

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statement for the Year ended 31 August 2024
for
The Methodist Church Bolton Circuit

Haslam Financial Services Ltd

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The Methodist Church Bolton Circuit

Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities 'Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number 1134395

Principal address

Harwood Methodist Church
Longsight
Bolton
Lancashire
BL2 3HX

Trustees

Mr P Firth acts as treasurer for the charitable trust.

The members of the Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees. A full list of trustees is included in the financial statements.

Independent Examiners

Haslam Financial Services Ltd.,
12 New Church Road
BOLTON
BL1 5QP

Solicitors

The charity's solicitors are Blake Morgan, Seacourt Tower, West Way, Oxford.

Advisers

The charity's investment managers are TMCP, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester M1 1JQ.

The following ministers acted throughout the year;

Rev S Hooks
Rev H Howarth
Rev C Pritchard

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The charitable trust is constituted by the Deed of Union 1932, the Methodist Church Act 1976, is part of the Methodist Church of UK. The trustees listed have served throughout the year. Appointment of trustees is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976. The Managing Trustees of Churches and the Circuit are empowered by our Standing Orders to appoint new trustees and to fill vacancies arising through resignation or death of an existing trustee. Circuit Managing Trustees have regular meetings where the Circuit's main areas of activity and by extension the aims of the charity are discussed and agreed. The day to functioning of the circuit is governed by Standing Orders as set out in the Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church. The charitable trust is registered with the Charity Commission.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Managing Trustees review the major risks which the charity face and consider that there are none which would stop the charity from maintaining its objects. Assessments from individual churches have been agreed for the forthcoming year. It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a reasonable level to cover unforeseen expenses. This provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration and support costs for at least 6 months.

Ministerial stipends and lay employee salaries and associated costs decreased by 7.0%, District Assessment increased by only £86. Office expenses were reduced from £7,825 in 2023 to £7,423 in 2024. Other outgoings have increased from £5,651 in 2023 to £14,969 in 2024 (mainly due to the lack of removal expenses and legal costs due sale of Chew Moor Church and Edgworth Methodist Church).

Church assessments are increased by 7.5% (2024 - £271,587, 2023 - £252,426), and the 2024 balance sheet has been reduced after writing off outstanding assessments due from St Helens Road (now Connections) of £17,413. Property costs are higher than the previous year (2024 - £37,628 2023 - £30,930) mainly due renovation work at the St James Avenue manse. Letting income from manses has increased by £2,667 year on year.

The value of manse property has been included at the valuations supplied by Methodist Insurance as at 25th March 2024. There was an overall increase in fixed assets (excluding TMCP investments of £51,616 (2023 - £310,598).

The result of the above is an increase in the net funds year on year of £348,731 (2023 – £304,512. The balance sheet includes debtors consisting of loans to Harwood (£45,000 - £20,000 paid off this year) and St Helens Road (now Connections) (£5,313). The total income and expenditure account for the year is detailed in the financial statements.

Funds available are sufficient to permit the trust to continue in operation in the medium term, given the agreed assessments of the individual churches and the Connexional nature of its governance. The trustees review the major risks which the charity faces and consider that there are none which would stop the charity from maintaining its objects.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Safeguarding.

The Circuit is committed to ensuring the implementation of the Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches. A major training programme has enabled all members needing updating training and those needing initial training to attend an appropriate session.

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Investment Powers

The Methodist Church Act 1976 authorises the trustees to make and hold investments using the general and other funds of the charity, and such investments are presently held and shown within the financial statements at their current value.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives and aims of the Managing Trustees are to oversee and further the work of the Methodist Church. To this end, those activities which come within the oversight of the Managing Trustees are to provide ministerial oversight, manage circuit property including manses, contribute, as agreed, to District and Connexional assessments and be mindful of development opportunities for the Circuit. In order to do this the Managing Trustees, raise assessments on individual Methodist Churches in the Bolton area in accordance with Standing Orders. They may also make grants to individual churches for property, Ministry and Mission as permitted and governed by the Standing Orders. The Managing Trustees believe that these activities and the church resources are for the public benefit as, through its work the Managing Trustees enable pastoral ministry, spiritual engagement and contribute to community development in the Bolton Area. The Managing Trustees have noted the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The trust holds monies received from the sale of Church property as Restricted Funds. These funds are restricted by the Standing Orders for the purpose of property purchases, renovation or mission projects. The Trust also holds permanent endowment funds, the income from which is available for general purposes.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The Managing Trustees consider that the performance of the charity this year has been satisfactory. Stipends and Salaries have been covered, circuit property kept in reasonable repair and managed and external expenses covered. 3 employees continue to be supported by the circuit. Pastors continue to make a significant contribution to the work of the circuit. The Managing Trustees also funded the role of Circuit Administrator with a discrete Circuit Office located within one of the churches.

