

DANE AND TRENT METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1134464

Details

Other names	MOW COP, BIDDULPH AND CONGLETON METHODIST CIRCUIT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2010-02-23
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: Advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist church.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Cheshire East
- Staffordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£319,480	£350,264	-	-
2024-08-31	£303,642	£358,861	-	-
2023-08-31	£277,063	£311,541	-	-
2022-08-31	£626,507	£419,827	£2,263,647	8
2021-08-31	£428,975	£304,933	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALISON JANE DULEY		2015-09-01
AMANDA JEAN PETERS		
Adrian Thompson		2024-09-01
Alec Needham		2020-09-01
Alison Sherman		2015-09-01
Andrew John Webb		2024-09-01
Anna Marie Carrington		2024-09-01
Arthur Verity		2024-09-01
Audrey Haydon		2020-09-01
BARBARA KENNERLEY		2013-09-01
Brian Donlon		2018-02-13
Brian Walker		2020-09-01
CHRISTINE DONLON		2016-10-12
Carole Taylor		2024-08-01
Carolyn Lovatt		2024-09-01
DAVID JOHN PICKLES		
Dorothy Wickstead		2017-09-01
ELIZABETH TWEATS		2015-09-01
GEOFF BUTLER		2014-09-01
HELEN WATSON		2014-09-01
HERBERT BARRY DALE		
Helen Bailey		2018-09-01
ISOBEL WORTHINGTON		2014-09-01
JOHN ANDERSON		2024-09-01
JOHN DULEY		2013-09-01
JOHN RIGBY WARREN		
JOHN STUART DALE		

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JULIE HALMAN		2018-09-01
JULIE N IMBER		2013-09-01
Jenny Tingle		2020-09-01
John Funnell		2018-09-01
Kath Bridgett		2024-09-01
Kath Salt		2024-09-01
Keith Farr		2016-09-01
Kirsty Scullion		2024-09-01
LINDA MARJORIE ASHBROOK		
Lisa Kennerley		2015-09-01
MARY JONES		2013-09-01
Margaret Lindley		2024-09-01
Marilyn Beckett		2016-09-01
Martin Leake		2016-09-01
Mary Moss		2017-09-01
Myra Cowan		2017-03-16
Patricia Bodell		2017-09-01
Peter Bradley		2018-09-01
ROSEMARIE GOODWIN		
Rev MARGARET EATON		2014-09-01
Rev Nicola Joy Langton-Miller		2019-09-01
Ruth Elizabeth Pickles		
Sandra Tomlinson		2017-03-07
Steve Best		2024-09-01
Sue Millard		2018-09-01
Terry Emerson		2024-09-01
Yanyan Case		2023-09-01

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Brief financial review of the year

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Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. Assessments were increased by 4% based on an agreed formula of a fixed rate increase and ability to pay, overall income was £272222.

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with conference approved ' increases. Likewise Lay Worker salaries were increased in line with the Real Living Wage.

Circa £61k is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

There was an increase in expenditure on Manse repairs necessary to prepare two manses for incoming ministers in the last church year but this has now returned to more normal levels.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2025 the net current assets held within the Bank and CFB accounts of the Circuit were £167k, giving approximately 12 months cover for expenditure.

Plans for 2025/26

Circuit assessments will be increased by 4% based on the formula used last year. This is to provide some protection for the smaller churches and give time for others to reassesses their income streams. Sums of monies would be available to aid churches with short term financial issue and to support further lay worker employment.


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Basis of preparation and legal framework

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2025							
	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024-25
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1	Donations and legacies						0
2	Income from monetary investments	4,246	11,666		3,449		19,360
3	Income from investment properties						0
4	Assessments on Churches	272,222					272,222
5	Capital Receipts						0
6	Grants received	10,821					10,821
7	Other charitable income	17,077					
8	Total income	304,366	11,666	-	3,449	-	319,480
Expenditure							
9	Grants and donations	7,456			1,500		8,956
10	Salaries and associated costs	244,023					244,023
11	Property maintenance	5,906					5,906
12	Connexional assessment & model trust levy		11,247		235		11,482
13	District Assessment & Levy	60,979					60,979
14	Depreciation						0
15	Office expenses	6,326					6,326
16	Other outgoings	12,592					12,592
17	Total charitable expenditure	337,282	11,247	0	1,735	0	350,264
18	Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19	Gains/(losses) on investment properties						
20	Net income/(expenditure)	-32,916	419	0	1,714	0	-30,783
21	Transfers between funds	40,000	- 40,000				0
22	Other gains/(losses)						
23	Net movement in funds	7,084	-39,581	0	1,714	0	-30,783
24	Total funds brought forward	159,445	255,546	1,052	72,388		488,431
25	Total funds carried forward	166,529	215,965	1,052	74,102	-	457,648

