7,244	3,018	7,244
Computer allowance	176	176	-	176
Travel	664	465	159	490
Telephone & internet	-	224	217	1,150
Removal	-	-	3,151	4,304
Other expenses	794	7	217	119

Margaret Logan and Carol Powers were remunerated for their roles as Circuit Administrator and Lay Pastor respectively.

	Lay Pastor 2024	Circuit Admin 2024	Lay Pastor 2023	Circuit Admin 2023
	£	£	£	£
Remuneration	34,277	12,524	25,916	12,028
Pension costs	-	751	-	697
Other benefits	-	312	-	312
	<u>34,277</u>	<u>13,587</u>	<u>25,916</u>	<u>13,037</u>

The legal authority for payment to trustees in their roles as ministers or employees of the Circuit is contained within the Model Trusts.

Manses are provided by the Circuit for Presbyters and Deacons and the Circuit maintains the properties. The value of Council Tax and water charges paid by the Circuit is not disclosed here as HMRC does not regard this as a benefit in the hands of the minister.

Lay staff received travel expenses in relation to their roles, but none in respect of their roles as trustees.

One other trustee (2023: 1) received expenses of £124 (2023: £84) in respect of their Circuit role.

The aggregate amount of donations to the Circuit received from trustees in the year was £nil (2023: £nil).

All of the trustees are members of one or another church within the Circuit and may be trustees in their churches.

Related parties include the Methodist Connexion, the London District and the churches within the Circuit which are listed below.

Barnes	Putney
Chiswick	Richmond (LEP)
Heston	Roehampton
Hounslow	

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The District Assessment is calculated for Circuits within the London District based on a formula which takes into account ministerial staffing, membership, free reserves, general fund surpluses and cash balances. The Levy is calculated on a sliding scale percentage of the Circuit's CMTF account balance at 31 August of the previous financial year.

	<u>General fund</u>	<u>Circuit Model Trust</u>	<u>Total 2024</u>	<u>General fund</u>	<u>Circuit Model Trust</u>	<u>Total 2023</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
District Expenses	5,467	-	5,467	5,308	-	5,308
Methodist Church Fund	32,497	-	32,497	31,548	-	31,548
Levy on CMTF funds	-	39,832	39,832	-	40,735	40,735
	<u>37,964</u>	<u>39,832</u>	<u>77,796</u>	<u>36,856</u>	<u>40,735</u>	<u>77,591</u>

The Circuit has a loan agreement with Barnes church. Further details of the loan, together with the amount outstanding at the year end, are in note 15.

12 Tangible fixed assets

Freehold land and buildings £

Valuation

At 1 September 2023

6,305,000

Revaluation

-

At 31 August 2024

6,305,000

Land and buildings were revalued at 31 August 2023 by Sanderson Weaterall LLP, independent valuers not connected with the charity, on the basis of market value. The valuation conforms to International Valuation Standards and was based on recent market transactions on arms length terms for similar properties.

The valuation of £6,305,000 is split between Land values of £4,413,500 and building values of £1,891,500.

13 Investment property

£

Fair value

At 1 September 2023

1,480,000

Disposals

(1,030,000)

Net gains or losses through fair value adjustments

-

At 31 August 2024

450,000

Investment property at the start of the year comprised one manse which is let out to tenants, and the former Brentford church. The church was sold in March 2024 with proceeds after accounting for connexional levy and fees of £886,508. The fair value of the manse has been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out at 31 August 2023 by Sanderson Weatherall LLP, who are not connected with the charity and then updated to reflect property valuation trends in the local area.

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14 Fixed asset investments

	<u>CMTF</u>	<u>Brentford Church</u>	<u>Surplus funds</u>	<u>Alfred Lass Bequest</u>	<u>Total 2024</u>	<u>Total 2023</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 September 2023	647,762	30,409	3,645	2,293	684,109	708,216
Unrealised gain/(loss)	23,410	1,857	-	177	25,444	(7,678)
Income	40,965	1,075	187	69	42,296	28,362
Capital income	886,508	-	-	-	886,508	-
Charges and transfers	(193,809)	(1,075)	-	(69)	(194,953)	(44,791)
Market value at 31 August	<u>1,404,836</u>	<u>32,266</u>	<u>3,832</u>	<u>2,470</u>	<u>1,443,404</u>	<u>684,109</u>
Consisting of:						
Managed Mixed Fund	196,431	25,855	-	2,470	224,756	208,617
Managed Equity Fund	82,358	-	-	-	82,358	73,055
Trustees Interest Fund	1,126,047	6,411	3,832	-	1,136,290	402,437
	<u>1,404,836</u>	<u>32,266</u>	<u>3,832</u>	<u>2,470</u>	<u>1,443,404</u>	<u>684,109</u>

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Circuit's other funds are held by TMCP.

The Brentford Church and Surplus funds may be used for any purpose and form part of the General Fund.

Fixed asset investments - prior year (restated)

	<u>CMTF</u>	<u>Brentford Church</u>	<u>Surplus funds</u>	<u>Alfred Lass Bequest</u>	<u>Total 2023</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 September 2022	659,806	42,473	3,542	2,395	708,216
Unrealised gain/(loss)	(6,513)	(1,064)	0	(102)	(7,679)
Income	26,886	1,292	113	71	28,362
Capital income	-	-	-	-	-
Charges and transfers	(32,417)	(12,292)	(10)	(71)	(44,790)
Market value at 31 August	<u>647,762</u>	<u>30,409</u>	<u>3,645</u>	<u>2,293</u>	<u>684,109</u>
Consisting of:					
Managed Mixed Fund	182,325	23,999	-	2,293	208,617
Managed Equity Fund	73,055	-	-	-	73,055
Trustees Interest Fund	392,382	6,410	3,645	-	402,437
	<u>647,762</u>	<u>30,409</u>	<u>3,645</u>	<u>2,293</u>	<u>684,109</u>

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15 Debtors

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Due within one year:		
Trade debtors	1,737	223
Prepayments and accrued income	14,559	64,614
Loan to Barnes church	12,000	12,000
Other debtors	959	40,118
	<u>29,255</u>	<u>116,955</u>
Due after more than one year:		
Loan to Barnes church	37,650	48,000
Total debtors	<u>66,905</u>	<u>164,955</u>

The loan to Barnes church is repayable at £12,000 per year over 5 years. Interest is added to the loan on an annual, non cumulative basis. The interest rate in 2023-24 was 2.75%

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Trade creditors	364	5,904
Other creditors	-	36,519
Deferred income	6,283	67,757
Accruals	11,000	46,376
Total	<u>17,647</u>	<u>156,556</u>
Deferred income		
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Balance at beginning of year	67,757	75,220
Amounts released to income	(67,757)	(75,220)
Amounts deferred in the year	6,283	67,757
Balance at the end of the year	<u>6,283</u>	<u>67,757</u>

Income is deferred when it has been invoiced or received in advance of the relevant activity being carried out or (in the case of grant income) when performance-related conditions have not yet been met.

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17 Movements in funds

	At 1 September <u>2023</u> £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Gains & losses £	Transfers	At 31 August <u>2024</u> £
Endowment funds						
F Alfred Lass Bequest	2,293	69	(7)	177	(62)	2,470
Restricted funds:						
Barnes Church loan	60,000	1,650	-	-	(12,000)	49,650
Pioneering Ministry	1,500	20,004	(45,648)	-	26,000	1,856
Urban Mission	2,730	21,000	(46,105)	-	26,719	4,344
Lay Pastor	-	28,000	(34,928)	-	6,500	(428)
Offerings	-	469	(469)	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	<u>64,230</u>	<u>71,123</u>	<u>(127,150)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,219</u>	<u>55,422</u>
Unrestricted funds:						
Designated funds						
Manse repairs	53,097	-	-	-	-	53,097
Training	2,300	-	-	-	-	2,300
Children & Youth	780	-	-	-	-	780
Closed church expenses	2,318	-	-	-	(2,318)	-
Urban Mission	-	12,550	(1,831)	-	(10,719)	-
			-		-	-
Total designated funds	<u>58,495</u>	<u>12,550</u>	<u>(1,831)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,037)</u>	<u>56,177</u>
General funds	156,844	199,218	(230,752)	(143,492)	194,122	175,940
Circuit Surplus fund	3,645	197	(10)	-	-	3,832
Brentford church TMCP funds	30,409	1,075	(87)	1,857	(988)	32,266
Investment property revaluation fund	1,480,000	-	-	-	(1,030,000)	450,000
Fixed asset revaluation fund	6,305,000	-	-	-	-	6,305,000
Circuit Model Trust Fund	647,762	40,965	(48,928)	23,410	814,727	1,477,936
Grants paid in advance	48,500	-	-	-	(48,500)	-
Owing to GF for manse repair	(36,519)	-	-	-	36,519	-
Total unrestricted funds	<u>8,694,136</u>	<u>254,005</u>	<u>(281,608)</u>	<u>(118,225)</u>	<u>(47,157)</u>	<u>8,501,151</u>
Total funds	<u><u>8,760,659</u></u>	<u><u>325,197</u></u>	<u><u>(408,765)</u></u>	<u><u>(118,048)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>8,559,043</u></u>

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Movements in funds - previous year (restated)

	At 1 September <u>2022</u>	Incoming <u>resources</u>	Outgoing <u>resources</u>	Gains & <u>losses</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	At 31 August <u>2023</u>
	£	£	£	£		£
Endowment funds						
F Alfred Lass Bequest	2395	71	(7)	(102)	(64)	2,293
Restricted funds:						
		-			-	-
Pioneering Ministry		-	(21,500)	-	23,000	1,500
Urban Mission	4,704	20,000	(62,657)		40,683	2,730
Barnes Church loan	80,000	-			(20,000)	60,000
Offerings	-	952	(952)		-	-
Total restricted funds	<u>84,704</u>	<u>20,952</u>	<u>(85,109)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,683</u>	<u>64,230</u>
Unrestricted funds:						
Designated funds						
Manse repairs	45,749		-	-	7,348	53,097
Training	2,300		-	-		2,300
Children & Youth			-	-	780	780
COVID grants	3,000				(3,000)	-
Closed church expenses	8,020			-	(5,702)	2,318
Urban Mission	-	12,000	(2,110)		(9,890)	-
Total designated funds	<u>59,069</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>(2,110)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,464)</u>	<u>58,495</u>
General funds	135,011	185,475	(979,516)		815,874	156,844
Circuit Surplus fund	3,541	114	(10)	-		3,645
Brentford church TMCP funds	42,474	1,291	(121)	(1,064)	(12,171)	30,409
Investment property revaluation fund	3,200,094			(903,000)	(817,094)	1,480,000
Fixed asset revaluation fund	6,465,000			(160,000)		6,305,000
Circuit Model Trust Fund	659,806	26,886	(71,145)	(6,513)	38,728	647,762
Grants paid in advance	70,473				(21,973)	48,500
Owing to GF for manse repair					(36,519)	(36,519)
Total unrestricted funds	<u>10,635,468</u>	<u>225,766</u>	<u>(1,052,902)</u>	<u>(1,070,577)</u>	<u>(43,619)</u>	<u>8,694,136</u>
Total funds	<u>10,722,567</u>	<u>246,789</u>	<u>(1,138,018)</u>	<u>(1,070,679)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,760,659</u>

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Purposes of restricted funds

Urban Mission, Pioneering Ministry, Lay Pastor - these funds support particular ministries within the Circuit.
Offerings - collected for specific Connexional funds.

Purposes of designated funds

These funds have been set aside by the Circuit Meeting to serve specific purposes but are not restricted by any document or deed to that purpose alone.

Manse repairs - for major repairs or refurbishments not covered by the annual amounts within the general fund.

Training - unspent budget from prior years agreed to be set aside for future training needs.

Children & Youth - unspent budget from prior years agreed to be set aside for future needs in this area of work.

Urban Mission - receives the rent (less fees and costs) from the Roehampton manse which the trustees have agreed to be used to support this particular ministry.

General fund - for use at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the Circuit and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Circuit Model Trust Fund - for use at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the Circuit. Its main source of income is legacies and proceeds (after fees and levies) from the sale of manses and church buildings in the Circuit.

Although this is an unrestricted fund under the control of the Circuit Meeting, prior approval is still required from the District to utilise these funds. Methodist Standing Orders 917, 930 and 931 are applicable.

Circuit property is carried in the General fund but upon sale the net proceeds are processed through the Circuit Model Trust Fund. The sale during the year of the former Brentford church gave rise to a transfer of £886,508.

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Circuit Model Trust £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	6,305,000	-	-	-	-	6,305,000
Investment property	450,000	-	-	-	-	450,000
Investments	36,098	1,404,836	-	-	2,470	1,443,404
Net current assets	175,940	73,100	56,177	55,422	-	360,639
Net assets at 31 August 2024	<u>6,967,038</u>	<u>1,477,936</u>	<u>56,177</u>	<u>55,422</u>	<u>2,470</u>	<u>8,559,043</u>

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Analysis of net assets between funds - previous year (restated)

	Unrestricted funds	Circuit Model Trust	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	6,305,000	-	-	-	-	6,305,000
Investment property	1,480,000	-	-	-	-	1,480,000
Investments	34,054	647,762	-	-	2,293	684,109
Net current assets	156,844	11,981	58,495	64,230	-	291,550
Net assets at 31 August 2023	<u>7,975,898</u>	<u>659,743</u>	<u>58,495</u>	<u>64,230</u>	<u>2,293</u>	<u>8,760,659</u>

19 Guarantees and other financial commitments

In August 2024 the Circuit accepted a quotation for work on the Hounslow manse of £17,033 which was completed following the year end.

20 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net surplus/(deficit) for the reporting year (as per the statement of financial activities)	(201,616)	(1,801,908)
Adjustments for:		
Loss/(Gain) on investments	(25,444)	7,679
Loss/(Gain) on investment property	143,492	903,000
Investment charges		
Interest income from investments	(70,269)	(31,206)
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	87,700	19,050
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(138,909)	71,692
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	<u>(205,046)</u>	<u>(831,693)</u>

Accounts

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	For full list of Trustees, see note 28
Circuit Superintendent	Reverend G Farrar
Charity number	1134245
Principal address	13 Enmore Road London Middlesex United Kingdom SW15 6LL
Auditor	Azets Audit Services Trinity Court 34 West Street Sutton Surrey United Kingdom SM1 1SH
Bankers	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church (CFB) 9 Bonhill Street London United Kingdom EC2A 4PE CAF Bank Limited (Charities Aid Foundation Bank) 25 Kings Hill Avenue West Malling Kent United Kingdom ME19 4JQ
Investment advisors	The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Central Buildings Oldham Street Manchester M1 1JQ United Kingdom

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RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), effective from 1 January 2019.

