

THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 August 2023

Birmingham, Sutton Park Circuit 05/04

Registered Charity Number 1134369

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 2023

Introduction

The Sutton Park Circuit is part of the wider Methodist Church in Britain. It consists of 13 church buildings (one of which is a Local Ecumenical Partnership) in a 20 mile (approx) circumference from inner-city Birmingham to the north Warwickshire countryside. The aim of the Circuit is to encourage each Minister and Congregation to work together for the glory of God, living out our four callings of Methodism: Worship, Learning and Caring, Service, and Evangelism. Our vision statement is 'Living and Growing God's Kingdom'. The Ministerial staff are supported by the Circuit Stewards, and together they form the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT).

Review of the year - 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023

The Circuit continues to focus on its mission goals:

- A. Understand the needs of and value the uniqueness of each community within the Circuit.
- B. Ensure that each person is empowered, encouraged and equipped to enrich their faith.
- C. Continue to encourage the linking of congregations within the Circuit.
- D. Speak out for justice in tangible and measurable ways.
- E. Bring young people to a knowledge and love of Christ.

The restrictions caused by the Covid 19 pandemic resulted in the churches being unavailable for both worship and serving of their communities. Thankfully, the relaxing of the restrictions resulted in church life restarting and as individual confidence returned, the online worship that served so well during the pandemic continues to be used to cover churches where a preacher is not available, enabling the Circuit to as inclusive as possible.

The ministerial team have continued to meet the challenges of the emergence from the lockdown two years ago. All meetings needed for circuit life have taken place in person, enabling us to deal with the normal business of the Circuit, and continue to evolve our mission goals.

The forward looking mission document was produced by the CLT the previous year continues to be implemented. Its aim is to guide us as both a Circuit and as individual churches towards focussing on effective mission and working in new ways that make the most of our strengths and resource. Included in this was the decision to reduce the number of Presbyters by one in 2022-23. During the stationing process after interviewing 3 candidates the Circuit was unsuccessful in appointing a Superintendent for 2022/23 as two Presbyters left the Circuit including the Superintendent who retired. The Circuit appointed a Superintendent from Birmingham Circuit to be the Superintendent for 50% of his time and a Presbyter in Birmingham Circuit for the balance of his time. The remaining requirement for a presbyter is being covered by a retired presbyter at 49% employment, the maximum permitted by the Connexion. This arrangement will continue into the year 2023-24.

The development of a Hub church and Mission Centres has continued, with the re-organisation needed to adhere to Methodist guidelines, while freeing up people to serve their communities in each of the three churches involved.

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. This is supplemented by grants from the Zimbabwe Fellowship and Connection, which cover half of the costs of a minister, who joined the Circuit in September 2020.

Expenditure trends

Of the total General expenditure 56% relates to net staff Stipends costs, which increase annually in line with increases approved by Conference. In addition a further 20% covers associated costs such as travel, telephone, manse utilities, insurance and repairs costs. 17% is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, which is mostly used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church. The remaining expenditure covers a variety of costs from regular administration costs to one-off items.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2023 the net current assets of the Circuit were £335,494 - approximately 10.2 months cover for expenditure based on the current year figures. This is an improvement over the previous year of 0.5 months. The CLT will consider how best to use any surplus funds for mission projects, as well as ensuring that there are sufficient resources for general running costs, which are due to decrease significantly next year following the renting of two manses for the full year. Total funds include designated funds of £62,798, set aside to cover future stipends/employment costs.

Plans for 2023/24

Circuit budgets for next year have been prepared on the basis that there will be 5.5 full time ordained staff. An assessment increase has been requested from the individual Circuit churches, to contribute towards the anticipated increases in stipend costs, District assessment and manse utility costs.

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2019 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102.

Full Name of Charity: The Methodist Church - Birmingham (Sutton Park) Circuit Trading under the name Sutton Park Methodist Circuit.

Registration Charity Number: 1134369, date of registration 17 February 2010.

