

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

for the year ended 31 August 2025

Birmingham, Sutton Park Circuit 05/04

Registered Charity Number 1134369

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2025

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 2024 to 31st August 2025

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 ministerial team have continued to meet the challenges of the emergence from the lockdown three 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 Looking Forward mission document was produced by the CLT in 2022-23 and 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 resources. Included in this was the decision to reduce the number of Presbyters/Deacons to 5.5 for 2024-25 comprising four Presbyters one at 50% and two Deacons. Moving into 2025-26 reducing to 5 comprising 3 Presbyters and 2 Deacons with one of a Probationer Presbyter. Two Presbyters left the Circuit at the end of August 2025. During the stationing process for the year 2024-25 Rev Sarah Butcher and Rev Collins Frimpong were appointed to start on the 1st September 2025.

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 letting 1 empty manse for 2024-25 increasing to two for 2025-26 from January 2026. In addition for 2024-25 the Circuit received donations and grants from the Zimbabwe Fellowship and Connection respectively, which cover half of the costs of a minister, who joined the Circuit in September 2020 but completed his contract August 2025.

Expenditure trends

Of the total General expenditure 54% relates to net staff Stipends costs, which increase annually in line with increases approved by Conference. In addition a further 19% 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 2025 the net current assets of the Circuit were £320,382 (includes TMCP Investments)- approximately 9.4 months cover for expenditure based on the current year figures. This is a slight reduction from the previous year. The CLT will consider how best to use the surplus funds ensuring that there are sufficient resources for general running costs. Total funds include designated funds of £49028, some of which was used to upgrade the Insulation of 98 Orphanage Road in preparation for the new Minister. This brought the manse insulation up to the Methodist Churches recommended minimum standard.

Plans for 2025/26

Circuit budgets for next year have been prepared on the basis that there will be 5 full time Prebyters and Deacons in total as staff. An assessment increase was not requested from the individual Circuit Churches for 2025-26, the anticipated increases including Stipends, District Assessment and manse utility costs, to be covered by the Circuit. As was the case for 2023-24 the required Assessment from the churches for 2024-25 was not fully covered by the Churches. For 2025-26 all the Churches agreed to pay the original sum requested for 2024-25, so the requested budget for 2025-26 should be fully covered.

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 2025 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 Jimmy Dube

Rev Emily Young

Deacon Marilyn Slowe

Deacon Jenny Parnell

Circuit Layworkers

None

Circuit Stewards

Mr Nicholas Riley

Ms Celiwe Majola

Mrs Jean Youdell

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 FCA, 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 2025

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted Funds				Totals this year 2025	Totals last year 2024
		General Funds	Circuit Model Trust	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds		
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Donations and legacies	4	7,228	-	-	-	7,228	6,500
Assessments on churches	5	348,663	-	-	-	348,663	336,684
From Monetary investments	6	9,954	1,072	2,941	-	13,967	16,537
From Investment properties Rent income	6	13,200	-	-	-	13,200	23,700
Capital Receipts	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants received	8	17,164	-	-	-	17,164	14,500
Benevolent Fund	8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	8	-	-	-	-	-	219
Total income		396,209	1,072	2,941	-	400,222	398,140
Expenditure on:							
Ministerial Stipends, NIC & Pension	11	225,561	-	-	-	225,561	238,735
Layworker Salaries, NIC & Pension	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
District Assessment		72,240	-	-	-	72,240	66,092
Methodist Church Fund		-	-	-	-	-	-
Circuit Events	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Telephone, travel & administration		23,948	-	-	-	23,948	23,587
Manse Insurance, Council Tax & Water		31,149	-	-	-	31,149	26,350
Maintenance on manse property		23,560	-	-	-	23,560	20,737
Expenditure on investment property	6	3,166	-	-	-	3,166	3,242
Depreciation		-	-	-	-	-	-
Manse Insulation		22,345	-	-	-	22,345	-
Youth work	13	960	-	-	-	960	2,090
Other Expenditure	14	13,302	88	-	-	13,390	14,999
Grants and Donations	15	-	-	-	-	-	-
District Advance Fund levy	14	-	674	-	-	674	649
Total expenditure		416,231	762	-	-	416,993	396,481
Net income before investment gains/(losses)		(20,022)	310	2,941	0	(16,771)	1,659
Net Gains/(Losses) on Monetary Investments	17	-	13	0	0	13	506
Net Gains/(Losses) on property revaluation		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Gains/(Losses) on property disposals	16	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) before transfers		(20,022)	323	2,941	0	(16,758)	2,165
Transfers between funds	23	20,000	-	(20,000)	-	-	-
Reclassification of funds - sale proceeds	24	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reclassification of funds - loan repaid	24	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(22)	323	(17,059)	0	(16,758)	2,165
Total funds brought forward		2,059,069	26,980	66,087	0	2,152,136	2,149,971
Total funds carried forward		2,059,047	27,303	49,028	0	2,135,378	2,152,136

