

SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1134383

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2010-02-18

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: We are the UK Methodist Church in Southport (including Scarisbrick). It supports the Presbyters and staff with administration. Where directed by its Managing Trustees, through the Circuit Meeting, it supports other charities with small donations.

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.
- Lancashire
- Sefton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£332,086	£388,215	-	-
2024-08-31	£791,609	£352,753	£2,032,934	7
2023-08-31	£262,714	£385,219	-	-
2022-08-31	£305,411	£296,510	-	-
2021-08-31	£388,347	£289,887	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Malcolm Tate		2015-09-01
Barry James Stewart		2019-09-01
Brenda Domville		2023-09-01
Brian James Davey		2023-09-01
Christopher George Hall		2023-09-01
David Hugh Campbell		2015-09-01
Dr Dominic Gerald Bray		2013-09-01
Elizabeth Mugill Morris		2023-09-01
Gillian Mary Moor		2024-09-01
IAN WRIGHT		2009-09-01
Irene Nora Watts		2023-09-01
JANET TAYLOR-HOLMES		2023-09-01
JOHN SCHOFIELD ATTWATER		
Janet Anne Bowker		2023-09-01
Jennifer Wallbanks		2024-09-01
Joyce Williamson		2024-09-01
LESLEY GODDARD		2009-08-01
MARGARET CROSBY		2023-09-01
Margaret Harwood		2017-09-01
PAMELA MAY O'MALLEY		2013-09-01
PETER ALAN TAYLOR-HOLMES		2023-09-01
Patrica Ann Wright		2019-09-01
Peter James Musker		2023-09-01
Peter Jones		2017-09-01
REV PATRICK MICHAEL EVANS		2013-09-01
RUTH CAROL LANE SRC		2015-09-01
Rachel Bray		2017-09-01

Name	Role	Appointed
Ray Flanagan		2022-09-12
Rev ALEXANDER PETER JAMES GALBRAITH		2009-09-01
Rev Derek Westerdale Bowker		2023-09-01
Rev Ernest Grimshaw		2023-09-01
Rev Marie-Anne Kent		2012-09-01
Rev Sheila Elizabeth Prest		2023-09-01
SHIRLEY ANNE POTTS		2009-09-01
Sally Deborah Eyes BSc		2015-09-01
Stephen Hardiman		2009-09-01
Susan Patricia Yelland		2025-02-01
William Mark Pickering		2023-09-01

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Reference and Administrative Details for the year ended 31st August 2025

Charity Name	Southport Methodist Circuit
Charity registration	England & Wales number 1134383
Main communication address	Circuit Office Leyland Road Methodist Church Leyland Road Southport PR9 9JQ
Trustees	A full list of trustees is shown in appendix 1
Circuit Ministers and officers	
Active Circuit Ministers	Rev Patrick Evans Rev Sheila Prest Rev Christopher Humble Rev Ernest Grimshaw Rev Martin Abrams Rev Derek Bowker Rev Rachel Bray
Circuit Stewards	Mr S Hardiman Mrs P O'Malley Ms L Goddard Mr R Flanagan Mrs J Wallbanks
Treasurer	Mr Barry Stewart
Independent Examiner	Mr S Noad FCA 34 Brighton Road Southport Merseyside PR8 4DD
Bankers	Central Finance Board 9 Bonhill Street London EC2A 4PE Barclays Bank Lord Street Southport

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1 Objectives and activities

1.1 Charity objectives

Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Southport 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.

1.2 Main activities

1. The organising and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.
2. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
3. The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
4. Taking religious assemblies to local schools.
5. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
6. Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

1.3 Public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

2. Review of the year

The circuit had 1 full time presbyter; Rev Patrick Evans (Superintendent), and two part time presbyters; Rev Ernie Grimshaw who is a Supernumerary that moved to the circuit at the start of the year and kindly offered to cover 0.75% of a full-time appointment and Rev Shiela Prest who is a Supernumerary minister and offered us 0.33% of a full-time appointment serving at Formby Methodist Church. Rev Sonya Marshall's authorisation to serve as a Methodist Minister wasn't renewed for this year. The three long standing Local Ecumenical Partnerships at St Francis of Assisi, St Philip and St Paul with Wesley (both Church of England) and Lord Street West United Church (United Reformed Church) continue to support the shared mission and worship of the circuit. Rev Rachel Bray (Church of England) is authorised to serve as a Methodist Minister by the Methodist Conference. This is reviewed annually. Rev. Alex Galbraith, who was the vicar at St Francis of Assisi passed away during the year and we are grateful to the Rev. Pat Willis a retired vicar that stepped up to support the local congregation. Rev. Hilary Smith took on the team ministry for the URC and shares responsibility for Lord St West United Church which now works on a 50/50 shared leadership between Methodist and URC rather than the previous model of alternating leadership between the denominations.

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2. Review of the year (cont.)

The presbyters support the chaplaincy at Connell Court as well as offering spiritual care and Holy Communion at other residential and nursing homes throughout Southport on a regular basis. These are non-denominational services offered to all residents.

Rev. Evans along with other circuit representatives, sat on the partnership steering group for Compassion Acts as they continued seeking new projects to reduce poverty and reduce social exclusion. He is also the Liverpool District Probationer's Secretary supporting ministers preparing for ordination.

Rev Rachel Bray continued to lead Sunday @ 6 working with young people aged 10-18 from across the circuit engaging them not only in faith matters but world affairs too. They attended the Methodist Youth Conference 3Generate in the NEC Birmingham in October 2024.

Rev. Martin Abrams and Rev Jan Fraser are Chaplains at Southport and Ormskirk hospitals which are part of the Mersey and South Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. Shirley Potts, a Local Preacher, is also a member of the Chaplaincy team.

Margaret Sadler our circuit administrator retired during the year and as an interim measure Martin Maynard took on some of these duties.

Mrs Debs Attwater took on the role of Circuit Safeguarding Officer and has been busy running a number of online and face to face Foundation and Advanced Training sessions to ensure that everyone was up to date. This has been accompanied by mandatory Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and Unconscious Bias training for circuit and local church office holders.

Martin Maynard is our GDPR champion continued to run training session across the circuit to ensure that we are compliant with the Data Protection Act 2018.

Sally Eyes the Circuit Outreach Lay Worker continued running the Bereavement Course for the community working with those who feel isolated due to the loss of loved ones. She continues to support the weekly food pantry at Liverpool Road for those who are struggling with food poverty which is a growing need in the area. She supports the SASWT Sweaty Church at St Philips Primary School and assists with Sunday @ 6 where she took lead role in organising a weekend away at 3Generate in Birmingham.

Mr Ian Robinson our circuit property manager has been fully utilised assisting our local churches to ensure that they are up to date with current legislation, along with advising on numerous building projects within the circuit.

The circuit entered the stationing process to look for a presbyter to join us as a replacement minister to replace the Rev Patrick Evans who is sitting down from September 2026.

To try and ease the load on our presbyters we currently hold 4 morning services, 12 early morning communion services, 12 evening services and 12 Raising Praise services plus a few special events as circuit services were all our churches combine, along with an increase in Local Arrangements. We are grateful for the dedicated service shown by our local preachers and worship leaders in helping to make this happen.

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Future developments

Bescar Lane Methodist Church having closed for worship in September 2024 is going through the process of being prepared for sale on the open market. Cornerstone Methodist Church continues to explore their future on the Marshside Road site and are also possibly going to put the site on the market.

Liverpool Road, Lord St West and Ainsdale are all having feasibility studies carried out as they try to discern their future direction.

Interviews have taken place to appoint two youth workers for a three-year period, one of which will spend 50% of their time assisting the Southport School Workers Trust.

We still have one circuit church which needs to vote on whether to allow same sex marriages.

Finance

During the year the Circuit received income of £332,086 (2024 £791,609). Income derives principally from the assessment income it received from the churches which form part of the Circuit. Expenditure on charitable activities amounted to £388,215 (2024 £352,753). The net deficit for the year was £56,065 compared to a net surplus of £441,361 in 2024, which included a capital receipt of £400,000 from the introduction of the Elbow Lane Church manse.

It is the charity's policy to maintain general fund reserves of approximately four months' general expenditure in order to maintain sufficient reserves to accommodate any unexpected requirements on the charity's funds. At the year end reserves amounted to £685,757 (2024 £741,777), and the increase in reserves is explained by the increase in the CMT funds relating to the sale of Circuit properties in previous years.

Plans for 2025/26

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there remains three full-time ordained staff with anticipated cost living stipend increases, combined with an increase in the assessment paid to the district such that the assessment for each church will not be increased in the forthcoming year.

3. Structure, governance and management

Governing documents

The governing document for the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976). Governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the local preachers' meeting.

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Charity constitution

Trust deed.

Trustee training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees .

Related parties

The Circuit is part of the North West of England Methodist District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the Circuit:-

Ainsdale, Bescar Lane, Formby, Leyland Road, Liverpool Road, Lord St West (LEP URC), Cornerstone, St. Philip & St. Paul with Wesley (LEP Anglican), St Francis of Assisi (LEP Anglican) and Russell Road.

Other related party transactions are disclosed in the accounts

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Leadership with professional advice taken as required There is an annual review process undertaken and recorded and risks are reviewed throughout the year.

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

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes

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Safeguarding (cont).

- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

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

The Southport Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable. The Circuit is supported in these responsibilities by the Circuit Safeguarding Officer.

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Statement of Trustees Responsibilities for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees 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, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP (FRS 102) ;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Signature

31/3/26

Date

CHRISTOPHER CHARLES HUMBLE


Full name

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Declarations and Scrutiny

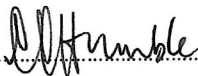
I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit.

Signature of treasurer  Date..... 26/3/26

Name and address of treasurer MR BARRY STEWART
20 ASPEN GARDENS, SOUTHPORT Post Code PR8 6DZ

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 19th March 2026

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting CHRISTOPHER C
HUMBLE Date 31/3/26

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT
Charity No 1134383

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Southport Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 10 to 17. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008
- other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts.

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

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

Signature of independent examiner..... 

Name of independent examiner STUART NOAD

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Address 34 BRIGHTON ROAD

..... SOUTHPORT Post Code PR8 4DD

Date 16/4/2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Fund (Unrestricted) £	Total 2024-25 £	Total 2023-24 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	730	-	-	730	45,298
Charitable activities	3	232,442	-	-	232,442	268,643
Investment income	4	8,604	20,174	841	29,619	34,522
Capital receipts	5	-	-	-	-	400,000
Other income	6	69,295	-	-	69,295	43,146
Total		311,071	20,174	841	332,086	791,609
Expenditure						
Grants and donations	7	61,551	-	-	61,551	16,215
Salaries and associated costs	8	154,980	-	-	154,980	180,098
Property maintenance		15,628	-	-	15,628	4,726
District Assessment & Levy	9	71,307	26,317	-	97,624	100,656
Depreciation		45	-	-	45	60
Telephone and travel		5,834	-	-	5,834	6,351
Insurance and utilities		13,536	-	-	13,536	14,923
Other expenditure	10	37,439	1,520	58	39,017	29,724
Total		360,320	27,837	58	388,215	352,753
Losses on investments		-	-	-	-	-
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	14	-	64	-	64	2,505
Net income/(expenditure)		(49,249)	(7,599)	783	(56,065)	441,361
Transfers between funds	18	17,868	(17,868)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	18	(31,381)	(25,467)	783	(56,065)	441,361
Total funds brought forward	18	1,547,751	467,559	17,624	2,032,934	1,591,573
Total funds carried forward	18	1,516,370	442,092	18,407	1,976,869	2,032,934

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of the financial statements

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Totals 2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	12	961,112	-	-	961,112	961,157
Investment property	13	330,000	-	-	330,000	330,000
Investments	14	-	34,949	-	34,949	34,885
Total fixed assets		1,291,112	34,949	-	1,326,061	1,326,042
Current Assets						
Debtors	15	10,441	-	-	10,441	8,962
Central Finance Board Deposits		210,289	407,143	18,407	635,839	661,490
Cash at Bank and in hand		27,301	-	-	27,301	56,600
Total current assets		248,031	407,143	18,407	673,581	727,052
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	16	22,773	-	-	22,773	20,160
Net current assets/liabilities		225,258	407,143	18,407	650,808	706,892
Net assets		1,516,370	442,092	18,407	1,976,869	2,032,934
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)	17	1,516,370	-	-	1,516,370	1,547,751
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	17	-	442,092	-	442,092	467,559
Trustee Interest Fund	17	-	-	18,407	18,407	17,624
Total Funds		1,516,370	442,092	18,407	1,976,869	2,032,934

The financial statements were approved by the Circuit trustees on 19/3/2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



Trustee

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

1 Basis of accounting

Accounting Standard

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £

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; a designated fund which is unrestricted in respect of Victoria Methodist Church for building maintenance. Restricted funds are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

Public benefit entity

The Southport Methodist Circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102

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, and on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Going Concern

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis which the trustees consider to be appropriate based on the level of the charity's reserves.

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably 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.

VAT

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

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Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500.

The Circuit has made use of the deemed cost option on transitioning to FRS 102. The value of the manses is shown in the accounts at deemed historical cost, representing each property's carrying value as at 1st September 2015. No depreciation is provided on the manses because the trustees consider the current residual value of each property in its present condition to be not less than its deemed historical cost, and, in the absence of evidence of impairment, any depreciation provision for the building component of the property would be immaterial.