Main communication address - 27, Blackwood Road, Tamworth, Staffordshire, B77 1JW

The members of the Sutton Park Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership comprising of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches and the circuit meeting. Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Circuit Ministers and Officers

Active Circuit Ministers

Rev Nickolas Jones (Superintendent)

Rev Alan Smithson

Rev Freddie Takavarasha

Rev Jimmy Dube

Rev Emily Young

Deacon Marilyn Slowe

Deacon Rachel Thomas-Prasad

Circuit Layworkers

None

Circuit Stewards

Mr Christopher Shaw

Mr Nicholas Riley

Mr Peter Cashmore

Ms Celiwe Majola

Treasurer

Mr Martin Waller acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management accounting during the financial year.

Independent Examiner

James Cruse ACA, FCCA, BSc (Econ) Hons - JW Hinks Chartered Accountants, 19 Highfield Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3BH.

Bankers

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church - 9 Bonhill Street, London, EC2A 4PE

CAF Bank Ltd - 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

Investment Bankers

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

Trust Registrar

Mr Steve Buck

Aims and organisation

The charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Birmingham City, South Staffordshire, and North Warwickshire for the Methodist Church. The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union, the advancement of:

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

Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team, along with the Circuit Meeting and the Local Preachers meeting,

Trustee Training

A range of guidance is produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit. All trustees are required to fulfil coherent Safeguarding requirements and conform to GDPR guidelines.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Birmingham District and is accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the Circuit - Blackwood, Boldmere, Erdington, Falcon Lodge, Four Oaks, Kingsbury, Kingstanding, Nechells, Sutton Coldfield, St Chads (LEP), Stockland Green, Streetly and Witton.

Risk Management

Income and expenditure is monitored and compared with the annual budget on an ongoing basis. Most items are as expected, and in line with both the budget and historical figures. The budget is used to determine the main source of income, being the assessments received from the churches, and enables the Charity to anticipate the potential impact of future calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

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

The Sutton Park Circuit commits itself to the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches. The Sutton Park Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people to ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Circuit's Reserves Policy is to hold sufficient funds to cover anticipated general running costs, to meet any unforeseen item of major expense on manses and be able to continue funding planned activities in the short term. The General and Unrestricted Funds have decreased during the year. Funds will continue to be called upon in the foreseeable future, as annual income from church assessments is expected to be insufficient to meet all the costs including those of current ministerial staff. Consequently the Reserves Policy will be monitored and amended on an annual basis, with a view to using any surplus funds for mission projects as well as ensuring that there are sufficient funds to cover the current needs.

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted Funds				Totals this year 2023	Totals last year 2022
		General Funds	Circuit Model Trust	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds		
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Donations and legacies	4	6,520				6,520	23,534
Assessments on churches	5	314,618				314,618	309,180
From Monetary investments	6	8,300	805	2,109		11,214	1,891
From Investment properties Rent income	6	18,425				18,425	-
Capital Receipts	7					-	-
Grants received	8	14,500				14,500	14,500
Benevolent Fund	8					-	-
Other	8					-	1,500
Total income		362,363	805	2,109	0	365,277	350,605
Expenditure on:							
Ministerial Stipends, NIC & Pension	11	221,208				221,208	237,010
Layworker Salaries, NIC & Pension	11					-	-
District Assessment		66,096				66,096	65,616
Methodist Church Fund						-	-
Circuit Events	12	(216)				(216)	422
Telephone, travel & administration	10	23,564				23,564	25,933
Manse Insurance, Council Tax & Water		26,029				26,029	26,435
Maintenance on manse property		27,183				27,183	14,744
Expenditure on investment property	6	14,558				14,558	-
Depreciation						-	-
Youth work	13	5,316				5,316	9,339
Other Expenditure	14	3,596	74			3,670	26,947
Grants and Donations	15	5,000				5,000	5,552
District Advance Fund levy			655			655	1,754
Total expenditure		392,334	729	0	0	393,063	413,752
Net income before investment gains/(losses)		(29,971)	76	2,109	0	(27,786)	(63,147)
Net Gains/(Losses) on Monetary Investments	17		(290)			(290)	(458)
Net Gains/(Losses) on property revaluation						-	-
Net Gains/(Losses) on property disposals	16					-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) before transfers		(29,971)	(214)	2,109	0	(28,076)	(63,605)
Transfers between funds	23					-	-
Reclassification of funds - sale proceeds	24					-	-
Reclassification of funds - loan repaid	24					-	-
Net movement in funds		(29,971)	(214)	2,109	0	(28,076)	(63,605)
Total funds brought forward		2,091,166	26,193	60,689	0	2,178,048	2,241,653
Total funds carried forward		2,061,195	25,978	62,798	0	2,149,971	2,178,048
For information only: money received and passed on to External Organisations							
Balance brought forward from last year		0				0	0
Donations received for External Organisations		0				0	0
Donations passed to External Organisations		0				0	0
Balance carried forward						0	0