The trust would not be able to provide such service without the continued support of individual churches, the circuit superintendent, treasurer and other volunteer staff.

The Methodist Church Bolton Circuit
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

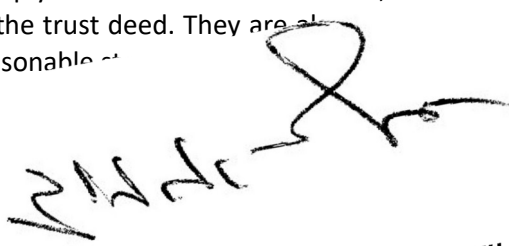
The trustees are responsible for preparing this report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, 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. The statements must 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;
- 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 to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

At



4th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Treasurer / Steward

The Methodist Church Bolton Circuit
Appendix to the Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

Managing Trustees 2023/24

Ms	Catherine	Arthurs		Mrs	Heather	Laycock				
Mr	Graham	Ashford		Mrs	Diane	Le Fevre				
Mrs	Glennys	Astley		Mr	Christopher	Loheide				
Mrs	Mike	Bainbridge		Mr	Howard	Masters				
Mrs	Fiona	Belli		Mr	Martin	Mercer				
Mrs	Helen	Bolton		Mrs	Kirstin	Middleton				
Rev	Anne	Cash		Mr	Jeff	Millington				
Mrs	Helen	Charlton		Mr	Colin	Nelson				
Mr	Steven	Day		Mrs	Julie	Owen				
Mr	Peter	Frith		Mrs	Gillian	Platt				
Mrs	Kath	Glen		Mr	Richard	Polley				
Mrs	Fiona	Gorton		Rev	Christopher	Pritchard				
Mr	Peter	Green		Mrs	Mary	Riley				
Mrs	Ruth	Hall		Mr	Arthur	Samhungu				
Dr	John	Harbottle		Mr	John	Skipworth				
Mr	Sharon	Harbottle		Mrs	Anne	Skipworth				
Mr	David	Hartley		Mrs	Anne	Slater				
Mrs	Maureen	Hawksworth		Mrs	Anne	Smith				
Mr	Michael	Hawksworth		Mr	Graham	Smith				
Mr	Doug	Hearn		Mrs	Helen	Stuart				
Rev	Sarah	Hooks		Mrs	Pat	Taylor				
Rev	Hilary	Howarth		Mr	Charles	Venables				
Mr	Derek	Jones		Mr	Eric	Wilkes				
Mrs	Hilda	Keenan		Mr	Frank	Worsley				

The Methodist Church - Bolton Circuit

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting policies

i Accounting standard

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)* applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

ii Public benefit entity

The Bolton Methodist Circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical costs or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

iii 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. The accruals basis has been used and trustees present accounts that show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

iv Content

The financial information presented is relevant, reliable, comparable and complete. Where estimates are used these are based on experience, research, and judgement. The accounts are expressed in £ Sterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

v FRS102 SORP2015 (applies to 2016-17 onwards)

These accounts are compliant with FRS102 and with the FRS102 SORP 2015. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable charity law in England this being the Charities Act 2011 and SI 2008/629 (Charities Accounting and Reporting Regulations) and, pending the making of replacement Regulations specific to SORP 2015 in accordance with Reg.8(5) by following SORP (FRS102) instead of SORP 2005 to the extent necessary to give a true and fair view in the circumstances.

vi Going concern

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31 August 2024, the trustees believe that the Circuit is a going concern.

vii Consolidation

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

viii Income recognition

Income is brought into account when there is entitlement and the amount is reliably measurable once it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income will be forthcoming.

Individual amounts categorised as *Other income* in the SOFA will be shown separately if they are considered material

The Circuit acts as agent in two matters:

- the collection from Churches and payment over of their contributions to various funds controlled and administered by The Methodist Church - "Connexional Funds"
- the administration (application, collection and disbursement) of grants requested by Churches within the Circuit from, but not limited to, the

District and Connexion in all these matters the transactions are not reflected in the SOFA because they are the income of either the Connexion or Churches as appropriate. Instead the transactions are disclosed in the Notes to the Accounts as required by SORP (FRS102), module 19.12n In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the time of volunteers is not recognised. If goods are donated, a value will be shown in the SOFA or Notes where the value is considered material.

