

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1135067

Details

Other names	MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-03-22
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of -(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Activities: Support Churches in providing acts of worship open to members/non-members; sacred space for prayer/contemplation; teaching Christianity; pastoral work; promoting Christianity via events/services; youth/senior citizens'/men's/women's clubs with Christian ethos; promoting mission of Church (& aiding social cohesion) via activities for specific needs groups; supportCharities financially & by prayer

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Manchester City
- Oldham
- Rochdale
- Tameside

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	-	-	-	-
2023-08-31	£980,746	£559,050	£5,178,237	12
2022-08-31	£480,430	£573,369	-	-
2021-08-31	£795,143	£621,738	£3,181,777	14
2020-08-31	£736,548	£652,165	£2,822,002	12
2019-08-31	£504,026	£679,030	£2,736,536	14

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Dr Joanne Heather Cox-Darling	Chair	2025-08-01
ANDREW CHARLES SLIM		
AUDREY JEAN REDSHAW BA		
Abigail Hester Lorraine Parr		2018-07-10
Alison Margaret Treves Brown		2023-06-30
Angela Ralph		2021-09-01
BERNARD JAMES TREVES BROWN		
BEVERLEY WILLIAMS		2016-09-01
CHRISTINE MARY GRIME		2014-09-13
Christine Davis		
Cristiana Eva Manley		2022-09-01
DR ADRIAN HAROLD WILLIAM CURTIS JP BA PHD		
Deacon Jennifer Allison Jane Jones		2023-09-01
Dr Daphne Christine Estelle Dawson		2018-06-24
Dr Nicholas Palfreyman		2025-06-01
ELIZABETH IRENE LOUISE STUART		
ELVA KAY TOWLER		
Elizabeth Hazel Kaminska		2023-09-01
FIONA HELEN FULTON		2017-01-01
Graham William Ascroft		2018-03-06
HILARY MAVIS SMALL		2012-07-25
Heather Steward		2018-10-18
Helen Fielding		2018-10-08
JANET CAROL SANDERSON BAILEY		2012-02-14
JENNIFER MARY WENT		2012-02-14
JOHN ALAN KINSEY		

Name	Role	Appointed
JULIE AMANDA ROWBOTHAM		2012-07-24
Janet Elizabeth Hignett		2019-03-19
John Alan Shuttleworth		2018-10-18
John Garforth JP		2025-06-19
Lance Robert Johnson		2023-01-01
Linda Christine Carroll		2021-04-20
MARGARET ANNIS MORRIS		
MARY EVELYN ADAMIAK		
PETER SMITH		
PHILIP JOHN DAVIS BED. MED.		
Papa Andoh-Kweku		2021-06-27
Paula Collins		2019-09-01
RUSSELL GEORGE KIRBY		
Rev Catharine Anne Hughes		2022-09-01
Rev Christopher John Cheeseman		2024-09-01
Rev Paul Welch		2024-09-01
Rev Sharon Read		2019-09-01
Robert Fullen		2023-09-01
SANDRA BAILEY		
STEPHEN WILLIAMS		
SUZAN MICHELE ALLEN BSC		
SYLVIA DORRETTE PENNYCOOKE		
Sam Dada		2018-03-06
Sharif Bukuru		2024-09-01
YVONNE ANDERSON-BOYD		2013-10-15

Accounts

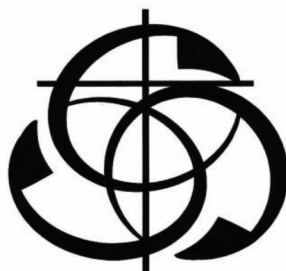
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**CHARITY INFORMATION
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TRUSTEES

