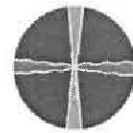


Preston Ribble Methodist Circuit
Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 August 2020



Charity No. 1135004

Trustees' Report for the year-ended 31st August 2020

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Preston Ribble Circuit for the year-ended 31st August 2020. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies and comply with the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Charities Act 2011 and The Statement of Recommended Practice:FRS102 (effective October 2019).

Structure, Governance & Management

The Circuit is constituted by the Deed of Union 1932, the Methodist Church Act 1976, is part of the Methodist Church and is governed by its' rules and standing orders. The Trustees named have served throughout the year. Appointment of trustees is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976. The Trustees meet quarterly to consider and agree the Circuit's areas of activity. The Trustees annually appoint a 'Circuit Leadership Team' (consisting of the Ministry Team and Circuit Stewards) to offer leadership and guidance in matters of Circuit policy and practice. The day to day administration of the Circuit is delegated to the Circuit Superintendent and the Circuit Treasurer, assisted by the Circuit Ministers, Stewards and Administrator. The Circuit is registered with the Charity Commission.

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.

Aims, Objects and Policies

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

- The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

The Circuit objectives are to provide ministerial stipends and manses, to manage property and to partly finance the Methodist Church and District expenses. In order to do this the Circuit raises assessments on individual Methodist Churches in the Preston Ribble area. The policy of the Circuit continues to be to raise annual assessments to finance its objectives. The Circuit also makes grants to individual churches to maintain property and for educational purposes as allowed by Methodist Church policies. The Circuit believes that these activities are for the public benefit as they are a resource body which enables ministry, public worship, spiritual engagement and development to take place in the Preston Ribble area and is available to the general public. The trustees have taken regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit.

The Circuit Model Trust Fund had a balance at the year-end of £624k. This fund derives from sales of chapels and manse and is restricted by internal Methodist Church policies for the purpose of property purchases, renovation or mission projects.

Achievements and Performance

The year 2019-20 has been a year of 2 halves in the first part we as set of trustees managed a significant amount of change.

At the start of the year we welcomed two new members of Ministerial staff to the team in addition to a new Children, Youth and Family Worker and also an Inclusion Worker, both in the West Preston section of the circuit

The 3 Churches in the West Preston Area achieved a new status as One Church on three sites. The primary aim was to resource and enable their mission. This system is beginning to work well. Longton Methodist Church had to cease to use their building for worship and came together with New Longton Methodist Church to form Hope Methodist Church.

In July 2020 Revd Kathrine Bland left the circuit. We were unsuccessful in gaining a new minister but in conjunction with the Lancashire District we were able to accept the deployment of a Lay worker to work in the Hope/Hoole section of the circuit.

Lea Methodist Church closed towards the end of 2017/18 and the Trustees continue to deal with the complexities of legal arrangements for the disposal of that property while managing the significant challenges of vandalism to an empty building. The treatment of anticipated investment property income of £165k remains unchanged in the accounts.

In September the Fox Street Community management work was transferred to Gateway Housing Association. This mission based housing project had provided accommodation for 20 men in the basement of the Circuit's city centre church, Central Methodist. This move enabled us to continue to support the work with the residents in the building while a long-term plan was formulated.

The Manse at 32 The Avenue, Ingol has been sold as this property was considered to be surplus to foreseeable requirements. See Financial Review for further details.

On a positive note, we have accepted 3 new local preachers. Out of 3 candidates for the Methodist Ministry 2 were accepted and we have another one for this year.

Trustees continue to offer significant support to:

- Established work in Preston city centre alongside the homeless, marginalized and vulnerable - including the employment of a Project Manager for the Olive Grove Café.
- The One2One Listening project and the running of Acorn Listening Courses which are open to all.
- Education through the two Methodist Schools in the circuit and a commitment to the interfaith chaplaincy team at University of Central Lancashire.
- Lay chaplain in Royal Preston Hospital.
- Twelve church buildings offering Community & Worship facilities enabling creative engagement in local neighbourhoods.
- Three local churches with significant open youth work and eight with Messy Church programmes.

- The Lancashire Methodist District's World Church partners in Sierra Leone and Papua New Guinea.

Following the discontinuance of worship at the Longton site, the Circuit consisted of 13 congregations meeting in 11 Church buildings and in one Community centre.

As previously adopted by the Trustees, a Circuit-wide Strategy & Resources Review continued to be implemented relating to Worshipping Communities, Spirituality & Discipleship, Pastoral Ministry, Mission in Communities, and Leadership. The Circuit continued to produce a quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of public worship take place at each of the 10 Methodist Churches including one ecumenical partnership in its geographical area. These are open to all people without charge. Ministers' stipends have been covered and manses kept in reasonable repair and District expenses met.