For information only: money received and passed on to External Organisations

Balance brought forward from last year	-	-
Donations received for External Organisations	-	-
Donations passed to External Organisations	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

General funds Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted £	Designated funds Unrestricted £	Restricted funds £	Totals this year 2025 £	Totals last year 2024 £
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Notes

Tangible Fixed Assets

Land & Buildings	16	1,807,941			1,807,941	1,807,941
Equipment	16				-	-
Investment properties	16				-	-
Investments	17		7,055		7,055	7,042
Total fixed assets		1,807,941	7,055	-	1,814,996	1,814,983

Current Assets

Debtors and Prepayments	18	30,727			30,727	27,435
Cash at Bank and in hand	19	42,035			42,035	19,537
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits	19		20,248		20,248	19,938
Central Finance Board Deposits	19	226,749		49,028	275,777	310,758
Total current assets		299,511	20,248	49,028	368,787	377,668

Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 year)

Trade creditors and accruals	20	48,405			48,405	40,515
Total due in under 1yr		48,405			48,405	40,515

Net current assets (liabilities)

		251,106	20,248	49,028	320,382	337,153
Total assets less current liabilities		2,059,047	27,303	49,028	2,135,378	2,152,136

Loans and Creditors (due after 1 year)

Provisions for liabilities and charges	21				-	-
Net assets		2,059,047	27,303	49,028	2,135,378	2,152,136

Funds of the Circuit

General funds		2,059,047			2,059,047	2,059,069
Circuit Model Trust Fund	23		27,303		27,303	26,980
Designated Funds	23			49,028	49,028	66,087
Restricted funds	23				-	-
Total Funds	23	2,059,047	27,303	49,028	2,135,378	2,152,136

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 2025	Last year 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
	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	1,228			1,228	500
Connexion use of manse for year				-	-
Total	7,228	-	-	7,228	6,500
5. Charitable activities - other					
Assessments on churches	348,663			348,663	336,684
6. Investment Income/Expenditure					
Interest and dividends	12,895	1,072		13,967	16,537
Rental income	13,200			13,200	23,700
Total Income	26,095	1,072	-	27,167	40,237
Expenditure					
Agency Fees	-			-	1,132
Property Maintenance	1,802			1,802	146
Property Insurance	1,364			1,364	1,964
Total Expenditure	3,166	-	-	3,166	3,242
Net Gain on Investment	22,929	1,072	-	24,001	36,995
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				-	
DAF Grant from District Advance Fund	2,664			2,664	
LEP church contribution	-			-	219
Total (Grants plus Other)	17,164	-	-	17,164	14,719
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				13	13
The expenses primarily relate to reimbursement for travel, postage and printing costs					
Total amount paid				4,305	11,816
10. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts					
Independent examiner's fees (this year's estimated - last year's actual)				2,000	1,950
Other accountancy fees				nil	nil

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	This year 2025 £	Last year 2024 £
11. Ministerial staff costs		
Gross stipends and benefits in kind	167,535	178,115
Employer's Pension costs	36,707	42,965
Employer's National Insurance costs	20,380	16,843
Apprentice levy	939	812
Total costs	225,561	238,735

Average number of full-time ministerial staff employed 5.5 5.5

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 was in deficit but prudent investment over the year has cleared this issue.