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

General funds Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted £	Designated funds Unrestricted £	Restricted funds £	Totals this year 2023 £	Totals last year 2022 £
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Tangible Fixed Assets

Land & Buildings	16	1,807,941				1,807,941	1,807,941
Equipment	16					-	-
Investment properties	16					-	-
Investments	17		6,536			6,536	6,826
Total fixed assets		1,807,941	6,536			1,814,477	1,814,767

Current Assets

Debtors and Prepayments	18	24,794		-	-	24,794	23,587
Cash at Bank and in hand	19	40,757		-	-	40,757	27,720
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits	19		19,442	-	-	19,442	19,367
Central Finance Board Deposits	19	229,162		62,798	-	291,960	374,545
Total current assets		294,713	19,442	62,798		376,953	445,219

Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 year)

Trade creditors and accruals	20	41,459			-	41,459	81,938
Total due in under 1yr		41,459			-	41,459	81,938
Net current assets (liabilities)		253,254	19,442	62,798		335,494	363,281
Total assets less current liabilities		2,061,195	25,978	62,798		2,149,971	2,178,048

Loans and Creditors (due after 1 year)

Provisions for liabilities and charges	21					-	-
Net assets		2,061,195	25,978	62,798		2,149,971	2,178,048

Funds of the Circuit

General funds		2,061,195				2,061,195	2,091,166
Circuit Model Trust Fund	23		25,978			25,978	26,192
Designated Funds	23			62,798		62,798	60,689
Restricted funds	23					-	-
Total Funds	23	2,061,195	25,978	62,798		2,149,971	2,178,048

Summary of the Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. The funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose.

Internal Organisations

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Adjustments	Closing balance
Refugee project	-	-			-
					-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit, which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as Unrestricted. Restricted Funds, which are held for a narrower purpose. Details of each material fund are disclosed in Note 23 of these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost (except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year), on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the Trustees are reasonable certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values (with the exception of the manse acquired in 2019 which is shown at the purchase price), of which the land component is deemed to be 50%. This estimate is based on guidance issued by the Methodist Church. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the Trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investment Properties

The Circuit did not hold any Investment properties during the year.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include the payment of the September stipend in August, and other prepayments.

Creditors

Creditors include assessments received in August from circuit churches relating to next year, accrued expenses and trade creditors.

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				This year 2023	Last year 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted Designated	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Total	Total
4. Donations and legacies received					
Donations:					
Methodist Church Zimbabwe Fellowship UK	6,000			6,000	6,000
Methodist Diaconal Order				-	-
Sundry donations	520			520	-
Connexion use of manse for year				-	17,534
Total	6,520	-	-	6,520	23,534
5. Charitable activities - other					
Assessments on churches	314,618			314,618	309,180
6. Investment Income/Expenditure					
Interest and dividends	10,409	805		11,214	1,891
Rental income	18,425			18,425	-
Total Income	28,834	805	-	29,639	1,891
Expenditure					
Agency Fees	1,162			1,162	-
Property Maintenance	12,191			12,191	-
Property Insurance	1,205			1,205	-
Total Expenditure	14,558	-	-	14,558	-
Net Gain on Investment	14,276	805	-	15,081	1,891
7. Capital Receipts					
Sale of investment property					
Connexional Priority Fund Levy					
Selling Agents fees					
Legal fees					
Total	-	-	-	-	-
8. Other trading activities					
Grants received					
Connexional Grant for MOCC Minister	14,500			14,500	14,500
Other					
LEP church contribution				-	1,500
Total (Grants plus Other)	14,500	-	-	14,500	16,000
9. Payment to Trustees					
(A) Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting				nil	nil
(B) Number of trustees who were paid expenses				10	13
The expenses primarily relate to reimbursement for travel, postage and printing costs					
Total amount paid				5,772	5,507
10. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts					
Independent examiner's fees (this year's estimated - last year's actual)				1,860	1,800
Other accountancy fees				nil	nil