The appointed Property Group continued to oversee and manage Circuit Property effectively and to provide advice to churches. The Circuit Treasurer continued to support and advise the Trustees and develop financial management through the work of the Finance Support Group and support of the Circuit Administrator.

To date the circuit has had to close its churches due to the coronavirus lock down. This has had a significant effect on the financial state and mission of the circuit. On the plus side new ways of working and a committed set of staff and volunteers have enabled much to go ahead. Although the finances have been affected adversely this has not put the status of the circuit in jeopardy. We look forward to reimagining the way forward

The Circuit would not be able to provide such service without the continued support and work of individual churches, the Ministry Team, Circuit Stewards and Treasurer.

Financial Review

Assessments raised decreased by 1.02% on the previous year. Ministerial stipends, Lay Worker salaries, with associated NIC and pension costs, increased by 7.01%. Fixtures depreciated by £2,790 consistent with depreciation policy resulting in a Total Asset Net Book Value of £1,734,191. There was a deficiency in the General Fund of £12,540 and an increase of £61,027 in the Model Trust Fund. Principally, the sale of The Avenue manse resulted in a write out of £207K (asset net book value) from the General Fund and the inclusion of sale proceeds, after legal and professional fees of £195K, credited to the Model Trust Fund. Inclusive of Designated and Restricted Funds, Total Funds increased by £49,797 from £2,100,108 to £2,149,905.

Funds available are sufficient to permit the Circuit to continue in operation in the medium term, given the continued support of the individual churches, which has already been promised for the next church year.

Reserves Policy & Risk Assessment

The Trustees review the major risks which the Circuit faces and consider that there are none which would stop the Circuit from maintaining its objectives. Support from individual churches has been promised for the forthcoming year.

The Reserves Policy for the Preston Ribble Circuit is to hold a sum equivalent to 3 months' average expenditure thereby enabling the monthly payment of stipends and business expenses for five Ministers, (4 full time, one part time), monthly salaries and expenses for 7 lay employees in addition to our contribution to the District and Connexion, paid quarterly.

This policy, as supported by the Model Trust Fund, should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen items of major expenditure on manses and enable continued funding of planned strategic objectives, consistent with the Circuit's Strategy and Resources Review.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial activities during the year and of its' financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, The Trustees are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- d) Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Circuit will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Circuit and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Account and Report) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Circuit and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

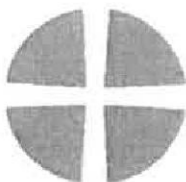
Approval

This Report was approved by the Trustees on 14/06/21 and signed on their behalf.

Signature



Rev K Le Mouton (Acting Superintendent Minister)



**Circuit
Accruals Accounts
2019-2020**

THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2020

Preston Ribble Methodist **Circuit**

Registered Charity - Registration number

1135004

Lancashire

District No / Circuit No

21 /11

Ministers

Rev Jane Wild
Rev Ray Borg
Rev Karen Le Mouton
Rev Janet Titterton
Rev Barbara Petitt

Circuit Stewards

Mr John Spencer (Senior Circuit Steward)
Mrs Jan Astley
Mrs Judith Gallagher
Mrs Gillian Ferris
Mrs Wendy Bennett
Mr Ben Riley

Circuit Treasurer

Mr Robert Matthews

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020

	Notes to the account s	General Fund (Unrestrict ed) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestri cted) £	Designat ed Funds (unrestri cted) £	Restrict ed Funds £	Endowm ent Funds £	Total 2019-20 £
Income							
1 Donations and legacies							0
2 Income from monetary investments		978	3,716		431	4	5,129
3 Income from investment properties							0
4 Assessments on Churches		400,356					400,356
5 Capital Receipts		194,980	194,980				0
6 Grants received	4	3,510					3,510
7 Other charitable income	5	29,085					29,085
8 Total income		238,949	198,696	-	431	4	438,080
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations	6		8,567				8,567
10 Salaries and associated costs	9	274,516	41,500				316,016
11 Property maintenance		6,915	7,930				14,845
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			77,258				77,258
13 District Assessment & Levy		81,544					81,544
14 Depreciation		2,790					2,790
15 Office expenses		5,226					5,226
16 Other outgoings	10	60,258	2,224		100	-	62,582
17 Total charitable expenditure		431,249	137,479	0	100	0	568,828
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		- 11,958					-11,958
20 Net income/(expenditure)		-204,258	61,217	0	331	4	-142,706
21 Transfers between funds		- 971		1,300	- 330	-	0
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	190		4		-186
23 Revaluation reserve adjustment		192,689					192,689
23 Net movement in funds		-12,540	61,027	1,300	5	4	49,797
24 Total funds brought forward		1,453,029	562,690	33,753	50,083	553	2,100,108
25 Total funds carried forward		1,440,489	623,717	35,053	50,088	557	2,149,905

