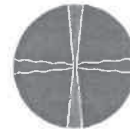


Preston Ribble Methodist Circuit

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 August 2023**



Charity No. 1135004

Trustees' Report for the year-ended 31st August 2023

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Preston Ribble Circuit for the year-ended 31st August 2023. 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 £863.1k. This fund derives from sales of chapels and manses and is restricted by internal Methodist Church policies for the purpose of property purchases, renovation or mission projects.

Achievements and Performance

The managing trustees of the circuit have formulated and put into place a new system for delivering ministry in the Preston Ribble Circuit (PRC). It is based on the research done in the Hopes and Dreams consultation carried out post lockdown in which we identified 4 areas of priority

- Faith development and growth
- Worship that connects
- Pastoral care
- Community Outreach / development

We are continuing towards a "Team Ministry" model from September 2023 which we expect will evolve and be reviewed over the next 2 years. The Superintendent will be Team Leader and responsible for the effective operation of the team. All church members should consider themselves to be part of a wider team with a positive role to play in their communities, churches and across the circuit.

The circuit meeting of PRC meets 2 times a year to shape the direction of the circuit's life and act as managing trustees for the circuit. It will attempt to focus business and do some of the work of the circuit meeting in small groups during the evening. Circuit stewards shall develop their existing overview of the Circuit, be members of the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) and within that be aligned with one area of Hopes and Dreams. They will facilitate the special interest groups and support focus groups at sectional church councils. CLT meet once a quarter and is comprised of the circuit stewards and staff. This meeting represents the circuit. There will be occasions when members of particular churches may wish to, or be asked to, attend to be part of the decision-making process. CLT's responsibility would be to initiate the work of the circuit meeting and delegate it to task driven special interest groups who would then implement decisions.

Staffing

In terms of staff, one of our Ministers retired and we gained a new Presbyter and a Deacon. We are also sought to employ a part time inclusion worker but this has proven difficult and we are revising our staffing requirements. Our Circuit administrator has retired and we have appointed a successor.

We have also amalgamated with part of the previous Banks and Hesketh Bank Circuit which had become unsustainable.

Property

The buildings in the circuit are largely well maintained by the property groups of each church.

The sale of Lea Methodist Church has been completed since year end after 5 years of deliberation and negotiation.

As a result of the amalgamation with Banks referred to above;

- we have welcomed the worshipping community of Hesketh Bank Methodist Church, which continues its Mission and Ministry
- Hesketh Lane Church was sold in the year to its congregation and continues the worship independently.
- The Manse in Banks is currently let. A decision will be made in due course as to its future.
- Banks Methodist Church had ceased to meet for worship some time before the amalgamation and the chapel is being prepared for sale.

Trustees

Trustees continue to offer significant support as follows:

- The employment of a full-time Children's Youth & Families Worker at Fulwood Methodist Church and in West Preston. We have Messy Church, Sunday School, Pop and Play and youth groups running in some of churches.
- Established work in Preston city centre alongside the homeless, marginalized and vulnerable - including the employment of a Project Manager for the Olive Grove Café.
- Education through the two Methodist Schools and one joint Methodist Anglican school in the circuit
- We have one member of staff who is a volunteer Chaplain at Royal Preston Hospital.
- There are six where warm hubs/ inclusive café spaces operate and support is offered to the community alongside ecumenical work in food poverty.
- We are part of the Preston Children's clothing library which is housed in one of our churches
- We are developing a partnership with the NHS through the use of buildings and potential collaboration in similar areas.
- Our Pastoral worker had offered bereavement programs to the church and community and continues to work with outside organisations in this field.

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

We are involved in the conversation about a new Methodist District for the North West of England.

The Circuit continues with thirteen congregations meeting in 12 Church buildings and in one Community Centre thereby offering Community & Worship facilities and enabling creative engagement in local neighbourhoods.

The Circuit continues to produce a quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of public worship take place at each of the Methodist Churches including one ecumenical partnership in its geographical area. These are open to all people without charge. Ministers' stipends have been covered and manse kept in reasonable repair and District expenses met. A part-time Circuit Administrator continued to be supported by the Circuit

The appointed Property Group continued to oversee and manage Circuit Property effectively and to provide advice to churches. The appointed Treasurer continued to support and advise the Trustees and develop financial management.