Fixtures and fittings are depreciated at the rate of 25% per annum on net book value.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the Circuit's charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

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.

2 Donations and legacies received	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations and coffee mornings	730	6,030
Pension contribution refund	-	35,000
Bescar Lane donation	-	4,268
	<u>730</u>	<u>45,298</u>

3 Charitable activities	2025	2024
	£	£
Assessments on churches	232,442	268,643
	<u>232,442</u>	<u>268,643</u>

The Circuit comprises nine churches and each church pays an assessment to the Circuit determined on the basis of its membership.

4 Investment income	2025	2024
	£	£
Central Finance Board	8,604	9,310
Central finance Board - Victoria Fund	841	906
TMCP Investments	20,174	24,306
	<u>29,619</u>	<u>34,522</u>

5 Capital Receipts	2025	2024
	£	£
Harrington Road Manse at valuation	-	400,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>400,000</u>

In September 2023, Elbow Lane Methodist Church Formby joined the Southport Circuit. The manse in Formby has been introduced at its estimated market value.

6 Other income	2025	2024
	£	£
Rental income	69,295	43,146
	<u>69,295</u>	<u>43,146</u>

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7 Grants and donations	2025	2024
	£	£
Liverpool Road Church	-	3,816
SASW Trust	15,000	-
Ainsdale	2,862	6,500
Cornerstone fees	8,374	5,755
Compassion Acts	10,000	-
Formby Methodist Church	4,000	-
Parish nurse	21,000	-
Sundry donations and gifts	315	144
	<u>61,551</u>	<u>16,215</u>

8 Payment to Trustees

With the exception of ministers, no Circuit member received any remuneration during the year to 31st August 2025 (2024 £nil).

8 (cont.) Paid Employees

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff Costs paid during the year were:		
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	135,684	144,572
Employer's National Insurance costs	11,086	10,713
Pension costs	8,210	24,813
Total staff costs	<u>154,980</u>	<u>180,098</u>

Average number of staff in the year were: 6 7

No employees received remuneration of more than £60,000 per annum in 2024/25 or 2023/24.

The charity makes contributions to the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme on behalf of its ministers. This is a defined benefit scheme which is treated for accounting purposes as a defined contribution scheme on the grounds that it is a multi-employer scheme and the Circuit is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme. The amount charged in the Statement of Financial Activities is therefore the amount of pension contributions payable in the year.

9 District Assessment & Levy

	2025	2024
	£	£
District advance fund	26,317	27,376
District assessment	71,307	73,280
	<u>97,624</u>	<u>100,656</u>

10 Other expenses

	2025	2024
	£	£
Administration	12,453	8,919
Printing postage and stationery	4,639	-
Computer support	13,431	11,974
Service production	2,099	-
Legal and professional fees	2,962	3,788
Preachers	1,002	1,520
Training	200	805
TCMP fees	1,578	1,421
Sundry expenses	653	1,297
	<u>39,017</u>	<u>29,724</u>

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11 Comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Fund (Unrestricted)	Total 2023- 24
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	10,298	35,000	-	45,298
Charitable activities	268,643	-	-	268,643
Investment income	9,310	24,306	906	34,522
Capital receipts	400,000	-	-	400,000
Other income	43,146	-	-	43,146
Total	731,397	59,306	906	791,609
Expenditure				
Grants and donations	16,215	-	-	16,215
Salaries and associated costs	180,098	-	-	180,098
Property maintenance	4,726	-	-	4,726
District Assessment & Levy	73,280	27,376	-	100,656
Depreciation	60	-	-	60
Telephone and travel	6,351	-	-	6,351
Insurance and utilities	14,923	-	-	14,923
Other expenditure	28,303	1,373	48	29,724
Total	323,956	28,749	48	352,753
Losses on investments	-	-	-	-
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	-	2,505	-	2,505
Net income/(expenditure)	407,441	33,062	858	441,361
Transfers between funds	47,186	(47,186)	-	-
Net movement in funds	454,627	(14,124)	858	441,361
Total funds brought forward	1,093,124	481,683	16,766	1,591,573
Total funds carried forward	1,547,751	467,559	17,624	2,032,934

12 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Manses	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 1st September 2024	960,977	1,800	962,777
Additions	-	-	-
Reclassification	-	-	-
At 31st August 2025	960,977	1,800	962,777
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1st September 2024	-	1,620	1,620
Depreciation charge for year	-	45	45
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st August 2025	-	1,665	1,665
Net book value			
At 31st August 2025	960,977	135	961,112
At 31st August 2024	960,977	180	961,157

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13 Investment Property

Fair value	£
At 31st August 2024	330,000
Disposals	-
At 31st August 2025	330,000

14 Fixed Asset Investments

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Manses Fund are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments. TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model 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, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

14 Fixed Asset Investments (cont.,)

	2025 £	2024 £
Investments held in common investment funds	34,949	34,885
Market value at start of year	34,885	32,380
Gain(loss) on revaluation	64	2,505
Market value at end of year	34,949	34,885

15 Debtors : amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments - stipends in advance	10,441	6,616
Expenses recharge recoverable	-	2,346
	10,441	8,962

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Assessments in advance	22,773	20,160
	22,773	20,160

17 Movement in funds	General	Circuit Model	Designated	Total
Unrestricted funds	Fund	Trust Fund	Fund	Fund
	£	£	£	£
At 1st September 2024	1,547,751	467,559	17,624	2,032,934
Transfers between funds	17,868	(17,868)	-	-
Net income for the year	(49,249)	(7,599)	783	(56,065)
At 31st August 2025	1,516,370	442,092	18,407	1,976,869

The designated fund is unrestricted and is held in respect of Victoria Methodist Church Sussex Road, Southport.

The transfer of £17,868 from the Circuit Model Trust Fund to the General fund is in respect of a grant to support the redevelopment of the Cornerstone Church.

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18 Related Party Transactions

During the year the charity entered into the following related party transactions :-

The Circuit rents a property to the charity Compassion Acts at a rental of £20,000 per annum. The Circuit also made a grant of £10,000 to the charity during the year. A trustee of the Circuit is also a trustee of Compassion Acts.

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APPENDIX 1
CIRCUIT TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

CHAIR OF DISTRICT

Rev. Dr James N Tebbutt

CIRCUIT MINISTERS

Rev	Patrick	Evans	All Sites
Rev	Christopher	Humble	All Sites
Rev	Martin	Abrams	Circuit
Rev	Sheila	Prest	Formby Methodist Church
Rev	Rachel	Bray	St Philip & St Paul - Wesley

SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS

Rev	Ernie	Grimshaw	Supernumerary Minister
Rev	Derek	Bowker	Supernumerary Minister

CIRCUIT STEWARDS

Mr	Stephen	Hardiman	Senior Circuit Steward
Mr	Barry	Stewart	Circuit Steward & Circuit Treasurer
Dr	Dominic	Bray	Circuit meeting secretary
Mrs	Lesley	Goddard	Circuit Steward
Mr	Ray	Flanagan	Circuit Steward
Mrs	Jenny	Wallbanks	Circuit Steward
Mrs	Pam	O'Malley	Circuit Steward

CIRCUIT SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Mrs Debs Attwater

LOCAL PREACHERS

CIRCUIT CHURCH

Rev'd Rachel Bray Rep PPW

CIRCUIT APPOINTMENTS

Mrs	Sally	Eyes	Outreach Worker
Mrs	Janet	Bowker	Formby Methodist Church

REPRESENTATIVES

Mr	Tim	Andrews	Steward Formby
Dr	Caroline	Broadhurst	Liverpool Road
Mr	David	Campbell	Rep Russell Road (Steward)
Mrs	Pamela	Christopher	Rep Liverpool Rd (Steward)
Ms	Margaret	Crosby	Rep Leyland Road
Mr	Brian	Davey	Ainsdale
Mrs	Brenda	Domville	Rep Formby
Mrs	Pamela	Golding	Russell Road
Mrs	Doreen	Goulding	Ainsdale
Mr	Christopher	Hall	Rep Leyland Road
Mrs	Margaret	Harwood	Rep PPW
Mrs	Mary	Hill	Rep Cornerstone

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REPRESENTATIVES (Cont.)

Mrs	Jan	Holmes	Rep Ainsdale
Mr	Peter	Holmes	Rep Ainsdale
Mr	Peter	Jones	Rep PPW
Mrs	Ruth	Lane	Rep Lord Street West
Mrs	Gill	Moor	Rep PPW
Mrs	Elizabeth	Morris	Rep Formby
Mr	Peter	Musker	Treasurer Ainsdale
Mr	Mark	Pickering	Treasurer Formby
Mrs	Shirley	Potts	Leyland Road Steward
Mr	Stan	Rimmer	Cornerstone
Mr	Andrew	Tate	Treasurer Leyland Road
Mrs	Irene	Watts	Rep Formby
Mr	Allen	Webb	St Francis of Assisi
Mrs	Sheena	Williams	St Francis of Assisi
Mrs	Joyce	Williamson	Cornerstone
Mr	Ian	Wright	Lord Street West
Mrs	Pat	Wright	Conerstone Steward
Mrs	Susan	Yelland	Lord Street West

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England & Wales - Charity number 1134383

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Reference and Administrative Details for the year ended 31st August 2024

Charity Name	Southport Methodist Circuit
Charity registration	England & Wales number 1134383
Main communication address	Circuit Office Cornerstone Methodist Church 1c Marshside Road Southport PR9 9TL
Trustees	A full list of trustees is shown in appendix 1
Circuit Ministers and officers	
Active Circuit Ministers	Rev Patrick Evans Rev Sheila Prest Rev Marie-Anne Kent
Circuit Stewards	Mr S Hardiman Mr B Stewart Mrs S Potts Ms L Goddard Mr R Flanagan Mrs J Wallbanks
Treasurer	Mr Barry Stewart
Independent Examiner	Mr S Noad FCA 34 Brighton Road Southport Merseyside PR8 4DD
Bankers	Central Finance Board 9 Bonhill Street London EC2A 4PE Barclays Bank Lord Street Southport

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1 Objectives and activities

1.1 Charity objectives

Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Southport 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.

1.2 Main activities

1. The organising and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.
2. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
3. The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
4. Taking religious assemblies to local schools.
5. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
6. Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

1.3 Public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

2. Review of the year

The circuit had 3 full time presbyters: Rev Marie-Anne Kent (Superintendent), Rev Patrick Evans, and Rev Sonya Marshall and one part time presbyter; Rev Shiela Prest who is a Supernumerary minister and offered us 0.33% of a full-time appointment as Formby Methodist Church joined our circuit from the old Crosby circuit. Rev Sonya Marshall is authorised to serve as a Methodist Minister by the Methodist Conference. The three long standing Local Ecumenical Partnerships at St Francis of Assisi, St Philip and St Paul with Wesley (both Church of England) and Lord Street West United Church (United Reformed Church) continue to support the shared mission and worship of the circuit. Rev. Alex Galbraith, Rev Rachel Bray (both Church of England) and Rev. Peter Lyth (United Reformed Church) are all authorised to serve as Methodist Ministers by the Methodist Conference. This is reviewed annually.

Rev. Marie-Anne Kent had a period of extended illness during the year and we are grateful to all those people, both ordained and lay that stepped up to help carry the load of the circuit, particularly Rev. Patrick Evans who took up to the role of Superintendent. Rev. Peter Lyth retired from ministry at Easter 2024 and was replaced by Rev. Hilary Smith as a URC team minister. At the end of the year the Rev. Sonya Marshall was not invited to serve for a further period.

The presbyters support the chaplaincy at Connell Court MHA as well as offering spiritual care and Holy Communion at other residential and nursing homes throughout Southport on a regular basis. These are non-denominational services offered to all residents.

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2. Review of the year (cont.)

Rev. Evans resigned from his role as a trustee of Compassion Acts and instead became a member, along with other circuit representatives, of the partnership steering group, as Compassion Acts continued seeking new projects to reduce poverty and reduce social exclusion. He is also the Liverpool District Probationer's Secretary supporting ministers preparing for ordination.

Rev. Marie-Anne Kent continued to sit on the Liverpool District Policy Committee, who act as trustees for the Liverpool Methodist District. Both Patrick and Marie-Anne sit on the District Reconciliation Group.

Shirley Potts a circuit steward and local preacher continues as a trustee for the Southport Area School Workers Trust which provides assemblies, lessons, presentations and extra-curricular clubs for local schools which supports emotional and mental health for primary and secondary aged children.

Rev Rachel Bray continued to lead Sunday @ 6 working with young people aged 10-18 from across the circuit engaging them not only in faith matters but world affairs too. They attended the Methodist Youth Conference 3Generate in the NEC Birmingham in October 2023.

Rev. Martin Abrams and Rev Jan Fraser are Chaplains at Southport and Ormskirk hospitals which are part of the Mersey and South Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. Shirley Potts, a Local Preacher, is also a member of the Chaplaincy team.

Margaret Sadler our circuit administrator reduced her hours from 24 hours a week to 20 hours with Lucy Lloyd increasing her hours to 11 hours a week to fill the shortfall

The Circuit Safeguarding Officer Mr Jack Watson ran a number of online and face to face Foundation and Advanced Training sessions to ensure that everyone was up to date. He resigned his role at the end of the year as he took up a full time appointment with the new West of England District. This was accompanied by mandatory Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and Unconscious Bias training for circuit and local church office holders.