+ Mary	Adamiak	East Didsbury MCC	
Suzan	Allen	Crumpsall MCC/Secretary	
Yvonne	Anderson Boyd	Manley Park MCC	
Papa	Andoh-Kweku	Withington MCC	
Graham	Ascroft	Moston MCC	
Janet	Bailey	Hope MCC	
Sandra	Bailey	Circuit Steward	
Erinma	Bell	Whalley Range MCC	to 31.08.2023
Jackie	Blackmore	Moston MCC	
Joan	Booth	Edge Lane MCC	to 01.09.22
Sharif	Bukuru	Methodist Centre MCC	
Pru	Cahill	Ex Officio	to 31.08.2023
* Linda	Carroll	Edge Lane MCC	
Paula	Collins	Long St/Safeguarding	
Adrian	Curtis	Manley Park MCC	
* Sam	Dada	Clayton MCC	
Chris	Davis	Circuit Steward	
+ Phil	Davis	Didsbury MCC	
Daphne	Dawson	Circuit Steward	
Angela	Doyle	Droylsden MCC	to 28.11.2023
Andrew	Edwards	Circuit Steward	to 31.08.2024
Chris	Evans	Clayton MCC	
Helen	Fielding	Withington MCC	
Fiona	Fulton	Levenshulme MCC	
Rob	Fullen	Crumpsall MCC	from 15.03.22
Terence	Grant	Whalley Range MCC	
Janet	Green	LP Secretary	to 31.08.2023
+ Christine	Grime	Long St MCC	
Andrew Nicholas	Hallett	Didsbury MCC	
Janet	Hardware	Edge Lane MCC	to 01.09.22
Janet	Hignett	Levenshulme MCC	
Catharine	Hughes	ex officio	from 01.09.2022
Robert	Johnson	Edge Lane with Clayton MCC	from 01.01.23
Jenny	Jones	ex officio	from 01.09.2023
John	Kinsey	Levenshulme MCC	
Russell	Kirby	Manley Park MCC	
Lazare	Lufakalyo	Methodist Centre MCC	to 31.12.2022 (died)
Eva	Manley	co-opted as District MWiB president	
Margaret	Morris	Manley Park MCC	
Elizabeth	Moyo	Moston MCC	to 17.09.22
Nick	Palfreyman	Withington MCC	
		LP Secretary	from 01.09.2023
Abigail	Parr	Hope MCC	
Sylvia	Pennycooke	Whalley Range MCC	
+ David	Pott	East Didsbury MCC	
Angela	Ralph	Circuit Steward	
Margaret	Ratchford	Long St MCC	to 01.09.22
Sharon	Read	Ex Officio	
Audrey	Redshaw	Chorlton MCC	
Othniel	Reid	Whalley Range MCC	to 31.08.2023 (died)
John	Roberts	Circuit Steward	to 01.04.2024 (died)

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TRUSTEES (continued)

Julie	Rowbotham	Hope MCC	
Steve	Rowe	Chorlton MCC	from 01.09.2023
Sue	Rowe	Ex Officio	
Joy	Rulton	Ex Officio	to 31.08.2024
Ian	Rutherford	Ex Officio	
Barbara	Schofield	Whalley Range MCC	
Pamela	Sewart	Long St MCC	
John	Shuttleworth	Withington MCC	
Andrew	Slim	Long St MCC	
Hilary	Small	Moston MCC	
Peter	Smith	Finance Group	
Heather	Steward	Withington MCC	
Ken	Stokes	Ex Officio	
Liz	Stuart	Circuit Steward/Droyslden MCC	
Alison	Thomlinson	St.Peter's Church	from 01.09.2023
* Elva	Towler	Clayton MCC	
Bernard	Treves Brown	Circuit Steward	
Susan	Watters	Circuit Steward	to 10.01.2023
Paul	Welch	ex officio	from 01.09.2024
Jenny	Went	Withington MCC	
Caroline	Wickens	Ex Officio	
Beverley	Williams	Whalley Range MCC	
Stephen	Williams	Droyslden MCC	
Janet	Yarwood	Hope MCC	

Key

MCC – Methodist Church Council

* As from 23.10.2022, representing the merged church of Edge Lane & Clayton

+ As from 01.09.2023, representing the merged church of United Didsbury

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CIRCUIT COUNCIL and
 Circuit Stewards

Name	Appointment/cessation	Position
Revd Dr C Wickens		Superintendent Minister
Daphne Dawson		Chair and Senior Circuit Steward
Christine Davis		Secretary
Bernard Treves Brown		Treasurer
Yvonne Anderson Boyd		
Sandra Bailey		
Andrew Edwards		
Ubongabasi Inyang	Resigned	
John Roberts	Died 1/04/24	
Susan Watters		
Revd Sharon Read		Superintendency Team
Paula Collins		Staff Representative
Revd Joy Rulton		Staff Representative

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 The Wesley Centre
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SOLICITORS
 Anthony Collins Solicitors
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 The Co-operative Bank
 PO Box 250
 Delf House
 Southway
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 PO Box 7193
 Planetary Road
 Willenhall WV1 9DG

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REGISTERED CHARITY 1135067

**THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023**

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023.