Name of Circuit	Dane and Trent					Circuit No	11/05	
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025								
	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2024/25 £	Totals 2023/24 £
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment							1,664,669	1,664,669
Investment properties							0	
Investments							0	
Total fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0	0	1,664,669
Current Assets								
Debtors		25,002					25,002	27,660
Loans by the Circuit							0	
Investments with TMCP			215,965		74,102		290,067	327,934
Central Finance Board Deposits		76,280					76,280	102,159
Cash at Bank and in hand		90,277		1,052			91,329	59,391
Total current assets		191,559	215,965	1,052	74,102	0	482,678	517,144
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)		1,740					1,740	67
Grants payable within one year							0	
Total current liabilities		1,740	0	0	0	0	1,740	67
Net current assets/liabilities		189,819	215,965	1,052	74,102	0	480,938	517,077
Total assets less current liabilities		189,819	215,965	1,052	74,102	0	480,938	2,181,746
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after one year							0	
Loans to the Circuit							0	
							0	
Net assets		189,819	215,965	1,052	74,102	0	480,938	2,181,746
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		189,819					189,819	1,852,760
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			215,965				215,965	255,546
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				1,052			1,052	1,052
Total Unrestricted Funds							406,836	2,109,358
Restricted Funds					74,102		74,102	72,388
Endowment Funds						0	0	
Total Funds		189,819	215,965	1,052	74,102	0	480,938	2,181,746
						Signed		
								
						Circuit Treasurer		

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. The salaries paid to ministers was £138967; National Insurance £18032, Pension Contributions £26823. Lay Worker salary costs were £41912. We were charged an Apprentice Levy of £1387.
2. The water bills paid for our four manses totalled £11397; Local Authority rates were £10487. Other manse expenditure this year totalled £5906.
3. Other outgoings included £4612 for telephone calls/provision; £3150 for supernumerary preaching fees, travel expenses of £7780.
4. We continue to fund regular maintenance of the Lask Edge graveyard.
5. Fixed Assets – Where the actual cost of manses is known these have been used. In other cases the deemed costs established at 1st September 2015 have been used

Actual purchase cost of one manse in 2019, £317,500

Deemed Cost based on 1st September 2015, three manses £1,347,169
a total of £1,664,669

6. The Debtors figure of £25002 represents church assessments paid in advance prior to the new financial year along with other accounts paid in advance.
7. The £1052 in the designated funds is Circuit Weekend monies that are now in the Circuit accounts and was transferred from the General Fund on the balance sheet this year.
8. Restricted Funds Richard Hickson Bequest
The bequest was the sum of £68529.30
Interest for the year was £3449. Under the terms of the Bequest this income is to be used in the Middlewich area and £3000 of this will be transferred to Middlewich

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum of £70,000 equivalent to 3 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure or of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

A further £50000 is to be held in reserve for support to churches with short term cash flow issues

£106000 is set aside for the employment of new Lay Workers (these to be approved by the Circuit Meeting)

A benevolent fund is held with a current balance of £2,552

Following a donation a sum of money is set aside for outreach activities especially with young people with an available balance of £654

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Independent Examiner's Statement

The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) 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 *Delete if not applicable i.e. all R&P accounts*
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts *Delete if not applicable i.e. all R&P 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/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 Sandie Young

Name of independent examiner: Sandie Young

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: ACCA

Name of firm (where appropriate):