Martin Maynard is our GDPR champion continued to run training session across the circuit to ensure that we are compliant with the Data Protection Act 2018.

Sally Eyes the Circuit Outreach Lay Worker continued running the Bereavement Course for the community working with those who feel isolated due to the loss of loved ones. She continues to support the weekly food pantry at Liverpool Road for those who are struggling with food poverty which is a growing need in the area. She supports the SASWT Messy Church at St Philips Primary School and assists with Sunday @ 6.

Mr Ian Robinson was appointed as circuit property manager in January 2024 and has been fully utilised assisting our local churches to ensure that they are up to date with current legislation, along with advising on building projects within the circuit.

The circuit entered the stationing process to look for a presbyter to join us as Superintendent Minister from September 2025.

To try and ease the load on our presbyters we currently hold 4 morning services, 12 early morning communion services, 12 evening services and 12 Raising Praise services plus a few special events as circuit services were all our churches combine, along with an increase in Local Arrangements. We are grateful for the dedicated service shown by our local preachers and worship leaders in helping to make this happen.

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2. Review of the year (cont.)

Whilst we do not wish to dwell on the sad event that occurred in July it is appropriate to recognise the support given to the local community at PPW church when members from across the circuit came together to keep the church open for those needing a place of quiet and safety as they came to terms with what had occurred just down the road. In particular we recognise and thank Rev Marie-Anne and Rev Rachel for the way they actively engaged both at the scene of the tragedy and around the area during those difficult days.

Future developments

Bescar Lane Methodist Church having closed for worship in September 2024 is going through the process of being prepared for sale on the open market. Cornerstone Methodist Church continues to explore their future on the Marshside Road site and are also possibly going to put the site on the market.

Liverpool Road, Lord St West and Ainsdale are all having feasibility studies carried out as they try to discern their future direction.

There are discussions taking place which may result in the current practice of alternating between Methodist /URC oversight at Lord St West changing to a shared leadership model which will result in greater continuity for the church.

Approval and funding have been agreed by the circuit meeting to appoint two youth workers for a three-year period, which will possibly be shared with the Southport School Workers Trust.

We still have one circuit church which needs to vote on whether to allow same sex marriages.

Finance

During the year the Circuit received income of £791,609 (2023 £262,714). Income derives principally from the assessment income it received from the churches which form part of the Circuit, but during the year the Circuit also received a capital receipt £400,000 from the introduction of the Elbow Lane manse at market value. Expenditure on charitable activities amounted to £352,753 (2023 £385,219). Excluding capital receipts and revaluations, the net surplus for the year was £38,856 compared to a net deficit of £122,505 in 2023.

Stipends and lay salaries for the year increased by £34,967, reflecting the addition of the Elbow Lane church to the Circuit, and a cost of living increase in wages.

It is the charity's policy to maintain general fund reserves of approximately four months' general expenditure in order to maintain sufficient reserves to accommodate any unexpected requirements on the charity's funds. At the year end reserves amounted to £741,777 (2023 £700,356), and the increase in reserves is explained by the increase in the CMT funds relating to the sale of Circuit properties in previous years.

Plans for 2024/25

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there remains three full-time ordained staff with anticipated cost living stipend increases, combined with an increase in the assessment paid to the district such that the assessment for each church will not be increased in the forthcoming year.

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3. Structure, governance and management

Governing documents

The governing document for the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976). Governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the local preachers' meeting.

Charity constitution

Trust deed.

Trustee training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees .

Related parties

The Circuit is part of the Liverpool District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the Circuit:-

Ainsdale, Bescar Lane, Leyland Road, Liverpool Road, Lord St West (LEP URC), Cornerstone, St. Philip & St. Paul with Wesley (LEP Anglican), St Francis of Assisi (LEP Anglican) and Russell Road.

Other related party transactions are disclosed in the accounts

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Leadership with professional advice taken as required There is an annual review process undertaken and recorded and risks are reviewed throughout the year.

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

Safeguarding

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

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Safeguarding (cont.)

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

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

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

The Southport Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable. The Circuit is supported in these responsibilities by the Circuit Safeguarding Officer.

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Statement of Trustees Responsibilities for the Year Ended 31 August 2024


The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees 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, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP (FRS 102) ;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Signature

24/6/25
.....
Date


BARRY JAMES STEWART
.....
Full name

SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit .

Signature of treasurer  Date..... 18/6/2025

Name and address of treasurer MR B. J. STEWART
20 ASPEN GARDENS, SOUTHPORT Post Code..... PR8 6DZ

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 20/7/2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV PATRICK EVANS Date 24/06/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT
Charity No 1134383

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Southport Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 10 to 17. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008
- other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts.

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

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



Signature of independent examiner.....

Name of independent examiner STUART NOAD

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Address 34 BRIGHTON ROAD

..... SOUTHPORT Post Code PR8 4DD

Date 4/7/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Fund (Unrestricted) £	Total 2023-24 £	Total 2022-23 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	10,298	35,000	-	45,298	444
Charitable activities	3	268,643	-	-	268,643	202,358
Investment income	4	9,310	24,306	906	34,522	12,770
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Other income	6	43,146	-	-	43,146	47,142
Total		731,397	59,306	906	791,609	262,714
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Grants and donations	7	16,215	-	-	16,215	10,018
Salaries and associated costs	8	180,098	-	-	180,098	145,131
Property maintenance		4,726	-	-	4,726	13,272
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The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of the financial statements

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Totals 2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	13	961,157	-	-	961,157
Investment property	14	330,000	-	-	330,000
Investments	15	-	34,885	-	34,885
Total fixed assets		<u>1,291,157</u>	<u>34,885</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,326,042</u>
Current Assets					
Debtors	16	8,962	-	-	8,962
Central Finance Board Deposits		228,816	432,674	-	661,490
Cash at Bank and in hand		38,976	-	17,624	56,600
Total current assets		<u>276,754</u>	<u>432,674</u>	<u>17,624</u>	<u>727,052</u>
Current liabilities					
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	17	20,160	-	-	20,160
Net current assets/liabilities		<u>256,594</u>	<u>432,674</u>	<u>17,624</u>	<u>706,892</u>
Net assets		<u>1,547,751</u>	<u>467,559</u>	<u>17,624</u>	<u>2,032,934</u>
Funds of the Circuit					
General Fund (Unrestricted)	18	1,547,751	-	-	1,547,751
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	18	-	467,559	-	467,559
Trustee Interest Fund	18	-	-	17,624	17,624
Total Funds		<u>1,547,751</u>	<u>467,559</u>	<u>17,624</u>	<u>2,032,934</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Circuit trustees on 20/3/2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Trustee 

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of the financial statements.

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1 Basis of accounting

Accounting Standard

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £

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; a designated fund which is unrestricted in respect of Victoria Methodist Church for building maintenance. Restricted funds are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

Public benefit entity

The Southport Methodist Circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102

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, and on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Going Concern

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis which the trustees consider to be appropriate based on the level of the charity's reserves.

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably 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.

VAT

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

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Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500.

The Circuit has made use of the deemed cost option on transitioning to FRS 102. The value of the manses is shown in the accounts at deemed historical cost, representing each property's carrying value as at 1st September 2015. No depreciation is provided on the manses because the trustees consider the current residual value of each property in its present condition to be not less than its deemed historical cost, and, in the absence of evidence of impairment, any depreciation provision for the building component of the property would be immaterial.

Fixtures and fittings are depreciated at the rate of 25% per annum on net book value.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the Circuit's charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

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.

2 Donations and legacies received	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations and coffee mornings	6,030	444
Pension contribution refund	35,000	-
Bescar Lane donation	4,268	-
	<u>45,298</u>	<u>444</u>

During the year the Circuit received a refund of £35,000 in respect of a contribution to Connexion pension made in the previous year.

3 Charitable activities	2024	2023
	£	£
Assessments on churches	<u>268,643</u>	<u>202,358</u>

The Circuit comprises nine churches and each church pays an assessment to the Circuit determined on the basis of its membership.

4 Investment income	2024	2023
	£	£
Central Finance Board	9,310	4,126
Central finance Board - Victoria Fund	906	523
TMCP Investments	24,306	8,121
	<u>34,522</u>	<u>12,770</u>

5 Capital Receipts	2024	2023
	£	£
Harrington Road Manse at valuation	<u>400,000</u>	<u>-</u>

In September 2023, Elbow Lane Methodist Church Formby joined the Southport Circuit. The manse in Formby has been introduced at its estimated market value.

6 Other income	2024	2023
	£	£
Rental income	43,146	47,142
	<u>43,146</u>	<u>47,142</u>

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7 Grants and donations	2024	2023
	£	£
Liverpool Road Church	3,816	-
SASW Trust	-	7,500
Ainsdale	6,500	-
Cornerstone fees	5,755	2,058
Sundry donations and gifts	144	460
	<u>16,215</u>	<u>10,018</u>

8 Payment to Trustees

With the exception of ministers, no Circuit member received any remuneration during the year to 31st August 2024 (2023 £nil).

8 (cont.) Paid Employees

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff Costs paid during the year were:		
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	144,572	113,407
Employer's National Insurance costs	10,713	9,249
Pension costs	24,813	22,475
Total staff costs	<u>180,098</u>	<u>145,131</u>

Average number of staff in the year were: 7 7

No employees received remuneration of more than £60,000 per annum in 2023/24 or 2022/23.

The charity makes contributions to the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme on behalf of its ministers. This is a defined benefit scheme which is treated for accounting purposes as a defined contribution scheme on the grounds that it is a multi-employer scheme and the Circuit is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme. The amount charged in the Statement of Financial Activities is therefore the amount of pension contributions payable in the year.

9 District Assessment & Levy

	2024	2023
	£	£
District advance fund	27,376	11,208
District assessment	73,280	58,200
Levy to Connexional Priority Fund	-	107,237
	<u>100,656</u>	<u>176,645</u>

The levy to the Connexional Priority Fund is in respect of the sale of an investment property.

10 Other expenses

	2024	2023
	£	£
Administration	8,919	6,276
Computer support	11,974	13,014
Legal and professional fees	3,788	810
Preachers	1,520	1,329
Training	805	570
Sundry expenses	2,718	3,334
	<u>29,724</u>	<u>25,333</u>

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11 Loss on disposal of investments	2024	2023
	£	£
Sale proceeds	-	330,000
Disposal expenses	-	(1,146)
	-	328,854
Valuation	-	359,000
Loss	-	(30,146)

12 Comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Fund (Unrestricted)	Total 2022- 23
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	444			444
Charitable activities	202,358			202,358
Investment income	4,126	8,121	523	12,770
Other income	47,142			47,142
Total	254,070	8,121	523	262,714
Expenditure				
Grants and donations	10,018			10,018
Salaries and associated costs	145,131			145,131
Property maintenance	13,272			13,272
District Assessment & Levy	58,200	118,445		176,645
Depreciation	80			80
Telephone and travel	3,931			3,931
Insurance and utilities	10,809			10,809
Other expenditure	24,529	758	46	25,333
Total	265,970	119,203	46	385,219
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets	(30,146)	-	-	(30,146)
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	-	(1,436)	-	(1,436)
Net income/(expenditure)	(42,046)	(112,518)	477	(154,087)
Transfers between funds	(328,091)	328,091	-	-
Net movement in funds	(370,137)	215,573	477	(154,087)
Total funds brought forward	1,463,261	266,110	16,289	1,745,660
Total funds carried forward	1,093,124	481,683	16,766	1,591,573

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13 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Manses	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 1st September 2023	560,977	1,800	562,777
Additions	400,000	-	400,000
Reclassification	-	-	-
At 31st August 2024	<u>960,977</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>962,777</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1st September 2023	-	1,560	1,560
Depreciation charge for year	-	60	60
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st August 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>1,620</u>	<u>1,620</u>
Net book value			
At 31st August 2024	<u>960,977</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>961,157</u>
At 31st August 2023	<u>560,977</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>561,217</u>

14 Investment Property

	£
Fair value	
At 31st August 2023	330,000
Disposals	-
At 31st August 2024	<u>330,000</u>

15 Fixed Asset Investments

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Manses Fund are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments. TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model 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, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

15 Fixed Asset Investments (cont.,)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Investments held in common investment funds	<u>34,885</u>	<u>32,380</u>
Market value at start of year	32,380	33,816
Gain(loss) on revaluation	2,505	(1,436)
Market value at end of year	<u>34,885</u>	<u>32,380</u>

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16 Debtors : amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments - stipends in advance	6,616	10,990
Expenses recharge recoverable	2,346	-
	8,962	10,990
17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Assessments in advance	20,160	17,956
	20,160	17,956

18 Movement in funds	Circuit Model Designated			Total
Unrestricted funds	General	Trust Fund	Fund	£
	Fund	£	£	£
	£			
At 1st September 2023	1,093,124	481,683	16,766	1,591,573
Transfers between funds	47,186	(47,186)		-
Net income for the year	407,441	33,062	858	441,361
At 31st August 2024	1,547,751	467,559	17,624	2,032,934

The designated fund is unrestricted and is held in respect of Victoria Methodist Church Sussex Road, Southport.

The transfer of £47,186 from the Circuit Model Trust Fund to the General fund is in respect of a grant to support lay workers in the Circuit.

18 Related Party Transactions

During the year the charity entered into the following related party transactions :-

The Circuit rents a property to the charity Compassion Acts at a rental of £20,000 per annum. A trustee of the Circuit is also a trustee of Compassion Acts.