Objectives and activities

The Richmond and Hounslow Circuit operates as part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain, whose mission is 'to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission'. The Circuit's specific calling is to facilitate and support the seven local Methodist Churches in its area as they respond to that call, through responsible stewardship and effective oversight of its resources physical and material. It seeks to enable those local congregations to increase the awareness of God's presence and celebrate God's love helping them to grow and learn through mutual support and care, enabling them to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice.

The Circuit supports the provision of high-quality worship in all churches on Sundays and at other times, continuing to support preachers in the circuit, facilitating continuing development opportunities and actively encouraging all church members to pursue their vocations. It has continued with a bi-monthly newsletter keeping people throughout the Circuit in touch. Hounslow Methodist Church has, following lockdown, also continued to provide online services for those who are unable to attend church or who wish to review the service. Several churches organise mid-week prayer and Bible study groups.

The Circuit continues to promote the highest standards of Safeguarding for children and vulnerable adults. It is in the process of completing a renewal of all its training and DBS checks. It also continues to facilitate development opportunities and actively encourages all church members to pursue their vocations.

Rev'd Stephen Lewis from the URC was appointed as minister at Raleigh Road United Church in September, 2022. Deacon Richard Goldstraw was also stationed to the Circuit in April, 2023, working primarily at Barnes and Raleigh Road UC. Ms Carol Powers was appointed as a Lay Pastor at Chiswick Methodist Church from 1st September, with additional duties across the Circuit. Reverend Geoffrey Farrar began his second five year appointment from the same date.

Outreach work remains an integral part of Circuit life. Two churches were part of ecumenical projects working with the homeless. Café Together, at Hounslow, continues providing a free hot meal and a safe place one evening a week. Other community projects supported by the Circuit include toddler groups and coffee mornings.

Through its support of the employment of the Lay Pastor at Chiswick, the Circuit has enabled a fortnightly Stroke Club to start from February, 2023. Some weeks, this take the form of relaxing social times and at others there are different professionals giving talks. There is a membership of almost 30 stroke survivors with between 15 and 20 attending each session, some with their Carers. A Special Educational Needs family's support group has also started, where parents meet and there are plans for the children and siblings to be involved in the Cedars youth work in the future.

Cedars, a Circuit-supported children and youth programme at Chiswick continues to work with the local primary school and as many of the children attending have autism or other needs, a provision of a specific SEN group is being considered as well as a separate group for their siblings who are often young carers. The work with secondary school age children is being evaluated, and the best way to continue supporting them will be rolled out in the coming months.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

During the year, the Men's Breakfast group continues to meet at Hounslow and there have been various mid-week activities for children and young people and some of our young people attended 3- Generate. Money has been raised for Christian Aid and Action for Children, with several concerts and carol singing in the community. A Gujarati Fellowship also now meets bi-monthly at Hounslow Methodist Church on Sunday afternoons.

The Circuit has actively supported a number of other initiatives across the Circuit through the provision of small grants and financial or personnel support. These have included new AV equipment and the provision of defibrillator at Hounslow.

The Circuit's Urban Mission based on the Aton Estate, Roehampton, continues. The deacon appointed by the Circuit has continued to deepen and strengthen relationships with people in the local community. Working closely with her Anglican colleagues, she has also promoted various initiatives, including starting a new parent and toddler group and working to make the church on Minstead Gardens a real community hub. She continues to support the worshipping community that meets on Tuesday mornings there, and support the numerous other groups that meet there, including a Warm Space and a café for older people.

The deacon is also co-lead of the Wandsworth Foodbank outlet that operates out of the church every Friday afternoon, offering not just food, but signposting to other help, and providing prayer and a listening ear. There has been a continual increase in the number of people needing this provision. Several members of the congregation from Putney Methodist Church also volunteer regularly.

In addition, the deacon has continued to be an active member of the governing board of the local Church of England primary school, providing faith support, and is governor for the SEND and maths and still spends one afternoon a week when possible, listening to the year 2 children read. She is an active member on various community groups, including the Roehampton Partnership and the Safer Neighbourhood Meetings, and has supported the new women's network organisation, SW15. The deacon has continued to lead worship in one of the local nursing homes, taking volunteers from local Methodist congregations with her.

Manses. The Circuit undertook two very significant projects to bring its manses up to the standards required. This required significant investment. The manse on Old Deer Park Gardens, Richmond, was refurbished throughout, including the renewal of its kitchen and bathroom, and a complete rewiring. The manse on Archway Street, Barnes, was extended and remodelled downstairs in order to make it more suitable for modern living and the requirements of the Circuit. In both cases, the Circuit took its environmental responsibility seriously and ensured that the buildings were properly insulated throughout. It is hoped that these buildings will now serve the Circuit for many decades to come. The total cost of this refurbishment was £727,487. Further investment and renewal of the Circuit's properties will be undertaken in the coming years.

Property. The Circuit has continued to maintain its properties as best as possible and support church trustees in the administration of their duties wherever possible. Whitton Methodist Church, which closed formally in 2022, was finally sold in February, 2023. The net proceeds of the sale, which totalled £817,094, were partly re-invested in the manses and will otherwise be used for the Circuit's charitable purposes.

Brentford Methodist Church ceased to meet in 2019. Since that time, the Circuit had actively explored working with a London homelessness charity to collaborate on a project that would have delivered intermediate housing for those transitioning from homelessness. Despite the best efforts of all involved, this unfortunately did not prove viable. The Circuit Meeting, therefore, agreed to proceed to the immediate sale of the site in February, 2023 and it is anticipated that the property will be sold shortly.

A lay Circuit Administrator continues to be employed to provide administrative services and support to the ministers and the circuit, in the development of planned projects, to aid ministry within the churches of the Circuit and to support the work of the Methodist Church as a whole, including keeping the Circuit informed of Connexional matters. She provides a circuit newsletter which keeps the churches in touch with each other.

The Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Circuit relies on a large amount of time and effort from volunteers, who offer a variety of services which are unpaid, including its dedicated local preachers. The charity would like to place on record its thanks to these volunteers without whose support it could not operate. It is impossible to estimate the value of these donated services.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake for public benefit.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Achievements and performance

It is always difficult to measure the performance and outcomes of the work done by an organisation such as the Circuit. We would note the following examples of our work, though. In the last year, the Circuit has:

- continued to provide quality leadership in worship, both in person and online;
- through the Urban Mission based at Roehampton, supported numerous individuals facing extremely challenging life circumstances and personal crises;
- supported the provision of a new Stroke Club and explored new means of supporting SEN children and families at Chiswick;
- enabled the work of a number of other community groups by the provision of space and personnel across the Richmond & Hounslow area;
- renewed its staff team to ensure that we have the personnel resources to meet our charitable aims, including the appointment of a new deacon based at Barnes and Richmond;
- renewed two of its manses to bring them up to modern standards and requirements;
- successfully managed the disposal of one of its buildings, releasing new funds for mission and outreach; and
- engaged fully with the Methodist Church's commitment to Safeguarding and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI).

Along with all its other, ongoing, work, the Circuit has achieved its objectives for this year.

Financial review

Overall, the Balance Sheet of the Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Circuit is in a good position as a result of the sale of Twickenham Church and Whitton Church and acquisition of the Brentford Church.

Current assets still exceed current liabilities of the Circuit. There is approximately £283,151 (2022: £250,116) in liquid assets and this consists of cash held in current and deposit accounts.

The assets of the Methodist Circuit are spread between bank balances and investment funds held by the Central Finance Board. The assets held by the Central Finance Board are invested in line with the general principles of the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Grants are made from time to time to member churches in the Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Circuit for essential and usually unexpected repairs or for special renovations.

The decrease in the value of investments during the year of £24,107 (2022 - £170,344) is a combination of grants paid, transfers out for Urban Mission and Pioneering Ministry purposes, support of personnel serving the circuit and manse refurbishment.

Risk Management

The Leadership Meeting regularly reviews the potential risks for the Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Circuit and has identified the following key issues:

- Declining membership leaving some churches with only a small number of ageing members.
- Declining membership means declining income;
- Declining interest of the CMTF due to decreased funds and market conditions;
- The possibility of equalisation of CMTF across Methodist congregations nationally;
- The possibility of a fall in the value of CMTF investments;
- Major damage to a manse not fully covered by insurance. This is not considered likely;
- Legal action. This is not considered likely.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Reserves policy

The policy covers all funds held by the Circuit Meeting as charity trustees. Our reserves policy relates to our general funds which are available to be used for any or all of the purposes of the Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Circuit. The Circuit Model Trust Fund is also included for sake of clarity and openness and to show that the Circuit has a policy for the management of all its money and not just those which are defined as reserves.

The reserves policy for this fund is to hold at least six months expenditure in reserves; an amount of approximately £201,465 (which excludes the extensive refurbishment costs of the manses and churches). The General Fund, Circuit Surplus Fund and Designated fund combined total £218,984 (2022: £197,622). The balance in the Circuit Model Trust Fund is £647,762 (2022: £659,806). This fund is derived from the sales of churches and manses (less any levy on the proceeds) and used to be restricted by the Conference. The restriction is an internal regulation though the fund can be used for a variety of purposes.

Aims

The aim is twofold:

1. To secure and sustain the Circuit's viability and future;
2. To give reassurance to the general public that the Circuit intends to use all the money coming into its care for the purposes of the charity.

Mission Policy

The Vision of the Circuit in 2022-23 was to be "a beacon of Christian ministry and witness, actively supporting a flourishing network of churches, worshipping and serving in their own contexts".

Financial Plans

A budget is prepared annually and draft assessments prepared to provide balanced income and expenditure for the year. This is discussed at a meeting of Church Treasurers and the final budget presented for approval to the Circuit Meeting.

A designated fund of £58,495 is held to enable urgent and planned major repairs and refurbishment to be carried out immediately by the Manses Committee, in agreement with the Leadership Team. To provide for costs relating to the management of Brentford Church, training and related grants to churches. This is reviewed annually. We hope to maintain the manses in a suitable condition as per Methodist Church guidelines. Major expenditure is covered from interest or capital from the Circuit Model Trust Fund if approval is received from the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church.

The Circuit must ensure that it has sufficient resources to meet its financial obligations to support ministers, administer the Circuit and maintain manses. The total expenses (restricted and unrestricted) for 2022-23 amounted to approximately £1,138,018 (2022: £422,926). Most of this is supported from the contribution of churches within the Circuit, investment income including rental income, grants and donations. With the sale of Whitton Church completed, the Circuit carried out major refurbishment for two of the manses.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity was established by a charitable trust deed on 10th February 2010. The charity's governing documents are the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

The trust is constituted under the standing orders of the Methodist Church nos. 500-575. The standing orders set out the way in which trustees are appointed.

The trustees who served the charity during the year are listed in the notes to these accounts.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The managing trustees at the date of this report are the members of the Circuit Meeting of the Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Circuit. These comprise all Circuit Officers (stewards, treasurer, secretaries, superintendent minister, ministers) and representatives from each of the churches. As such, the trustees receive no formal training, but decision making is not vested in a small number of people.

The Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Circuit is an association of churches grouped together in a geographical area. Ordained Ministers and Presbyters are appointed to serve the circuit. The Superintendent Minister is responsible for the work of all the churches in the circuit.

Plans for the future

The Trustees will continue to pursue the charitable purposes of the Circuit in the coming years. It will do this through the regular reviewing of its activities and mission plans. It will continue to manage its resources, both physical and material, in the best way possible to further its aims. This will include the effective disposal of one of its buildings, at Brentford, and the effective use of the funds released for mission and outreach. It will support initiatives across the Circuit to further these aims, with the provision of people and resources as appropriate.

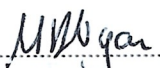
Auditor

In accordance with the charity's articles, a resolution proposing that Azets Audit Services be reappointed as auditor of the charity will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


Mrs M Logan
Trustee
Dated: 26/2/24


Reverend G Farrar
Trustee
Dated: 26th February, 2024

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Richmond & Hounslow Methodist Church Circuit (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the accounts does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the accounts or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and the regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Azets Audit Services

Sam Thomas (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Azets Audit Services

29 February 2024
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Chartered Accountants
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Azets Audit Services is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Designated funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Designated funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>									
Donations	2	952	-	-	952	898	-	-	898
Charitable activities	4	131,338	-	20,000	151,338	136,452	-	20,000	156,452
Investments	5	7,272	-	40,362	47,634	24,671	-	21,056	45,727
Other income	6	46,865	-	-	46,865	56,289	-	18,800	75,089
Total income		186,427	-	60,362	246,789	218,310	-	59,856	278,166
<u>Expenditure on:</u>									
Raising funds	7	-	-	2,018	2,018	-	-	2,503	2,503
Charitable activities	8	980,469	-	155,531	1,136,000	271,529	-	130,094	401,623
Other	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,800	18,800
Total resources expended		980,469	-	157,549	1,138,018	271,529	-	151,397	422,926
Net gains/(losses) on investments	13	-	-	(910,679)	(910,679)	-	-	116,079	116,079
Net outgoing resources before transfers		(794,042)	-	(1,007,866)	(1,801,908)	(53,219)	-	24,538	(28,681)

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Net outgoing resources before transfers	(794,042)	-	(1,007,866)	(1,801,908)	(53,219)	-	24,538	(28,681)
Gross transfers between funds	815,875	(574)	(815,301)	-	42,651	14,818	(57,469)	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	21,833	(574)	(1,823,167)	(1,801,908)	(10,568)	14,818	(32,931)	(28,681)
Other recognised gains and losses								
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets	-	-	(160,000)	(160,000)	-	-	333,000	333,000
Net movement in funds	21,833	(574)	(1,983,167)	(1,961,908)	(10,568)	14,818	300,069	304,319
Fund balances at 1 September 2022	135,011	59,069	10,528,487	10,722,567	145,579	44,251	10,228,418	10,418,248
Fund balances at 31 August 2023	156,844	58,495	8,545,320	8,760,659	135,011	59,069	10,528,487	10,722,567

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	15	6,305,000		6,465,000	
Investment property	17	1,480,000		3,200,094	
Investments	16	684,109		708,216	
		<u>8,469,109</u>		<u>10,373,310</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	18	164,955		184,005	
Cash at bank and in hand		283,151		250,116	
		<u>448,106</u>		<u>434,121</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	19	(156,556)		(84,864)	
Net current assets		<u>291,550</u>		<u>349,257</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>8,760,659</u>		<u>10,722,567</u>	
Income funds					
General restricted funds		2,240,320		4,063,487	
Revaluation reserve		6,305,000		6,465,000	
		<u>8,545,320</u>		<u>10,528,487</u>	
Endowment funds - designated	23	58,495		59,069	
Unrestricted funds		156,844		135,011	
		<u>8,760,659</u>		<u>10,722,567</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on

26th February, 2024


Mrs M Logan
Trustee


Reverend G Farrar
Trustee

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	26		(831,693)		(232,420)
Investing activities					
Proceeds from disposal of investment property		817,094		-	
Proceeds from disposal of other investments		-		152,008	
Investment income received		47,634		44,048	
Net cash generated from investing activities			864,728		196,056
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			33,035		(36,364)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			250,116		286,480
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			283,151		250,116

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Richmond & Hounslow Methodist Church Circuit is an association of Churches grouped together in a geographical area. The charity provides administration services and support for each of the Churches within the circuit. In addition, the charity is also responsible for helping the wider community, which it does through a variety of donations to various charities and good causes. The governing documents are the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Income from member church assessments is deferred when paid in advance by the member churches, as these assessments relate to specific time periods of services provided.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs from investments.
- Expenditure on charitable activities is all categorised within Circuit Support as this is deemed to be the only activity of the charity. Support and governance costs have been split on the proportion of direct costs incurred.
- Other expenditure.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

At the present time, four properties are used as Manses. All properties are owned by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes as Custodian Trustees but since the Charity has control of them, they are included in these financial statements.