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	This year 2023 £	Last year 2022 £
11. Ministerial staff costs		
Gross stipends and benefits in kind	165,136	174,359
Employer's Pension costs	39,840	45,859
Employer's National Insurance costs	15,479	15,873
Apprentice levy	753	919
Total costs	221,208	237,010

Average number of full-time ministerial staff employed	5.5	6.0
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Pensions

Most ordained presbyters and deacons are members of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (MMPS). This is a defined benefit pension scheme. The Supreme Court held in 2014 that the Methodist ministers (which term includes presbyters and deacons) are not employees of the church. For simplicity, however, when dealing with National Insurance Contributions and pension contributions, the terms 'employer' and 'employee' are used as they would be in an employing body.

The Connexion accounts for the MMPS and shows the figures in the annual Methodist Church in Great Britain accounts.

The MMPS is in deficit but a plan for removal of the deficit has been proposed and is being implemented. Details of the deficit on this scheme can be found in the Annual Report and Accounts of the Methodist Church at www.methodist.org.uk £3,255 was prepaid in respect of the Ministers Pension scheme as at 31 August 2023 (£3,320 at 31 August 2022).

Layworker employees costs

Gross wages, salaries	-	-
Employer's Pension costs	-	-
Pension scheme debt on withdrawal and deficit arrears	-	-
Employer's National Insurance costs	-	-
Apprentice levy and payroll bureau cost	-	-
Total costs	-	-

Average number of lay workers employed	None employed in year	none	none
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12 Circuit events

Circuit Service Offering 4th September 2022	(116)	(162)
Circuit Service Offering 5th March 2023	(100)	584
Other events and costs	-	-
Total costs	(216)	422

13 Youth work

Sub-contracted youth worship leaders	-	7,462
Youth events cost	5,316	1,877
Total costs	5,316	9,339

14 Other Expenditure

Quinquennial inspections for churches and manses	2,016	3,012
Birmingham Churches Together donation	716	842
Lea Abbey board for Presbyter	-	5,400
Kingstanding Kitchen	864	10,000
Training	-	4,175
Removal costs and allowances for incoming staff	-	3,318
Other	-	-
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Admin charge	75	200
Total costs	3,671	26,947

15 Grants and donations paid

Payments made from Restricted funds	-	3,552
Paid to individual churches from Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes funds	-	-
Paid to individual churches from General funds	5,000	2,000
Total costs	5,000	5,552

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16 Tangible Fixed Assets

The Circuit owns seven manses in active use: Deemed values established 1/9/2015

	£
19 Hollyhurst Road B73 6SY	301,381
98 Orphanage Road B24 9HX	244,282
85 Reservoir Road B23 6DH	287,469
12 Upper Clifton Road B73 6BP	33,269 *
98 Walmley Road B76 2QD	234,860
54 Hawthorn Brook Way (aquired in July 2019)	347,000
140B Chester Road B74 2HS	359,680
	<u>1,807,941</u>

*12 Upper Clifton Road is part owned with the Methodist Church World Mission Fund (9.4% Circuit and 90.6% WMF) - only the 9.4% portion is included in these accounts). A previous review determined that none of our sites has land that could be sold off for development.

During the year, the Circuit did not own any properties classified as investment properties.

Property Disposals

Details	Carrying	Sale	Revaluation	Gain/(Loss)
None	-	-	-	-

	Other Land £	Manses £	Investment Buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Assets under construction £	Total £
Cost or valuation						
Balance brought forward		1,807,941				1,807,941
Additions						
Revaluations						
Disposals						
Transfers between categories						
Balance carried forward	-	1,807,941	-	-	-	1,807,941

Accumulated depreciation

Basis (SL or RB)**	N/A	N/A	N/A	S/L
Rate				3 Years
Balance brought forward				
Charge for year				
Revaluations				
Less: Disposals				
Transfers between categories				
Balance carried forward				

Net book value

Brought forward	-	1,807,941	-	-	-	1,807,941
Carried forward	-	1,807,941	-	-	-	1,807,941

** Indicates the method of depreciation (SL = straight line, RB = reducing balance), and the rate of depreciaton. Straight Line is based on the anticipated life of the asset, and Reducing Balance is based on a percentage deduction made each year.