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Date: 13th November 2025

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5	Capital Receipts						0
6	Grants received	11,864					11,864
7	Other charitable income	1,313	11,340				12,653
8	Total income	272,705	27,199	-	3,738	-	303,642
Expenditure							
9	Grants and donations						0
10	Salaries and associated costs	200,189					200,189
11	Property maintenance	38,182					38,182
12	Connexional assessment & model trust levy		22,728		202		22,930
13	District Assessment & Levy	59,203					59,203
14	Depreciation						0
15	Office expenses	5,666					5,666
16	Other outgoings	30,691			2,000		32,691
17	Total charitable expenditure	333,931	22,728	0	2,202	0	358,861
18	Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19	Gains/(losses) on investment properties						0
20	Net income/(expenditure)	-61,226	4,471	0	1,536	0	-55,219
21	Transfers between funds	95,000	- 95,000				0
22	Other gains/(losses)						0
23	Net movement in funds	33,774	-90,529	0	1,536	0	-55,219
24	Total funds brought forward	125,671	346,075	1,052	70,852		543,650
25	Total funds carried forward	159,445	255,546	1,052	72,388	-	488,431

Name of Circuit	DANE & TRENT	Circuit No	11/05
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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2023/24 £	Totals 2022/23 £
Fixed Assets							
Circuit Manses & Equipment	1,664,669					1,664,669	1,664,669
Investment properties						0	
Investments						0	
Total fixed assets	1,664,669	0	0	0	0	1,664,669	1,664,669
Current Assets							
Debtors	27,660					27,660	26,056
Loans by the Circuit						0	
Investments with TMCP		255,546		72,388		327,934	416,927
Central Finance Board Deposits	102,159					102,159	60,078
Cash at Bank and in hand	59,391					59,391	67,785
Transfer Between Funs	-1,052		1,052			0	
Total current assets	188,158	255,546	1,052	72,388	0	517,144	570,846
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	67					67	113
Grants payable within 2022-23						0	
Total current liabilities	67	0	0	0	0	67	113
Net current assets/liabilities	188,091	255,546	1,052	72,388	0	517,077	570,733
Total assets less current liabilities	1,852,760	255,546	1,052	72,388	0	2,181,746	2,235,402
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2022-23						0	
Loans to the Circuit						0	
Net assets	1,852,760	255,546	1,052	72,388	0	2,181,746	2,235,402
Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (Unrestricted)	1,852,760					1,852,760	1,818,475
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		255,546				255,546	346,075
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			1,052			1,052	
Total Unrestricted Funds						2,109,358	2,164,550
Restricted Funds				72,388		72,388	70,852
Endowment Funds					0	0	
Total Funds	1,852,760	255,546	1,052	72,388	0	2,181,746	2,235,402

Signed



Circuit Treasurer

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2. The water bills paid for our four manses totalled £1818; Local Authority rates were £10694. Other manse expenditure this year totalled £26174.
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DANE AND TRENT METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1134464

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 Mark Owens

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 Kath Salt

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John Duley Circuit Treasurer acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year.

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Michael John Collier, 59 Ravenscroft, Holmes Chapel, Cheshire

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The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit leadership Team with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular review process undertaken and recorded.

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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- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
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- 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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- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

Safeguarding

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The circuit has undertaken extensive reviews of all documentation held by the circuit and its churches. This has identified all data which would be available to the wider public so that formal agreement could be obtained in respect of the publication of personal information.

There are ongoing reviews to ensure that data is accurately maintained. Details of the required retention periods has been provided along with the means to destroy data which is no longer required.

Equality and Diversity

Ministers and Circuit/Church stewards will be required to undertake the training provide by the Methodist Church.

Brief financial review of the year

The financial outcome of the year in terms of the main expenditure area of salaries, manse utilities, were in line with the budget.

The churches within the circuit have all returned to face to face services following the pandemic however many are still seeing the impact on numbers and income.

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. To support churches recover from the COVID Pandemic assessments were maintained at the previous years levels. Total income from assessments totalled £242618.

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with conference approved ' increases. Likewise Lay Worker salaries were increased in line with the Living Wage. To support ministers following the increased cost of living an addition £1000 payment was made to them and for Lay workers the increase in the Living Wage was implemented from October 2022.

Circa £54k is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2023 the net current assets held within the Bank and CFB accounts of the Circuit were £127k, giving approximately 12 months cover for expenditure.