The properties are stated at a valuation by the Managing Trustees, in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102). The valuation is reflected in the properties revaluation fund since none of the properties has a known original cost. Revaluations occur at three year intervals, unless there is evidence of a material change in the value of the item. A revaluation of the properties was carried out by Sanderson Weatherall LLP on 31st August 2023.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date.

Revaluations occur at three year intervals, unless there is evidence of a material change in the value of the item. A revaluation of the properties was carried out by Sanderson Weatherall LLP on 31st August 2023.

The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in income/ (expenditure for the year, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

Recognised impairment losses are reversed if, and only if, the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately, unless the relevant asset is carried in at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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1 Accounting policies

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Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. The annual contributions payable are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

2 Donations

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations and gifts	952	898

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3 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The key estimates in the year include the valuation of the investment properties at the year end and therefore the revaluation amount.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Critical judgements

In the directors' opinion there are no critical judgements, apart from those involving estimates (as detailed below), that they have made in applying the accounting policies and that have had significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Valuation of properties and investment properties

Properties are professionally valued every three years. In the two years between, the Trustees use statistics from the UK land registry office to identify how the value of similar properties in the local area have changed over the past year. The brought forward values are then adjusted to reflect the change as either a gain or an impairment. Uncertainties relate to changes in the condition of the properties since the previous professional valuation and that the average percentage change of property values in local boroughs is used.

4 Charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Assessments	131,338	136,452
Performance related grants	20,000	20,000
	151,338	156,452
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	131,338	136,452
Restricted funds	20,000	20,000
	151,338	156,452

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5 Investments	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Total		Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Total	
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rental income	-	-	12,000	12,000	12,000	23,836	12,000	12,000	35,836			
Income from unlisted investments	-	-	8,285	8,285	8,285	-	6,637	6,637	6,637			
Interest receivable	7,272	7,272	20,077	27,349	27,349	835	2,419	2,419	3,254			
	<u>7,272</u>	<u>7,272</u>	<u>40,362</u>	<u>47,634</u>	<u>47,634</u>	<u>24,671</u>	<u>21,056</u>	<u>21,056</u>	<u>45,727</u>			

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6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £
Other income	46,865	46,299	-	46,299
Grants received on behalf of churches	-	-	18,800	18,800
Closed churches	-	9,990	-	9,990
	<u>46,865</u>	<u>56,289</u>	<u>18,800</u>	<u>75,089</u>

7 Raising funds

	Restricted funds	Restricted funds
	2023 £	2022 £
<u>Investment management</u>	2,018	2,503
	<u>2,018</u>	<u>2,503</u>

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8 Charitable activities

	Circuit Support 2023 £	Circuit Support 2022 £
Staff costs	189,064	203,180
Ministers - other costs	35,386	23,582
District and connexional	77,591	86,783
Manses	762,017	26,933
Circuit, preaching, training and mission	8,286	8,303
Lettings expenditure	2,110	7,060
Closed church expenses	16,702	13,009
Church grants	28,530	20,000
Sundry expenses	1,015	609
	<u>1,120,701</u>	<u>389,459</u>
Share of support costs (see note 9)	1,619	1,652
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	13,680	10,512
	<u>1,136,000</u>	<u>401,623</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	980,469	271,529
Restricted funds	155,531	130,094
	<u>1,136,000</u>	<u>401,623</u>

9 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2023 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 £
Postage and stationery	698	-	698	689	-	689
Sundry expenses	860	-	860	848	-	848
Bank charges	61	-	61	115	-	115
Audit fees	-	9,000	9,000	-	7,492	7,492
Legal and professional	-	4,680	4,680	-	3,020	3,020
	<u>1,619</u>	<u>13,680</u>	<u>15,299</u>	<u>1,652</u>	<u>10,512</u>	<u>12,164</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>1,619</u>	<u>13,680</u>	<u>15,299</u>	<u>1,652</u>	<u>10,512</u>	<u>12,164</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £9,000 (2022: £8,010).

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10 Trustees

During the year, Adam Nyawo received stipends and allowances of £27,104 (2022: £25,995), Katherine Johnson of £27,104 (2022: £25,995), Claudia Lupi of £nil (2022: £26,395), Geoffrey Farrar of £29,797 (2022: £28,977), Richard Goldstraw of £11,220 (2022: £nil).

Margaret Logan was paid £12,028 (2022: £11,138) for services rendered as Circuit Administrator. Carol Powers was paid £25,916 (2022: £18,230) as the Lay Pastor.

None of the other Trustees, or persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the Circuit or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31st August 2023. The circuit minutes secretary and the Treasurer were paid expenses (validated against receipts) for amounts spent as a result of them fulfilling their duties, as well as ministers.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
	7	7
Employment costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	150,583	160,707
Social security costs	12,273	13,051
Other pension costs	26,208	29,422
	189,064	203,180

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

12 Other

	Total	Restricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Grants paid to churches which were received on their behalf	-	18,800
	-	18,800

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13 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Restricted funds	Restricted funds
	2023 £	2022 £
Revaluation of investments	(7,679)	(20,015)
Revaluation of investment properties	(903,000)	136,094
	<u>(910,679)</u>	<u>116,079</u>

14 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

15 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 September 2022	6,465,000
Revaluation	(160,000)
	<u>6,305,000</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>6,305,000</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2023	<u>6,305,000</u>
	<u>6,465,000</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>6,465,000</u>

Land and buildings with a carrying amount of £6,305,000 were revalued at 31 August 2023 by Sanderson Weatherall LLP, independent valuers not connected with the charity on the basis of market value. The valuation conforms to International Valuation Standards and was based on recent market transactions on arm's length terms for similar properties.

The revaluation this year has given a decrease in value of £160,000 (2022 - £333,000 increase) with a total revaluation reserve of £6,305,000 as the historical cost value has been unknown.

The value of £6,305,000 (2022: £6,465,000) is split between Land values of £4,413,500 and building values of £1,891,500.

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16 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 September 2022	708,216
Valuation changes	(7,678)
Income	28,362
Charges and Transfers	(44,791)
At 31 August 2023	684,109
Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2023	684,109
At 31 August 2022	708,216

17 Investment property

	2023 £
Fair value	
At 1 September 2022	3,200,094
Disposals	(817,094)
Net gains or losses through fair value adjustments	(903,000)
At 31 August 2023	1,480,000

Investment property has been valued at £1,480,000, being the circuit manses held at the year end which are not being used for the purposes of the circuit and the Brentford Church. During the financial year, Whitton Church was sold. Additionally, Brentford Church is expected to sell after the end of the year, with the Church being valued at the market rate less district levy, inline with the Methodist church policies. The fair value of the manses has been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out at 31 August 2023 by Sanderson Weatherall LLP, who are not connected with the charity and then updated to reflect property valuation trends in the local area.

The carrying value of land included in investment properties comprises:

	2023 £	2022 £
Freehold	1,065,600	2,304,068

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18 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	223	-
Other debtors	100,117	82,084
Prepayments and accrued income	64,614	101,920
	<u>164,954</u>	<u>184,004</u>

19 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Deferred income	20	67,757	75,220
Trade creditors		5,904	-
Other creditors		36,519	-
Accruals and deferred income		46,376	9,644
		<u>156,556</u>	<u>84,864</u>

20 Deferred income

	2023 £	2022 £
Arising from assessments and grants	<u>67,757</u>	<u>75,220</u>

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

Urban mission grant deferred	16,000
Pioneering Ministry paid in advance	26,000
General Fund assessments paid by Churches	19,257
Lay Paster paid in advance	<u>6,500</u>
Total deferred income as at 31st August 2023	67,757

21 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The charity contributions to superannuation pensions was £24,749 (2022: £27,786). This is 26.9% of the basic stipend, and is a percentage which is agreed annually at the Methodist conference. The pension is a connexional scheme and these contributions are the only obligation of the Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Church Circuit.

The Circuit provides a money purchase pension arrangement with The Peoples Pension for lay workers, the Circuit contributes 6% of basic salary to the scheme. This year £1,459 (2022: £1,636) was contributed. The charge to the statement of financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £26,208 (2022: £29,422).

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22 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

A Designated Manse Fund of £20,000 was created in 2013 to enable urgent major repairs and refurbishment to be carried out immediately by the Manses Committee in agreement with the Leadership Team. This figure is reviewed annually and decreased in the year by £574. A total of £3,960 and £1,742 were transferred out for works relating to Whitton and Brentford Churches respectively. For support costs and manse refurbishment £5,128 was transferred in.

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23 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 September 2021	Income resources	Movement in funds			Balance at 1 September 2022	Income resources	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 August 2023
			£	£	£			£	£	£	
Circuit Model Trust Fund	828,119	8,247	(75,719)	(82,666)	(18,175)	659,806	26,887	(71,146)	38,728	(6,513)	647,762
F Alfred Lass Bequest	2,555	62	(7)	(55)	(161)	2,394	71	(7)	(64)	(102)	2,293
Circuit Surplus Fund	3,535	17	(10)	-	-	3,542	114	(10)	-	-	3,645
Investment Properties											
Revaluation Fund	4,964,000	-	-	(1,900,000)	136,094	3,200,094	-	-	(817,094)	(903,000)	1,480,000
Fixed Asset											
Revaluation Fund	4,232,000	-	-	1,900,000	333,000	6,465,000	-	-	-	(160,000)	6,305,000
Urban Mission	2,538	32,001	(56,735)	26,900	-	4,704	32,000	(64,766)	30,792	-	2,730
3Generate	68	-	(1)	(67)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loan to Chiswick Church	3,000	-	-	(3,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brentford Church											
TMCP funds	44,351	731	(126)	(802)	(1,680)	42,474	1,291	(121)	(12,171)	(1,064)	30,409
Grants paid in advance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,500	-	48,500
Pioneering											
Ministry fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(21,500)	23,000	-	1,500
Owing to UF for manse repair	26,900	-	-	(26,900)	-	-	-	-	(36,519)	-	(36,519)

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The Urban Mission fund was in surplus at the end of the year by £2,730 (2022: £4,704). The fund is for the provision of a Minister for the wider community at the Alton Estates. The wider circuit will continue to fund the mission and the deficit.

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24 Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Designated Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total 2023	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Designated Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	as restated	as restated
Fund balances at 31 August 2023 are represented by:								
Tangible assets	-	-	6,305,000	6,305,000	-	-	6,465,000	6,465,000
Investment properties	-	-	1,480,000	1,480,000	-	-	3,200,094	3,200,094
Investments	-	-	684,109	684,109	-	-	708,216	708,216
Current assets/(liabilities)	187,636	58,495	45,419	291,550	135,011	59,069	155,177	349,257
	187,636	58,495	8,514,528	8,760,659	135,011	59,069	10,528,487	10,722,567

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25 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

26 Cash generated from operations	2023 £	2022 £
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(1,801,908)	(28,681)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(31,206)	(45,727)
Fair value gains and losses on investment properties	903,000	(136,094)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	7,679	20,015
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	19,050	(12,533)
Increase in creditors	79,155	632
(Decrease) in deferred income	(7,463)	(30,032)
Cash absorbed by operations	(831,693)	(232,420)

27 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

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28 List of Trustees

Mrs Jean Butcher	
Mrs Jessica Dalton	Appointed 1 September 2023
Rev Geoffrey Farrar	
Mrs Jean Flann	
Mrs Lyneth Friday	
Deacon Richard Goldstraw	Appointed 23 April 2023
Mr Ian Haddow	
Miss Valerie Hearn	
Ms Dinnie Heroe	Resigned 13 November 2023 (Deceased)
Mr Alan Housdon	
Mrs Vivien Isaac	
Rev Heflin Jani	Appointed 1 September 2022
Deacon Kathy Johnson	
Mr Bismarck Laryea	
Mr Andrew Logan	
Mr John Logan	
Mrs Margaret Logan	
Mr Stephen Ludlow	
Rev Barbara McIntivey	Resigned 31 August 2023
Mrs Jane McMahon	
Mrs Frances Moorhouse	
Dr Margaret Moore	
Rev Nicola Morrison	
Mrs Rajini Muthukumar	
Mr Clive Norris	Resigned 13 August 2023
Rev Adam Nyawo	
Mr Charles Oppong-Akuoko	
Mrs Mary Patterson	
Mrs Susan Penney	
Ms Carol Powers	
Mr Charles Rajkumar	
Mrs Gill Sparkes	
Mr Moses Tandayi	
Miss Winifred Thompson	
Mr Brendan Wasmuth	
Mr Geoffrey Waterhouse	
Ms Sarah Weeks	Appointed 11 September 2022
Ms Janet Wilson	

Accounts

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	For full list of Trustees, see note 27
Circuit Superintendent	Reverend G Farrar
Charity number	1134245
Principal address	13 Enmore Road London Middlesex United Kingdom SW15 6LL
Auditor	Azets Audit Services Trinity Court 34 West Street Sutton Surrey United Kingdom SM1 1SH
Bankers	HSBC Bank PLC 8 Victoria Street London United Kingdom SW1H 0NJ Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church (CFB) 9 Bonhill Street London United Kingdom EC2A 4PE CAF Bank Limited (Charities Aid Foundation Bank) 25 Kings Hill Avenue West Malling Kent United Kingdom ME19 4JQ
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RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), effective from 1 January 2019.