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APPENDIX 1
CIRCUIT TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023**

CHAIR OF DISTRICT

Rev'd Sheryl M Anderson

CIRCUIT MINISTERS

Rev'd Marie-Anne Kent	Superintendent Minister
Rev'd Patrick Evans	Member of the Leadership Team
Rev'd Alex Galbraith	Member of the Leadership Team (AM)
Rev'd Peter Lyth	Member of Leadership Team (AM)
Rev'd Sonya Marshall	Member of the Leadership Team (AM)
Rev'd Rachel Bray	Member of the Leadership Team (AM)

SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS

Rev'd Ernie Grimshaw	Supernumerary Minister
Rev'd Derek Bowker	Supernumerary Minister
Rev'd Sheila Pest	Supernumerary Minister

CIRCUIT STEWARDS

Mr Stephen Hardiman	Senior Circuit Steward
Mr Barry Stewart	Circuit Steward & Circuit Treasurer
Dr Dominic Bray	Circuit meeting secretary
Mrs Shirley Potts	Circuit Steward
Mrs Lesley Goddard	Circuit Steward
Mr Ray Flanagan	Circuit Steward
Mrs Jenny Wallbanks	Circuit Steward

CIRCUIT SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Mr Jack Watson

LOCAL PREACHERS

Mrs Shirley Potts Local Preachers Meeting

CIRCUIT CHURCH

Rev'd Rachel Bray Rep PPW

CIRCUIT APPOINTMENTS

Mrs Sally Eyes	Outreach Worker
Mrs Janet Bowker	Methodist Women in Britain
Mrs Pam O'Malley	Methodist Women in Britain

REPRESENTATIVES

Mr Tim Andrews	Steward Formby
Mr John Attwater	Treasurer Liverpool Rd & Russell Rd
Mr David Campbell	Rep Russell Road (Steward)
Mrs Pamela Christopher	Rep Liverpool Rd (Steward)
Ms Margaret Crosby	Rep Leyland Road
Mrs Brenda Domville	Rep Formby
Mr Barry Edwards	Rep Lord St West
Me Christopher Hall	Rep Leyland Road
Mrs Margaret Harwood	Rep PPW
Mrs Mary Hill	Rep Cornerstone

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REPRESENTATIVES (Cont.)

Mrs	Jan	Holmes	Rep Ainsdale
Mr	Peter	Holmes	Rep Ainsdale
Mr	Peter	Jones	Treasurer PPW
Mrs	Sandra	Kinley	Rep Cornerstone
Mrs	Ruth	Lane	Rep Lord Street West
Mrs	Sue	McBride	Steward Ainsdale
Mrs	Gill	Moor	Rep PPW
Mrs	Elizabeth	Morris	Rep Formby
Mr	Peter	Musker	Treasurer Ainsdale
Mr	Mark	Pickering	Treasurer Formby
Mr	Trevor	Roberts	Rep St. Francis
Mr	Andrew	Tate	Treasurer Leyland Road
Mrs	Irene	Watts	Rep Formby
Mr	Allen	Webb	St Francis Treasurer
Mrs	Joyce	Williamson	Cornerstone Treasurer
Mr	Frank	Woods	Leyland Road Steward
Mr	Ian	Wright	Treasurer Lord Street West
Mrs	Pat	Wright	Conerstone Steward

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Reference and Administrative Details for the year ended 31st August 2023

Charity Name	Southport Methodist Circuit
Charity registration	England & Wales number 134383
Main communication address	Circuit Office Leyland Road Methodist Church Leyland Road Southport PR9 9JQ
Trustees	A full list of trustees is shown in appendix 1
Circuit Ministers and officers	
Active Circuit Ministers	Rev MA Kent Rev P Evans Rev Alex Galbraith Rev Peter Lyth Rev Sonya Marshall
Circuit Stewards	Mr S Hardiman Mr B Stewart Mrs J McKenna Mrs S Eyes Mrs S Potts Ms L Goddard
Treasurer	Mr Barry Stewart
Independent Examiner	Mr S Noad FCA 34 Brighton Road Southport Merseyside PR8 4DD
Bankers	Central Finance Board 9 Bonhill Street London EC2A 4PE Barclays Bank Lord Street Southport

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1 Objectives and activities

1.1 Charity objectives

Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Southport 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.

1.2 Main activities

1. The organising and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.
2. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
3. The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
4. Taking religious assemblies to local schools.
5. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
6. Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

1.3 Public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

2. Review of the year

The circuit has 3 full time presbyters: Rev Marie-Anne Kent (Superintendent), Rev Patrick Evans, and Rev Sonya Marshall. Rev Sonya Marshall is authorised to serve as a Methodist Minister by the Methodist Conference. The three long standing Local Ecumenical Partnerships at St Francis of Assisi, St Philip and St Paul with Wesley (both Church of England) and Lord Street West United Church (United Reformed Church) continue to support the shared mission and worship of the circuit. Rev. Alex Galbraith, Rev Rachel Bray (both Church of England) and Rev. Peter Lyth (United Reformed Church) are all authorised to serve as Methodist Ministers by the Methodist Conference. This is reviewed annually.

The presbyters support the chaplaincy at Connell Court MHA as well as offering spiritual care and Holy Communion at other residential and nursing homes throughout Southport on a regular basis. These are non-denominational services offered to all residents.

Rev. Evans role as a trustee of Compassion Acts continued seeing new projects develop to reduce poverty and reduce social exclusion. He is also a mediator for Place for Hope and has been involved with a number of churches across the country as part of the Methodist Church's connexional initiative. He is also the Liverpool District Probationer's Secretary supporting ministers preparing for ordination.

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2. Review of the year (cont.)

Rev. Marie-Anne Kent ended her Level 4 Project Management Apprenticeship with Multiverse in April 2023. New skills and insights were gained. She stood down as District Candidates Secretary as a new system was introduced across the Methodist Church but continues to sit on the Liverpool District Policy Committee, who act as trustees for the Liverpool Methodist District. Both Patrick and Marie-Anne sit on the District Reconciliation Group.

Rev Sonya Marshall stepped down from her role as a trustee for Southport Area Schools Workers Trust. Shirley Potts a circuit steward and local preacher continues in this role which provides assemblies, lessons, presentations and extra-curricular clubs for local schools which supports emotional and mental health for primary and secondary aged children.

Rev Rachel Bray developed Sunday @ 6 working with young people aged 10-18 from across the circuit engaging them not only in faith matters but world affairs too. They attended the Methodist Youth Conference 3Generate in the NEC Birmingham in October 2022. Kintsugi Hope was also launched which is a programme to support wellbeing and mental health

Rev. Martin Abrams and Rev Jan Fraser are Chaplains at Southport and Ormskirk hospitals which became part of the Mersey and South Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust in July 2023. Shirley Potts, a Local Preacher, is also a member of the Chaplaincy team.

The Circuit was asked to consider the Conference document 'The Covenant Relationship Between the Church and its Ministers', which sets out the commitments and expectations for ministers, office holders and members to be in 'full connexion'.

The Circuit appointed Margaret Sadler as the circuit administrator in September 2022 for 24 hours a week. This post had been vacant for a number of months and the circuit office moved to Leyland Road Methodist Church.

The Circuit Safeguarding Officer appointed in the summer of 2022 ran a number of online and face to face Foundation and Advanced Training sessions to ensure that the backlog in training due to the pandemic was addressed. This was accompanied by mandatory Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and Unconscious Bias training for circuit and local church office holders.

Martin Maynard is our GDPR champion and ran training session across the circuit to ensure that we are compliant with the Data Protection Act 2018.

Sally Eyes the Circuit Outreach Lay Worker ran the Bereavement Course twice in the community working those who feel isolated due to the loss of loved ones. She continues to support the weekly food pantry at Liverpool Road for those who are struggling with food poverty which is a growing need in the area. She also helped to establish the Birkdale Community Library Hub at Liverpool Road to support lifelong learning. She supports the SASWT Messy Church at St Philips Primary School.

Ray Flanagan and Lesley Goddard were appointed Circuit Stewards in September 2022 and we are grateful for the diligence of all our trustees.

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Future developments

Bescar Lane Methodist Church voted to close for worship in September 2024 having spent a significant amount of time exploring ecumenical links with St Mark's Scarisbrick. The Post Office will be consulted as the church currently hosts this once a week. Cornerstone Methodist Church continues to explore their future on the Marshside Road site.

A significant amount of time was also invested in employing a Circuit Property Manager but this was unsuccessful. This is a priority for the circuit going forward because of the number of property projects and schemes that are being considered.

The circuit continued to have conversations with neighbouring circuits, for Formby Methodist Church to join the Southport Circuit on 1st September 2023.

Not only are there conversations about circuit boundary changes the Southport Circuit also voted to join the new Northwest England District in September 2024. This will mean a huge change in how we work as a Circuit going forward.

Three circuit churches voted to allow same sex marriage and are in the process of being registered to conduct them.

Finance

During the year the Circuit received income of £262,714 (2022 £305,411). Income derives principally from the assessment income it received from the churches which form part of the Circuit. Expenditure on charitable activities amounted to £385,219 (2022 £296,510). Excluding capital receipts and revaluations, the net deficit for the year was £122,505 compared to a net surplus (excluding capital receipts) of £8,901 in 2022.

During the year the Circuit sold and investment property at Farm Close, Southport for £330,000, resulting in a loss on disposal of £30,146, when compared to the estimated market value of £359,000 shown as the carrying value in the accounts. An amount of £107,237 was transferred to the Connexional Priority Fund from the sale proceeds.

Stipends and lay salaries for the year increased by £11,717 (8.7%) and expenditure on the upkeep of the Circuit's properties increased £6,863.

It is the charity's policy to maintain general fund reserves of approximately four months' general expenditure in order to maintain sufficient reserves to accommodate any unexpected requirements on the charity's funds. At the year end reserves amounted to £700,356 (2022 £495,363), and the increase in reserves is explained by the increase in the CMT funds the sale of Circuit properties.

Plans for 2023/24

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there remains three full-time ordained staff with anticipated cost living stipend increases, combined with an increase in the assessment paid to the district such that the assessment for each church will not be increased in the forthcoming year.

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3. Structure, governance and management

Governing documents

The governing document for the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976). Governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the local preachers' meeting.

Charity constitution

Trust deed.

Trustee training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees .

Related parties

The Circuit is part of the Liverpool District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the Circuit:-

Ainsdale, Bescar Lane, Leyland Road, Liverpool Road, Lord St West (LEP URC), Cornerstone, St. Philip & St. Paul with Wesley (LEP Anglican), St Francis of Assisi (LEP Anglican) and Russell Road.

Other related party transactions are disclosed in the accounts

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Leadership with professional advice taken as required There is an annual review process undertaken and recorded and risks are reviewed throughout the year.

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

Safeguarding

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

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Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

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

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

The Southport Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable. The Circuit is supported in these responsibilities by the Circuit Safeguarding Officer.

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Statement of Trustees Responsibilities for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees 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, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP (FRS 102) ;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

M. Kent
Signature

20/10/2024
Date


MARIE-ANNE KENT
Full name

SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

Declarations and Scrutiny

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

Signature of treasurer  Date.. 16/6/2024

Name and address of treasurer MR B STEWART

20 ASPEN GARDENS, SOUTHPORT Post Code.. PR8 6DZ

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting M KENT Date 20/6/2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT
Charity No 1134383

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Southport Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 10 to 17. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts.

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

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

Signature of independent examiner.....
Name of independent examinerSTUART NOAD.....
Relevant professional qualification of independent examinerICAEW.....
Address34 BRIGHTON ROAD.....
.....SOUTHPORT..... Post CodePR8 4DD.....
Date23/7/2024.....

SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Fund (Unrestricted) £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	444			444	17,239
Charitable activities	3	202,358			202,358	239,365
Investment income	4	4,126	8,121	523	12,770	2,570
Other income	5	47,142			47,142	46,237
Total		254,070	8,121	523	262,714	305,411
Expenditure						
Grants and donations	6	10,018			10,018	38,860
Salaries and associated costs	7	145,131			145,131	133,415
Property maintenance		13,272			13,272	6,409
District Assessment & Levy	8	58,200	118,445		176,645	75,986
Depreciation		80			80	107
Telephone and travel		3,931			3,931	3,902
Insurance and utilities		10,809			10,809	12,392
Other expenditure	9	24,529	758	46	25,333	25,439
Total		265,970	119,203	46	385,219	296,510
Losses on investments	10	(30,146)	-	-	(30,146)	-
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	14	-	(1,436)	-	(1,436)	(2,267)
Net income/(expenditure)		(42,046)	(112,518)	477	(154,087)	6,634
Transfers between funds	17	(328,091)	328,091	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	17	(370,137)	215,573	477	(154,087)	6,634
Total funds brought forward	17	1,463,261	266,110	16,289	1,745,660	1,739,026
Total funds carried forward	17	1,093,124	481,683	16,766	1,591,573	1,745,660

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of the financial statements

SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Totals 2023 £	Totals 2022 £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	12	561,217	-	-	561,217	561,297
Investment property	13	330,000	-	-	330,000	689,000
Investments	14	-	32,380	-	32,380	33,816
Total fixed assets		891,217	32,380	-	923,597	1,284,113
Current Assets						
Debtors	15	10,990	-	-	10,990	9,488
Central Finance Board Deposits		142,007	449,303	-	591,310	393,151
Cash at Bank and in hand		66,866	-	16,766	83,632	73,733
Total current assets		219,863	449,303	16,766	685,932	476,372
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	16	17,956	-	-	17,956	14,825
Net current assets/liabilities		201,907	449,303	16,766	667,976	461,547
Net assets		1,093,124	481,683	16,766	1,591,573	1,745,660
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)	17	1,093,124	-	-	1,093,124	1,463,261
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	17	-	481,683	-	481,683	266,110
Trustee Interest Fund	17	-	-	16,766	16,766	16,289
Total Funds		1,093,124	481,683	16,766	1,591,573	1,745,660

The financial statements were approved by the Circuit trustees on 20/6/2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

M A Kent

Trustee

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of the financial statements.

SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

1 Basis of accounting

Accounting Standard

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £

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; a designated fund which is unrestricted in respect of Victoria Methodist Church for building maintenance. Restricted funds are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

Public benefit entity

The Southport Methodist Circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102

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, and on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Going Concern

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis which the trustees consider to be appropriate based on the level of the charity's reserves.

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably 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.

VAT

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

SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500.

The Circuit has made use of the deemed cost option on transitioning to FRS 102. The value of the manses is shown in the accounts at deemed historical cost, representing each property's carrying value as at 1st September 2015. No depreciation is provided on the manses because the trustees consider the current residual value of each property in its present condition to be not less than its deemed historical cost, and, in the absence of evidence of impairment, any depreciation provision for the building component of the property would be immaterial.

Fixtures and fittings are depreciated at the rate of 25% per annum on net book value.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the Circuit's charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

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.

2 Donations and legacies received	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	444	17,237

During the year to 31st August 2022, the Circuit received £16,259 from Victoria Methodist Church which has been treated as a donation and allocated to a separate designated fund for the maintenance of the building.

3 Charitable activities	2023	2022
	£	£
Assessments on churches	202,358	239,365

The Circuit comprises eight churches and each church pays an assessment to the Circuit determined on the basis of its membership.

4 Investment income	2023	2022
	£	£
Central Finance Board	4,126	1,983
Central finance Board - Victoria Fund	523	76
TMCP Investments	8,121	511
	<u>12,770</u>	<u>2,570</u>

5 Other income	2023	2022
	£	£
Rental income	47,142	46,237
	<u>47,142</u>	<u>46,237</u>

6 Grants and donations	2023	2022
	£	£
Methodist Church Pension Fund donation	-	35,000
SASW Trust	7,500	
Taketime		1,000
Cornerstone fees	2,058	2,150
Sundry donations and gifts	460	710
	<u>10,018</u>	<u>38,860</u>

SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

7 Payment to Trustees

With the exception of ministers, no Circuit member received any remuneration during the year to 31st August 2023 (2022 £nil).

7 (cont.) Paid Employees

	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff Costs paid during the year were:		
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	113,407	103,123
Employer's National Insurance costs	9,249	8,518
Pension costs	22,475	21,774
Total staff costs	145,131	133,415

Average number of staff in the year were: 7 7

No employees received remuneration of more than £60,000 per annum in 2022/23 or 2021/22.

The charity makes contributions to the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme on behalf of its ministers. This is a defined benefit scheme which is treated for accounting purposes as a defined contribution scheme on the grounds that it is a multi-employer scheme and the Circuit is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme. The amount charged in the Statement of Financial Activities is therefore the amount of pension contributions payable in the year.

8 District Assessment & Levy

	2023	2022
	£	£
District advance fund	11,208	15,051
District assessment	58,200	60,935
Levy to Connexional Priority Fund	107,237	-
	176,645	75,986

The levy to the Connexional Priority Fund is in respect of the sale of an investment property.

9 Other expenses

	2023	2022
	£	£
Administration	6,276	4,350
Computer support	13,014	11,932
Legal and professional fees	810	4,530
Preachers	1,329	1,553
Training	570	402
Roots on the web	-	1,786
Sundry expenses	3,334	886
	25,333	25,439

SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

10 Loss on disposal of investments	2023	2022
	£	£
Sale proceeds	330,000	-
Disposal expenses	(1,146)	-
	<u>328,854</u>	<u>-</u>
Valuation	359,000	-
Loss	<u>(30,146)</u>	<u>-</u>

11 Comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Fund (Unrestricted)	Total 2021- 22
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	980	-	16,259	17,239
Charitable activities	239,365	-	-	239,365
Investment income	511	1,983	76	2,570
Other income	46,237	-	-	46,237
Capital receipts	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>287,093</u>	<u>1,983</u>	<u>16,335</u>	<u>305,411</u>
Expenditure				
Grants and donations	3,860	35,000	-	38,860
Salaries and associated costs	133,415	-	-	133,415
Property maintenance	6,409	-	-	6,409
District Assessment & Levy	60,935	15,051	-	75,986
Depreciation	107	-	-	107
Telephone and travel	3,902	-	-	3,902
Insurance and utilities	12,392	-	-	12,392
Other expenditure	24,488	905	46	25,439
Total	<u>245,508</u>	<u>50,956</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>296,510</u>
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	-	(2,267)	-	(2,267)
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>41,585</u>	<u>(51,240)</u>	<u>16,289</u>	<u>6,634</u>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	41,585	(51,240)	16,289	6,634
Total funds brought forward	1,421,676	317,350	-	1,739,026
Total funds carried forward	<u>1,463,261</u>	<u>266,110</u>	<u>16,289</u>	<u>1,745,660</u>

SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

12 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Manses	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 1st September 2022	560,977	1,800	562,777
Additions	-	-	-
Reclassification	-	-	-
At 31st August 2023	<u>560,977</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>562,777</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1st September 2022	-	1,480	1,480
Depreciation charge for year	-	80	80
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st August 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>1,560</u>	<u>1,560</u>
Net book value			
At 31st August 2023	<u>560,977</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>561,217</u>
At 31st August 2022	<u>560,977</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>561,297</u>

13 Investment Property

Fair value

	£
At 31st August 2022	689,000
Disposals	(359,000)
At 31st August 2023	<u>330,000</u>

Investment properties are stated at market value and comprise 39 Melling Road Southport . 25 Farm Close Southport was sold during the year.

14 Fixed Asset Investments

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Manses Fund are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments. TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model 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, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

14 Fixed Asset Investments (cont.)	2023	2022
	£	£
Investments held in common investment funds	33,816	33,816
Market value at start of year	33,816	36,083
Disposals	-	-
Gain(loss) on revaluation	(1,436)	(2,267)
Market value at end of year	<u>32,380</u>	<u>33,816</u>
15 Debtors : amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments - stipends in advance	10,990	9,488
	<u>10,990</u>	<u>9,488</u>
16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Assessments in advance	17,956	14,825
	<u>17,956</u>	<u>14,825</u>

17 Movement in funds	General	Circuit Model	Designated	Total
Unrestricted funds	Fund	Trust Fund	Fund	£
	£	£	£	£
At 1st September 2022	1,463,261	266,110	16,289	1,745,660
Transfers between funds	(328,091)	328,091	-	-
Net income for the year	(42,046)	(112,518)	477	(154,087)
At 31st August 2023	<u>1,093,124</u>	<u>481,683</u>	<u>16,766</u>	<u>1,591,573</u>

The designated fund is unrestricted and is held in respect of Victoria Methodist Church Sussex Road, Southport.

The transfer from The General Fund to the Circuit Model Trust Fund is in respect of the net sale proceeds from the Circuit property at Farm Close.

18 Related Party Transactions

During the year the charity entered into the following related party transactions :-

The Circuit Meeting in June 2021 agreed to allow Compassion Acts, a charity in of which one of the Circuit's trustees is a trustee, to rent part of a Circuit property. The first three months of their lease was 'rent free' to assist them in the transition time between buildings and towards alterations required. The first rent payments to the Circuit commenced in October 2021 at an annual rental of £20,000.

**SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT
APPENDIX 1
CIRCUIT TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023**

CHAIR OF DISTRICT

Rev'd Sheryl M Anderson

CIRCUIT MINISTERS

Rev'd Marie-Anne Kent	Superintendent Minister
Rev'd Patrick Evans	Member of the Leadership Team
Rev'd Alex Galbraith	Member of the Leadership Team (AM)
Rev'd Peter Lyth	Member of Leadership Team (AM)
Rev'd Sonya Marshall	Member of the Leadership Team (AM)

SUPERNUMERARY

Rev'd Ann Hall Supernumerary Minister

CIRCUIT STEWARDS

Mr Stephen Hardiman	Senior Circuit Steward
Mr Barry Stewart	Circuit Steward & Circuit Treasurer
Dr Dominic Bray	Circuit meeting secretary
Mrs Pamela O'Malley	Circuit Steward
Mrs Jean McKenna	Circuit Steward
Ms Sally Eyes	Circuit Steward and lay employee
Mrs Shirley Potts	Circuit Steward
Mrs Lesley Goddard	Circuit Steward

CIRCUIT SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Mr Jack Watson

LOCAL PREACHERS

Mrs Shirley Potts Local Preachers Meeting

CIRCUIT CHURCH

Rev'd Rachel Bray Rep PPW

OUTREACH WORKER

Ms Sally Eyes

REPRESENTATIVES

Mr John Attwater	Treasurer Liverpool Rd & Russell Rd
Mrs Rachel Bray	Rep PPW
Mr David Campbell	Rep Russell Road (Steward)
Mrs Pamela Christopher	Rep Liverpool Rd (Steward)
Ms Margaret Crosby	Rep Leyland Road
Mr Barry Edwards	Rep Lord St West
Miss Lesley Goddard	Rep Ainsdale (Steward)
Mrs Doreen Goulding	Rep Ainsdale
Me Christopher Hall	Rep Leyland Road
Mr Lawrence Hanson	Rep Bescar
Mrs Margaret Harwood	Rep PPW
Mrs Mary Hill	Rep Cornerstone
Mr Peter Jones	Treasurer PPW
Mrs Sandra Kinley	Rep Cornerstone
Mrs Ruth Lane	Rep Lord Street West

**SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT
APPENDIX 1
CIRCUIT TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023**

REPRESENTATIVES (Cont.)

Mrs	Suzanne	Linford	Treasurer Bescar
Mrs	Pamela	O'Malley	Treasurer Cornerstone
Mr	Peter	Musker	Treasurer Ainsdale
Mr	David	Potts	Rep Leyland Rd (Steward)
Mr	Trevor	Roberts	Rep St. Francis appointed 27th May 2021
Mrs	Dorothy	Simpkin	Rep Cornerstone
Mr	Andrew	Tate	Treasurer Leyland Road
Mr	Allen	Webb	St Francis Treasurer
Mrs	Jayne	Wilcox	Rep Liverpool Rd
Mr	Ian	Wright	Treasurer Lord Street West
Mrs	Patricia	Wright	Rep Cornerstone (Steward)

SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1134383

Accounts

SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT

Charity Registration Number 1134383

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending

31st August 2022

SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending

31st August 2022

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SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT

Reference and Administrative Details for the year ended 31st August 2022

Charity Name	Southport Methodist Circuit
Charity registration	England & Wales number 134383
Main communication address	Circuit Office Cornerstone Methodist Church 1c Marshside Road SOUTHPORT PR9 9TL
Trustees	A full list of trustees is shown in appendix 1
Circuit Ministers and officers	
Active Circuit Ministers	Rev MA Kent Rev P Evans Rev Alex Galbraith Rev Peter Lyth Rev Sonya Marshall
Circuit Stewards	Mr S Hardiman Mr B Stewart Mrs J McKenna Mrs S Eyes Mr M Huddleston (until November 2021)
Treasurer	Mr Barry Stewart
Independent Examiner	Mr S Noad FCA 34 Brighton Road Southport Merseyside PR8 4DD
Bankers	Central Finance Board 9 Bonhill Street London EC2A 4PE Barclays Bank Lord Street Southport

**SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the year ending

31st August 2022

1 Objectives and activities

1.1 Charity objectives

Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Southport 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.

1.2 Main activities

1. The organising and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.
2. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
3. The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
4. Taking religious assemblies to local schools.
5. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
6. Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

1.3 Public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

2. Review of the year

Introduction

In 2021-2022 the Circuit and Churches entered a transition stage post pandemic with in-person meetings returning and a new pattern of worship across the circuit to reflect the new realities of church life, with fewer volunteers and an older age profile.

Presbyters

The Circuit has three full time presbyters: Rev Marie-Anne Kent (Superintendent), Rev Patrick Evans and Rev Sonya Marshall. Rev Marshall is authorized by Conference to serve as a Methodist Minister. The long standing Local Ecumenical Partnerships with Rev Alex Galbraith, Anglican Minister at St. Francis Church and with Rev Peter Lyth at Lord Street West United Church have continued to support the shared mission and worship of three denominations. Rev Rachel Bray, Curate at St Philip and St Paul with Wesley was ordained as a priest in June 2022. The circuit has applied for her to be authorised to serve.

The presbyters support the chaplaincy at Connell Court MHA as well as offering spiritual care and Holy Communion at other residential and nursing homes throughout Southport.

**SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ending
31st August 2022**

Presbyters (cont.)

Rev Patrick Evans focused on the Compassion Acts of which he is a trustee supporting the development of the charity at their new site, the Victoria Centre, formerly Victoria Methodist Church which is owned by the Methodist Church and leased to Compassion Acts. They support a number of projects to reduce poverty and increase social well being. Members of the circuit volunteer and the Foodbank and supported a holiday club for children in receipt of free school meals.