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 5.2% on the previous year reflecting the reduction in membership post the pandemic. Ministerial stipends, Lay Worker salaries, with associated NIC and pension costs, decreased by 21.3% reflecting decreased Minister and Lay Worker headcount. Fixtures were depreciated by £2,790 consistent with depreciation policy resulting in a Total Asset Net Book Value of £1,486,756. There was a surplus in the General Fund of £36.6k and an increase of £109.2k in the Model Trust Fund resulting from the proceeds of sale of Hesketh Lane chapel £239.7k and balance of sale proceeds for Lea Church £76.1k, interest £19.5k and deductions totalling £225.7k consisting principally £58.5k CPF Levy re the sale of Hesketh Lane chapel and £72.4k levy re Lea Church, £33.6k annual contribution to the District Advance Fund and £59.5k for various draw-downs, consisting Lay Worker salaries £35.0k, insurance and security of vacant chapels £16.6k and manse building works £7.9k. Inclusive of Designated and Restricted Funds, Total Funds increased by £145,895 from £2,467,512 to £2,613,407

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, 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 12/6/2014 and signed on their behalf.

Signature



Rev J. Wild (Superintendent Minister)



**Circuit
Accruals Accounts
2022-2023**

THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2023

Preston Ribble Methodist

Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration number

1135004

Lancashire

District No / Circuit No

21 /11

Ministers

Rev Jane Wild
Rev Barbara Petitt
Rev Karen Le Mouton
Rev M Grimsley
Rev Sharon Threaves
Deacon Rebecca Joy Spinks

Circuit Stewards

Mr John Spencer (Senior Circuit Steward)
Mrs Judith Gallagher
Mrs Gillian Ferris
Mrs Wendy Bennett
Mr Andrew Bennett
Mrs Felicity Knight

Circuit Treasurer

Mr Robert Matthews

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							-
2	Income from monetary investments		7,171	19,521		1,582	17	28,291
3	Income from investment properties			76,172				76,172
4	Assessments on Churches		367,729					367,729
5	Capital Receipts	4		239,797				239,797
6	Grants received	5	-					-
7	Other Charitable Income	6	60,785					60,785
8	Total Income		435,685	335,490		1,582	17	772,774
Expenditure								
9	Grants and Donations	7	-					-
10	Salaries and associated Costs	8	242,990	35,000				277,990
11	Property Maintenance/Additions	9	4,560	24,459				29,019
12	Connexional Assessments & MT levy			164,570				164,570
13	District Assessment & Levy		92,000					92,000
14	Depreciation		2,790					2,790
15	Office Expenses		4,664					4,664
16	Other Outgoings	10	53,484	1,697		144		55,325
17	Total Charitable Expenditure		400,488	225,726		144	-	626,358
18	Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							-
19	Gains/(losses) on investment properties			-				-
20	Net income/(expenditure)		35,197	109,764		1,439	17	146,416
21	Transfers between funds		1,445			- 1,445		-
22	Other gains/(losses)			-495		- 27		- 522
23	Revaluation Reserve Adjustment							
24	Net movement in funds		36,641	109,269	-	- 32	17	145,895
25	Total funds brought forward		1,267,174	753,903	35,053	50,019	558	2,106,707
26	Total funds carried forward		1,303,815	863,172	35,053	49,987	575	2,252,602