Objectives and activities

The Richmond and Hounslow Circuit operates as part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain, whose mission is 'to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission'. The Circuit's specific calling is to facilitate and support the seven local Methodist Churches in its area as they respond to that call, through responsible stewardship and effective oversight of its resources physical and material, it seeks to enable those local congregations to increase the awareness of God's presence and celebrate God's love helping them to grow and learn through mutual support and care, enabling them to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice.

During this year the circuit has made a new Circuit Mission Plan.

The circuit supports the provision of high-quality worship in all churches on Sundays and at other times continuing to support preachers in the circuit facilitating continuing development opportunities and actively encouraging all church members to pursue their vocations. It has continued with a bi-monthly newsletter keeping people throughout the circuit in touch.

The circuit has ensured that the highest standards of Safeguarding for children and vulnerable adults have been maintained across the circuit facilitating continuing development opportunities and actively encouraging all church members to pursue their vocations.

The Reverend Claudia Lupi decided not to extend her term which is due to finish in July 2022. The Reverend Stephen Lewis from the URC has been appointed as minister at Raleigh Road United Church. A Lay Pastor has been appointed at Chiswick. Deacon Kathy Johnson will be extending her stay for another five years.

The objective of the circuit is to provide administration services, pastoral and spiritual leadership including supporting outreach work within their local communities, and every attempt was made to help churches restart this when the covid restrictions finished.

Outreach work is an important part of church life. Two churches were part of ecumenical projects working with the homeless over the winter, but this unfortunately had to be put on hold due to Covid restrictions. However, a new venture Café Together has been started providing a free hot meal and a safe place one evening a week. It was successfully trailed at Bell Road last summer and the model is being rolled out to other churches. One of our churches was able to continue providing practical and spiritual help to the homeless on the streets in Richmond.

Other community projects when allowed to start included a Toddlers group offering support to children and families, an open coffee morning in 2 of our churches, and when the buildings were allowed to re-open the Meditation Group attracted new members. A mid-week fellowship group and a prayer group continues to meet online, and most churches participate in Advent and Lent groups. There was an exciting community project planned to reach out to the elderly, and those with dementia which had to be put on hold because of covid but plans are now moving ahead to re-start these. The work with vulnerable young people was able to continue either online or now face to face or both.

Several of the churches, in addition to face-to-face services have, since lockdown also continued to provide online services via zoom or YouTube for those who are unable to attend church or who wish to review the service. Bell Road continues to provide music in worship monthly, recording songs to be used on-line.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Two of our churches put on events to raise money for Ukraine Emergency Appeal. One church put on a concert and the other hosted a lunch. Both events were very successful and raised a considerable amount of money.

During the year a new Men's Breakfast group was started at Bell Road and there have been various mid-week activities for children and young people,
The circuit has monitored the provision of safeguarding across the circuit and members are regularly contacted by their pastoral group.

The circuit is also responsible with helping the wider community at home and abroad which it does through a variety of donations to various charities and good causes.

During the year Putney Methodist Church installed new exterior and interior lighting and sound system in order to enhance its impact in the local community. Outside attractive (and low energy) floodlights have made the building an even more prominent local landmark, and drawn attention to the colourful banners which publicise church activities. Inside the improved lighting and sound have facilitated a series of concerts, exhibitions and other public events, which both educate and inform local people and raise money for charities such as Christian Aid. A particular focus in the year was the celebration in October of the 150th anniversary of the opening of the first building on the site (this opened in 1870, but the celebrations were delayed because of the pandemic) A historical exhibition in the church generated major public interest and the exhibition has since been re-mounted several times in the local library.

The deacon living and working on the Alton Estate, where there is considerable poverty and deprivation, has continued to foster relationships with the local community through face-to-face interaction and via virtual means, as working practices have adapted since covid.

At Christmas this year covid restrictions relaxed enough to allow carol-singing, and the churches of Putney and Roehampton provided carols at the Christmas Fair centred on Roehampton church and the neighbouring shops, accompanied by the MP on her flute.

The church is now used much more than it was before lock-down, as networking via the internet took off during covid restrictions and our profile is now much more visible. The 60+ café operating weekly out of the church, is very well attended. The deacon and the Anglican pioneer curate attend as often as possible to offer support, listen and encourage.

The deacon is still an on-going, active member of the governing board of the local Church of England primary school, providing faith support, and is governor for SEND and maths and spends one afternoon a week when possible, listening to the year 2 children read. Many of these children have been greatly affected by the isolation of lock-down last year, both educationally and emotionally. The deacon also leads the school in collective worship twice a term.

The deacon is an active member on various community groups, being vice-chair of the Roehampton Partnership, which gives a voice for local people in the light of the poor transport provision in this area and the ever-present threat of re-development. She is a minute taker and assistant chair of the Safer Neighbourhood meetings with police and other council departments to highlight local fears on safety when the police staffing shortages on the Estate have been an issue, whilst more violent crimes have risen since the ending of lock-down.

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The deacon is also a member of the steering committee of the Roehampton Community Week which continues to organise and fund a variety of projects throughout the year that enhance the environment in Roehampton, renovate public spaces, encourage the arts and work with people of a variety of ages and cultural backgrounds to improve their physical and mental health. As part of this the deacon regularly attends a zoom Roehampton network group and a women's network that brings people together to share ideas, identify needs and campaigns for the safety of women and girls in the area.

The deacon is co-lead of the Trussell Trust foodbank that operates out of the church every Friday afternoon, with support from their warehouse, meaning that the church building itself is not required to store vast quantities of provisions. The food bank offers not just food, but signposting to other help, and also prayer and a listening ear. There has been an upturn in the number of guests since its opening in September 2021.

The church congregation now meets not on Sunday but on a Tuesday morning each week. Our numbers have gone up from 6 to 11 people who attend regularly. They are from a variety of denominational backgrounds and at least one has come back to church after many years away. Our worship is alternative and informal, with numerous different Christian speakers invited to lead our spiritual reflection and discussion on different topics.

In partnership with her Anglican colleague, the deacon supports a monthly worship time in one of the local nursing homes, bringing a time of song, reflection and prayer to those who are no longer able to attend church.

All initiatives are joined from a Christian viewpoint that believes that all are made in God's image and God's will is that all creation should flourish. The networking this year has now lead to three new initiatives discussed later.

Cedars Youth and Children's projects continues to thrive with the lead worker visiting a local primary school, and Cedars now receives referrals from the school for children struggling socially and the school actively encourages them to attend.

Plans are moving ahead for a monthly dementia café and a monthly stroke club with support from the Alzheimer's Society and the Stroke Association and their local representatives.

Funding for the posts come from Circuit grants, the District Advance Fund of the Methodist Church, plus a grant from Miles Trust, we are very grateful to these organisations.

All CEDARS groups are also supported by other volunteers for whom we are indebted.

Manses were continued to be monitored throughout the year and all necessary repairs undertaken.

Circuit Property News

The circuit property was maintained, and it was ensured that the buildings were kept up to date with the most recent guidelines from the Methodist Church and the Government. The completion and regular review of risk assessments were carried out and individual churches appointed a representative to ensure this work was carried out with the trustees in each church ultimately responsible.

Whitton

Whitton church and site was put up for sale following its closure in July 2021. An offer has been accepted and contracts of sale are being finalised.

Brentford

There has been no significant progress in negotiations with Centrepont over the year and options for the site are still being considered.

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A Lay Circuit Administrator continues to be employed to provide administrative services and support to the ministers and the circuit, in the development of planned projects, to aid ministry within the churches of the Circuit and to support the work of the Methodist Church as a whole, including keeping the Circuit informed of Connexional matters.

She played a large role during lockdown and continues to help provide online worship which since lockdown ceased has continued to play an important role in recording church services for those who are unable to attend or for those who wish to listen again, she also organises a circuit newsletter which keeps the churches in touch with each other.

We were very fortunate that the circuit had two people who were expert in online technology, and we are very grateful to them for their expertise and the time they put in to make online worship and communication so successful. We are also grateful to the person at Raleigh Road who puts their services on YouTube.

The Circuit has a small, dedicated number of Local Preachers including one in training. They meet regularly for fellowship, mutual support and study.

The Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Circuit relies on a large amount of time and effort from volunteers, who offer a variety of services which are unpaid. The charity would like to place on record its thanks to these volunteers without whose support it could not operate. It is impossible to estimate the value of these donated services.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake for public benefit.

Achievements and performance

We have continued to provide quality leadership in worship on Sundays, and online services have continued since lock-down ended in several churches for those who were unable to attend in person or who wish to listen to the service again. This has been very successful and reached out to many people including some who are overseas.

The Deacon has maintained successful relationships with many who had multiple problems on an individual basis. It is difficult to make any objective measurement of the impact she had here but her input in this is very valued. She has maintained the contact with the local Church of England primary school, community groups such as the Safer Neighbourhood Meetings, the Roehampton Partnership, the police and local council among others and continues the links with Holy Trinity. A new initiative has been the establishment of the Trussell Trust in the church providing not just food but support, signposting and prayer.

Since lockdown she has continued the zoom Roehampton network group and a women's network identifying needs and campaigns for the safety of women and girls. She maintains contact and support and involvement with many local organisations which aim to help the needs of people on this deprived estate.

The CEDARS Circuit Youth Project based at Chiswick Methodist Church continues to provide activities and support for vulnerable young people (7-18 years old) in the provision of a junior Youth Club. The youth club here has thrived both when they were able to meet in person and with on-line activities. Good links have continued with Holy Trinity School and the Children & Youth Leader regularly attends school events

The Circuit Administrator has continued in her work including taking on the eventual selling of Whitton Church. She has continued to be involved with the development of Brentford Methodist Church with Centrepont. The circuit Administrator has supported the circuit leaders, ministers and the Treasurer, contributing to online worship, and setting up communication with those who did not have computer access. We are very grateful for all the work she has done.

Overall, the circuit has achieved its objectives for this year and is satisfied with the performance within the circuit.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Financial review

Overall, the Balance Sheet of the Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Circuit is in a good position as a result of the sale of Twickenham Church and acquisition of the Brentford and Whitton Churches.

Current assets still exceed current liabilities of the Circuit. There is approximately £250,116 (2021: £286,480) in liquid assets and this consists of cash held in current and deposit accounts.

The assets of the Methodist Circuit are spread between bank balances and investment funds held by the Central Finance Board. The assets held by the Central Finance Board are invested in line with the general principles of the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Grants are made from time to time to member churches in the Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Circuit for essential and usually unexpected repairs or for special renovations.

A grant of £20,000 was made to Raleigh Road United Church and four smaller grants of £1,000 each were made to Churches to facilitate projects to support the mission.

The decrease in the value of investments during the year of £170,344 (2021 - £316,327) is a combination of grants paid, transfers out for Urban Mission purposes, support of personnel serving the circuit and manse refurbishment.

Risk Management

The Leadership Meeting regularly reviews the potential risks for the Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Circuit and has identified the following key issues:

- Declining membership leaving some churches with only a small number of ageing members.
- Declining membership means declining income;
- Declining interest of the CMTF due to decreased funds and market conditions;
- The possibility of equalisation of CMTF across Methodist congregations nationally;
- The possibility of a fall in the value of CMTF investments;
- Major damage to a manse not fully covered by insurance. This is not considered likely;
- Legal action. This is not considered likely.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Reserves policy

The policy covers all funds held by the Circuit Meeting as charity trustees. Our reserves policy relates to our general funds which are available to be used for any or all of the purposes of the Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Circuit. The Circuit Model Trust Fund is also included for sake of clarity and openness and to show that the Circuit has a policy for the management of all its money and not just those which are defined as reserves.

The reserves policy for this fund is to hold at least six months expenditure in reserves; an amount of approximately £211,463 (which excludes the extensive refurbishment costs of the manses and churches). The General Fund, Circuit Surplus Fund and Designated fund combined total £197,622 (2021: £193,365). The balance in the Circuit Model Trust Fund is £659,806 (2021: £828,119). This fund is derived from the sales of churches and manses (less any levy on the proceeds) and used to be restricted by the Conference. The restriction is an internal regulation though the fund can be used for a variety of purposes.

It is intended (with Conference approval) to continue to use this fund to:

- support missions within the Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Circuit (currently approximately £26,700 per year). However, for the year £52,700 is being set aside for the Urban Mission fund. £40,000 has also been set aside for grants to the churches for mission projects. Support for Cedars and Children and family worker approximately £48,250. A grant of £47,333 to the churches towards the assessments for 2022/23.
- support significant manse refurbishment of approximately £600,000 in 2022/23.
- support church communities for significant expenditure which they are unable to fund from within their own resources.

It is therefore important that the fund is retained at approximately its current level to:

- provide enough interest to support mission projects, including lay workers;
- provide enough interest to support major manse maintenance
- provide capital to enable non-recurring grants to be made to church communities
- provide capital to enable non-recurring grants to be made to relevant activities associated with mission;
- provide a contribution to the District Advance Fund

Aims

The aim is twofold:

1. To secure and sustain the Circuit's viability and future;
2. To give reassurance to the general public that the Circuit intends to use all the money coming into its care for the purposes of the charity.

Mission Policy

Essentially the Circuit mission is to provide:

1. The ministerial oversight and pastoral care of the churches in the Circuit.
2. Support ecumenical initiatives where appropriate.
3. Support the ministerial team including lay workers where appropriate.
4. Maintain the Circuit manses.
5. Deal with administrative matters covering the circuit.
6. Support community projects and outreach initiatives when appropriate.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Financial Plans

A budget is prepared annually and draft assessments prepared to provide balanced income and expenditure for the year. This is discussed at a meeting of Church Treasurers and the final budget presented for approval to the Circuit Meeting.