Rev Marie-Anne Kent and Rev Sonya Marshall both ceased to be trustees with Street Pastors as that charity ceased to operate in Southport. The Living Room also ceased to re-open post pandemic because of a lack of volunteers and concerns for Health and Safety.

Rev Marie-Anne Kent started a Level 4 Project Management Apprenticeship with Multiverse in March 2022 sponsored by the Methodist Church. She took a three month sabbatical during the summer of 2022. She completed her First Aid at work course and a Mental Health First Aid course.

Rev Sonya Marshall continued as a trustee for Southport Area Schools Worker Trust which provides assemblies, lessons, presentations and extra-curricular clubs and activities for local schools which supports emotional and mental health for primary and secondary aged children

Liverpool District level commitments continue for Marie-Anne as District Candidates Secretary and for Patrick who has been appointed as the District Probationers Secretary. Marie-Anne was also appointed Deputy District Chair. Patrick and Marie-Anne also support the Connexional Positive Working Together strategy which encourages everyone to reflect on the way in which they engage and interact with each other within the life of the church and the wider community. Patrick trained with A Place for Hope as a mediator.

Our circuit administrator and Safeguarding Officer stepped down in March 2022 having been in a post for a very short time. The post was re-advertised but no one was appointed to the administrator role. Jack Watson was appointed as Circuit Safeguarding Officer.

In order to comply with the Data Protection Act (GDPR), Martin Maynard Circuit Webmaster was appointed to roll out an outline database, ChurchSuite, for the circuit churches. This will be completed in 2022/2023.

Rev Martin Abrams and Rev Jan Fraser are Chaplains at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital Trust and Martin is the Trust 'Freedom to speak up Guardian'.

2. Review of the year

Sally Eyes the Circuit Outreach Lay Worker restarted face to face Bereavement Courses, 6 week courses to support those recently bereaved in the community. She has also supported the opening of a Food Pantry at Liverpool Road.

Sincere gratitude is also expressed to those trustees who have retired during the course of the year and to new appointees.

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Future developments

There are conversations about circuit boundaries with the possibility of Formby Methodist Church joining the circuit in 2023.

Following Church Reviews conducted in in 2020/2021 circuit churches are continuing to explore their future mission with ecumenical partners and neighbouring Methodist Churches. The age profile and lack of volunteers means that it is difficult to fill required offices

Finance

During the year the Circuit received income of £305,411(2021 £388,347) including the transfer of £16,259 from Victoria Methodist Church. Income derives principally from the assessment income it received from the churches which form part of the Circuit. Expenditure on charitable activities amounted to £296,510 (2021 £289,887). Excluding capital receipts and revaluations, the net surplus for the year was £8,901 compared to a net deficit (excluding capital receipts) of £23,394 in 2021.

Stipends and lay salaries for the year were reduced by £17,494 and expenditure on the upkeep of the Circuit's manses was reduced by £14,573.

It is the charity's policy to maintain general fund reserves of approximately four months' general expenditure in order to maintain sufficient reserves to accommodate any unexpected requirements on the charity's funds. At the year end reserves amounted to £495,363 (2021 £488,622), and the increase in reserves is explained by the increase in the CMT funds following the sale of a church building during 2021.

Plans for 2022/23

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there remains three full-time ordained staff with anticipated cost living stipend increases, combined with an increase in the assessment paid to the district such that the assessment for each church will not be increased in the forthcoming year.

3. Structure, governance and management

Governing documents

The governing document for the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976). Governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the local preachers' meeting.

Charity constitution

Trust deed.

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Trustee training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees .

Related parties

The Circuit is part of the Liverpool District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the Circuit:-

Ainsdale, Bescar Lane, Leyland Road, Liverpool Road, Lord St West (LEP URC), Cornerstone, St. Philip & St. Paul with Wesley (LEP Anglican), St Francis of Assisi (LEP Anglican) and Russell Road.

Other related party transactions are disclosed in the accounts

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Leadership with professional advice taken as required There is an annual review process undertaken and recorded and risks are reviewed throughout the year.

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

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.

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Safeguarding (cont.)

- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

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

The Southport Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable. The Circuit is supported in these responsibilities by the Circuit Safeguarding Officer.

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Statement of Trustees Responsibilities for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees 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, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP (FRS 102) ;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Signature

.....
Date

.....
Full name

SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit .

Signature of treasurer  Date..... 19/3/2023

Name and address of treasurer MR. B. STEWART

2 ASPEN GARDENS, SOUTHPORT Post Code..... PR8 6DZ

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were

presented to the Circuit meeting held on 20th March 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting MARIE-ANNE KENT Date 20/3/23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT
Charity No 1134383

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Southport Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 10 to 17. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008
- other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts.

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

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

Signature of independent examiner.....

Name of independent examiner STUART NOAD

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Address 34 BRIGHTON ROAD

..... SOUTHPORT Post Code PR8 4DD

Date 28th MARCH 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted) £	Designated Fund (Unrestricted) £	Total 2021-22 £	Total 2020-21 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	980	-	16,259	17,239	300
Charitable activities	3	239,365	-	-	239,365	239,802
Investment income	4	511	1,983	76	2,570	1,545
Other income	5	46,237	-	-	46,237	24,846
Capital receipts	6	-	-	-	-	121,854
Total		287,093	1,983	16,335	305,411	388,347
Expenditure						
Grants and donations	7	3,860	35,000	-	38,860	3,170
Salaries and associated costs	8	133,415	-	-	133,415	150,909
Property maintenance		6,409	-	-	6,409	20,982
District Assessment & Levy		60,935	15,051	-	75,986	67,818
Depreciation		107	-	-	107	142
Telephone and travel		3,902	-	-	3,902	3,045
Insurance and utilities		12,392	-	-	12,392	12,204
Other expenditure	9	24,488	905	46	25,439	31,617
Total		245,508	50,956	46	296,510	289,887
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets	12	-	-	-	-	219,000
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	12	-	(2,267)	-	(2,267)	5,596
Net income/(expenditure)		41,585	(51,240)	16,289	6,634	323,056
Transfers between funds	16	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	16	41,585	(51,240)	16,289	6,634	323,056
Total funds brought forward	16	1,421,676	317,350	-	1,739,026	1,415,970
Total funds carried forward	16	1,463,261	266,110	16,289	1,745,660	1,739,026

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of the financial statements

SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Totals 2022 £	Totals 2021 £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	11	561,297	-	-	561,297	561,404
Investment property	12	689,000	-	-	689,000	689,000
Investments	13	-	33,816	-	33,816	36,083
Total fixed assets		1,250,297	33,816	-	1,284,113	1,286,487
Current Assets						
Debtors	14	9,488	-	-	9,488	9,023
Central Finance Board Deposits		160,857	232,294	-	393,151	444,588
Cash at Bank and in hand		57,444	-	16,289	73,733	31,527
Total current assets		227,789	232,294	16,289	476,372	485,138
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	15	14,825	-	-	14,825	32,599
Net current assets/liabilities		212,964	232,294	16,289	461,547	452,539
Net assets		1,463,261	266,110	16,289	1,745,660	1,739,026
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)	16	1,463,261	-	-	1,463,261	1,421,676
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	16	-	266,110	-	266,110	317,350
				16,289	16,289	
Total Funds		1,463,261	266,110	16,289	1,745,660	1,739,026

The financial statements were approved by the Circuit trustees on 20 March 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

M A Kent

Trustee

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of the financial statements.

SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022

1 Basis of accounting

Accounting Standard

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £

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; a designated fund which is unrestricted in respect of Victoria Methodist Church for building maintenance. Restricted funds are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

Public benefit entity

The Southport Methodist Circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102

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, and on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Going Concern

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis which the trustees consider to be appropriate based on the level of the charity's reserves.

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably 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.

VAT

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

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Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500.

The Circuit has made use of the deemed cost option on transitioning to FRS 102. The value of the manses is shown in the accounts at deemed historical cost, representing each property's carrying value as at 1st September 2015. No depreciation is provided on the manses because the trustees consider the current residual value of each property in its present condition to be not less than its deemed historical cost, and, in the absence of evidence of impairment, any depreciation provision for the building component of the property would be immaterial.

Fixtures and fittings are depreciated at the rate of 25% per annum on net book value.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the Circuit's charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

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.

2 Donations and legacies received	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	17,237	300

During the year the Circuit received £16,259 from Victoria Methodist Church which has been treated as a donation and allocated to a separate designated fund for the maintenance of the building.

3 Charitable activities	2022	2021
	£	£
Assessments on churches	239,365	239,802

The Circuit comprises eight churches and each church pays an assessment to the Circuit determined on the basis of its membership.

4 Investment income	2022	2021
	£	£
Central Finance Board	1,983	1,349
Central finance Board - Victoria Fund	76	-
Miscellaneous	511	196
	<u>2,570</u>	<u>1,545</u>

5 Other income	2022	2021
	£	£
Job Retention Scheme grants	-	8,674
Rental income	46,237	16,172
	<u>46,237</u>	<u>24,846</u>

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6 Capital receipts	2022	2021
	£	£
Gross sale proceeds	-	180,000
Selling fees	-	(10,243)
CPF levy on property sales	-	(47,903)
Net capital receipt	-	121,854

Capital receipt relates to the sale of Crossens Methodist Church. The sale of the property is subject to a levy by the Connexion calculated on a sliding scale based on the sale price.

7 Grants and donations	2022	2021
	£	£
Methodist Church Pension Fund donation	35,000	-
Leyland Road Lay Worker	-	2,868
Taketime	1,000	-
Cornerstone fees	2,150	-
Sundry donations and gifts	710	302
	<u>38,860</u>	<u>3,170</u>

8 Payment to Trustees

With the exception of ministers, no Circuit member received any remuneration during the year to 31st August 2022 (2021 £nil).

8 (cont.) Paid Employees	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff Costs paid during the year were:		
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	103,123	122,011
Employer's National Insurance costs	8,518	9,270
Pension costs	21,774	19,628
Total staff costs	<u>133,415</u>	<u>150,909</u>

Average number of staff in the year were: 6 7

No employees received remuneration of more than £60,000 per annum in 2021/22 or 2020/21.

8 (cont.) Pensions

The charity makes contributions to the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme on behalf of its ministers. This is a defined benefit scheme which is treated for accounting purposes as a defined contribution scheme on the grounds that it is a multi-employer scheme and the Circuit is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme. The amount charged in the Statement of Financial Activities is therefore the amount of pension contributions payable in the year.

9 Other expenses	2022	2021
	£	£
Administration	4,350	4,100
On line Sunday services	11,932	21,024
Legal and professional fees	4,530	4,369
Preachers	1,553	624
Training	402	-
Roots on the web	1,786	-
Sundry expenses	886	1,500
	<u>25,439</u>	<u>31,617</u>

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10 Comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities

	Fund (Unrestricted) £	Model Trust Fund (Unrestricte £	Total 2020-21 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	300	-	300
Charitable activities	239,802		239,802
Investment income	196	1,349	1,545
Other income	24,846		24,846
Capital receipts	-	121,854	121,854
Total	<u>265,144</u>	<u>123,203</u>	<u>388,347</u>
Expenditure			
Grants and donations	3,170		3,170
Salaries and associated costs	150,909		150,909
Property maintenance	20,982		20,982
District Assessment & Levy	60,001	7,817	67,818
Depreciation	142		142
Telephone and travel	3,045		3,045
Insurance and utilities	12,204		12,204
Other expenditure	31,205	412	31,617
Total	<u>281,658</u>	<u>8,229</u>	<u>289,887</u>
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	219,000	-	219,000
Gains/(losses) property disposals	-	5,596	5,596
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>202,486</u>	<u>120,570</u>	<u>323,056</u>
Transfers between funds	9,558	(9,558)	-
Net movement in funds	212,044	111,012	323,056
Total funds brought forward	1,421,676	317,350	1,739,026
Total funds carried forward	<u>1,421,676</u>	<u>317,350</u>	<u>1,739,026</u>

11 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Manses £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1st September 2021	560,977	1,800	562,777
Additions	-	-	-
Reclassification	-	-	-
At 31st August 2022	<u>560,977</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>562,777</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1st September 2021	-	1,373	1,373
Depreciation charge for year	-	107	107
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st August 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>1,480</u>	<u>1,480</u>
Net book value			
At 31st August 2022	<u>560,977</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>561,297</u>
At 31st August 2021	<u>560,977</u>	<u>427</u>	<u>561,404</u>

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12 Investment Property

Fair value	£
Reclassification 31.8.2021	470,000
Revaluation 31.8.212021	219,000
At 31st August 2022	689,000

Investment properties are stated at market value and comprise 39 Melling Road Southport and 25 Farm Close Southport.

13 Fixed Asset Investments

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

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model 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, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

	2022	2021
	£	£
Investments held in common investment funds	33,816	36,083
Market value at start of year	36,083	30,487
Disposals	-	-
Gain(loss) on revaluation	(2,267)	5,596
Market value at end of year	33,816	36,083

14 Debtors : amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments - stipends in advance	9,488	9,023
Other debtors	-	-
	9,488	9,023

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Assessments in advance	14,825	17,042
District assessment payable	-	15,557
	14,825	32,599

	General Fund	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Designated Fund	Total
	£	£	£	£
16 Movement in funds				
Unrestricted funds				
At 1st September 2021	1,421,676	317,350	-	1,739,026
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Net income for the year	41,585	(51,240)	16,289	6,634
At 31st August 2022	1,463,261	266,110	16,289	1,745,660

The designated fund is unrestricted and is held in respect of Victoria Methodist Church Sussex Road, Southport.