REPORTING FRAMEWORK

The financial statements comply with 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019), referred to as the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable Objectives

The Circuit shares the same charitable objectives as the rest of the Methodist Church, which are set out as follows:

"The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of Union the advancement of –

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

Aims

The Circuit seeks to live out the calling of the Methodist Church, which is summarised thus:

"The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship and mission. Inspired by Our Calling, we aim:

- *to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love*
- *to help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care*
- *to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice*
- *to make more followers of Jesus Christ"*

Activities and Public Benefit

The Circuit encourages and supports the Churches within it in the provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the Church and non-members alike; the provision of sacred space for prayer and contemplation; the teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups; pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved; the promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services; the provision of youth clubs, senior citizens' clubs, men's meetings and women's meetings etc. with a Christian ethos; promoting the whole mission of the Church (and aiding social cohesion) through activities for older people, parents and toddlers and other specific needs groups; and supporting other charities in the UK and overseas financially and with prayer.

The aims, objectives and activities of the charity are reviewed annually, and achievements assessed. When reviewing the aims and objectives of the charity and in planning future activities, the Trustees have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Contribution of Volunteers

The Circuit is heavily dependent upon, and extremely grateful for, the contribution of volunteers as it seeks to carry out its objectives. With the exception of ordained members and the lay staff representative, all the other members of the Circuit Council are unpaid volunteers, and the vast majority of the Charity trustees are also volunteers.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Manchester Circuit, The Methodist Church: Achievements and Performance, 2022 - 2023

The work of the Manchester Circuit is shaped by the Calling and Priorities of the Methodist Church, and therefore it is appropriate to use these Priorities to shape this review of our activities over the Connexional year 2022 - 2023

Our Calling and Priorities are set out as follows:

"The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship and mission. Inspired by Our Calling, we aim:

- *to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love: worship*
- *to help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care: learning and caring*
- *to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice: service*
- *to make more followers of Jesus Christ: evangelism*

The past year has seen consolidation of the process of recovery from the pandemic. All churches are now offering a regular and varied range of public worship face-to-face, subject to ongoing risk assessment. New initiatives have included Bread Church at Withington Methodist Church, Bible study groups in various locations across the circuit and new support groups for older folk, often craft-based. Groups for children, young people and adults are gradually recovering, and many churches are finding that their facilities are increasingly in demand for use by a wide range of community groups. We also continue to respond to the ongoing impact of the pandemic. Churches still offer online activities via various platforms and paper copies of services are distributed to the housebound and those unable to access the technology.

The subsequent year has seen the merging of Clayton and Edge Lane Methodist Churches to form Edge Lane & Clayton, and Didsbury and East Didsbury to form United Didsbury. There are now 17 churches in the circuit.

The work of student chaplaincy out of St. Peter's House ended with a celebration of the 50 years of its life. The building (50% under the managing trusteeship of the Circuit) will now be sold, along with the circuit's land at Edenfield.

A Worship

Numbers attending face-to-face Sunday worship across the Circuit continue to build back, and many churches are welcoming new people to join worship. Across the circuit, 24 people have become members of our churches over the year. We have seven local preachers in training. There is an increasing number of mid-week services. The weekly circuit Sunday evening service continues to flourish via a video conferencing platform with about 40 participants each week. The circuit said goodbye to Deacon Pru Cahill and was delighted to welcome Deacon Jenny Jones to work principally at Central Hall Manchester.

Subsequently we have appointed Rev. Paul Welch to work at Hope and Edge Lane & Clayton and as a pioneer minister at Trinity Methodist Church. We hope that this appointment will reinforce the circuit's work and worship through fresh strategies for outreach.

B Learning and Caring

Although the proposed Listening Ear project failed to flourish, Ministers, Lay Workers and Pastoral secretaries from the churches have given excellent support to those in need and we continue to be grateful for their work and commitment. We find ourselves increasingly needing to respond to homelessness and hunger in the city, and most churches are actively involved with food banks. At the Wesley Centre, the circuit's community building in Hulme, we offer accommodation to the Manchester South Central foodbank among other charitable organisations. Face-to-face activities such as Bible study groups, coffee mornings, book clubs and film clubs meet on a regular basis and are supplemented by online activities organised by both local churches and the circuit. 2022/23 was the twentieth anniversary of the formation of the Manchester Circuit and was celebrated via a scheme of small grants for activities engaging the community such as play schemes, holiday clubs, community fun days and tea parties.