Plans for 2023/24

Circuit assessments will be increased by a flat rate of 2.5%. There will be a focus on recruiting ministers to replace the Superintendent Minister, who is retiring and the filling of the other ministerial vacancy. Sums of monies have been ring fenced to aid churches with short term financial issue and to support further lay worker employment.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRS) 102

Name of Circuit: DANE & TRENT						Circuit No	11/05
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023							
	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022-23
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1	Donations and legacies						0
2	Income from monetary investments	2,284	10,944		2,210		15,438
3	Income from investment properties						0
4	Assessments on Churches	247,065					247,065
5	Capital Receipts						0
6	Grants received	11,857					11,857
7	Other charitable income	2,679		25			2,703
8	Total income	263,885	10,944	25	2,210	-	277,063
Expenditure							
9	Grants and donations						0
10	Salaries and associated costs	203,581					203,581
11	Property maintenance	11,834					11,834
12	Connexional assessment & model trust levy		23,025		196		23,221
13	District Assessment & Levy	54,112					54,112
14	Depreciation						0
15	Office expenses	5,310					5,310
16	Other outgoings	13,482					13,482
17	Total charitable expenditure	288,320	23,025	0	196	0	311,541
18	Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19	Gains/(losses) on investment properties						0
20	Net income/(expenditure)	-24,435	-12,081	25	2,013	0	-34,478
21	Transfers between funds	50,000	- 50,000				0
22	Other gains/(losses)						0
23	Net movement in funds	25,565	-62,081	25	2,013	0	-34,478
24	Total funds brought forward	100,106	408,156	1,027	68,839		578,128
25	Total funds carried forward	125,671	346,075	1,052	70,852	-	543,650

Name of Circuit: DANE & TRENT							Circuit No	
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023								
	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2022/23 £	Totals 2021/22 £
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment		1,664,669					1,664,669	1,664,669
Investment properties							0	
Investments							0	
Total fixed assets		1,664,669	0	0	0	0	1,664,669	1,664,669
Current Assets								
Debtors		26,056					26,056	24,964
Loans by the Circuit							0	
Investments with TMCP			346,075		70,852		416,927	476,995
Central Finance Board Deposits		60,078					60,078	20,928
Cash at Bank and in hand		67,785					67,785	80,205
Total current assets		153,919	346,075	0	70,852	0	570,846	603,092
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)		113					113	4,114
Grants payable within 2022-23							0	
Total current liabilities		113	0	0	0	0	113	4,114
Net current assets/liabilities		153,806	346,075	0	70,852	0	570,733	598,978
Total assets less current liabilities		1,818,475	346,075	0	70,852	0	2,235,402	2,263,647
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2022-23							0	
Loans to the Circuit							0	
Net assets		1,818,475	346,075	0	70,852	0	2,235,402	2,263,647
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,818,475					1,818,475	1,785,625
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			346,075				346,075	408,156
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0			0	1,027
Total Unrestricted Funds							2,164,550	2,194,808
Restricted Funds					70,852		70,852	68,839
Endowment Funds						0	0	
Total Funds		1,818,475	346,075	0	70,852	0	2,235,402	2,263,647
					Signed			
								
					Circuit Treasurer			

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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2. The water bills paid for our four manses totalled £2104; Local Authority rates were £10135. Other manse expenditure this year totalled £11834.
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Signature of independent examiner

Name of independent examiner: MICHAEL COLLIER

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: BANK OFFICIAL (ACTING)

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Fund balances

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Plans for 2022/23


In view of the uncertainty that the current pandemic brings it was agreed that the circuit would absorb projected increase, specifically salaries and maintain assessments at current rates. Following the appointment to the vacant Ministerial post the level of supernumerary ministry has been reduced. Sums of monies have been ring fenced to aid churches with short term financial issue and to support further lay worker employment.

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Name of Circuit: Dane and Trent						Circuit No	11/05
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022							
	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021-22
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1	Donations and legacies				68,529		68,529
2	Income from monetary investments	129	1,055		310		1,494
3	Income from investment properties						0
4	Assessments on Churches	249,640					249,640
5	Capital Receipts		300,561				300,561
6	Grants received						0
7	Other charitable income	6,084		200			6,284
8	Total income	255,852	301,616	200	68,839	-	626,507
Expenditure							
9	Grants and donations						0
10	Salaries and associated costs	190,489					190,489
11	Property maintenance	30,872					30,872
12	Connexional assessment & model trust levy		104,899				104,899
13	District Assessment & Levy	53,472					53,472
14	Depreciation						0
15	Office expenses	1,202					1,202
16	Other outgoings	38,893					38,893
17	Total charitable expenditure	314,928	104,899	0	0	0	419,827
18	Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19	Gains/(losses) on investment properties						0
20	Net income/(expenditure)	-59,076	196,717	200	68,839	0	206,680
21	Transfers between funds						0
22	Other gains/(losses)						0
23	Net movement in funds	-59,076	196,717	200	68,839	0	206,680
24	Total funds brought forward	159,182	211,439	827	-		371,448
25	Total funds carried forward	100,106	408,156	1,027	68,839	-	578,128