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17 Related Party Transactions

During the year the charity entered into the following related party transactions :-

The Circuit Meeting in June 2021 agreed to allow Compassion Acts, a charity in of which one of the Circuit's trustees is a trustee, to rent part of a Circuit property. The first three months of their lease was 'rent free' to assist them in the transition time between buildings and towards alterations required. The first rent payments to the Circuit commenced in October 2021.

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APPENDIX 1
CIRCUIT TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022**

CIRCUIT MINISTERS

Rev'd	Marie-Anne	Kent	Superintendent Minister
Rev'd	Patrick	Evans	Member of the Leadership Team
Rev'd	Alex	Galbraith	Member of the Leadership Team (AM)
Rev'd	Peter	Lyth	Member of Leadership Team (AM)
Rev'd	Sonya	Marshall	Member of the Leadership Team (AM)

SUPERNUMERARY

Rev'd	Ann	Hall	Supernumerary Minister
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CIRCUIT STEWARDS

Mr	Stephen	Hardiman	Senior Circuit Steward
Mr	Barry	Stewart	Circuit Steward & Circuit Treasurer
Dr	Dominic	Bray	Circuit meeting secretary
Mrs	Pamela	O'Malley	Circuit Meeting appointed September 2021
Mrs	Jean	McKenna	Circuit Steward
Ms	Sally	Eyes	Circuit Steward and lay employee
Mrs	Shirley	Potts	Circuit Steward appointed 27th June 2021
Mr	Michael	Huddleston	Circuit Steward

CIRCUIT SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Mrs	Sarah	McDonald-Howard	Until 31st October 2021
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LOCAL PREACHERS

Mrs	Cynthia	May	Local Preachers Meeting
Mrs	Shirley	Potts	Local Preachers Meeting

CIRCUIT CHURCH

Rev'd	Rachel	Bray	Rep PPW
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REPRESENTATIVES

Mr	John	Attwater	Treasurer Liverpool Rd & Russell Rd
Mrs	Rachel	Bray	Rep PPW
Mr	David	Campbell	Rep Russell Road (Steward)
Mrs	Pamela	Christopher	Rep Liverpool Rd appointed 7th October 2021
Mr	Barry	Edwards	Rep Lord St West (Steward)
Mr	John	Forshaw	Rep Bescar
Miss	Lesley	Goddard	Rep Ainsdale (Steward)
Mrs	Doreen	Goulding	Rep Ainsdale
Mr	Lawrence	Hanson	Rep Bescar
Mrs	Margaret	Harwood	Rep PPW
Mrs	Mary	Hill	Rep Cornerstone
Mr	Peter	Jones	Treasurer PPW
Mrs	Sandra	Kinley	Rep Cornerstone
Mrs	Ruth	Lane	Rep Lord Street West

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CIRCUIT TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022**

REPRESENTATIVES (Cont.)

Mrs	Suzanne	Linford	Treasurer Bescar
Mr	James	Lloyd	Rep Liverpool Rd
Mrs	Pamela	O'Malley	Treasurer Cornerstone
Mr	Peter	Musker	Treasurer Ainsdale
Mr	David	Potts	Rep Leyland Rd (Steward)
Mr	Trevor	Roberts	Rep St. Francis appointed 27th May 2021
Mrs	Dorothy	Simpkin	Rep Cornerstone
Mrs	Yvonne	Sowood	Rep PPW
Mr	Andrew	Tate	Treasurer Leyland Road
Dr	Andrew	Trimble	Rep Liverpool Rd
Mr	Allen	Webb	St Francis Treasurer
Mrs	Jayne	Wilcox	Rep Liverpool Rd
Mr	Ian	Wright	Treasurer Lord Street West
Mrs	Patricia	Wright	Rep Cornerstone (Steward)

SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending

31st August 2021

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending

31st August 2021

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SOUTHPORT METHODIST CIRCUIT

Reference and Administrative Details for the year ended 31st August 2021

Charity Name	Southport Methodist Circuit
Charity registration	England & Wales number 134383
Main communication address	Circuit Office Cornerstone Methodist Church 1c Marshside Road SOUTHPORT PR9 9TL
Trustees	A full list of trustees is shown in appendix 1
Circuit Ministers and officers	
Active Circuit Ministers	Rev MA Kent Rev P Evans Rev Alex Galbraith Rev Peter Lyth Rev Sonya Marshall
Circuit Stewards	Mr S Hardiman Mr B Stewart Mrs J McKenna Mrs S Eyes Mrs S Potts
Treasurer	Mr Barry Stewart
Independent Examiner	Mr S Noad FCA 34 Brighton Road Southport Merseyside PR8 4DD
Bankers	Central Finance Board 9 Bonhill Street London EC2A 4PE Barclays Bank Lord Street Southport

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1 Objectives and activities

1.1 Charity objectives

Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Southport 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.

1.2 Main activities

1. The organising and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.
2. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
3. The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
4. Taking religious assemblies to local schools.
5. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
6. Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

1.3 Public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

2. Review of the year

Introduction

As the Covid- 19 pandemic and social restrictions evolved during 2020-2021 the Circuit and Churches continued to adapt to communicating and meeting online and returning to 'in person' meetings and services when the lifting of government restrictions allowed.

Ministry

The Circuit has three full time presbyters: Rev Marie-Anne Kent (Superintendent), Rev Patrick Evans and Rev Sonya Marshall. Rev Marshall was appointed to the Circuit until August 2025 and authorized by Conference to serve as a Methodist Minister from 1st December 2020, taking on pastoral responsibility for Leyland Road, Russell Road churches and the Living Room project.

The long standing Local Ecumenical Partnerships with Rev Alex Galbraith, Anglican Minister at St. Francis Church, with Rev Rachel Bray at St Philip and St Paul with Wesley and with Rev Peter Lyth at Lord Street West United Church have continued to support the shared mission and worship of three denominations.

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2. Review of the year (cont.)

The presbyters support the chaplaincy at Connell Court and Hatherlow House Methodist Homes as well as offering spiritual care, including service of Holy Communion, at other residential and nursing homes throughout Southport. A new chaplain was appointed at Connell Court MHA.

Mission and voluntary work in the wider local community were able to reconvene on a practical level at various intervals between Covid -19 lockdowns. Rev Patrick Evans focused on Compassion Acts of which he is a trustee supporting the debt advice centre and food bank as well as working with various local community foodbanks. The circuit supported the running of a Holiday Club in partnership with Compassion Acts for children in receipt of free school meals. Rev Marie-Anne Kent and Rev Sonya Marshall continued trustees of Street Pastors, at a critical time when other practical community support for the vulnerable and homeless was required to be suspended. Rev Marie-Anne Kent serves as a school governor at St. Philip's Church of England School needed her additional time as the governing board resolved plans to reopen the school and ensure pupils and staff were supported for their return. Collective worship was conducted on Zoom which was particularly challenging. Rev Sonya Marshall restarted the youth worker initiative which she had been commissioned to do as a Lay worker prior to her appointment as Minister.

Rev Patrick Evans' postponed three month sabbatical took place during the summer of 2021. During which he completed training with 'A Place for Hope' on conflict resolution supporting the Connexional 'Reconciliation and Mediation Team Pilot Project' for which he is now an accredited mediator.

Liverpool District level commitments continue for Marie-Anne as District Candidates Secretary and for Patrick who has been appointed as the District Probationers Secretary. These responsibilities also support the Connexional Positive Working Together strategy which encourages everyone to reflect on the way in which they engage and interact with each other within the life of the church and the wider community.

The Covid-19 national lockdowns meant that for most of another year church and community buildings were closed. However, clergy and members were fortunate to be able to continue worship via YouTube thus enabling many people across the churches, and further afield, to participate. We are grateful to Martin Maynard Circuit Webmaster for continuing to produce services online as well as all those who stepped out of their comfort zones to take part in recordings. Many other activities continued through the Zoom platform including meetings of the Circuit Trustees. During the Liverpool City Region Tier 3 covid restrictions most of the churches were able to facilitate Christmas services outdoors.

Victoria Methodist Church finally closed for worship on Advent Sunday 29th November 2020. The building is now leased to Compassion Acts a local Christian Charity who use the building to run Food Banks and Food Pantries across the local area as well as offering Welfare Benefits Advice to reduce poverty and increase social well being.

Rev Martin Abrams and Rev Jan Fraser are Chaplains at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital Trust and Martin is the Trust 'Freedom to speak up Guardian'. Both have been fully involved in supporting church members and the local community in the hospitals as well as patients recovering at home during what has been an unprecedented demanding time on NHS services and patient care. Rev Martin is also a trustee of Queenscourt Hospice and he with Rev Jan Fraser provide pastoral support to the patients and staff.

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2. Review of the year (cont.)

Both the Circuit Outreach Worker and the Mission Enabler were placed on furlough for periods of time as the churches were closed but both found new ways to engage with the community from dropping off activity bags to families, delivering food parcels and medicines to the vulnerable and isolated. Many members supported in this work in similar ways. There were online bible studies and prayer groups, coffee mornings and 'in person' open-air activities.

New community Circuit led projects, The Bereavement Journey and Take Time Meditations which commenced the previous year under the guidance of Rev Ann Hall were suspended as 'in person' activities during the lockdown. However other work on development plans for these projects was able to continue and they were able to move online. The Circuit Living Room project based at the Soup Kitchen in Southport, a place that provides a safe space, support and spiritual care for the vulnerable and homeless, was also unable to remain open because of the size of the venue.

All Trustees and local Churches have worked together to ensure church life and mission has been able to continue throughout the lockdown and sincere gratitude is expressed for the way in which everyone has responded and supported each other in these challenging times.

Sincere gratitude is also expressed to those trustees who have retired during the course of the year and to new appointees as reflected on the list of names in Appendix 1.

Future developments

As churches have reopened for worship it has been acknowledged that the online services are also a 'lifeline' for people who are unable to attend in person, therefore we continue to explore options to continue this.

Mission activities have also resumed and the Circuit led projects involving The Bereavement Journey and Take Time Meditations have recommenced with renewed purpose to provide care and compassion to those in need. The partnership with Compassion Acts at the Victoria Centre is also developing. The Living Room has not reopened and a 'drop in centre' called the Harbour has been established instead along with a Dining Club.

Rev Rachel Bray, the curate at St Philip and St Paul with Wesley is due to be ordained priest in June 2022 and will continue as curate at the church.

Superintendent Rev Marie-Anne Kent will take a three month Sabbatical in June during which time Rev Patrick Evans will cover the superintendents responsibilities.

The Circuit continues to meet and work closely with the local churches and other faith communities in Southport; to explore further ways of working together to progress and support the sustainability of Christian mission and worship for the area. The Trustees have reflected on the positive experiences that have emerged from the experience of the pandemic in adapting to ways in which pastoral care was able to be maintained for all corners of society. There are significant challenges as we move forward with changing church attendance, financial pressures and the potential changes to circuit boundaries as we explore working more closely with the United Reformed Church.

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Finance

During the year the Circuit received income of £388,347 including a net capital receipt of £121,854 (2020 £261,825 income). Income derives principally from the assessment income it received from the churches which form part of the Circuit. Expenditure on charitable activities amounted to £289,887 (2020 £281,774). Excluding capital receipts and revaluations, the net deficit for the year was £98,460 compared to a net deficit (excluding capital receipts) of £20,496 in 2020.

It is the charity's policy to maintain general fund reserves of approximately four months' general expenditure in order to maintain sufficient reserves to accommodate any unexpected requirements on the charity's funds. At the year end reserves amounted to £488,622 (2020 £384,424), and the increase in reserves is explained by the increase in the CMT funds following the sale of a church building during the year.

Plans for 2021/22

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there remains three full-time ordained staff with anticipated cost living stipend increases, combined with an increase in the assessment paid to the district such that the assessment for each church will not be increased in the forthcoming year.

4. Structure, governance and management

Governing documents

The governing document for the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976). Governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the local preachers' meeting.

Charity constitution

Trust deed.

Trustee training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees .

Circuit management and governance is supported by a lay worker Administrator who also oversees GDPR policy and regulation alongside the Data protection officer. Review processes are in place to continue to ensure compliance.

Related parties

The Circuit is part of the Liverpool District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the Circuit:-

Ainsdale, Bescar Lane, Leyland Road, Liverpool Road, Lord St West (LEP URC), Cornerstone, St. Philip & St. Paul with Wesley (LEP Anglican), St Francis of Assisi (LEP Anglican) and Russell Road.

Other related party transactions are disclosed in the accounts

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Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Leadership with professional advice taken as required. There is an annual review process undertaken and recorded and risks are reviewed throughout the year.

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

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

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

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

The Southport Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable. The Circuit is supported in these responsibilities by the Circuit Safeguarding Officer.

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Statement of Trustees Responsibilities for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees 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, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP (FRS 102) ;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

M Kent
Signature

23 March 2022
Date

MARIE-ANNE KENT
Full name

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

Declarations and Scrutiny


I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the

Signature of treasurer  Date..... 22/3/2022
Name and address of treasurer B STEWART 20 ASPEN GARDENS
..... SOUTHPORT Post Code..... PR8 6DZ

Presentation to the District Policy Committee

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were, or will be,*

presented to the District Policy Committee at its meeting on 31st March 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting M KENT Date 23/03/22

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the District, named above

The charity's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 present a true and fair view of the charity's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011
- state whether particular matters have come to my 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 with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the trustees concerning 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. My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

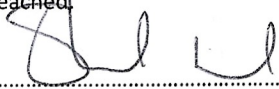
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

(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 2011
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011

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.