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

		General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2020	Totals 2019
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Notes to the Accounts								
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	13	1,734,191					1,734,191	1,943,919
Investment properties							0	0
Investments	16				50,088	557	50,645	50,635
Total fixed assets		1,734,191	0	0	50,088	557	1,784,836	1,994,554
Current Assets								
Debtors	17	18,767	165,000				183,767	188,590
Loans by the Circuit							0	0
Investments with TMCP			439,577				439,577	373,550
Central Finance Board Deposits		164,901		35,053			199,954	183,682
Cash at Bank and in hand		1,803					1,803	3,737
Total current assets		185,471	604,577	35,053	0	0	825,101	749,559
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	18	60,179					60,179	56,462
Grants payable within 2019-20	18		5,000				5,000	0
Total current liabilities		60,179	5,000	0	0	0	65,179	56,462
Net current assets/liabilities		125,292	599,577	35,053	0	0	759,922	693,097
Total assets less current liabilities								
		1,859,483	599,577	35,053	50,088	557	2,544,758	2,687,651
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2019-20							0	0
Loans to the Circuit							0	0
Net assets		1,859,483	599,577	35,053	50,088	557	2,544,758	2,687,651
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,440,489					1,440,489	1,453,029
Revaluation Reserve		394,854					394,854	587,543
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			623,717				623,717	562,690
Draw Down from Model Trust Fund		24,140	-24,140				0	0
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)		0		35,053			35,053	33,753
Total Unrestricted Funds		0	0	0			2,494,113	2,637,015
Restricted Funds	18				50,088		50,088	50,083
Endowment Funds	16					557	557	553
Total Funds		1,859,483	599,577	35,053	50,088	557	2,544,758	2,687,651

Signed

R. Matthew

Circuit Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as Unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held are for a narrower purpose. There is a single Endowment fund. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 16 to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000.

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be Nil. No depreciation is provided on the building 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. Depreciation of Fixtures and Fittings is applied at the rate of 10% per annum, calculated on a straight line basis.

Investment Properties

Anticipated income in respect of property sales (church and manse) are included as 'Income from Investment Properties' in the Income Statement and in Balance Sheet debtors, both classified under Model Trust Fund.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors include the payment in August of September stipends. In addition, monies receivable from Investment Properties disposals are included as Model Trust Fund income. Furthermore, draw downs from the Model Trust Fund agreed in the year, but not actioned until after year end, are treated as accruals and pre-payments in the General Funds and Model Trust Fund respectively.

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the 1st quarter assessment of the following connexional year received in August 2020.

4 Grants Received

Grants totalling £3,510 were claimed under the HMRC's Job Retention Scheme.

5 Other Income

	2019/20	2018/19
Rental Income – manses	17,440	24,050
Printing Income	1,348	2,114
Other	286	0
Lay Worker Funding – W. Preston	10,011	
Total	29,085	26,164

Rental Income relates to the continued letting of 38 Darwin Close Longridge and the Manse at 18 Liverpool Old Road, Hoole albeit with different tenants from 13th August 2020.

6 Grants and Donations

Donations in the year consist £3,567 to Central Methodist Church in support of the Mission work with respect to the Fox Street Community accommodated in the basement of the church. Additionally £5,000 was donated to the Citizen UK Preston Chapter, launched in the area on the 10th August 2020 of which the Circuit is a Foundation Partner. The draw down from the Model Trust fund is accrued for actioning during 2020/21. The commitment is for 2 years with the remaining grant due to be paid in July 2021.

7 Payment to Trustees

Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the circuit by agreement of the Circuit Meeting.

Trustee expenses

	2019/20	2018/19
Number of Trustees	1	1
Total amount	£41	£72

Payments relate to reimbursement for travel incurred in the inspection and maintenance of manses.

8 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2019/20 £	2018/19 £
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	1350	1350
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	NIL	NIL

9 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

	2019/20	2018/19
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£ 258,471	233,669
Employer's National Insurance costs	£ 21,448	19,740
Pension costs	£ 36,097	41,897
Total staff costs	£ 316,016	295,306

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were;

10.5	9.5
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10 Other Outgoings

	2019/20	2018/19
Ministers' Expenses (travel, telephone, other)	£ 12,249	17,847
Manse Running Costs	£ 24,651	16,905
Legal Costs – Central Basement Negotiations	£ 5,803	0
Removal Costs and Property Inspection	£ 0	5,994
Lay Worker Expenses	£ 4,430	4,532
Quinquennials	£ 3,600	4,500
URC Contribution	£ 3,444	3,440
Other – Unrestricted	£ 7,558	8,915
TMCP Admin – CMTF & Restricted	£ 847	639
Total	62,582	62,772

Ministers' Expenses are down by £5,598 of which £4,734 has arisen from restricted travel during the second half of the year due to the Covid pandemic.