	This year 2025 £	Last year 2024 £
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

12 Circuit events

Circuit Service Offering	-	-
Circuit Service Offering	-	-
Other events and costs	-	-
Total costs	-	-

13 Youth work

Sub-contracted youth worship leaders	-	-
Youth events cost	960	2,090
Total costs	960	2,090

14 Other Expenditure

Quinquennial inspections for churches and manses	2,832	3,300
Birmingham Churches Together donation	1,545	1,095
Lea Abbey board for Presbyter	-	-
	-	-
Training	3,650	3,650
Removal costs and allowances for incoming staff	5,275	6,880
Other	-	-
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Admin charge (TMCP)	88	74
TMCP District Advance Fund Levy	674	649
Total costs	14,064	15,648

15 Grants and donations paid

Payments made from Restricted funds	-	-
Paid to individual churches from Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes funds	-	-
Paid to individual churches from General funds	-	-
Total costs	-	-

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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.

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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 2025 £	Last year 2024 £
Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange		
Investments held in common investment funds	7,055	7,042
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange		
Other investments		
Total	7,055	7,042

Change in investment values

Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	7,042	6,536
Additions to investments at cost		
Less disposals at carrying value		
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	13	506
Carrying (market) value at end of year	7,055	7,042

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	This year 2025 £	Last year 2024 £
18. Debtors and prepayments		
Pre paid stipends	18,050	20,498
Accrued income	-	-
Other debtors and prepayments	12,677	6,937
Total debtors and prepayments	30,727	27,435

19. Analysis of cash at bank

Bank balance held in CAF Bank	42,035	19,537
Bank balance held in Central Finance Board, London (General,Employment ,Restricted)	275,777	310,758
Bank balance held in TMCP, Manchester	20,248	19,938
Total Cash and Bank	338,060	350,233

20. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Accrued expenses	2,000	1,950
Assessments received from churches in respect of next year	41,881	37,894
Other creditors	4,524	671
Total Current Liabilities	48,405	40,515

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

					Totals
Within 12 months	31/08/2025				nil
Between 1 and 5 years	31/08/2026	31/08/2027	31/08/2028	31/08/2029	nil

22. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At 31st August 2024 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)	251,128	396,209	(416,231)	20,000	-	251,106	General Circuit running expenses
Employment Reserve	66,087	2,941	-	(20,000)	-	49,028	To help Circuit employment costs
Circuit Model Trust (Int fund)	19,938	1,072	(762)	-	-	20,248	
Totals Monetary	337,153	400,222	(416,993)	-	-	320,382	
Circuit Model Trust (Invest't)	7,042	983	(970)	-	-	7,055	
Totals Including Investment	344,195	401,205	(417,963)	-	-	327,437	

Restricted Funds

<u>Fund Name</u>							<u>Purpose of the fund</u>
None	-	-	-	-	-	-	none
						-	
Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Total of Unrestricted and Restricted funds excluding property 327,437

Property - manses 1,807,941
 Total Funds 2,135,378

Transfers between funds

The reasons for the transfers were as follows:

There was a transfer of £20,000 from the Employment CFB Bank Account to the CAF Bank General Account towards the £22,345 cost of the thermal insulation improvements at the 98 Orphanage Road Manse. This work was all completed and paid for before the year end.

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				
		nil	nil	
	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 District Advance Fund Grant		2,664				
Methodist Church Zimbabwe Fellowship UK		6,000	-	-	-	-
Total		23,164	-	-	-	-
<u>Last year</u>						
Methodist Property Fund		-	-	-	-	-
Methodist Connexional Grants Team		14,500	-	-	-	-
Methodist Church Zimbabwe Fellowship UK		6,000	-	-	-	-
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 2025

Name

Martin John Waller

Address

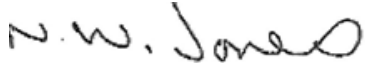
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Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

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

03 December 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the
meeting

Rev Nickolas Jones

Date

03 December 2025

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

2025

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 FCA, 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 2025

