

THE METHODIST CHURCH - LIVERPOOL (SOUTH) CIRCUIT

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020**

Charity Registration No. 1134958

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THE METHODIST CHURCH - LIVERPOOL (SOUTH) CIRCUIT TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report for the year ended 31st August 2020.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Circuit's mission statement which was approved by the Circuit Meeting on 4th December 2003 is "To make disciples for Jesus Christ".

Our Mission policy (2011) states:

- we uphold the Methodist Connexional Policy of 'Our Calling', which through worship, learning, caring, service and evangelism, forms the basis of Christian discipleship.
- we recognise the Methodist Connexional Priority to proclaim and affirm God's love for all and the renewal of confidence in God's presence and action in the world.
- we affirm Methodism as a discipleship movement shaped for mission.

Circuit Mission Priorities:

We are working together in the power of the Spirit to offer Jesus's invitation to people across our communities to follow him and discover God's way of living life to the full.

Key areas include:

- Exploring effective partnerships for worship and mission.
- Deepening discipleship through regular small groups, courses and events.
- Encouraging the nurture of and witness to children and young people.
- Helping churches to identify specific mission opportunities in their neighbourhoods.
- Supporting such opportunities with targeted resources of money and personnel.
- Providing a staff team that can lead and enable our mission through all our members.
- Exploring how to use our premises more effectively.

The Mission Policy provides for:

- ministerial oversight and pastoral care of the nine churches in the Circuit.
- support of a ministry team which includes Lay workers.
- maintenance of the three Circuit manses and one former manse which is let for strategic purposes on a short term lease. Roby Road manse is being prepared for sale. A better located replacement is being purchased.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

In 2019-20 we continued our theme of 'Push The Boat Out' introduced in October 2016 to encourage Circuit churches to deepen discipleship, focus on local mission opportunities and explore new and more effective uses of their skills, finances and premises.

To help with this, we decided to fully support the initiative launched by the Methodist Conference in 2019, 'Going for Growth'.

Plans to welcome Reverend Clement Matarirano from Zimbabwe on 1st September 2020 for five years were put in place and he will have responsibility for the churches at Court Hey and Trinity.

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Additional Circuit Youth Worker Andrew Parsons was recruited.

Through these strategies and the earlier 'Choosing to Change', we have made the decision to fund the new costs incurred by the Circuit from reserves. The number of full time staff will be three presbyters and one deacon.

The number of churches has also reduced through Childwall Valley's bold step of faith in deciding to sell their building and explore moving to a new model of church. They moved first to Hope Chapel while seeking God's guidance to find a base in a deprived community. A decision was taken in August 2020 to cease the Missional Community. Members of Childwall Valley dispersed among the other Circuit and local churches.

COVID-19 has resulted in the closure of our buildings from 16th March 2020. The Circuit continued its mission by supporting online worship, facilitating the distribution of written copies of services for those unable to go online, and oversee the risk assessments to ensure that buildings are COVID-secure when reopening is possible.

The Circuit supported the churches by giving a payment holiday for one-quarter's assessment due to the reduction in income through offerings and lettings.

Together with the experienced and dedicated Circuit Leadership Team, the Superintendent is seeking to bring insights from ministry across the connexion, develop strategic vision and support for mission initiatives.

The main source of income, the Circuit Assessment, reviewed annually, is an annual assessment upon each church. Ability to pay is considered in each of the churches.

The collection from the only joint Circuit service during the year due to the COVID-19 pandemic was for Kids In Need and Distress (KIND) and amounted to £700.

The Circuit's strategy of bringing the manse retained up to date remains ongoing although progress was negatively impacted by the pandemic. Additionally, any that are determined as possibly surplus to requirements will be sold or rented promptly. There is no intention to retain surplus property so any lets will be short term.

In this context, 34 Manor Road is let until 28th July 2021 at which point the Circuit will decide on its future use.