BALANCE SHEET 31ST AUGUST 202

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022								
		General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2021/22	Totals 2020/21
	Notes to the Accounts	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment		1,664,669					1,664,669	1,221,611
Investment properties							0	
Investments							0	
Total fixed assets		1,664,669	0	0	0	0	1,664,669	1,221,611
Current Assets								
Debtors		24,964					24,964	24,738
Loans by the Circuit							0	
Investments with TMCP			408,156		68,839		476,995	211,439
Central Finance Board Deposits		20,928					20,928	53,783
Cash at Bank and in hand		79,178		1,027			80,205	111,976
Total current assets		125,070	408,156	1,027	68,839	0	603,092	401,936
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)		4,114					4,114	5,749
Grants payable within 2021-22							0	
Total current liabilities		4,114	0	0	0	0	4,114	5,749
Net current assets/liabilities		120,956	408,156	1,027	68,839	0	598,978	396,187
Total assets less current liabilities		1,785,625	408,156	1,027	68,839	0	2,263,647	1,617,798
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2021-22							0	
Loans to the Circuit							0	
							0	
Net assets		1,785,625	408,156	1,027	68,839	0	2,263,647	1,617,798
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,785,625					1,785,625	1,405,532
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			408,156				408,156	211,439
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				1,027			1,027	827
Total Unrestricted Funds							2,194,808	1,617,798
Restricted Funds					68,839		68,839	
Endowment Funds						0	0	
Total Funds		1,785,625	408,156	1,027	68,839	0	2,263,647	1,617,798
Signed								
Circuit Treasurer						John Duley		

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. The salaries paid to ministers was £114069; National Insurance £10504, Pension Contributions £29629. Lay Worker salary costs were £22633. We were charged an Apprentice Levy of £724. Pay costs increased this year following the appointment of an additional minister.
2. The water bills paid for our four manses totalled £1948; Local Authority rates were £9642. Other manse expenditure this year totalled £30872, this includes the remainder of the work to renovate the Ennerdale Drive Manse. These costs increased as once again we had responsibility for the Ennerdale Drive Manse.
3. Other outgoings included £3953 for telephone calls/provision; £2025 for supernumerary preaching fees, travel expenses of £5675. Following the sale of Bradshaw Brook and the return of allowable expenses there was a positive balance of £1703 from closed churches.
4. Fixed Assets – Where the actual cost of manses is known these have been used. In other cases the deemed costs established at 1st September 2015 have been used

Actual purchase cost of one manse in 2019, £317,500

Deemed Cost based on 1st September 2015, three manses £904,111
a total of £1,347,169

Bradshaw Brook– The sale was completed during the year and following payments of the various levies £300561 was received by the circuit from the sale

5. The Debtors figure of £24964 represents church assessments paid in advance prior to the new financial year along with two accounts paid in advance.
6. The £1027 in the designated funds is Circuit Weekend monies that are now in the Circuit accounts
7. Restricted Funds Richard Hickson Bequest
The bequest was the sum of £68529.30
Interest for the year was £309.76. Under the terms of the Bequest this income is to be used in the Middlewich area.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum of £70,000 equivalent to 3 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure or of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

A further £50000 is to be held in reserve for support to churches with short term cash flow issues

£106000 is set aside for the employment of new Lay Workers (these to be approved by the Circuit Meeting)

A benevolent fund is held with a current balance of £2,242

Following a donation a sum of money is set aside for outreach activities especially with young people with an available balance of £654

Independent Examiner's Statement

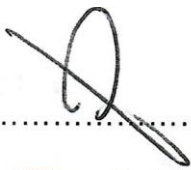
[The Circuit's gross income exceeded €250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of (insert name of applicable listed body)]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) 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 Delete if not applicable i.e. all R&P accounts
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts Delete if not applicable i.e. all R&P 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~~/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 E 10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

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 M. J. COLLIER

Signature of independent examiner qualification of independent examiner: BANK OFFICIAL (RETIRED).....

Name of independent examiner:

Relevant professional

Name of firm (where appropriate):.....