Signature of independent examiner..... 

Name of independent examiner STUART NOAD

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCA

Address 34 BRIGHTON ROAD

..... SOUTHPORT Post Code PR8 4DD

Date 8TH APRIL 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted) £	Total 2020-21 £	Total 2019-20 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	300	-	300	310
Charitable activities	3	239,802		239,802	245,526
Investment income	4	196	1,349	1,545	3,233
Other income	5	24,846		24,846	12,756
Capital receipts	6	-	121,854	121,854	-
Total		265,144	123,203	388,347	261,825
Expenditure					
Grants and donations	7	3,170		3,170	7,047
Salaries and associated costs	8	150,909		150,909	158,885
Property maintenance		20,982		20,982	4,968
District Assessment & Levy		60,001	7,817	67,818	75,570
Depreciation		142		142	190
Telephone and travel		3,045		3,045	3,382
Insurance and utilities		12,204		12,204	17,073
Other expenditure	9	31,205	412	31,617	14,659
Total		281,658	8,229	289,887	281,774
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets	12	219,000	-	219,000	-
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	12	-	5,596	5,596	(547)
Net income/(expenditure)		202,486	120,570	323,056	(20,496)
Transfers between funds	16	9,558	(9,558)	-	-
Net movement in funds	16	212,044	111,012	323,056	(20,496)
Total funds brought forward	16	1,209,632	206,338	1,415,970	1,436,466
Total funds carried forward	16	1,421,676	317,350	1,739,026	1,415,970

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of the financial statements

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Totals 2021	Totals 2020
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	11	561,404	-	561,404	1,031,546
Investment property	12	689,000	-	689,000	-
Investments	13	-	36,083	36,083	30,487
Total fixed assets		<u>1,250,404</u>	<u>36,083</u>	<u>1,286,487</u>	<u>1,062,033</u>
Current Assets					
Debtors	14	9,023		9,023	7,635
Central Finance Board Deposits		163,321	281,267	444,588	331,335
Cash at Bank and in hand		31,527		31,527	33,288
Total current assets		<u>203,871</u>	<u>281,267</u>	<u>485,138</u>	<u>372,258</u>
Current liabilities					
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	15	32,599	-	32,599	18,321
Net current assets/liabilities		<u>171,272</u>	<u>281,267</u>	<u>452,539</u>	<u>353,937</u>
Net assets		<u>1,421,676</u>	<u>317,350</u>	<u>1,739,026</u>	<u>1,415,970</u>
Funds of the Circuit					
General Fund (Unrestricted)	16	1,421,676	-	1,421,676	1,209,632
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	16	-	317,350	317,350	206,338
Total Funds		<u>1,421,676</u>	<u>317,350</u>	<u>1,739,026</u>	<u>1,415,970</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Circuit trustees on 23/03/22..... and were signed on its behalf b

M A Kent

Trustee

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

1 Basis of accounting

Accounting Standard

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £

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. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

Public benefit entity

The Southport Methodist Circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102

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.

Going Concern

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis which the trustees consider to be appropriate based on the level of the charity's reserves.

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably 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.

VAT

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

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Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500.

The Circuit has made use of the deemed cost option on transitioning to FRS 102. The value of the manses is shown in the accounts at deemed historical cost, representing each property's carrying value as at 1st September 2015. No depreciation is provided on the manses because the trustees consider the current residual value of each property in its present condition to be not less than its deemed historical cost, and, in the absence of evidence of impairment, any depreciation provision for the building component of the property would be immaterial.

Fixtures and fittings are depreciated at the rate of 25% per annum on net book value.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the Circuit's charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

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.

2 Donations and legacies received

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations	300	310

3 Charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Assessments on churches	239,802	245,526

The Circuit comprises eight churches and each church pays an assessment to the Circuit determined on the basis of its membership.

4 Investment income

	2021	2020
	£	£
Central Finance Board	1,349	2,189
Miscellaneous	196	1,044
	1,545	3,233

5 Other income

	2021	2020
	£	£
Job Retention Scheme grants	8,674	5,869
Rental income	16,172	6,887
	24,846	12,756

6 Capital receipts

	2021	2020
	£	£
Gross sale proceeds	180,000	-
Selling fees	(10,243)	-
CPF levy on property sales	(47,903)	-
Net capital receipt	121,854	-

Capital receipt relates to the sale of Crossens Methodist Church. The sale of the property is subject to a levy by the Connexion calculated on a sliding scale based on the sale price.

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7 Grants and donations	2021	2020
	£	£
Compassions Act	-	1,024
Leyland Road Lay Worker	2,868	3,823
Higher Tour Southport 2020	-	2,000
Sundry donations and gifts	302	200
	<u>3,170</u>	<u>7,047</u>

8 Payment to Trustees

With the exception of ministers, no Circuit member received any remuneration during the year to 31st August 2021 (2020 £nil).

8 (cont.) Paid Employees	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff Costs paid during the year were:		
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	122,011	127,748
Employer's National Insurance costs	9,270	9,253
Pension costs	19,628	21,884
Total staff costs	<u>150,909</u>	<u>158,885</u>

Average number of staff in the year were: 7 8

No employees received remuneration of more than £60,000 per annum in 2020/21 or 2019/20.

8 (cont.) Pensions

The charity makes contributions to the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme on behalf of its ministers. This is a defined benefit scheme which is treated for accounting purposes as a defined contribution scheme on the grounds that it is a multi-employer scheme and the Circuit is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme. The amount charged in the Statement of financial Activities is therefore the amount of pension contributions payable in the year.

9 Other expenses	2021	2020
	£	£
Administration	4,100	5,143
On line Sunday services	21,024	5,095
Legal and professional fees	4,369	-
Preachers	624	1,422
Sundry expenses	1,500	2,999
	<u>31,617</u>	<u>14,659</u>

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10 Comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Total 2019-20
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	310	-	310
Charitable activities	245,526	-	245,526
Investment income	1,044	2,189	3,233
Other income	12,756	-	12,756
Capital receipts	-	-	-
Total	259,636	2,189	261,825
Expenditure			
Grants and donations	7,047	-	7,047
Salaries and associated costs	158,885	-	158,885
Property maintenance	4,968	-	4,968
District Assessment & Levy	66,668	8,902	75,570
Depreciation	190	-	190
Telephone and travel	3,382	-	3,382
Insurance and utilities	17,073	-	17,073
Other expenditure	14,203	456	14,659
Total	272,416	9,358	281,774
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	-	(547)	(547)
Gains/(losses) property disposals	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	(12,780)	(7,716)	(20,496)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Reclassification of funds	13,978	(13,978)	-
Net movement in funds	1,198	(21,694)	(20,496)
Total funds brought forward	1,208,434	228,032	1,436,466
Total funds carried forward	1,209,632	206,338	1,415,970

11 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Manses	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 1st September 2020	1,030,977	1,800	1,032,777
Additions	-	-	-
Reclassification	(470,000)	-	(470,000)
At 31st August 2021	560,977	1,800	562,777
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1st September 2020	-	1,231	1,231
Depreciation charge for year	-	142	142
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st August 2021	-	1,373	1,373
Net book value			
At 31st August 2021	560,977	427	561,404
At 31st August 2020	1,030,977	569	1,031,546

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12 Investment Property

Fair value	£
Reclassification	470,000
Revaluation	219,000
At 31st August 2021	689,000

During the year two of the charity's manses were let out on long-term lets. The properties have therefore been transferred from tangible fixed assets to investment property and revalued to fair value.

13 Fixed Asset Investments

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

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model 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, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

	2021 £	2020 £
Investments held in common investment funds	36,083	30,487
Market value at start of year	30,487	31,034
Disposals	-	-
Gain(loss) on revaluation	5,596	(547)
Market value at end of year	36,083	30,487

14 Debtors : amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments - stipends in advance	9,023	6,025
Other debtors	-	1,610
	9,023	7,635

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Assessments in advance	17,042	18,321
District assessment payable	15,557	-
	32,599	18,321

16 Movement in funds
Unrestricted funds

	General Fund £	Circuit Model Trust Fund £	Total £
At 1st September 2020	1,209,632	206,338	1,415,970
Transfers between funds	9,558	(9,558)	-
Net income for the year	202,486	120,570	323,056
At 31st August 2021	1,421,676	317,350	1,739,026

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17 Related Party Transactions

During the year the charity entered into the following related party transactions :-

The Circuit Meeting in June 2021 agreed to allow Compassion Acts, a charity in of which one of the Circuit's trustees is a trustee, to rent part of a Circuit property. The first three months of their lease was 'rent free' to assist them in the transition time between buildings and towards alterations required. The first rent payments to the Circuit commenced in October 2021.

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CIRCUIT TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

CIRCUIT MINISTERS

Rev'd	Marie-Anne	Kent	Superintendent Minister
Rev'd	Patrick	Evans	Member of the Leadership Team
Rev'd	Alex	Galbraith	Member of the Leadership Team (AM)
Rev'd	Peter	Lyth	Member of Leadership Team (AM)
Rev'd	Sonya	Marshall	Member of the Leadership Team (AM) appointed 01/12/2020

SUPERNUMERARY

Rev'd	Ann	Hall	Supernumerary Minister
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CIRCUIT STEWARDS

Mr	Stephen	Hardiman	Senior Circuit Steward appointed 23rd September 2020
Mr	Barry	Stewart	Circuit Steward & Circuit Treasurer
Dr	Dominic	Bray	Circuit Steward until 31st August 2021
Mrs	Pamela	O'Malley	Circuit Steward until 31st August 2021
Mrs	Jean	McKenna	Circuit Steward
Ms	Sally	Eyes	Circuit Steward
Mrs	Helen	Revill	Circuit Steward until 6th September 2021
Mrs	Shirley	Potts	Circuit Steward appointed 27th June 2021
Mr	John	Attwater	Circuit Steward until 31st August 2020
Mr	Michael	Huddleston	Circuit Steward appt 18th March 2021 until 28th November 2021

LOCAL PREACHERS

Mrs	Cynthia	May	Local Preachers Meeting
Mrs	Shirley	Potts	Local Preachers Meeting
Mrs	Sarah	McDonald-Howard	Mission Enabler until 31st October 2021

CIRCUIT CHURCH

Rev'd	Rachel	Bray	Rep PPW
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REPRESENTATIVES

Mr	John	Attwater	Treasurer Liverpool Rd & Russell Rd appointed 1st September 2020
Mr	David	Campbell	Rep Russell Road (Steward)
Mr	John	Cass	Treasurer Liverpool Rd until 31st August 2020
Mr	Derrick	Chamberlain	Russell Road Treasurer until 26th September 2020
Mrs	Maureen	Clode	Rep Victoria until 5th September 2020
Mrs	Elizabeth	Cockburn	Rep Victoria until 5th September 2020
Mrs	Pamela	Christopher	Rep Liverpool Rd appointed 7th October 2021
Mrs	Margaret	Crosby	Rep Leyland Rd appointed 15th September 2021
Mr	Barry	Edwards	Rep Lord St West (Steward)
Mrs	Sue	Evans	Treasurer Victoria until 5th September 2020 & 'Class' Rep
Mr	John	Forshaw	Rep Bescar
Miss	Lesley	Goddard	Rep Ainsdale (Steward)
Mrs	Doreen	Goulding	Rep Ainsdale
Mr	Christopher	Hall	Rep Leyland Road (Steward)
Mr	Lawrence	Hanson	Rep Bescar
Mr	Stephen	Hardiman	Rep Victoria (Steward) until 5th September 2020
Mrs	Margaret	Harwood	Rep PPW

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Mrs	Mary	Hill	Rep Cornerstone
Mrs	Susan	Hitchings	Treasurer Cornerstone
Mr	Peter	Jones	Treasurer PPW
Mrs	Sandra	Kinley	Rep Cornerstone
Mrs	Ruth	Lane	Rep Lord Street West

REPRESENTATIVES (Cont.)

Mrs	Suzanne	Linford	Treasurer Bescar
Mr	James	Lloyd	Rep Liverpool Rd
Mrs	Jane	Maude	Treasurer Ainsdale until 30th September 2020
Mrs	Pamela	O'Malley	Treasurer Cornerstone
Mr	Peter	Musker	Treasurer Ainsdale appointed 1st October 2020
Mr	David	Potts	Rep Leyland Rd (Steward)
Mr	Trevor	Roberts	Rep St. Francis appointed 27th May 2021
Mrs	Dorothy	Simpkin	Rep Cornerstone
Mr	Andrew	Tate	Treasurer Leyland Road
Mr	Ted	Taylor	Rep Ainsdale
Mrs	Judith	Thomas	Rep PPW
Dr	Andrew	Trimble	Rep Liverpool Rd until 7th October 2021
Mr	Allen	Webb	St Francis Treasurer
Mrs	Sheena	Williams	Rep St Francis until 30th June 2021
Mrs	Jayne	Wilcox	Rep Liverpool Rd
Mr	Ian	Wright	Treasurer Lord Street West
Mrs	Patricia	Wright	Rep Cornerstone

CIRCUIT MEETING SECRETARY

Dr	Dominic	Bray
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