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023Notes to the
Accounts

		General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2023	Totals 2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	11	1,486,755					1,486,755	1,489,545
Investment properties							0	0
Investments	16				49,987	575	50,562	50,577
Total fixed assets		1,486,755	0	0	49,987	575	1,537,317	1,540,122
Current Assets								
Debtors	12	28,087	241,172				269,259	182,577
Loans by the Circuit	13						0	0
Investments with TMCP	14		676,979				676,979	564,763
Central Finance Board Deposits								
		225,778		35,053			260,831	233,990
Cash at Bank and in hand		2,828					2,828	2,900
Total current assets		256,693	918,151	35,053	0	0	1,209,897	984,230
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	15							
		61,338	72,469				133,807	56,840
Grants payable within 2019-20							0	0
Total current liabilities		61,338	72,469	0	0	0	133,807	56,840
Net current assets/liabilities		195,355	845,682	35,053	0	0	1,076,090	927,390
Total assets less current liabilities		1,682,110	845,682	35,053	49,987	575	2,613,407	2,467,512
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2019-20							0	0
Loans to the Circuit							0	0
Net assets		1,682,110	845,682	35,053	49,987	575	2,613,407	2,467,512
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,303,815					1,303,815	1,267,174
Revaluation Reserve		360,805					360,805	360,805
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			863,172				863,172	753,903
Draw Down from Model Trust Fund		17,490	-17,490				0	0
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				35,053			35,053	35,053
Total Unrestricted Funds							2,562,845	2,416,935
Restricted Funds					49,987		49,987	50,019
Endowment Funds						575	575	558
Total Funds		1,682,110	845,682	35,053	49,987	575	2,613,407	2,467,512

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 consist: 1. General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit. These funds are Unrestricted. 2. The Circuit Model Trust Fund (CMTF) which has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as Unrestricted. 3. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. 4. 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 and 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. There have been no capital additions in the year. 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 manse buildings as the trustees consider the current residual fair value (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 existing Fixtures and Fittings is applied at the rate of 10% per annum, calculated on a straight-line basis, with a full year charged in the year of purchase.

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 relate to the payment of the September stipend in August. In addition, monies receivable from Investment Properties disposal are included as Model Trust Fund debtors. All draw-downs from the Model Trust Fund approved in the year, have been actioned in the year.

Creditors

Creditors include sundry expenses accrued. Additionally included are the 1st quarter assessments of the following connexional year received in August 2023 and closed church monies retained but due for external use at a future date.

4. Capital Receipts

Following the sale of the Hesketh Lane Methodist Church the circuit received the capital sum of £239,797 net of legal and agency fees.

5 Grants Received

No Grants were received in the year

6 Other Charitable Income

	2022/23	2021/22
Rental Income – manses	26,779	19,374
Lay Worker Funding – W. Preston	30,653	38,475
South Fylde – Occupation Costs	2,480	2,400
Printing Income	400	432
Other	473	26
Total	60,785	60,707

Rental Income – manses, relates to the continued letting of 38 Darwin Close Longridge, 18 Liverpool Old Road, Hoole and Mulgrave Avenue (7 months).

Lay Worker Funding - West Preston, relates to the equal sharing of salary costs re both the Children, Youth and Family Worker and the Inclusion Worker, by the circuit and West Preston churches.

South Fylde - Occupation Costs arise from the sharing of the Victoria Road manse by Superintendent Ministers from Preston Ribble and South Fylde circuits.

7 Grants and Donations

No grants or donations were made during the year.

8 Salaries and Associated Costs

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

	2022/23	2021/22
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£ 236,490	297,257
Employer's National Insurance costs	£ 18,355	24,103
Pension costs	£ 23,145	32,998
Total staff costs	£ 277,990	354,358

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

7.5	10.0
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9 Property Maintenance

	2022/23	2021/22
Darwen Close – Kitchen Refit	£	573
Darwen Close – Bathroom Refit	£	3,400
Darwen Close – Boiler Replacement	£	4,445
Millersgate – Window Replacement/Kitchen Refit	£	10,441
Lea Site – Security and Site Maintenance	£ 8,968	4,274
Mulgrave Avenue – Boiler Replacement	£ 4,495	
Mulgrave Avenue – Bathroom Refit	£ 2,300	
Banks Methodist Chapel - Security and Insurance	£ 3,623	
Mallards Walk – Plumbing and Handyman works	£ 4,444	
Victoria Road – Roof works	1,488	
Various locations – Routine Maintenance	£ 3,701	4,551
Total	29,019	27,684

10 Other Outgoings

	2022/23	2021/22
Manse Running Costs	£ 16,312	20,439
Ministers' Incoming Relocation Costs	£ 9,366	0
Ministers' Expenses (travel, telephone, other)	£ 7,922	8,519
Lay Worker Expenses	£ 5,409	4,656
URC Contribution	£ 3,114	3,984
Removal Costs and Property Inspection	£ 900	1,260
Quinquennials	£ 3,300	1,800
Education & Youth/Training	£ 2,841	0
Other – Unrestricted	£ 4,323	4,060
TMCP Admin – CMTF & Restricted	£ 1,838	1,579
Total	55,325	46,297