The Circuit benefitted from the net sale proceeds of the former Banks Road church building to the extent of £88,648 in July 2020 following deduction of the obligatory CPF Levy and repayment of grant of £871.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income in the year was £352,340 (2019: £713,935) of which £66,565 (2019: £427,231), related to funding for projects upon which restrictions are placed.

Total expenditure in the year was £325,467 (2019: £321,824), leaving a surplus for the year of £26,873 (2019: surplus £392,111) before losses on investment assets.

At 31st August 2020 the charity's reserves stood at £2,578,888 (2019: £2,552,358) of which £1,909,782 (2019: £2,062,124) represented restricted funds.

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Risk Management

The main risks, to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been considered and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves at a level to cover redundancy provision and six months' running costs should no further funding be received.

As at the end of the financial year the unrestricted funds totalled £669,106. The charity requires £2,693 for redundancy provision and £138,911 for six months' running costs (Total £141,604).

As reported last year, COVID-19 pandemic meant that it was necessary to give a payment holiday of one quarter's assessment income from our churches, a reduction of income in the year of £54,110. Due to the length of time churches and church halls doors have had to remain shut, the Trustees agreed to a further payment holiday being given in early 2021.

Plans for the future

With declining membership numbers and the fact that staff and assessment costs forms the bulk of our expenditure the Circuit is seeking to follow the 'Going for Growth' initiative launched by the Methodist Conference in 2020 and supported by the emerging District Policy at the Spring Synod in 2020. We aim to release resources to encourage worship, learning and discipleship, and mission and evangelism. By sowing the seed of the gospel we look for new disciples to emerge in and through our corporate witness.

Other than fully 'Going for Growth' no new projects are planned in the immediate future and we will continue to review the number of staff needed to function effectively.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Methodist Church – Liverpool (South) Circuit is a registered charity; number 1134958 formed in 16th March 2010 and is governed by The Methodist Church Act 1976 and The Deed of Union 1932.

The Methodist Church – Liverpool (South) Circuit is a formal group (S.O. 500 of the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church) of nine mutually supportive churches across South Liverpool. In accordance with charity law, each constituent church is responsible for producing and presenting its own financial accounts each year.

The Trustees of the charity under the terms of the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church are known as Managing Trustees.

The members of the Circuit Meeting are the Managing Trustees of the charity. They include the Circuit Superintendent, Circuit Ministers including Supernumeraries and appointed Lay workers. Circuit Stewards are elected to serve for six years. The remaining Trustees include the Circuit Administrator, Circuit Treasurer, Circuit Meeting Minute Secretary and nominated representatives from the nine churches of the Circuit.

The Circuit Meeting is held four times a year. The Circuit Leadership Team which consists of the Circuit Superintendent, Circuit Ministers including Supernumeraries, appointed Lay workers; Circuit Stewards and Circuit Treasurer also meet four times a year. The Circuit Stewards meet regularly throughout the year.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name	The Methodist Church - Liverpool (South) Circuit
Charity Number	1134958
Address & Office	Elm Hall Drive Methodist Church Elm Hall Drive Liverpool L18 1LF
Trustees	<p>During the year members of the Board of Trustees were as follows:</p> <p>Abiodun Adepitun Shirley Banks Pamela Bellis (Appointed 17th April 2021) Pamela Boffey Christine M Bolton Alice M Brett Natasia Bullock Timothy J Bullock Katherine Cook (Appointed 17th April 2021) Deacon Michaela J Doherty Gillian Dover Ralph Dransfield Stephen Elliot Andrew Gillespie Charles R Hardisty Kate Harrison Mark Harrison Margaret P Harvey Roger Heath Elizabeth A Hudson Rev Peter Hughes Kim J Kershaw Elizabeth Lloyd Philip A Lodge Derek Long (Resigned 30th June 2020) Graham Martin Matarirano Clement (Appointed 1st September 2020) Janine McGuire Jayne McLaren Edward Message Carolyn Munro Sandra Patterson Ada D Peers Arthur E Pye Edna M Pye Rev Jennifer C Rayner Richard C G Rees Clive Rigby Alfred Salami Wendy Smith (Resigned 31st August 2021)</p>