Birmingham Sutton Park Circuit - list of Trustees**Appendix A****Downloaded from Charity Commission Website 11th Septemebr 2025****Those serving all of 2024/25 and up to 11/09/2025**

62	Mr Steve Buck (Charity Commission Web-Site Administrator)	50	Miss Naomi Jones 19-06-2024
61	Rev Nickolas Jones 12-08-2022	51	Mrs Jean Youdell 04-09-2024
1	Eur Ing Martin Waller 16-12-2009	52	Ms Anna-Kathleen Astin Miklasz 13-11-2023
2	Judith Ann Stephens 16-12-2009	53	Ms Mary McKenzie 08-01-2024
3	Mr David Andrews 16-12-2009	54	Dr Clive Thursfield 01-06-2024
4	Mrs Margaret Henry 01-09-2010	55	Mr Daniel Mark Hurst 13-07-2024
5	Mr David Allen 08-09-2010	56	Mrs Lynette Jones 22-07-2024
6	Miss Jenifer Hall 06-06-2012	57	Rev Jennifer Parnell 01-08-2024
7	Mrs Amanda Hume 11-07-2012		
8	Mrs Julie Goascoigne 06-08-2012		
9	Mr Giles Wheeler 23-04-2013		
10	Mrs Catherine Ann Cole 28-04-2013		
11	Mrs Marion Watts 01-05-2014		
12	Mr Benedict Adams 19-07-2014		
13	Mr Grahame Tench 04-12-2014		
14	Mr Gerald Peel 01-09-2016		
15	Mr Peter Le Brocq 19-12-2016		
16	Ms Yvone Huggins 06-01-2017		
17	Mrs Lorna Brown 23-04-2017		
18	Revd David Hulme 01-09-2017		
19	Deacon Marilyn Slowe 01-09-2017		
20	Mrs Michelle Wheeler 30-11-2017		
21	Mr David Bowater 01-04-2018		
22	Mr Thomas Watts 01-05-2018		
23	Mrs Jennifer McGregor 14-06-2018		
24	Mrs Christine Rossiter 07-09-2018		
25	Ms Christine Mary Blake 05-03-2019		
26	Mrs Noreen Marshall 17-10-2019		
27	Mrs Kathleen Matthews 29-10-2019		
28	Mrs Carole McSheen 01-01-2020		
29	Mrs Carolyn Humpherson 18-04-2020		
30	Revd Emily Young 20-08-2020		
31	Mrs Maxine Hay 02-10-2020		
32	Mr Peter Johansen 02-10-2020		
33	Mrs Jenny Wilkes 10-03-2021		
34	Mrs Alison Burland 29-04-2021		
35	Mrs Florence O'Connor 06-06-2021		
36	Mr Peter Vaughan White 06-06-2021		
37	Miss Deborah Majola 16-06-2021		
38	Mr John Harden 16-06-2021		
39	Mr Nick Riley 11-09-2021		
40	Miss Imogen Clarke 06-12-2021		
41	Mr Christopher Seeley 29-03-2022		
42	Mr Thomas Clive Williams 09-06-2022		
43	Mrs Julie Ann Read 09-06-2022		
44	Rev Freddy Takavarasha 11-08-2022		
45	Mr John Butler 21-09-2022		
46	Mr Kevin Clarke 23-02-2023		
47	Mrs Christine Chick 09-03-2023		
48	Mrs Diana Bosman 09-03-2023		
49	Mr Anthony Brown 18-05-2024		

Those joining since 1st September 2024

58	Ms Linda Robinson 26-01-2025
59	Rev Collins Frimpong 20-08-2025
60	Rev Sarah Butcher 01-09-2025

Those leaving since 1st September 2024

Mr John Robbins 16-10-2009
Mr David Charles Andrews 16-12-2009
Revd Dr Alan Smithson 01-09-2013
Mr Anthony Lawence Wilkinson 12-06-2019
Rev Dr Jimmy Dube 05-11-2020
Rev Stephen Fletcher 07-09-2024

Total Trustees 62