A designated fund of £59,069 is held to enable urgent and planned major repairs and refurbishment to be carried out immediately by the Manses Committee, in agreement with the Leadership Team. To provide for costs relating to the management of Brentford and Whitton Church, training and related grants to churches. This is reviewed annually. We hope to maintain the manses in a suitable condition as per Methodist Church guidelines. Major expenditure is covered from interest or capital from the Circuit Model Trust Fund if approval is received from the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church.

The Circuit must ensure that it has sufficient resources to meet its financial obligations to support ministers, administer the Circuit and maintain manses. The total expenses (restricted and unrestricted) for 2021-22 amounted to approximately £422,926 (2021: £538,835). Most of this is supported from the contribution of churches within the Circuit, investment income including rental income, grants and donations. With the sale of Whitton Church almost completed, the Circuit intends to carry out major refurbishment for two of the manses.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity was established by a charitable trust deed on 10th February 2010. The charity's governing documents are the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

The trust is constituted under the standing orders of the Methodist Church nos. 500-575. The standing orders set out the way in which trustees are appointed.

The trustees who served the charity during the year are listed in the notes to these accounts.

The managing trustees at the date of this report are the members of the Circuit Meeting of the Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Circuit. These comprise all Circuit Officers (stewards, treasurer, secretaries, superintendent minister, ministers) and representatives from each of the churches. As such, the trustees receive no formal training, but decision making is not vested in a small number of people.

The Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Circuit is an association of churches grouped together in a geographical area. Ordained Ministers and Presbyters are appointed to serve the circuit. The Superintendent Minister is responsible for the work of all the churches in the circuit.

Plans for the future

With the departure of the Reverend Claudia Lupi from Richmond and Barnes, Richmond according to the LEP regulation has appointed the Reverend Steven Lewis as minister to Raleigh Road United Church. He will start his ministry at Raleigh Road in September 2022. Deacon Kathy Johnson will be extending her stay for another five years.

It has been proposed that the circuit enters the stationing seeking an appointment of a full-time deacon who will undertake a dual role of pastoral care at Barnes and Richmond churches and spend 50% of his time in a pioneering capacity.

With the sale of Whitton, the circuit continues its plans in developing a vision whereby the financial gain when the church is sold, can be put to good use particularly in developing mission and outreach services.

The deacon at Roehampton has proposed a regular prayer walk in the community and start a weekly Mother and Toddler group. She plans the instillation of a labyrinth for the community to use.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

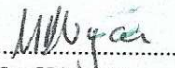
Auditor

In accordance with the charity's articles, a resolution proposing that Azets Audit Services be reappointed as auditor of the charity will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


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Mrs M Logan

Trustee

Dated: 11-6-23


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Reverend G Farrar

Trustee

Dated: 11/06/2023

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Richmond & Hounslow Methodist Church Circuit (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the accounts does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the accounts or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

Other matters

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and the regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Azets Audit Services

Sam Thomas (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Azets Audit Services

14/06/2023

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

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Azets Audit Services is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Designated funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Designated funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>									
Donations	3	898	-	-	898	25	-	2,133	2,158
Charitable activities	4	136,452	-	20,000	156,452	195,890	-	37,600	233,490
Investments	5	24,671	-	21,056	45,727	17,005	-	29,887	46,892
Other income	6	56,289	-	18,800	75,089	20,466	-	1,000,203	1,020,669
Total income		218,310	-	59,856	278,166	233,386	-	1,069,823	1,303,209
<u>Expenditure on:</u>									
Raising funds	7	-	-	2,503	2,503	-	-	2,390	2,390
Charitable activities	8	271,529	-	130,094	401,623	256,787	-	279,658	536,445
Other	10	-	-	18,800	18,800	-	-	-	-
Total resources expended		271,529	-	151,397	422,926	256,787	-	282,048	538,835
Net gains/(losses) on investments	13	-	-	116,079	116,079	-	-	250,503	250,503
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(53,219)	-	24,538	(28,681)	(23,401)	-	1,038,278	1,014,877

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers	(53,219)	-	24,538	(28,681)	(23,401)	-	1,038,278	1,014,877
Gross transfers between funds	42,651	14,818	(57,469)	-	66,574	(14,399)	(52,175)	-
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources	(10,568)	14,818	(32,931)	(28,681)	43,173	(14,399)	986,103	1,014,877
Other recognised gains and losses								
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets	-	-	333,000	333,000	-	-	257,000	257,000
Net movement in funds	(10,568)	14,818	300,069	304,319	43,173	(14,399)	1,243,103	1,271,877
Fund balances at 1 September 2021	145,579	44,251	10,228,418	10,418,248	102,406	58,650	8,985,315	9,146,371
Fund balances at 31 August 2022	<u>135,011</u>	<u>59,069</u>	<u>10,528,487</u>	<u>10,722,567</u>	<u>145,579</u>	<u>44,251</u>	<u>10,228,418</u>	<u>10,418,248</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

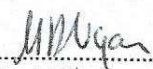
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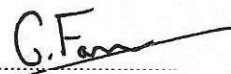
BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14	6,465,000		4,232,000	
Investment properties	16	3,200,094		4,964,000	
Investments	15	708,216		878,560	
		<u>10,373,310</u>		<u>10,074,560</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	17	184,005		171,472	
Cash at bank and in hand		250,116		286,480	
		<u>434,121</u>		<u>457,952</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(84,864)		(114,264)	
Net current assets		<u>349,257</u>		<u>343,688</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>10,722,567</u>		<u>10,418,248</u>	
Income funds					
General restricted funds		4,063,487		5,996,418	
Revaluation reserve		6,465,000		4,232,000	
	22	<u>10,528,487</u>		<u>10,228,418</u>	
Designated funds		59,069		44,251	
Unrestricted funds		135,011		145,579	
		<u>10,722,567</u>		<u>10,418,248</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 11/06/2023.....


 Mrs M Logan
 Trustee


 Reverend G Farrar
 Trustee

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	25		(232,420)		(320,127)
Investing activities					
Investment income received		196,056		384,721	
Net cash generated from investing activities			196,056		384,721
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(36,364)		64,594
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			286,480		221,886
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			250,116		286,480

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Richmond & Hounslow Methodist Church Circuit is an association of Churches grouped together in a geographical area. The charity provides administration services and support for each of the Churches within the circuit. In addition, the charity is also responsible for helping the wider community, which it does through a variety of donations to various charities and good causes. The governing documents are the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Income from member church assessments is deferred when paid in advance by the member churches, as these assessments relate to specific time periods of services provided.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs from investments.
- Expenditure on charitable activities is all categorised within Circuit Support as this is deemed to be the only activity of the charity. Support and governance costs have been split on the proportion of direct costs incurred.
- Other expenditure.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

At the present time, three properties are used as Manses. All properties are owned by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes as Custodian Trustees but since the Charity has control of them, they are included in these financial statements.

The properties are stated at a valuation by the Managing Trustees, in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102). The valuation is reflected in the properties revaluation fund since none of the properties has a known original cost. Revaluations occur at three year intervals, unless there is evidence of a material change in the value of the item. A revaluation of the properties was carried out by Antony Roberts Estate Agents Limited on 31st August 2019. However, these values have been adjusted to reflect their values at 31 August 2022.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date.

Revaluations occur at three year intervals, unless there is evidence of a material change in the value of the item. A revaluation of the properties was carried out by Antony Roberts Estate Agents Limited on 31st August 2019. However, these values have been adjusted to reflect their values at 31 August 2022.

The Church building acquired during the year is included in the Balance Sheet at its insured value as determined by Methodist Insurance PLC.

The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in income/ (expenditure for the year, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

Recognised impairment losses are reversed if, and only if, the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately, unless the relevant asset is carried in at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. The annual contributions payable are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The key estimates in the year include the valuation of the investment properties at the year end and therefore the revaluation amount.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Critical judgements

In the directors' opinion there are no critical judgements, apart from those involving estimates (as detailed below), that they have made in applying the accounting policies and that have had significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

(Continued)

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Valuation of properties and investment properties

Properties are professionally valued every three years. In the two years between, the Trustees use statistics from the UK land registry office to identify how the value of similar properties in the local area have changed over the past year. The brought forward values are then adjusted to reflect the change as either a gain or an impairment. Uncertainties relate to changes in the condition of the properties since the previous professional valuation and that the average percentage change of property values in local boroughs is used.

3 Donations

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £
Donations and gifts	898	25	2,133	2,158

4 Charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Assessments	136,452	195,890
Performance related grants	20,000	37,600
	156,452	233,490
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	136,452	195,890
Restricted funds	20,000	37,600
	156,452	233,490

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £
Rental income	23,836	12,000	35,836	16,723	24,455	41,178
Income from unlisted investments	-	6,637	6,637	-	1,908	1,908
Interest receivable	835	2,419	3,254	282	3,524	3,806
	<u>24,671</u>	<u>21,056</u>	<u>45,727</u>	<u>17,005</u>	<u>29,887</u>	<u>46,892</u>

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £
Other income	46,299	-	46,299	17,061	1,000,203	1,017,264
Grants received on behalf of churches	-	18,800	18,800	-	-	-
Closed churches	9,990	-	9,990	3,405	-	3,405
	<u>56,289</u>	<u>18,800</u>	<u>75,089</u>	<u>20,466</u>	<u>1,000,203</u>	<u>1,020,669</u>

7 Raising funds

	Restricted funds	Restricted funds
	2022 £	2021 £
<u>Investment management</u>	<u>2,503</u>	<u>2,390</u>
	<u>2,503</u>	<u>2,390</u>

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

8 Charitable activities

	Circuit Support 2022 £	Circuit Support 2021 £
Staff costs	203,180	203,230
Ministers - other costs	23,582	22,913
District and connexional	86,783	113,864
Cedars and Urban Mission	-	14,699
Manses	26,933	42,904
Circuit, preaching, training and mission	8,303	5,951
Lettings expenditure	7,060	9,323
Closed church expenses	13,009	12,732
Church grants	20,000	100,000
Sundry expenses	609	120
	<u>389,459</u>	<u>525,736</u>
Share of support costs (see note 9)	1,652	3,009
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	10,512	7,700
	<u>401,623</u>	<u>536,445</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	271,529	256,787
Restricted funds	130,094	279,658
	<u>401,623</u>	<u>536,445</u>

9 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £
Postage and stationery	689	-	689	1,551	1,551
Sundry expenses	848	-	848	1,450	1,450
Bank charges	115	-	115	8	8
Audit fees	-	7,492	7,492	-	7,700
Legal and professional	-	3,020	3,020	-	-
	<u>1,652</u>	<u>10,512</u>	<u>12,164</u>	<u>3,009</u>	<u>10,709</u>
Analysed between					
Charitable activities	<u>1,652</u>	<u>10,512</u>	<u>12,164</u>	<u>3,009</u>	<u>10,709</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £8,010 (2021: £6,700).

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

10 Other

	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	2021
		£
Grants paid to churches which were received on their behalf	18,800	-
	18,800	-
	<u>18,800</u>	<u>-</u>

11 Trustees

During the year, Adam Nyawo received stipends and allowances of £25,995 (2021: £26,093), Katherine Johnson of £25,995 (2021: £25,693), Claudia Lupi of £26,395 (2021: £26,093), Geoffrey Farrar of £28,977 (2021: £28,476).

Margaret Logan was paid £11,138 (2021: 11,067) for services rendered as Circuit Administrator. Carol Powers was paid £18,230 (2021: £6,350) as the Cedars Youth Leader and Cedars coordinator, and also received £nil (2021: £3,528) from Chiswick Methodist Church. Megan Thomas was paid £nil (2021: £20,911) as a youth leader.

None of the other Trustees, or persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the Circuit or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31st August 2022. The circuit minutes secretary and the Treasurer were paid expenses (validated against receipts) for amounts spent as a result of them fulfilling their duties, as well as ministers.

12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
	7	8
	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
Employment costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	160,707	160,373
Social security costs	13,051	12,855
Other pension costs	29,422	30,002
	<u>203,180</u>	<u>203,230</u>

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 p.a.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

13 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Restricted funds	Restricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	(20,015)	21,503
Revaluation of investment properties	136,094	229,000
	<u>116,079</u>	<u>250,503</u>

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings
	£
Cost or valuation	
At 1 September 2021	4,232,000
Revaluation	333,000
Transfer from investment property	1,900,000
	<u>6,465,000</u>
At 31 August 2022	
Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2022	<u>6,465,000</u>
At 31 August 2021	<u>4,232,000</u>

Land and buildings with a carrying amount of £6,465,000 were revalued at 31 August 2019 by Antony Roberts Estate Agents Limited, independent valuers not connected with the charity on the basis of market value. The valuation conforms to International Valuation Standards and was based on recent market transactions on arm's length terms for similar properties. The fair value has been updated as at 31st August 2022 based on property valuation trends in the local area.

The revaluation this year has given a rise in value of £333,000 (2021 - £257,000) with a total revaluation reserve of £6,465,000 as the historical cost value has been unknown.

The value of £6,465,000 (2021: £4,232,000) is split between Land values of £4,654,800 and building values of £1,810,200.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

15 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 September 2021	878,560
Valuation changes	(18,336)
At 31 August 2022	860,224
Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2022	860,224
At 31 August 2021	878,560

16 Investment property

	2022 £
Fair value	
At 1 September 2021	4,964,000
Transfers to tangible fixed assets	(1,900,000)
Net gains or losses through fair value adjustments	136,094
At 31 August 2022	3,200,094

Investment property has been valued at £3,200,094, being the circuit manses held at the year end which are not being used for the purposes of the circuit, the Brentford Church and Whitton Church. The fair value of the manses has been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out at 31 August 2019 by Antony Roberts Estate Agents Limited, who are not connected with the charity and then updated to reflect property valuation trends in the local area.