Address 59..... RAVENSCROFT HOLMES CHAPEL CRESNICK.....

DANE AND TRENT METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1134464

Accounts

DANE & TRENT METHODIST CIRCUIT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year ending 31st August 2021

Introduction

The Trustees of the Dane & Trent Circuit present their annual report together with financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2021.

Mission Statement

As a Circuit we are committed to building up thriving and effective Christian communities which aim to love God, serve Christ and love people - in whatever different ways that demands and takes.

Aims and organisation

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union and are defined in the 1976 Methodist Church Act 1976 (Section 4). They are 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 being a 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.

It will achieve these aims through –

- The organising and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the Church and non-members
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved
- Taking religious assemblies in local schools
- The promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services
- The provision of chaplaincy services where appropriate
- The employment of lay and ordained staff to enable the Circuit and churches to achieve the aims stated above

Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team.

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 available to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Chester & Stoke-on-Trent District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit:

Biddulph

Bosley

Bradshaw Brook

Brookhouse Green

Cloud

Davenport

Goostrey

Hill Top (Biddulph Moor)

Holmes Chapel

Key Green

Lower Withington

Middlewich

Mow Cop

New Road (Biddulph Moor)

Rood Lane (Congleton)

Trinity (Congleton)

Wellspring (Congleton)

The members of the Dane & Trent Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Fully membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers: Rev Yvonne Pearson (Superintendent Minister)

 Rev Anne Coates

 Rev Nic Langton-Miller

 Rev Margaret Eaton (Part Time)

 Rev William Arthur Wakelin (Part Time)

Circuit Lay Workers: Julia Tomes
 Kathleen Salt

Administrators: Rebecca Taylor

Circuit Stewards: Lisa Kennerley (Senior Steward)

 Brian Donlon

 Rose Goodwin

 Mark Owens

 Amanda Peters

Circuit Treasurer John Duley

John Duley Circuit Treasurer acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year.

Independent examiner

Michael John Collier, 59 Ravenscroft, Holmes Chapel, Cheshire

Bankers

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
 Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Bankers National Westminster Bank pic

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit leadership Team with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular review process undertaken and recorded.

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 Dane & Trent 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 Dane & Trent 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.

Data Protection (GDPR)

The circuit has undertaken extensive reviews of all documentation held by the circuit and its churches. This has identified all data which would be available to the wider public so that formal agreement could be obtained in respect of the publication of personal information.

There are ongoing reviews to ensure that data is accurately maintained. Details of the required retention periods has been provided along with the means to destroy data which is no longer required.

Brief financial review of the year

The financial outcome of the year in terms of the main expenditure area of salaries, manse utilities, were in line with the budget.

The national lockdown and the closure of churches had a significant impact on other budget areas with the majority out turning below the anticipated levels. Other expenses did increase to support the move to on line services and meetings

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. Furlough payments and income from the rent of the Ennerdale Manse were also collected during the year.

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with conference approved ' increases. Likewise Lay Worker salaries were increased in line with the Living Wage.

Circa £51k is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2021 the net current assets of the Circuit were £159k, giving approximately 12 months cover for expenditure.

Plans for 2021/22

In view of the uncertainty that the current pandemic brings it was agreed that the circuit would absorb projected increase, specifically salaries and maintain assessments at current rates. Following the appointment to the vacant Ministerial post the level of supernumerary ministry has been reduced. Sums of monies have been ring fenced to aid churches with short term financial issue and to support further lay worker employment.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRS) 102

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31st August 2021

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021							
	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020-21
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1	Donations and legacies						0
2	Income from monetary investments	105	474				579
3	Income from investment properties	8,420					8,420
4	Assessments on Churches	251,064					251,064
5	Capital Receipts	15,784	149,501				165,285
6	Grants received	1,734					1,734
7	Other charitable income	1,873		20			1,893
8	Total income	278,980	149,975	20	-	-	428,975
Expenditure							
9	Grants and donations						0
10	Salaries and associated costs	167,458					167,458
11	Property maintenance	21,886					21,886
12	Connexional assessment & model trust levy		42,718				42,718
13	District Assessment & Levy	55,154					55,154
14	Depreciation						0
15	Office expenses	1,992					1,992
16	Other outgoings	15,185		540			15,725
17	Total charitable expenditure	261,675	42,718	540	0	0	304,933
18	Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19	Gains/(losses) on investment properties						
20	Net income/(expenditure)	17,305	107,257	-520	0	0	124,042
21	Transfers between funds	-	780	780			0
22	Other gains/(losses)						
23	Net movement in funds	16,525	107,257	260	0	0	124,042
24	Total funds brought forward	142,657	104,182	567			247,406
25	Total funds carried forward	159,182	211,439	827	-	-	371,448