17 Investments

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited monthly. These are regarded as medium and long-term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Trust Property, including legacies, Endowments, and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, by providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and policy as determined by Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements	This year 2023	Last year 2022
Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange		
Investments held in common investment funds	6,536	6,826
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange		
Other investments		
Total	6,536	6,826
Change in investment values		
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	6,826	7,283
Additions to investments at cost		
Less disposals at carrying value		
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	(290)	(457)
Carrying (market) value at end of year	6,536	6,826

	This year 2023 £	Last year 2022 £
18. Debtors and prepayments		
Pre paid stipends	17,813	18,234
Accrued income		
Other debtors and prepayments	6,981	5,353
Total debtors and prepayments	24,794	23,587

19. Analysis of cash at bank

Bank balance held in CAF Bank	40,757	27,720
Bank balance held in Central Finance Board, London (General,Employment ,Restricted)	291,960	374,545
Bank balance held in TMCP, Manchester	19,442	19,367
Total Cash and Bank	352,159	421,632

20. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Accrued expenses	1,860	1,860
Assessments received from churches in respect of next year	37,575	43,917
Other Creditors	2,024	36,161
Total Current Liabilities	41,459	81,938

21. Movement on Loans

Source	Purpose of loan	Amount b/fwd £	New borrowings £	Loan interest £	Repaid in the year £	Balance at year end £
Methodist Chapel Aid	Bridging Loan on manse	-	-	-	-	-

Repayment due

Within 12 months	31/08/2024					Totals
Between 1 and 5 years	31/08/2025	31/08/2026	31/08/2027	31/08/2028		nil

22. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At 31st August 2023 the Circuit has no capital commitments and no contingent liabilities were identified.

23. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Funds

<u>Fund Name</u>	Opening Balance	Income	Expend- iture	Transfers	Reclass- ification	Closing Balance	<u>Purpose of the fund</u>
General Fund (excl. Assets)	283,226	362,363	(392,334)			253,254	General Circuit running expenses
Employment Reserve	60,689	2,109				62,798	To help Circuit employment costs
Circuit Model Trust (Int fund)	19,367	805	(729)			19,442	
Circuit Model Trust (Invest't)	6,826	780	(1,070)			6,536	
Totals	370,108	366,057	(394,133)			342,030	

Restricted Funds

<u>Fund Name</u>							<u>Purpose of the fund</u>
Refugee project	-	-	-	-	-	-	Supporting refugees
Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Total of Unrestricted and Restricted funds excluding property 342,030

Property - manses 1,807,941
 Total Funds 2,149,971

Transfers between funds

The reasons for the transfers were as follows:

Withdrawals were made from the TMCP Funds to replenish amounts paid out of General Funds in respect of Circuit mission work.

24. Reclassification of funds

Circuit property is always carried in the General Fund but upon sale the net proceeds are processed through the Circuit Model Trust Fund. This requires an adjustment and any such sales during the year are reflected below at the net sale price.

There were no Bridging loans or property sales during the year

Details	General	CMTF	Designated Restricted	Total
Sale of manse				-

Endowment Funds

Endowment Name	How the capital is invested	The current value of the capital	Annual income	What the income was used for
None				
Totals		nil	nil	

Related party transactions

FRS102 requires that charities that have one or more related party transactions must disclose:

- the names of the transacting related parties;
- a description of a relationship between the parties;
- a description of the transactions;
- the amounts involved;
- any other elements of the transactions necessary for an understanding of the accounts;
- the amounts due to or from related parties at the balance sheet date and provisions for doubtful debts due from such parties at that date; and
- amounts written off in the period in respect of debts due to or from related parties.