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Notes to the Accounts

ix Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, where the amount is reliably measurable and it is considered more likely than not that there will be an outflow of economic benefit.

x Grants

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

xi VAT

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

xii Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £250. The freehold and/or long leasehold residential property is shown in the accounts at August 2024 deemed values, being the insurance reinstatement according to Methodist Insurance as at February 2023. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment.

From time to time the Circuit may be required to assume responsibility for Church premises following closure and cessation of worship. This results in the Circuit becoming Managing Trustees for the property. At that time the property is recognised as an asset at its anticipated net sale price as determined by professional valuation and after taking into consideration the levy to be charged by the Connexion. Expenditure on such assets, if held for reinvestment of the proceeds, as the trustees determine, likely to enhance sale value is capitalised at the time expenditure is incurred. Where the proceeds are intended to be spent on activities, the property is included in current assets at the lower of cost and realisable value

xiii (a) Investment Properties

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

xiii (b) Investments

The Circuit's investments are in monetary assets classified as basic financial instruments under FRS102 and are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP. The unrealised gains arising on investments are shown in the SOFA.

xiv Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors are stated at the amounts owed to the Circuit or prepaid.

xv Creditors and Accruals

Creditors are initially recognised at settlement amount after any trade discounts, or the amount advanced to the Circuit. Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the 1st quarter assessment received in August.

xvi Transaction to FRS 102

Other than as shown in the SOFA for the reclassification of expenditure between categories, no restatement of items, nor of the 1 September 2023 funds value, nor of the published net income for the year to 31 August 2024, has been required in making the transition to FRS 102. The transition date as defined by FRS102 was 1 September 2016

Statement of Financial Activities for year ended 31 August 2024

	General	Circuit Model Trust	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Totals 2024	Totals 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments							
Donations and legacies							2,582
Income from Monetary Investments	17,611			2,491	19,254	39,356	25,819
Income from Investment Property	34,579					34,579	31,902
Income from charitable activities							
Assessments on churches	271,587					271,587	252,426
Capital receipts	359,364					359,364	
Grants							
Other Charitable activities							11,081
Total from charitable activities	683,141	0		2,491	19,254	704,886	323,810
Other charitable income							
Total charitable income	683,141	0		2,491	19,254	704,886	323,810
Other income							
Total Income and endowments	683,141	0		2,491	19,254	704,886	323,810
Expenditure							
Expenditure on charitable activities							
Grants and donations							1,000
Salaries and associated costs	215,312					215,312	231,551
Property	37,628					37,628	30,930
Offices expenses	5,618			196	1,609	7,423	7,825
District Assessment and levy	53,264					53,264	53,178
Other Outgoings	14,969	122,432				137,401	5,651
Total charitable expenditure	326,791	122,432		196	1,609	451,028	330,135
Net income b4 invest gains/losses	356,350	- 122,432		2,295	17,645	253,858	-6,325
Net gain/loss on monetary invest	554				42,703	43,257	237
Net gain/loss on property disp/reval	51,616					51,616	310,598
Net in/out resources before transfer	408,520	122,432		2,295	60,348	348,731	304,510
Transfers between funds						0	
Reclassification of funds						0	
Other gains/losses						0	
Net Movement in funds	408,520	122,432		2,295	60,349	348,731	304,510

Total funds brought forward						0	
Less: Future instalments of grant						0	
Total Funds carried forward	408,520	122,432			2,295	60,349	348,731
							304,510

The Methodist Church - Bolton Circuit
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	General	Circuit Model Trust	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Totals 2024	Totals 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets							
Circuit Manses and Equipment	782,269					782,269	946,279
Investment properties	1,180,923					1,180,923	965,297
Investments							
Total fixed assets	1,963,192		0			1,963,192	1,911,576

Current Assets

Debtors	19,960			216		20,176	39,834
Loans by the Circuit	50,113					50,113	70,872
Trustees for Methodist Ch Purposes	404,259			45,210	610,091	1,059,560	773,592
Central Finance Board Deposit	142,199					142,199	96,241
Methodist chapel Aid	75,000					75,000	75,000
Cash at Bank	38,311					38,311	30,563
Total current assets	729,842			45,426	610,091	1,385,359	1,086,102