The carrying value of land included in investment properties comprises:

	2022 £	2021 £
Freehold	2,304,068	3,574,080

17 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	82,083	85,916
Prepayments and accrued income	101,921	85,555
	184,004	171,471

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Deferred income	19	75,220	105,252
Other creditors		-	1,000
Accruals and deferred income		9,644	8,012
		<u>84,864</u>	<u>114,264</u>

19 Deferred income

	2022 £	2021 £
Arising from assessments and grants	<u>75,220</u>	<u>105,252</u>

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

Urban mission grant deferred	26,700	
Church assessments paid by Circuit		43,733
Church assessments deferred	<u>4,747</u>	
Total deferred income as at 31st August 2022	75,220	

20 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The charity contributions to superannuation pensions was £27,786 (2021: £27,418). This is 26.9% of the basic stipend, and is a percentage which is agreed annually at the Methodist conference. The pension is a connexional scheme and these contributions are the only obligation of the Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Church Circuit.

The Circuit provides a money purchase pension arrangement with The Peoples Pension for lay workers, the Circuit contributes 6% of basic salary to the scheme. This year £1,636 (2021: £2,584) was contributed.

The charge to the statement of financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £29,422 (2021: £30,002).

21 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

A Designated Manse Fund of £20,000 was created in 2013 to enable urgent major repairs and refurbishment to be carried out immediately by the Manses Committee in agreement with the Leadership Team. This figure is reviewed annually and increased in the year by £14,818 (2021 - increased by £32,050) providing a total designated fund as at 31st August 2022 of £59,069 (2021 - £44,251). A total of £18,210 was transferred to the fund for manse repairs and Whitton Church support costs in the year. £12,569 was transferred out for repairs to the Barnes manse and support costs for Brentford Church. £9,177 has been set aside for manse refurbishment costs.

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22 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 September 2020	Incoming resources	Movement in funds			Gains and losses	Balance at 1 September 2021	Incoming resources	Movement in funds			Gains and losses	Balance at 31 August 2022
	£	£	Outgoing resources	Transfers (to)/from unrestricted funds	£		£		Outgoing resources	Transfers (to)/from unrestricted funds	£		£
Circuit Model Trust Fund	1,189,197	5,183	(182,818)	(200,402)		16,959	828,119	8,247	(75,719)	(82,666)		(18,175)	659,806
F Alfred Lass Bequest	2,159	40	(5)	(35)		396	2,555	62	(7)	(55)		(161)	2,394
Circuit Surplus Fund	3,530	12	(7)	-		-	3,535	17	(10)	-		-	3,542
Investment Properties													
Revaluation Fund	2,165,000	1,000,000	-	1,570,000		229,000	4,964,000	-	-	(1,900,000)		136,094	3,200,094
Fixed Asset Revaluation Fund	3,975,000	-	-	-		257,000	4,232,000	-	-	1,900,000		333,000	6,465,000
Urban Mission	2,737	33,550	(57,349)	23,600		-	2,538	32,001	(56,735)	26,900		-	4,704
Cedars Project	4,518	30,841	(41,869)	6,510		-	-	-	-	-		-	-
3Generate	68	-	-	-		-	68	-	(1)	(67)		-	-
Loan to Chiswick Church	3,000	-	-	-		-	3,000	-	-	(3,000)		-	-
Brentford Church TMCP funds	40,006	197	-	-		4,148	44,351	731	(126)	(802)		(1,680)	42,474
Brentford Church	1,570,000	-	-	(1,570,000)		-	-	-	-	-		-	-
2020-21 grants for Urban Mission and Cedars Project	30,100	-	-	(30,100)		-	-	-	-	-		-	-
2021-22 grants for Urban Mission	-	-	-	26,900		-	26,900	-	-	(26,900)		-	-
Loan to Barnes Church	-	-	-	80,000		-	80,000	-	-	-		-	80,000

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22	Restricted funds	(Continued)									
	Contribution towards church assessments for 2021-22	-	-	-	41,352	-	-	-	(41,352)	-	-
	2022-23 grants for Urban Mission	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,700	-	26,700
	Contribution towards church assessments for 2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43,773	-	43,773
	Grants received on behalf of churches	-	-	-	-	-	18,800	(18,800)	-	-	-
		8,985,315	1,069,823	(282,048)	(52,175)	507,503	10,228,418	59,858	(151,398)	449,078	10,528,487

The Circuit Model Trust Fund is to be used for any Methodist purposes, but transfers of funds, typically for essential repairs to properties or for Urban Mission purposes, have to be agreed at Circuit level and by the District. During the year, £26,700 was paid out for the Urban Mission (2021: £26,900) of which £26,700 (2021: £26,900) was an advance for 2022/23. £4,000 (2021 : £100,000) for grants to Churches for a variety of reasons, £20,000 to Raleigh Road United Church, £10,677 for manse surveys and architect fees and £43,773 (2021: £41,352) for one quarters assessments for which the churches will not have to pay in the year 2022/23.

The F Alfred Lass Bequest is held for income only to be provided to the Superintendent to be applied by Circuit Stewards for the supplement of ministers' stipends.

The Urban Mission fund of £4,704 (2021 : £2,538) consists of unspent grant monies received for the provision of a Minister for the wider community at the Alton Estates.

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23	Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
		2022	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021	2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£	as restated	as restated
	Fund balances at 31 August 2022 are represented by:								
	Tangible assets	-	-	6,465,000	6,465,000	-	-	4,232,000	4,232,000
	Investment properties	-	-	3,200,094	3,200,094	-	-	4,964,000	4,964,000
	Investments	-	-	708,216	708,216	-	-	878,560	878,560
	Current assets/(liabilities)	135,011	59,069	155,177	349,257	145,579	44,251	153,858	343,688
		135,011	59,069	10,528,487	10,722,567	145,579	44,251	10,228,418	10,418,248

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24 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - none).

25 Cash generated from operations	2022 £	2021 £
Surplus for the year	(28,681)	1,014,877
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(45,727)	(46,892)
Acquisition of church from within the circuit	-	(1,000,000)
Fair value gains and losses on investment properties	(136,094)	(229,000)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	20,015	(21,503)
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in debtors	(12,533)	(79,591)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	632	(218)
(Decrease)/increase in deferred income	(30,032)	42,199
Cash absorbed by operations	(232,420)	(320,128)

26 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

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27 List of Trustees

Mrs Jean Flann
Mrs Lyneth Friday
Mr Ian Haddow
Mrs Jean Butcher
Miss Valerie Hearn
Mrs Dinnie Heroe
Mr Alan Housden
Mrs Vivien Isaac
Mr Andrew Logan
Mr John Logan
Mrs Margaret Logan
Mr Stephen Ludlow
Rev Barbara McIntivey
Mrs Jane McMahon
Mrs Frances Moorhouse
Dr Margaret Moore
Rev Nicola Morrison
Mrs Rajini Muthukumar
Dr Clive Norris
Rev Adam Nyawo
Mrs Mary Patterson
Miss Carol Powers
Mr Charles Rajkumar
Mrs Gill Sparkes
Miss Winifred Thompson
Mr Brendan Wasmuth
Mr Geoffrey Waterhouse
Mrs Janet Wilson
Rev Geoffrey Farrar
Rev Claudia Lupi
Mr Charles Oppong-Akuoko
Mr Moses Tandayi
Deacon Kathy Johnson
Mr Bismarck Laryea
Mrs Sarah Weeks

Resigned 31 August 2022

Appointed 11 September 2022

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	For full list of Trustees, see note 27
Circuit Superintendent	Reverend G Farrar
Charity number	1134245
Principal address	13 Enmore Road London Middlesex United Kingdom SW15 6LL
Auditor	Azets Audit Services Trinity Court 34 West Street Sutton Surrey United Kingdom SM1 1SH
Bankers	HSBC Bank PLC 8 Victoria Street London United Kingdom SW1H 0NJ Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church (CFB) 9 Bonhill Street London United Kingdom EC2A 4PE CAF Bank Limited (Charities Aid Foundation Bank) 25 Kings Hill Avenue West Malling Kent United Kingdom ME19 4JQ
Investment advisors	The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Central Buildings Oldham Street Manchester M1 1JQ United Kingdom

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2021.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), effective from 1 January 2019.

Objectives and activities

The Richmond and Hounslow Circuit operates as part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain, whose mission is 'to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission'. The Circuit's specific calling is to facilitate and support the eight local Methodist Churches in its area as they respond to that call, through responsible stewardship and effective oversight of its resources physical and material, it seeks to enable those local congregations to increase the awareness of God's presence and celebrate God's love helping them to grow and learn through mutual support and care, enabling them to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice.

The circuit supports the provision of high quality worship in all churches on Sundays and at other times continuing to support preachers in the circuit facilitating continuing development opportunities and actively encouraging all church members to pursue their vocations.

The circuit has ensured that the highest standards of Safeguarding for children and vulnerable adults have been maintained across the circuit. The circuit has monitored the provision of pastoral care across the Circuit.

The Reverend Geoffrey Farrer applied to extend his term with the circuit for another five years. This was accepted and ratified at the July circuit meeting. The Reverend Claudia Lupi decided not to extend her term which is due to finish in July 2022. The Children's and Youth Leader resigned and left in May 2021.

Again, the year has been challenging due to covid restrictions and lockdown in December. The circuit has supported discipleship work in our churches encouraging fellowship groups and other teaching. It has been able to maintain a high standard of worship during the months we were able to reopen and nearly all our churches were able to open within the Covid guidelines. Help was given to meet the changing government guidelines in order to do this. Support, services and teaching online and via email and telephone contact were also provided, A monthly Circuit magazine was produced to help us all remain connected and those members who do not have internet access were written to once a fortnight. There was in addition weekly Sunday worship on zoom and later YouTube. On Sunday evenings a zoom Bible study met and once a month the ecumenical group now rebranded 'Theology in the Pub' met. A weekly coffee morning also met on zoom plus a weekly Bible Fellowship throughout September until July.

When physical worship was banned, ministers and stewards organised online ministry which reached large numbers, including overseas and opportunity was undertaken by some churches to carry out repairs and maintenance on the buildings. While singing was banned in doors some churches began a new witness of hymn singing in the outside grounds of the church. In these ways and in others we have endeavoured to keep connected as a circuit during the pandemic.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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The objective of the circuit is to provide administration services, pastoral and spiritual leadership including supporting their outreach work within their local communities and every attempt was made to continue this appropriately during covid restrictions. Outreach work is an important part of church life. Two churches are part of ecumenical projects working with the homeless over the winter, but this unfortunately had to be put on hold due to Covid restrictions. One of our churches was able to continue providing practical and spiritual help to the homeless on the streets in Richmond.

Other community projects when allowed to start included a Toddlers group offering support to children and families, an open coffee morning online, when the buildings were allowed to re-open the Meditation Group attracted new members. There was an exciting community project planned to reach out to the elderly, and those with dementia which had to be put on hold because of covid however the work with vulnerable young people was able to continue either online or when permitted face to face. The circuit has monitored the provision of safeguarding across the circuit and members were regularly contacted by their pastoral group.

The circuit is also responsible with helping the wider community at home and abroad which it does through a variety of donations to various charities and good causes. We were requested to consider helping financially other circuits within the Methodist circuits who were struggling financially. A grant was given to Harlesden of £10,000 and a donation of £2,000 to Roehampton University's Hardship Fund for students.

Whitton Church after much prayer and deliberation closed. The congregation had faced many difficulties and struggled for various reasons and after resulting local discussions the hard decision was made to close. There was a service of thanksgiving in July and the members transferred to another church and were given pastoral support throughout. Roehampton Church had also been struggling for several years and the proposal was made that the church would form a Class with Putney giving it the extra support that was required.

During this year the Deacon living and working on the Alton Estate continued to foster relationships with the local community through face-to-face interaction and via virtual means as covid restrictions have allowed. At Christmas because of covid, group carol singing was prevented however, the deacon and a member of the congregation were able to sing carols in a group of two around the estate.

Work has continued since lockdown to ensure the church is more frequently used. The church remained closed for much of this period, but the congregation were ministered to via telephone and in-person and walks to the park, thus continuing the spiritual and emotional support to those isolated by the lack of internet access. The 60+ café opened in July and operates weekly out of the church. The deacon attends as often as possible to offer support and encourage those isolated to regain their confidence in social situations.

The deacon is an active member of the governing board of the local Church of England primary school providing faith support. She also led the school in collective worship and is the SEND governor.

The deacon remained an active member on various community groups, being vice-chairman of the Roehampton Partnership which campaigns on behalf of the people of Roehampton to ensure their interest are taken into consideration.

She attended Safer Neighbourhood meetings with the police and other council departments. There have also been meetings bringing together various community groups as there is a desire to improve the sense of community on the estate. The Deacon is fully involved in these discussions and was a member of the steering committee of the Roehampton Community week which organised and funded a variety of projects throughout the year that enhance the environment, renovate public spaces, encouraging the arts, working with people of all ages and cultural backgrounds to improve their physical and mental health. There was a regular zoom group and women's network. The deacon organised events such as litter picking, crafting, self-defence and environmental awareness.

The Men's shed has expanded out of the garage and become the Roehampton Shed. All the initiatives are from a Christian point of view that believes all are made in God's image and that all creation should flourish.

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The Children and Youth Leader was employed by the circuit in July 2017 to promote youth work within the Circuit with specific duties working as Coordinator at CEDARS Circuit Youth Project and Hounslow Methodist Church.

At Cedars most of the year was in lockdown, however virtual stand-ins for youth clubs with activities and challenges each week was put in place. There was a brief period when the youth club was able to re-open. When the youth club re-opened there was a higher demand than before and sadly because of government guidelines not all were able to be accommodated but those that could not will be reconnected later. Around 80% of the young people at Chiswick were welcomed back with club nights on Mondays and Wednesdays running through half-term. In February 2021 a new initiative was started called 'Fun in 40' which were 40 minutes of Cedars zoom sessions, the uptake for this was positive. All the work has complied with the government guidelines. The youth club at Roehampton struggled to re-open but contact was made with the young people.

Funding for the posts come from Circuit funds, grant funding, the District Advance Fund of the Methodist Church, plus a grant from The Putney United Gospel Temperance Society, we are very grateful to these organisations. All CEDARS groups are also supported by other volunteers for whom we are indebted.

THE CEDARS group closed as a Circuit project at the end of the year and the funds were transferred to the two churches who will now operate the project.

Manses were continued to be monitored throughout the year and all necessary repairs undertaken.