11 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Land £	Manse £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	0	1,478,383	0	27,903		1,506,286
Additions						
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward	0	1,478,383	0	27,903		1,506,286

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward				16,740		16,740
Depreciation charge for year (-)				2,790		2,790
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward				19,530		19,530

Net book value

Brought forward	0	1,478,383	0	11,163		1,489,546
Carried forward	0	1,478,383	0	8,373		1,486,756

12. Analysis debtors

	2022/23	2021/22
Lea church accrued income	241,172	165,000
Stipends paid in advance	13,477	9,430
3 Generate monies	3,660	2,460
Manse expenses	4,199	2,376
Manse rental arrears	1,750	2,224
Banks chapel insurance pre-paid	1,881	
Lea site expenses	3,120	1,088
Total Debtors	269,259	182,577

Accrued Income, Lea Church (MTF).

The sale of Lea Church was completed on 15th August 2023. The sale proceeds were not received in the bank until 3rd October 2023

13 Loans

The Circuit currently has no loans

14 Investment assets

No investment assets currently held.

The circuit has no common investment fund holdings

15. Analysis of Creditors/Grants Payable

	2022/23	2021/22
Assessments received in advance	32,122	29,083
Lea Church Balances	20,852	20,852
Lay Worker Salaries	0	3,240
Manse Running Costs	2,220	0
3 Gen Income in advance	1,660	0
Audit Fee	1,550	1,410
CPF Levy re sale of Lea Church	72,469	
Other	2,934	2,255
Total Creditors	133,807	56,840

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

16 Analysis of restricted and endowment funds

2022-23

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Bequests & Former Circuits	3,004	91	121	0	2974	Support for individuals in specific need
Surplus Trust Funds	1,892	60	62	0	1890	
Former Guttridge/Deepdale	45,123	1431	1431	0	45,123	Work of the circuit – restricted under CPD Work of the circuit – restricted under CPD
Total Restricted Funds	50,019	1582	1614	0	49,987	
Endowment Fund	558	18	1	0	575	A single bequest - unrestricted

Comparative analysis of restricted and endowment funds 2021-2022

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Bequests & Former Circuits	3,066	16	78	0	3,004	Support for individuals in specific need
Surplus Trust Fund	1,890	9	7	0	1,892	Work of the circuit – restricted under CPD
Former Guttridge/Deepdale	45,123	212	218	0	45,123	Work of the circuit – restricted under CPD
Total Restricted Funds	50,085	237	203	0	50,019	
Endowment Fund	557	3	2	0	558	A single bequest - unrestricted

17 Payment to Trustees

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

Trustee expenses	2022/23	2021/22
Number of Trustees	1	1
Total amount	£2,289	£958

Payments relate to both redecoration and repair works at Millersgate manse and at Mulgrave Avenue manse upon rented to 3rd party.

18 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	1550	1,410
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	NIL	NIL

19 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2023 there are no capital commitments.
No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2023.

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

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Balance brought forward from last year	0	0
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	1,100	2,750
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	1,100	2,750
Balance carried forward	0	0

21 Related party Transactions

There are no related party transactions to report in the financial year to 31st August 2023.

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

(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

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 ANTHEA GRANGE

Signature of AJ Grange

Relevant Professional qualification of independent examiner
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Name of firm (where appropriate)
DOUGLASS GRANGE

Address CAPRICORN HOUSE, CAPRICORN PARK, BLAKEWATER ROAD
BLACKBURN BB1 5QR

Date 12 JUNE 2024

* Please delete or circle as appropriate

Preston Ribble Methodist Circuit
DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

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

Signature of Treasurer

R. Matthews

Date

12/06/24

Name of Treasurer

ROBERT MATTHEWS

Address

11 MOORNEY DRIVE PENWORTHAM PRESTON PRIOSS

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 Aug 2023 were, or will be presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on and were approved

15/07/24

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

J. Wild

Name of the Chair of the meeting

JANE WILD

Date

12/6/24

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

2023

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 2023 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 145(5)(b) of the Charities
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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