Manse running costs in 2019 benefitted from a £6,034 Council Tax rebate re Garrison Road following sale of the property.

During the year protracted negotiations were conducted with Gateway Housing Association in respect of a proposed tenancy agreement for the basement of Central Methodist Church. These negotiations costing £5,803 have now ceased without agreement and the basement has been vacated whilst alternate use is sought.

11 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2020 there are no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2020.

12 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

	2019/20	2018/19
	£	£
Balance brought forward from last year	330	0
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	1542	1,680
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	1872	1,350
Balance carried forward	0	330

13 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Land £	Mansees £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	0	1,924,386	0	27,903		1,952,289
Additions						
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)		206,938				206,938
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward	0	1,717,448		27,903		1,745,351

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward				8,370		8,370
Depreciation charge for year (-)				2,790		2,790
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward				11,160		11,160

Net book value

Brought forward	0	1,924,386	0	19,533		1,943,919
Carried forward	0	1,717,448	0	16,743		1,734,191

14 Investment assets

No investment assets currently held.

The circuit has no common investment fund holdings

15 Loans

The Circuit currently has no loans

16 Analysis of restricted and endowment funds

2019-20

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Bequests & Former Circuits	3,070	26	26	4	3,074	Support for individuals in specific need
Surplus Trust Funds	1,890	16	16	0	1,890	
Former Guttridge/Deepdale	45,123	387	387	0	45,123	Work of the circuit – restricted under CPD Work of the circuit – restricted under CPD
Total Restricted Funds	50,083	429	429	4	50,087	
Endowment Fund	553	5	0	-1	557	A single bequest - unrestricted

Comparative analysis of restricted and endowment funds 2018-2019

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Bequests & Former Circuits	3,046	63	17	-22	3,070	Support for individuals in specific need
Surplus Trust Fund	1,890	16	4	-12	1,890	
Former Guttridge/Deepdale	45,123	383	91	-292	45,123	Work of the circuit – restricted under CPD
Total Restricted Funds	50,059	462	112	-326	50,083	
Endowment Fund	550	5	0	-2	553	A single bequest - unrestricted

17. Analysis debtors

	2019/20	2018/19
Stipends in advance	12,632	15,110
Manse Expenses	1,153	3,571
Accrued Income	-42	620
Pre-Payment Citizen UK	5,000	0
Accrued Income M.T.F.	165,000	165,000
Other Debtors	24	4,289
Total Debtors	183,767	188,590

Pre-Payment Citizen UK.

£5K relates to the grant to Citizen UK, the draw down from MTF is pre-paid in General Funds, above and accrued in MTF, see Creditors below.

Accrued Income MTF:

£165K remaining as an income reserve in respect of the anticipated sale proceeds for the Lea Church site. Negotiations are still on-going.

18. Analysis of creditors

	2019/20	2018/19
Assessments in advance	30,249	33,553
Lea Church Balance	20,852	
Accrual Citizen UK M.T.F	5,000	0
Citizen UK		15,000
Central Legal Costs	2,464	
Other	6,614	7,909
	65,179	56,462

Lea Church Balances are funds remaining following ceasing of worship at that location. Treatment of the funds to be decided upon in consultation with Lea Church members.

Accrual Citizen UK MTF £5K - see note 16

19. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2020 the circuit has no capital commitments

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2020

20. Related Party Transactions

There are no related party transactions to report in the financial year to 31st August 2020

Preston Ribble Methodist Circuit
DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared from the records of the circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting

Signature of Treasurer

R Matthews

Date

01/06/21

Name of Treasurer

Robert Matthews

Address

11 Moorhey Drive
Penwortham PRESTON PR1 0SS

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 Aug 2020 were, or will be, and were approved, presented to the Circuit Meeting on and will be approved.

14/06/2021

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Karen Le Mouton

Name of the Chair of the meeting

REV. KAREN LE MOUTON

Date

02/06/2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

PRESTON RIBBLE METHODIST

Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August

2020

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Circuit's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 present a true and fair view of the Circuit's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (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
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

* Please delete or circle as appropriate

Preston Ribble Methodist 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, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view. My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than as disclosed below*)

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

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.

(3) 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.

Name of independent

Signature of

Relevant Professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address

Date

* Please delete or circle as appropriate