Circuit Property was maintained, and it was ensured that the buildings were Covid safe and were kept up to date with the most recent guidelines from the Methodist Church and the Government. The completion and regular review of risk assessments were carried out and individual churches appointed a representative to ensure this work was carried out with the trustees in each church ultimately responsible. Support was given to the churches and there were several zoom meetings.

A Lay Circuit Administrator continues to be employed to provide administrative services and support to the ministers and the circuit, in the development of planned projects, to aid ministry within the churches of the Circuit and to support the work of the Methodist Church as a whole, including keeping the Circuit informed of Connexional matters. She played a large role during lockdown, helping to sort out online worship and setting up a system for communication with those who did not have computer access. She also contributed to putting in place advice for safe worshipping.

We were very fortunate that the circuit had two people who were expert in online technology, and we are very grateful to them for their expertise and the time they put in to make online worship and communication so successful.

The Circuit has a small, dedicated number of Local Preachers including one in training. They meet regularly for fellowship, mutual support and study.

The Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Circuit relies on a large amount of time and effort from volunteers, who offer a variety of services which are unpaid. The charity would like to place on record its thanks to these volunteers without whose support it could not operate. It is impossible to estimate the value of these donated services.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake for public benefit.

Achievements and performance

We have continued to provide quality leadership in worship on Sundays both in the churches which were able to open, and online both during lockdown and throughout for those who were unable to attend in person. This has been very successful and reached out to many people including some who are overseas.

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The Deacon has continued successful relationships with many who had multiple problems on an individual basis. It is difficult to make any objective measurement of the impact she had, but her input in this is very valued. The contact with local schools has continued as did the links with Holy Trinity and the combined joint projects for the Churches, and work with the elderly and youth. She continued to maintain contact and support during lockdown including successful involvement in community projects.

The CEDARS Circuit Youth Project based at Chiswick Methodist Church continues to provide activities and support for vulnerable young people (7-18 years old) in the provision of a junior Youth Club. The youth club here has thrived both when they were able to meet in person and with on-line activities. Good links have continued with Holy Trinity School and the Children & Youth Leader regularly attends school events

The Circuit Administrator has continued in her work including taking on the eventual selling of Whitton Church. She has continued to be involved with the development of Brentford Methodist Church with Centrepont which is a project to provide residence for 33 young people, occupancy being linked to full employment or apprenticeship and support given to them throughout. Meetings via zoom have taken place and considerable progress has been made. The circuit Administrator has supported the circuit leaders and the Treasurer, contributing to online worship, and setting up communication with those who did not have computer access. We are very grateful for all the work she has done.

Overall, the circuit has achieved its objectives for this year and is satisfied with the performance within the circuit.

Financial review

Overall, the Balance Sheet of the Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Circuit is in a good position as a result of the sale of Twickenham Church and acquisition of the Brentford and Whitton Churches.

Current assets still exceed current liabilities of the Circuit. There is approximately £286,480 (2020: £221,886) in liquid assets and this consists of cash held in current and deposit accounts.

The assets of the Methodist Circuit are spread between bank balances and investment funds held by the Central Finance Board. The assets held by the Central Finance Board are invested in line with the general principles of the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Grants are made from time to time to member churches in the Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Circuit for essential and usually unexpected repairs or for special renovations.

Grants of £20,000 were made to three churches, and £10,000 to one church to enable projects to provide for the mission of the churches. A grant of £20,000 was made to one church to help with the replacement of their roof. Also, a grant of £10,000 was given to Harlesden Circuit to assist with manse repairs. To enable churches to have special reopening's after Covid a grant of £500 was given to each of the six churches within the Circuit.

The decrease in the value of investments during the year of £316,327 (2020: increase of £1,112,594) is a combination of grants paid, transfers out for Urban Mission purposes, support of personnel serving the circuit and replenishment of the General Fund and manse refurbishment.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Risk Management

The Leadership Meeting regularly reviews the potential risks for the Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Circuit and has identified the following key issues:

- Declining membership leaving some churches with only a small number of ageing members.
- Declining membership means declining income;
- Declining interest of the CMTF due to Covid;
- The possibility of equalisation of CMTF across Methodist congregations nationally;
- The possibility of a fall in the value of CMTF investments;
- Major damage to a manse not fully covered by insurance. This is not considered likely;
- Legal action. This is not considered likely.

Reserves policy

The policy covers all funds held by the Circuit Meeting as charity trustees. Our reserves policy relates to our general funds which are available to be used for any or all of the purposes of the Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Circuit. The Circuit Model Trust Fund is also included for sake of clarity and openness and to show that the Circuit has a policy for the management of all its money and not just those which are defined as reserves.

The reserves policy for this fund is to hold at least six months expenditure in reserves; an amount of approximately £269,418 (which excludes the extensive refurbishment costs of the manses and churches). The General Fund, Circuit Surplus Fund and Designated fund combined total £193,365 (2020: £164,300). The balance in the Circuit Model Trust Fund is £828,119 (2020: £1,189,197). This fund is derived from the sales of churches and manses (less any levy on the proceeds) and used to be restricted by the Conference. The restriction is an internal regulation though the fund can be used for a variety of purposes.

It is intended (with Conference approval) to continue to use this fund to:

- support missions within the Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Circuit (currently approximately £26,900 per year). However, for the next two £79,400 is being set aside for the Urban Mission fund. £60,000 has also been set aside for grants to the churches for mission projects. Support for Cedars and Children and family worker approximately £48,250. A grant of £41,352 to the churches towards the assessments for 2021/22.

- support significant manse maintenance (e.g. major roof repairs)
- support church communities for significant expenditure which they are unable to fund from within their own resources.

It is therefore important that the fund is retained at approximately its current level to:

- provide enough interest to support mission projects, including lay workers;
- provide enough interest to support major manse maintenance
- provide capital to enable non-recurring grants to be made to church communities
- provide capital to enable non-recurring grants to be made to relevant activities associated with mission;
- provide a contribution to the District Advance Fund

Aims

The aim is twofold:

1. To secure and sustain the Circuit's viability and future;
2. To give reassurance to the general public that the Circuit intends to use all the money coming into its care for the purposes of the charity.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Mission Policy

Essentially the Circuit mission is to provide:

1. The ministerial oversight and pastoral care of the churches in the Circuit;
2. Support ecumenical initiatives where appropriate;
3. Support the ministerial team including lay workers where appropriate;
4. Maintain the Circuit manses
5. Deal with administrative matters covering the Circuit as a whole.
6. Support community projects and outreach initiatives when appropriate.

Financial Plans

A budget is prepared annually and draft assessments prepared to provide balanced income and expenditure for the year. This is discussed at a meeting of Church Treasurers and the final budget presented for approval to the Circuit Meeting.

A designated fund of £44,251 is held to enable urgent and planned major repairs and refurbishment to be carried out immediately by the Manses Committee, in agreement with the Leadership Team. To provide for costs relating to the management of Brentford Church, training and related grants to churches. This is reviewed annually. We hope to maintain the manses in a suitable condition as per Methodist Church guidelines. Major expenditure is covered from interest or capital from the Circuit Model Trust Fund if approval is received from the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church.

The Circuit must ensure that it has sufficient resources to meet its financial obligations to support ministers, administer the Circuit and maintain manses. The total expenses (restricted and unrestricted) for 2020-21 amounted to approximately £538,835 (2020: £343,830). Most of this is supported from the contribution of churches within the Circuit, investment income including rental income, grants and donations.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity was established by a charitable trust deed on 10th February 2010. The charity's governing documents are the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

The trust is constituted under the standing orders of the Methodist Church nos. 500-575. The standing orders set out the way in which trustees are appointed.

The trustees who served the charity during the year are listed in the notes to these accounts.

The managing trustees at the date of this report are the members of the Circuit Meeting of the Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Circuit. These comprise all Circuit Officers (stewards, treasurer, secretaries, superintendent minister, ministers) and representatives from each of the churches. As such, the trustees receive no formal training, but decision making is not vested in a small number of people.

The Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Circuit is an association of churches grouped together in a geographical area. Ordained Ministers and Presbyters are appointed to serve the circuit. The Superintendent Minister is responsible for the work of all the churches in the circuit.

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Plans for the future

With the departure of the Reverend Claudia Lupi from Richmond and Barnes, Richmond according to the LEP regulation will now seek to have a United Reformed Church minister. It has been proposed that the circuit enters the stationing process seeking an appointment of a full-time presbyter with pastoral oversight at Richmond and Barnes plus a pioneering role in both these neighbourhoods.

With the resignation of the Youth worker in May it is proposed to employ a Youth and Family worker at Putney and Roehampton in a new role.

It is also proposed to appoint a Lay Pastor at Chiswick to undertake and develop work there.

With the sale of Whitton, the circuit continues its plans in developing a vision whereby the financial gain when the church is sold, can be put to good use particularly in developing mission and outreach services.

We intend to continue our work with Centre Point to develop the Brentford Methodist Church. A circuit vision day has been planned for next year to consider and consolidate our plans.

The Trustees intend to operate the Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Circuit in a similar manner for the foreseeable future.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

In accordance with the charity's articles, a resolution proposing that Azets Audit Services be reappointed as auditor of the charity will be put at a General Meeting.

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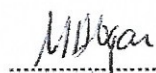
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Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mrs M Logan

Trustee

Dated: 21/6/22



Reverend G Farrar

Trustee

Dated: 21/6/22

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Richmond & Hounslow Methodist Church Circuit (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the accounts does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the accounts or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared accounts in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. This has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and the regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Azets Audit Services

Sam Thomas (Senior Statutory Auditor)
Azets Audit Services

24/06/22

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

Trinity Court, 34 West Street
Sutton, Surrey, SM1 1SH

Azets Audit Services is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Designated funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Designated funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>									
Donations	3	25	-	2,133	2,158	32	-	2,086	2,118
Charitable activities	4	195,890	-	37,600	233,490	156,599	-	41,400	197,999
Investments	5	17,005	-	29,887	46,892	18,477	-	34,785	53,262
Other income	6	20,466	-	1,000,203	1,020,669	43,375	-	1,611,588	1,654,963
Total income		233,386	-	1,069,823	1,303,209	218,483	-	1,689,859	1,908,342
<u>Expenditure on:</u>									
Raising funds	7	-	-	2,390	2,390	-	-	165	165
Charitable activities	8	256,787	-	279,658	536,445	257,318	-	86,347	343,665
Total resources expended		256,787	-	282,048	538,835	257,318	-	86,512	343,830
Net gains/(losses) on investments	13	-	-	250,503	250,503	-	-	118,178	118,178
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(23,401)	-	1,038,278	1,014,877	(38,835)	-	1,721,525	1,682,690

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers	(23,401)	-	1,038,278	1,014,877	(38,835)	-	1,721,525	1,682,690
Gross transfers between funds	66,574	(14,399)	(52,175)	-	134,230	32,050	(166,280)	-
Net incoming resources	43,173	(14,399)	986,103	1,014,877	95,395	32,050	1,555,245	1,682,690
Other recognised gains and losses								
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets	-	-	257,000	257,000	-	-	225,000	225,000
Net movement in funds	43,173	(14,399)	1,243,103	1,271,877	95,395	32,050	1,780,245	1,907,690
Fund balances at 1 September 2020	102,406	58,650	8,985,315	9,146,371	7,011	26,600	7,205,070	7,238,681
Fund balances at 31 August 2021	145,579	44,251	10,228,418	10,418,248	102,406	58,650	8,985,315	9,146,371

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14	4,232,000		3,975,000	
Investment properties	16	4,964,000		3,735,000	
Investments	15	878,560		1,194,887	
		<u>10,074,560</u>		<u>8,904,887</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	17	171,472		91,881	
Cash at bank and in hand		286,480		221,886	
		<u>457,952</u>		<u>313,767</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	<u>(114,264)</u>		<u>(72,283)</u>	
Net current assets			343,688		241,484
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>10,418,248</u>		<u>9,146,371</u>
Income funds					
General restricted funds		5,996,418		5,010,315	
Revaluation reserve		<u>4,232,000</u>		<u>3,975,000</u>	
	21		10,228,418		8,985,315
Designated funds			44,251		58,650
Unrestricted funds			<u>145,579</u>		<u>102,406</u>
			<u>10,418,248</u>		<u>9,146,371</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 21/06/22



 Mrs M Logan
 Trustee



 Reverend G Farrar
 Trustee

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	25		(320,127)		(100,063)
Investing activities					
Proceeds on disposal of investment property		-		1,323,166	
Purchase of other investments		-		(1,323,166)	
Investment income received		384,721		250,189	
Net cash generated from investing activities			384,721		250,189
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			64,594		150,126
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			221,886		71,760
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			286,480		221,886

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Richmond & Hounslow Methodist Church Circuit is an association of Churches grouped together in a geographical area. The charity provides administration services and support for each of the Churches within the circuit. In addition, the charity is also responsible for helping the wider community, which it does through a variety of donations to various charities and good causes. The governing documents are the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Income from member church assessments is deferred when paid in advance by the member churches, as these assessments relate to specific time periods of services provided.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs from investments.
- Expenditure on charitable activities is all categorised within Circuit Support as this is deemed to be the only activity of the charity. Support and governance costs have been split on the proportion of direct costs incurred.
- Other expenditure.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

At the present time, three properties are used as Manses. All properties are owned by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes as Custodian Trustees but since the Charity has control of them, they are included in these financial statements.

The properties are stated at a valuation by the Managing Trustees, in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102). The valuation is reflected in the properties revaluation fund since none of the properties has a known original cost. Revaluations occur at three year intervals, unless there is evidence of a material change in the value of the item. A revaluation of the properties was carried out by Antony Roberts Estate Agents Limited on 31st August 2019. However, these values have been adjusted to reflect their values at 31 August 2021. The next revaluation is due to take place in 2022.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date.

Revaluations occur at three year intervals, unless there is evidence of a material change in the value of the item. A revaluation of the properties was carried out by Antony Roberts Estate Agents Limited on 31st August 2019. However, these values have been adjusted to reflect their values at 31 August 2021. The next revaluation is due to take place in 2022.

The Church building acquired during the year is included in the Balance Sheet at its insured value as determined by Methodist Insurance PLC.