BALANCE SHEET 31ST AUGUST 2021

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2020/21 £	Totals 2019/20 £
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment		1,221,611					1,221,611	1,391,611
Investment properties							0	
Investments							0	
Total fixed assets		1,221,611	0	0	0	0	1,221,611	1,391,611
Current Assets								
Debtors		24,738					24,738	22,627
Loans by the Circuit							0	0
Investments with TMCP			211,439				211,439	104,182
Central Finance Board Deposits		53,783					53,783	79,642
Cash at Bank and in hand		111,149		827			111,976	64,807
Total current assets		189,670	211,439	827	0	0	401,936	271,258
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)		5,749					5,749	657
Grants payable within 2018-19							0	0
Total current liabilities		5,749	0	0	0	0	5,749	657
Net current assets/liabilities		183,921	211,439	827	0	0	396,187	270,601
Total assets less current liabilities		1,405,532	211,439	827	0	0	1,617,798	1,662,212
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2018-19		0					0	0
Loans to the Circuit		0					0	0
Net assets		1,405,532	211,439	827	0	0	1,617,798	1,662,212
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,405,532					1,405,532	1,557,463
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			211,439				211,439	104,182
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				827			827	567
Total Unrestricted Funds							1,617,798	1,662,212
Restricted Funds					0		0	
Endowment Funds						0	0	
Total Funds		1,405,532	211,439	827	0	0	1,617,798	1,662,212

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. The salaries paid to ministers was £102234; National Insurance £8310, Pension Contributions £24488. Lay Worker salary costs were £25434.71. We were charged an Apprentice Levy of £676.85.
2. The water bills paid for our four manses totalled £1440; Local Authority rates were £6543 Other manse expenditure this year totalled £21886, this includes the start of work to renovate the Ennerdale Drive Manse. The Ennerdale manse has been let on a short term contract and income from this totalled £8420
3. Other outgoings included £3136 for telephone calls/provision; £125 for supernumerary preaching fees, travel expenses of £1821. Following the sale of Harriseahead and the return of allowable expenses there was a positive balance of £11654 from closed churches.
4. Fixed Assets – Where the actual cost of manses is known these have been used. In other cases the deemed costs established at 1st September 2015 have been used

Actual purchase cost of one manse in 2019, £317,500

Deemed Cost based on 1st September 2015, three manses £904,111

a total of £1,221,611

Harriseahead – The sale was completed during the year and following payments of the various levies £106992 was received by the circuit from the sale

5. The Debtors figure of £24738 represents church assessments paid in advance prior to the new financial year along with two accounts paid in advance.
6. The £827 in the designated funds is Circuit Weekend monies that are now in the Circuit accounts

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum of £64,000 equivalent to 3 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure or of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

A further £50000 is to be held in reserve for support to churches with short term cash flow issues

£106000 is set aside for the employment of new Lay Workers (these to be approved by the Circuit Meeting)

A benevolent fund is held with a current balance of £2,232

Following a donation a sum of money is set aside for outreach activities especially with young people with an available balance of £654

Declarations

TREASURER

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

Signature of Treasurer  Date 22nd September 2020

Name John Duley

Address 27 Ravenscroft Close Middlewich Cheshire CW10 9PX

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

Dane & Trent Circuit

This report is on the Circuit Funds for the year ended 31 August 2018 which are set out within these pages, and is in respect of an examination carried out under section 43 of the Charities Act 1993.