Name of related party	Relationship	Income from related party in the year £	Payments to related party in the year £	Loans from related party in the year £	Loans to related party in the year £	Amounts owed by/to related party at year end £
<u>This year</u>						
Methodist Property Fund		-	-	-	-	-
Methodist Connexional Grants Team		14,500	-	-	-	-
Methodist Church Zimbabwe Fellowship UK		6,000	-	-	-	-
Total		20,500	-	-	-	-
<u>Last year</u>						
Methodist Chapel Aid Ltd		-	-	-	-	-
Methodist Property Fund		-	-	-	-	-
Methodist Diaconal Order		-	-	-	-	-
Methodist Connexional Grants Team		14,500	-	-	-	-
Methodist Church Zimbabwe Fellowship UK		6,000	-	-	-	-
Methodist Property Fund		-	-	-	-	-
Total		20,500	-	-	-	-

Note: The circuit churches do collect money for Methodist related projects, which is recorded and sent direct to the Methodist Fund by the circuit-appointed Fund Treasurers. No documents nor money are seen by the Circuit Treasurer and such finance is not included in these circuit accounts.

A separate report is issued each year by the Connexional Team.

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting

Signature of Treasurer



Date

02 October 2023

Name

Martin John Waller

Address


27,Blackwood Road, Tamworth, Staffs. B77 1JW

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Circuit Meeting on
and were approved.

04 December 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the
meeting

Rev Nickolas Jones

Date

04 December 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Birmingham, Sutton Park Methodist Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31 August

2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is the Independent Examiner's responsibility to:

- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to their attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act.
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.

have not been met; or

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

I have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP") or held in other Trusts, Bank balances and Funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church ("CFB"), which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Name

James Cruse ACA, FCCA, BSc (Econ) Hons - J W Hinks LLP

Signature



Relevant Professional
qualification or body

Chartered Accountants

Address

19 Highfield Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 3BH

Date

04 December 2023

Birmingham Sutton Park Circuit - list of Trustees**Appendix A****Those serving all of 2022/23 and up to 15/09/2023**

Rev Nickolas Jones	Mt Grahame Tench
Deacon Marilyn Slowe	Mrs Catherine Ann Cole
Deacon Rachel Thomas-Prasad	Mrs Amanda Hume
Revd Dr Alan Smithson	Mr Christopher Newson
Revd Dr Jimmy Dube	Mrs Jenny Wilkes
Revd Emily Young	Mr Thomas Clive Williams
Rev Freddy Takavarasha	Mrs Lorna Brown
Revd David Hulme	Mr Steve Buck
Mr Chris Shaw	Ms Yvone Huggins
Mr Martin Waller	Mr Benedict Adams
Mr Nick Riley	Mrs Christine Chick
Mr Peter Cashmore	

Miss Deborah Majola

Mr David Allen

Mrs Alison Burland

Mrs Marion Watts

Mr Gerald Peel

Mrs Carole McSheep

Mrs Carolyn Humpherson

Mr Thomas Watts

Miss Imogen Clarke

Mrs Noreen Marshall

Mr John Harden

Mrs Chris Blake

Mr Derek Wright

Mrs Jennifer McGregor

Judith Ann Stephens

Mrs Christine Rossiter

Mt Giles Wheeler

Mrs Michelle Wheeler

Mr John Robbins

Mr David Bowater

Mt Peter Johansen

Mrs Julie Ann Read

Mrs Julie Goascoigne

Mrs Maxine Hay

Mrs Kath Matthews

Mrs Florence O'Connor

Mr Peter White

Mrs Sheila Dennis

Mrs Margaret Henry

Mr Tony Wilkinson

Mr David Andrews

Miss Jenifer Hall

Mr Christopher Seeley

Mr Peter Le Brocq

Those joining since 1st September 2022

Mr John Butler	19/11/2022
Mr Kevin Clarke	24/02/2023
Mrs Diana Bosman	09/03/2023
Mr Anthony Brown	18/05/2023
Miss Naomi Jones	19/06/2023
Mrs Jean Youdell	04/09/2023
Rev Stephen Fletcher	07/09/2023

Those leaving since 1st September 2022

Mrs Jean Ham	resigned	19/11/2022
Rev Keith Webster	resigned	24/03/2023
Mr Jonathan Smith	resigned	29/03/2023
Miss Murial Castle	resigned	17/05/2023
Mrs Rachel Williamson	resigned	04/09/2023