Creditors (in under one year)	1,902			536		2,438	296
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Net current liabilities	1,902	0	0	536	0	0	0
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Total assets, less current liabilities	2,691,132	0	0	44,890	610,091	3,346,113	2,997,382
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Creditors and Accruals including any loans
(due after more than 1 year)

Grant instalments due after 2017/8		0				0	
Net current assets	2,691,132	0	0	44,890	610,091	3,346,113	2,997,382

Funds of the Circuit

General Fund (Unrestricted)	2,691,132		
Circuit Model Fund (Unrestricted)		0	
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			0

Total Unrestricted Funds						2,691,132	
Restricted Funds					44,890	44,890	68,632
Endowment Funds						610,091	564,476
Total Funds	2,691,132	0	0		44,890	610,091	2,997,382

2. Detailed Analysis of Individual Fund Movements

Unrestricted Funds

		Opening	Income	Expend	Trans	Invest	Closing
Various Bequests	5331	36,551	1,156	1,156		Trustee Int Fund	36,551
Circuit MTF	7415	103,732	368,561	128,307	23,722	Trustee Int Fund	367,708
		140,283	369,717	129,463	23,722		404,259

Restricted Funds

Circuit MTF	7415 A	23,687	102	67	-23,722	Trustee Int Fund	0
D Smith Memorial	17607	296	16	1		Capital with restrict	311
Development Fund	19341	3,741	198	198		Trustee Int Fund	3,741
Surplus Assessmt	19103	41,108	2,175	2,175	50	Trustee Int Fund	41,158
		68,832	2,491	2,441	-23,672		45,210

Endowment

Tatton Trust	7237	1,000	53	3	-50	Trustee Int Fund	1,000
W Tattersall	22539	100,188	10,559	285		CFB Mgd Mixed	110,462
Circuit Assess Trust	10801	42,912	2,807	2,128		Trustee Int Fund	43,591
						& CFB Mgd Mixed	
Leigh Bramwell	12601	420,376	48,538	13,877		Trustee Int Fund	455,037
						& CFB Mgd Equity	
		564,476	61,957	16,293	-50		610,090

3. Total ministerial Costs

Stipends	106,933
NI	9,947
Pension contribution	29,403

Lay Employment Costs

Salaries	60,327
NI	5,263
Pension	3,277
Travel	

Telephone	1,330
Post and stationery	134
Travel	2,812
Total	150,559

	4,283
Telephone	1,097
Office rent	0
Office print, stationery	472
Total	74,719

4 Payment to Trustees	This Year	Last Year
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting	0	0
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	0	0
Nature of the expenses	0	0
There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2023 or the year ended 31 August 2024		
Total amount paid	0	0

5. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts	£	£
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	1400	1400
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	0	0
Total	1400	1400

6. Tangible Fixed Assets	Freehold Property	Leasehold Property	F&F/Motor Vehicles	Total
Cost/valuation at 1 st September 2023	820,627	1,090,949	19,828	1,931,404
Disposals				
Additions				
Revaluations	22,158	29,458		51,616
At 31st August 2024	842,785	1,120,407	19,828	1,983,020
Depreciation:	20% SL			
At 1 st September 2023			19,828	19,828
Charge on year				

Film				
At August 31 st 2024			19,828	19,828
Net book values				
At August 31 st 2024	842,785	1,120,407	0	1,963,192
At August 31 st 2023	820,627	1,090,949	0	1,911,576

**Report of the Independent Examiners to the Trustees of
The Methodist Church Bolton Circuit**

We have examined the financial statements of The Methodist Church Bolton Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

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

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiners.

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities set out in their report, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view.

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under Section 154 of that Act.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An inspection involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Report of the Trustees to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we

become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies, we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

Report of the Independent Examiners to the Trustees of The Methodist Church Bolton Circuit

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

There has been a positive net movement in funds during the year of £348,731 (2023 – £304,512), leading to an increase in the balance sheet value (ie. total funds) to £3,346,113 (2023 - £2,997,382). This increase mainly is due to sale of Chew Moor Methodist Church (after the CMTF levy deducted), the increase in valuation of properties owned (£51,616) and the increase in the valuation TMCP investments (£43,257). Without those movements, net funds would have been increased of £8,659. Therefore, the finances of the circuit appear to be in a healthy position as at the date of these accounts.


Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Company: **Haslam Financial Services Ltd**
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Signature  : Date: **24th February 2025**

Name: **Peter Haslam ACCA CIMA**