Respective responsibilities of the Circuit Meeting and the Examiner

As Trustees, you are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records and the preparation of the appropriate accounts. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995

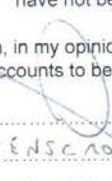
Basis of Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. This examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Circuit Treasurer and a comparison of the accounts with those records. The procedures undertaken do not provide evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave 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  Name & Address MJ COLLIER
59 RAVENSCROFT HOLMES CHAPEL CHESHIRE CW4 7HT

Relevant professional qualification or body: BANK OFFICIAL (RETIRED) Date: 16.10.20

Appendix A

Dane & Trent Methodist Circuit Meeting Register of Trustees as at September 2021

Name	Appointed to Circuit Meeting as:	vote
Revd Yvonne Pearson	Superintendent Minister	1
Revd Anne Coates	Minister	1
Revd Nicola Langton-Miller	Minister	1
Revd tim Simms	Minister	1
Revd Margaret Eaton	Supernumerary Minister with Pastoral Care	1
Revd Dr Keith Davies	Supernumerary Minister	1
Revd Andrew Lindley	Supernumerary Minister	1
Hilary Balsdon	LWPT Secretary	1
Amanda Peters	Circuit Steward Year 2	1
Brian Donlon	Circuit Steward Year 1	1
Mark Owens	Circuit Steward Year 2	1
Kath Salt	Circuit Steward Year 1	1
Rose Goodwin	Circuit Steward Year 5	1
Lisa Kennerley	Snr Circuit Steward Year 4	See L/With
John Duley	Circuit Treasurer	See M/wich
Margaret Shaughnessy	Circuit Property Secretary	See H/Chp
Christiana Caswell	Safeguarding Officer	1
Additional Persons		
Linda Ashbrook	CLT member	1
		1
		1

Name	Appointed to the Circuit Meeting as:	Vote
Biddulph (118 members)		
Sue Millard	Steward	1
Amanda Peters	Treasurer	1
David Tildesley	Representative elected by Church Council	1
Ruth Pickles	Representative elected by Church Council	1
Bosley (35 members)		
Isobel Worthington	Steward	1
Alison Sherman	Treasurer	1
Alec Needham	Representative elected by Church Council	1
Bradshaw Brook (17 Members)		
David Lea	Steward	1
Allan Moore	Treasurer	1
Sara Williams	Representative elected by Church Council	1
Brookhouse Green (36 Members)		
John Warren	Church Steward	1
Trish Bodell	Treasurer	1
Mary Moss	Representative elected by Church Council	1
Cloud (17 Members)		
Audrey Haydon	Representative elected by Church Council	1
Linda Ashbrook	Church Treasurer	1
Helen Bailey	Representative elected by Church Council	1

Davenport (23 Members)		
Vacant	Church Steward	
John Dale	Treasurer	1
Barry Dale	Representative elected by Church Council	1

Name	Appointed to the Circuit Meeting as:	Vote
Goostrey (37 Members)		
Brian Walker	Church Steward	1
John Funnell	Treasurer	1
Martin Leake	Representative elected by Church Council	1
Hill Top (40 Members)		
Marilyn Beckett	Church Steward	1
Dorothy Wickstead	Treasurer	1
Eileen Philips	Representative elected by Church Council	1
Holmes Chapel (148 Members)		
Jill Booth	Church Steward	1
John Percival	Treasurer	1
Christine Donlon	Representative elected by Church Council	1
Helen Watson	Representative elected by Church Council	1
Key Green (19 Members)		
Frank Dean	Church Steward	1
Julie Imber	Treasurer	1
Vacant	Representative elected by Church Council	

Lower Withington (63 Members)		
Barbara Kennerley	Church Steward	1
Lisa Kennerley	Treasurer	1
Julie Halman	Representative elected by Church Council	1

Name	Appointed to the Circuit Meeting as:	Vote
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Middlewich (62 Members)		
Jane Duley	Church Steward	1
John Duley	Treasurer	1
Sue Davies	Representative elected by Church Council	1

Mow Cop (20 Members)		
Christine Hancock	Treasurer	1
Russ Bromley	Church Steward	1
Myra Cowan	Representative elected by Church Council	1

New Road (16 Members)		
Ann Moreton	Church Steward	1
Keith Farr	Treasurer	1
Sandra Tomlinson	Representative elected by Church Council	1

Rood Lane (16 Members)		
Elizabeth Tweats	Church Steward	1
Harvey Gilbert	Treasurer	1
Vacant	Representative elected by Church Council	1

Trinity (176 Members)		
Jenny Tingle	Church Steward	1
Cicely Johnson	Treasurer	1
Mary Jones	Representative elected by Church Council	1
John Anderson	Representative elected by Church Council	1

Wellspring (99 Members)

Liz Clarke	Church Steward	1
Geoff Butler	Treasurer	1
Peter Bradley	Representative elected by Church Council	1