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Trustees continued

Susan M Steel

Judith M Sutcliffe

Stephen P Sutcliffe

Eleanor A Thomas

Jean Wharton

Linda M White

Rev Paul Wilson

Peter Wood

Rev Martyn Woodsford

(Resigned 31st August 2021)

(Resigned 31st August 2021)

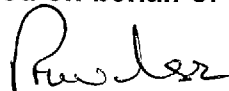
Independent Examiner

Graham Wright B A (Hons), FCA DChA,
c/o LCVS,
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Liverpool,
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Bankers

The Co-Operative Bank Plc
PO Box 250,
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WN8 6WT

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



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Rev Paul Wilson
Trustee

Date: 13.9.21

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH - LIVERPOOL (SOUTH) CIRCUIT

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2020 which are set out on pages 7 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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.

Name: **Mr Graham Wright**

Relevant professional qualification or body: **FCA DChA**

Address: **c/o LCVS 151 Dale Street, L2 2AH**

Dated: **16 September 2021**



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2a	389	-	389	1,881
Charitable activities	2b	182,142	59,521	241,663	245,752
Investments	2c	3,534	7,044	10,578	6,389
Other income	2d	99,710	-	99,710	459,913
Total income		285,775	66,565	352,340	713,935
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3	277,822	47,645	325,467	321,824
Total expenditure		277,822	47,645	325,467	321,824
Net (expenditure)/income		7,953	18,920	26,873	392,111
Transfer between funds	10,11	170,919	(170,919)	-	-
Gain on revaluation of fixed assets	4	-	-	-	231,000
(Loss)gain on investment assets	5	(-)	(343)	(343)	238
Net movement in funds		178,872	(152,342)	26,530	623,349
Total funds brought forward	10,11	490,234	2,062,124	2,552,358	1,929,009
Total fund carried forward	9-11	669,106	1,909,782	2,578,888	2,552,358

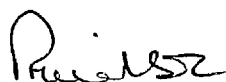
The notes on pages 9 to 17 form part of these accounts.

All the above amounts relate to continuing activities of the charity.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2020

	Notes	31 st August 2020		31 st August 2019	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	4		1,295,611		1,295,000
Investments	5		614,782		767,124
			<u>1,910,393</u>		<u>2,062,124</u>
Current assets					
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	6	2,867		15,033	
Cash at bank and in hand		712,503		508,751	
		<u>715,370</u>		<u>523,784</u>	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(46,875)		(33,550)	
		<u>-----</u>		<u>-----</u>	
Net current assets			668,495		490,234
			<u>-----</u>		<u>-----</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			2,578,888		2,552,358
			<u>=====</u>		<u>=====</u>
Funds:					
Unrestricted funds	9,10		669,106		490,234
Restricted funds	9-11		1,909,782		2,062,124
			<u>2,578,888</u>		<u>2,552,358</u>
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Approved by Trustees on 13 September 2021



Rev Paul Wilson, Trustee

13/9/21



Roger Heath, Trustee

13/9/21

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (SORP 2015) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2015) and Charities Act 2011.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for Charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Although, due to COVID-19, there will be a reduction of assessment income during this and future years, the Trustees are confident that the levels of liquidity and free reserves will not affect the charity's operations. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are the charity's free reserves available for the Trustees to apply in accordance with the charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by the donor.

Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies comprise of donations which are recognised in the accounts when received, with the exception of known legacies which are accounted for when their receipt is certain.

Income from charitable activities is recognised on an accruals basis except for grants receivable, which are recognised on the date on which their unconditional payment is confirmed by the donor.

Income from investment relates to bank interest and income from investments received and is recognised when the amount is certain.

Other income relates to rental, branch income, and loan interest received is recognised when the amount is certain.

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Fixed assets

Fixed assets (Freehold Property) are stated at valuation and reviewed by the Trustees on an annual basis and a professional valuation of all manses every five years.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of the asset over its expected useful life on the following basis

Fixtures and Fittings	20% per annum reducing balance basis
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Investments

Investments are included at market value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses are reported in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the Statement of Financial Activities. Support and governance costs are applied to unrestricted funds unless specifically included in the restrictions, as specified by the donor.