The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in income/ (expenditure for the year, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

Recognised impairment losses are reversed if, and only if, the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately, unless the relevant asset is carried in at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. The annual contributions payable are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The key estimates in the year include the valuation of the investment properties at the year end and therefore the revaluation amount.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Critical judgements

In the directors' opinion there are no critical judgements, apart from those involving estimates (as detailed below), that they have made in applying the accounting policies and that have had significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Valuation of properties and investment properties

Properties are professionally valued every three years. In the two years between, the Trustees use statistics from the UK land registry office to identify how the value of similar properties in the local area have changed over the past year. The brought forward values are then adjusted to reflect the change as either a gain or an impairment. Uncertainties relate to changes in the condition of the properties since the previous professional valuation and that the average percentage change of property values in local boroughs is used.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

3 Donations

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £	2020 £
Donations and gifts	25	2,133	2,158	32	2,086	2,118

4 Charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Assessments	195,890	156,599
Performance related grants	37,600	41,400
	233,490	197,999
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	195,890	156,599
Restricted funds	37,600	41,400
	233,490	197,999

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £	2020 £
Rental income	16,723	24,455	41,178	18,120	24,480	42,600
Income from unlisted investments	-	1,908	1,908	-	1,897	1,897
Interest receivable	282	3,524	3,806	357	8,408	8,765
	17,005	29,887	46,892	18,477	34,785	53,262

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £	2020 £
Other income	17,061	203	17,264	9,303	1,582	10,885
Twickenham Church	-	-	-	5,817	-	5,817
Brentford Church	3,405	-	3,405	28,255	1,610,006	1,638,261
Whitton Church	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	-	-	-
	<u>20,466</u>	<u>1,000,203</u>	<u>1,020,669</u>	<u>43,375</u>	<u>1,611,588</u>	<u>1,654,963</u>

7 Raising funds

	Restricted funds	Restricted funds
	2021 £	2020 £
<u>Investment management</u>	<u>2,390</u>	<u>165</u>
	<u>2,390</u>	<u>165</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

8 Charitable activities

	Circuit Support 2021 £	Circuit Support 2020 £
Staff costs	203,230	197,119
Ministers - other costs	22,913	24,301
District and connexional	113,864	35,374
Cedars and Urban Mission	14,699	1,257
Manses	42,904	51,419
Circuit, preaching, training and mission	5,951	4,084
Lettings expenditure	9,323	7,351
Closed church expenses	12,732	11,479
3Generate expenses	-	1,440
Church grants	100,000	-
Sundry expenses	120	261
	<u>525,736</u>	<u>334,085</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 9)	-	286
Share of support costs (see note 10)	3,009	2,294
Share of governance costs (see note 10)	7,700	7,000
	<u>536,445</u>	<u>343,665</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	256,787	257,318
Restricted funds	279,658	86,347
	<u>536,445</u>	<u>343,665</u>

9 Grants payable

	Circuit Support 2020 £
Grants to institutions:	
Other	286
	<u>286</u>

RICHMOND & HOUNSLOW METHODIST CHURCH CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

10 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2020 £
Postage and stationery	1,551	-	1,551	1,288	-	1,288
Sundry expenses	1,450	-	1,450	1,006	-	1,006
Bank charges	8	-	8	-	-	-
Audit fees	-	7,700	7,700	-	7,000	7,000
	3,009	7,700	10,709	2,294	7,000	9,294
Analysed between Charitable activities	3,009	7,700	10,709	2,294	7,000	9,294

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £7,500 (2020: £7,014).

11 Trustees

During the year, Adam Nyawo received stipends and allowances of £26,093 (2020: £26,018), Katherine Johnson of £25,693 (2020: £25,204), Claudia Lupi of £26,093 (2020: £25,417), Geoffrey Farrar of £28,476 (2020: £27,281).

Margaret Logan was paid £11,067 (2020: 11,483) for services rendered as Circuit Administrator. Carol Powers was paid £6,350 (2020: £3,422) as the Cedars Youth Leader and Cedars coordinator, and also received £3,528 (2020: £7,181) from Chiswick Methodist Church. Megan Thomas was paid £20,911 (2020: £27,809) as a youth leader. Andrew Logan was paid £nil (2020: £2,614) for services rendered as a Cedars Youth Leader and Cedars coordinator.

None of the other Trustees, or persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the Circuit or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31st August 2021. The circuit minutes secretary and the Treasurer were paid expenses (validated against receipts) for amounts spent as a result of them fulfilling their duties, as well as ministers.

12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
	8	7
Employment costs	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	160,373	154,326
Social security costs	12,855	13,577
Other pension costs	30,002	29,216

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12 Employees

(Continued)

203,230	197,119
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No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 p.a.

13 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Restricted funds	Restricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	21,503	(6,822)
Revaluation of investment properties	229,000	125,000
	<u>250,503</u>	<u>118,178</u>

14 Tangible fixed assets

Land and buildings
£

Cost or valuation

At 1 September 2020	3,975,000
Revaluation	257,000

At 31 August 2021	<u>4,232,000</u>
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Carrying amount

At 31 August 2021	<u>4,232,000</u>
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At 31 August 2020	<u>3,975,000</u>
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Land and buildings with a carrying amount of £3,975,000 were revalued at 31 August 2019 by Antony Roberts Estate Agents Limited, independent valuers not connected with the charity on the basis of market value. The valuation conforms to International Valuation Standards and was based on recent market transactions on arm's length terms for similar properties. The fair value has been updated as at 31st August 2021 based on property valuation trends in the local area.

The revaluation this year has given a rise in value of £257,000 (2020 - £225,000) with a total revaluation reserve of £4,232,000 as the historical cost value has been unknown.

The value of £4,232,000 (2020: £3,975,000) is split between Land values of £3,047,040 and building values of £1,184,960.

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15 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 September 2020	1,194,887
Valuation changes	21,502
Income	45,716
Charges and Transfers	(383,545)
At 31 August 2021	878,560
Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2021	878,560
At 31 August 2020	1,194,887

16 Investment property

	2021 £
Fair value	
At 1 September 2020	3,735,000
Additions through external acquisition	1,000,000
Net gains or losses through fair value adjustments	229,000
At 31 August 2021	4,964,000

Investment property has been valued at £4,964,000, being the circuit manses held at the year end which are not being used for the purposes of the circuit, the Brentford Church and the acquisition of the Whitton Church during the year. The fair value of the manses has been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out at 31 August 2019 by Antony Roberts Estate Agents Limited, who are not connected with the charity and then updated to reflect property valuation trends in the local area.

The carrying value of land included in investment properties comprises:

	2021 £	2020 £
Freehold	3,574,080	2,689,200

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17 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	85,915	46,798
Prepayments and accrued income	85,556	45,082
	<u>171,471</u>	<u>91,880</u>

18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Deferred income	19	105,252	63,053
Other creditors		1,000	-
Accruals and deferred income		8,012	9,230
		<u>114,264</u>	<u>72,283</u>

19 Deferred income

	2021 £	2020 £
Arising from assessments and grants	<u>105,252</u>	<u>63,053</u>

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

Urban mission grant deferred	26,900
Miles Trust	1,000
Barnes rent in advance	1,258
Church assessments paid by Circuit	41,352
Church assessments deferred	<u>34,742</u>
Total deferred income as at 31st August 2021	105,252

20 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The charity contributions to superannuation pensions was £27,418 (2020: £26,741). This is 26.9% of the basic stipend, and is a percentage which is agreed annually at the Methodist conference. The pension is a connexional scheme and these contributions are the only obligation of the Richmond and Hounslow Methodist Church Circuit.

The Circuit provides a money purchase pension arrangement with The Peoples Pension for lay workers, the Circuit contributes 6% of basic salary to the scheme. This year £2,584 (2020: £2,475) was contributed.

The charge to the statement of financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £30,002 (2020: £29,216).

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21 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 September 2019	Movement in funds			Gains and losses	Balance at 1 September 2020	Movement in funds			Gains and losses	Balance at 31 August 2021
		Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers (to)/ from unrestricted funds			Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers (to)/ from unrestricted funds		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Circuit Model Trust Fund	71,617	10,192	(1,934)	1,116,105	(6,783)	1,189,197	5,183	(182,818)	(200,402)	16,959	828,119
F Alfred Lass Bequest	2,198	43	(4)	(39)	(39)	2,159	40	(5)	(35)	396	2,555
Circuit Surplus Fund	8,477	70	(17)	(5,000)	-	3,530	12	(7)	-	-	3,535
Investment Properties											
Revaluation Fund	2,040,000	-	-	-	125,000	2,165,000	1,000,000	-	1,570,000	229,000	4,964,000
Fixed Asset Revaluation Fund	3,750,000	-	-	-	225,000	3,975,000	-	-	-	257,000	4,232,000
Urban Mission	6,124	40,800	(56,687)	12,500	-	2,737	33,550	(57,349)	23,600	-	2,538
Cedars Project	3,410	27,252	(26,144)	-	-	4,518	30,841	(41,869)	6,510	-	-
3Generate	78	1,210	(1,440)	220	-	68	-	-	-	-	68
Loan to Chiswick Church	-	-	-	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	-	-	3,000
Twickenham Church	1,323,166	-	-	(1,323,166)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brentford Church TMCP funds	-	40,006	-	-	-	40,006	197	-	-	4,148	44,351
Brentford Church	-	1,570,000	-	-	-	1,570,000	-	-	(1,570,000)	-	-
Amounts received on behalf of other charities	-	286	(286)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2020-21 grants for Urban Mission and Cedars Project	-	-	-	30,100	-	30,100	-	-	(30,100)	-	-

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21	Restricted funds	(Continued)					
	2021-22 grants for Urban Mission	-	-	-	-	26,900	-
	Loan to Barnes Church	-	-	-	-	80,000	-
	Contribution towards church assessments for 2021-22	-	-	-	-	41,352	-
		7,205,070	1,689,859	(86,512)	(166,280)	343,178	8,985,315
						1,069,823	(282,048)
						(52,175)	507,503
							10,228,418

The Circuit Model Trust Fund is to be used for any Methodist purposes, but transfers of funds, typically for essential repairs to properties or for Urban Mission purposes, have to be agreed at Circuit level and by the District. During the year, £26,900 was paid out for the Urban Mission (2020: £33,000) of which £26,900 (2020: £23,600) was an advance for 2021/22. £100,000 for grants to Churches for a variety of reasons, £80,000 loaned to Barnes Methodist Church for the roof repair, £45,000 (2020: £75,000) to replenish the general funds, £nil (2020: £24,356) to replenish the designated funds for manse refurbishment and £41,352 (2020: £47,268) for one quarters assessments for which the churches will not have to pay in the year 2021/22.

The F Alfred Lass Bequest is held for income only to be provided to the Superintendent to be applied by Circuit Stewards for the supplement of ministers' stipends.

The Urban Mission fund of £2,538 (2020: £2,737) consists of unspent grant monies received for the provision of a Minister for the wider community at the Alton Estates.

The Cedars Youth Project Fund of £nil (2020: £4,518) consists of unspent grant monies for the provision of a youth worker and general expenses. The project is now managed by Churches within the circuit and therefore the funds have been passed to them during the year.

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22 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

A Designated Manse Fund of £20,000 was created in 2013 to enable urgent major repairs and refurbishment to be carried out immediately by the Manses Committee in agreement with the Leadership Team. This figure is reviewed annually and decreased in the year by £14,399 (2020 - increased by £32,050) providing a total designated fund as at 31st August 2021 of £44,251 (2020 - £58,650). A total of £11,700 was transferred to the fund due to underspends on the manses budget and the training budget in the year. £6,279 was transferred out for works to the Brentford Church and £19,820 for works to the manses.

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23 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Designated Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total 2021	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Designated Funds 2020	Restricted Funds 2020 as restated	Total 2020 as restated
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 August 2021 are represented by:								
Tangible assets	-	-	4,232,000	4,232,000	-	-	3,975,000	3,975,000
Investment properties	-	-	4,964,000	4,964,000	-	-	3,735,000	3,735,000
Investments	-	-	878,560	878,560	-	-	1,194,887	1,194,887
Current assets/(liabilities)	145,579	44,251	153,858	343,688	102,406	58,650	80,428	241,484
	145,579	44,251	10,228,418	10,418,248	102,406	58,650	8,985,315	9,146,371

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24 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020 - none).

25 Cash generated from operations	2021 £	2020 £
Surplus for the year	1,014,877	1,682,690
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(46,892)	(53,262)
Acquisition of church from within the circuit	(1,000,000)	(1,570,000)
Fair value gains and losses on investment properties	(229,000)	(118,178)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	(21,503)	6,822
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in debtors	(79,591)	(70,686)
(Decrease) in creditors	(218)	(1,377)
Increase in deferred income	42,199	23,928
Cash absorbed by operations	(320,128)	(100,063)

26 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

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27 List of Trustees

Mrs Jean Flann	
Mrs Lyneth Friday	
Mr Robin Gammon	Resigned 1 August 2021
Mr Ian Haddow	
Mrs Jean Butcher	
Miss Valerie Hearn	
Mrs Dinnie Heroe	
Mr Alan Housden	
Mrs Vivien Isaac	
Mr Andrew Logan	
Mr John Logan	
Mrs Margaret Logan	
Mr Stephen Ludlow	
Rev Barbara McIntivey	
Mrs Jane McMahon	
Mrs Frances Moorhouse	
Dr Margaret Moore	
Rev Nicola Morrison	
Mrs Rajini Muthukumar	
Mr Clive Norris	
Rev Adam Nyawo	
Mrs Mary Patterson	
Miss Carol Powers	
Mr Charles Rajkumar	
Ms Imogen Rush	Resigned 27 November 2020
Mrs Gill Sparkes	
Mr Anthony Squires	Resigned 25 February 2021
Mrs Rosaria Tandayi	Resigned 27 November 2020
Miss Winifred Thompson	
Mr Brendan Wasmuth	
Mr Ben Waterhouse	Resigned 1 February 2022
Mr Geoffrey Waterhouse	
Mrs Janet Wilson	
Mrs Marilyn Woodroffe	Resigned 1 February 2022
Rev Michaela Youngson	Resigned 31 August 2021
Rev Geoffrey Farrar	
Rev Claudia Lupi	
Mr Charles Oppong-Akuoko	
Mr Moses Tandayi	
Miss Megan Thomas	Resigned 25 February 2021
Deacon Kathy Johnson	
Mr Bismarck Laryea	
Mrs Susan Penney	Appointed 1 October 2021