Expenditure on charitable activities relate to the operation of the charity comprising of direct charitable expenditure to meet the objectives of the charity. Support and governance costs relate to the management and operation of the organisation and also compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements in producing the annual report. These are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities when payment has been approved by the charity.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the Statement of Financial Activities. Support and governance costs are applied to unrestricted funds unless specifically included in the restrictions, as specified by the donor.

Cost of charitable activities relate to the operation of the charity comprising of direct charitable expenditure to meet the objectives of the charity. Support and governance costs relate to the management and operation of the organisation and also compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements in producing the annual report. These are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities when payment has been approved by the charity.

Taxation

Income and gains are exempt from taxation as they are received and applied for charitable purposes only. The charity benefits from various exemptions from taxation afforded by tax legislation and is not liable to corporation tax on income or gains falling within those exemptions. The charity is not able to recover Value Added Tax. Expenditure is recorded in the accounts inclusive of VAT.

2. Income and endowments from:

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
a. Donations and legacies:				
Donations	389	-	389	1,881
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	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
b. Charitable activities:				
Assessments	162,405	-	162,405	245,752
Introduced funds from Childwall Valley Church	19,737	59,521	79,258	-
	<u>182,142</u>	<u>59,521</u>	<u>241,663</u>	<u>245,752</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====
c. Investments:	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest	3,534	-	3,534	2,454
Income from UK listed investments	-	7,044	7,044	3,935
	<u>3,534</u>	<u>7,044</u>	<u>10,578</u>	<u>6,389</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====
d. Other income:	£	£	£	£
Branch income	-	-	-	5,366
Gains on disposal of tangible fixed asset	-	-	-	20,436
Loan interest	132	-	132	555
Net proceeds from sale of Banks Road Church/Childwall Valley Church	88,648	-	88,648	423,296
Rental income	10,930	-	10,930	10,260
	<u>99,710</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,710</u>	<u>459,913</u>
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3. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Direct Charitable Expenditure £	Support & Governance Costs £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Upholding the Methodist Connexional Policy of 'Our Calling', which through worship, learning, caring, service and evangelism, forms the basis of Christian discipleship.	268,416	57,051	325,467	321,824
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a. Analysed as follows:

	2020	2019
<i>Direct charitable expenditure:</i>	£	£
Staff salary costs	118,636	122,009
Pension	22,200	24,178
Ministerial expenses	5,401	10,514
Lay worker expenses	2,168	3,017
Grants	45,613	17,625
District assessment	50,560	54,344
Manse expenses	17,787	49,900
Bank Road expenses	693	-
Branch expenses	-	13,855
Books and materials	-	579
United Reform Church fees	3,980	3,900
Conference expenses	-	1,267
Gifts and donations	1,054	-
Room hire	324	-
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	268,416	301,188
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<i>Support & governance costs:</i>	2020	2019
	£	£
Investment charges	47,645	9,089
Other expenses	-	139
Circuit office	1,111	2,124
Stationery and postage	391	306
Computer costs	10	-
Legal and professional fees	-	410
Motor expenses	-	657
Apprentice levy	543	747
Insurance	5,266	4,597
Subscriptions and memberships	452	423
Travel expenses	-	664
Payroll fee	480	480
Accountancy	1,000	1,000
Depreciation	153	-
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	57,051	20,636
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Total expenditure on charitable activities	325,467	321,824
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£47,645 (2019: £9,089) of the above expenditure relates to restricted funding.

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b. Staff Costs	2020	2019
	£	£
Gross wages and salaries	109,393	113,104
Social security costs	9,243	8,905
Pension	22,200	24,178
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	140,836	146,187
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c. Particulars of employees:

Average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, was as follows:

	2020	2019
Charitable activities	5.4	5.5
	=====	=====

Five Trustees are employed by the charity and included in the figure above; the Trustees are not remunerated for their services as a Trustee.

4. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Total £
Cost or revaluation			
Balance as at 1 st September 2019	1,295,000	-	1,295,000
Additions during the year	-	764	764
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Balance at 31st August 2020	1,295,000	764	1,295,764
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Accumulated depreciation			
Balance at 1 st September 2019	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	153	153
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Balance at 31st August 2020	-	153	153
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Net Book Value at 31st August 2020	1,295,000	611	1,295,611
	=====	=====	=====
Net Book Value at 31st August 2019	1,295,000	-	1,295,000
	=====	=====	=====

The properties are included at valuation carried out by Sutton Kersh, a Chartered Surveyor on 19th October 2018. The Trustees considered there is no material change required to the valuation at 31st August 2020.

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5. Fixed asset investments

	2020	2019
	£	£
Market value at 1 st September 2019	767,124	560,675
Income	7,044	3,935
Sale proceeds less levy	108,313	669,413
Funds Introduced	39,855	-
Charges	(1,653)	(9,089)
Withdrawals	(305,558)	(458,048)
Net realised (loss)/gains on investment assets	(343)	238
Market value at 31st August 2020	614,782	767,124
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The investment assets are held by The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

6. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Debtors	1,592	-
Prepayments	1,275	3,296
Other Debtors	-	11,737
	2,867	15,033
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Other Debtors comprise a loan to St James (total balance due year end 31st August 2020 £nil (2019: £11,737)) bearing interest at 2% + base rate per annum. The base rate per annum as at 31st August 2020 was 0.75%. The loan was fully repaid by 31st August 2020.

7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals	1,000	1,000
Deferred income (note 8)	45,875	32,550
	46,875	33,550
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8. Deferred Income

	2020	2019
	£	£
Balance at 1 st September 2019	32,550	40,800
Amount deferred in the year	13,325	32,550
Amount released to incoming resources	(-)	(40,800)
Balance at 31st August 2020	45,875	32,550
	=====	=====

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Deferred income represents Assessment fees which relate to future accounting years.

9. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	Tangible Fixed Assets	Investments	Net Current Assets	Total
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	611	-	668,495	669,106
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Restricted Funds				
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,295,000	-	-	1,295,000
Fixed Asset Investment	-	614,782	-	614,782
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	1,295,000	614,782	-	1,909,782
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Totals	1,295,611	614,782	668,495	2,578,888
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10. Unrestricted Funds

	Movements in the Year					
	Resources at Beginning of year	Income	Expenditure	Gain on revaluation of fixed assets	Transfer between funds	Resources at End of year
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	490,234	285,775	(277,822)	-	170,919	669,106
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General Fund is used to finance the charity's general activities and core costs as outlined in the Trustees' Report.

Transfer between Funds represents the disposal of assets and the withdrawals from investments

11. Restricted Funds

	Movements in the Year					
	Resources at Beginning of year £	Income £	Expenditure £	Revaluation And Investment (loss) £	Transfer Between funds £	Resources at End of year £
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,295,000	-	(-)	(-)	(-)	1,295,000
Fixed Asset investment	767,124	7,044	(1,653)	(343)	(157,390)	614,782
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	2,062,124	7,044	(1,653)	(343)	(157,390)	1,909,782
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These are monies given to the Charity to be spent at the discretion of the Board of Trustees for specific charitable purposes as follows:

Tangible Fixed Assets - Representing Tangible fixed assets held by the charity and restricted by Methodist rules.

Fixed Asset investment - Representing investments held by the charity restricted by Methodist rules.

Transfer between Funds - represents the disposal of assets and the withdrawals from investments

12. Guarantees and Other Financial Commitments

There are no financial commitments under non-cancellable operating leases (2019: £Nil).

13. Related Parties

The following amounts were paid to Trustees, who are also Lay workers and ministers.

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Name		
Natasia Bullock	7,978	19,968
Deacon Michaela J Doherty	25,073	24,225
Rev Peter Hughes	25,073	24,228
Lena M Phillips	-	6,684
Rev Paul Wilson	27,564	26,094