Children and young people's work is flourishing in various churches, often under the direction of carefully appointed paid lay workers and backed up by input on the circuit's various social media platforms. Such work is always well received – thanks to those involved in ensuring that both the work of the circuit and in local churches continues. Church members have supported the Baby Basket project at Moston and Befrienders. Safeguarding training has also been adapted for online use and is delivered both face-to-face and online by the circuit's in-house safeguarding team.

The Circuit's environmental policy has enabled some churches to gain eco-awards under the A Rocha scheme and the property team are actively considering ways of reducing the carbon footprint of the circuit's buildings. A stewardship campaign is becoming part of our annual programme and churches are engaging with the need to give sustainably.

Subsequently we have developed further strategies and partnerships to support city folk in particular need, including Monday's Undies to provide adequate underwear for newly-arrived refugees in need.

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C Service

The Circuit continues actively to support lay workers whose appointments focus on social outreach and service, often through leading a group of volunteers. The Moston Baby Basket continues to respond to the needs of young families with a growing team of volunteers from across the circuit. At the Methodist Central Hall, 'Reboot' continues to provide shoes and socks for the homeless, and is increasingly well-used, alongside the drop-in centre 'Befrienders'.

The Wesley Centre, directly managed from within the Circuit, continues to be well-maintained following a quinquennial inspection, under the guidance of the management committee. We said goodbye to the warden as she moved on to a new post, and appointed an administrator, part of whose role is to support the management committee in ensuring the Centre is effectively run. The Centre is now fully occupied by a range of tenants, some commercial, some third-sector.

The Circuit meeting's decision to take on managing trusteeship of Trinity Methodist Church, Ancoats is beginning to bear fruit. Part of the building is now fully renovated and is beginning to be used by the community in this deprived area. The building is managed by an ecumenical team from the Circuit and the local area. The appointment of a minister to have responsibility for this church is a significant commitment to ministry in this area.

The Circuit's policy is to fund staffing for outreach work from its income from the sale of property. This has been supported in this last year by the sale of a manse. As further properties are sold we anticipate that we shall be able to reframe our offer of evangelism and missional outreach.

D Evangelism

Several churches have engaged in the Bags of Hope project, visiting house-to-house in their local neighbourhood, under the guidance of the deputy superintendent, whose role has a focus on mission and evangelism. Nexus is unable to operate currently but work is ongoing to revisit its strategies for evangelism in the future. However, Sanctus, a small but committed group, is still meeting and benefits from the regular support of one of the ministers. Under her guidance they have evolved an online style of worship called Liquid Church. Our broader online worship, website and the use of Facebook and Twitter are supported by the circuit's community engagement officer. These platforms have attracted a number of people for whom church is not a familiar environment and we have been able to engage with them through these new ways of worshipping. Our ongoing commitment to social justice and support for those in need is in line with Connexional strategy and attracts people into our faith communities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

The Circuit had a surplus on unrestricted funds, after transfers for the year of c£2.1m (21/22 deficit of £85,850). However, this result was only achieved because of the transfer to the Circuit of the church property at Clayton, the surplus on the disposal of a manse and the surplus on revaluation of current assets. During the year the Circuit received sufficient assurances that land held in fixed assets with a nil value had been successfully rezoned for housing. The Circuit had already resolved to dispose of the site should this be achieved and it is now included in current asset investments.

If it had not been for these items the Circuit would have had a deficit on unrestricted funds of c£75k, which was less than the budgeted figure.

The Circuit is expecting to benefit from future property receipts but is working hard to move to a position where reserves are only used to fund mission focussed expenditure and to ensure that church buildings, manses and other properties are fit for the 21st century.

In setting future budgets, the Circuit has identified expenditure which is core but highly desirable to further the Kingdom of God and which can be funded from future property sales. This funding of costs along with a continued review of other costs would mean that the Circuit could move to covering revenue expenditure out of current income and break its dependency on property sales to meet revenue costs. In the meanwhile, it remains dependent on drawing on free reserves.

Designated funds remain in place to cover property projects where the expenditure is expected to be incurred within the next one to two years. The Circuit has created a new designated fund to provide for future major repairs to the Wesley Centre to which 80% of the surplus from the Centre is added each year.

Wesley Ltd

The subsidiary company has not traded during this or the previous year, and therefore consolidated accounts have not been prepared.

Risk management

The Circuit Meeting continues to develop procedures for identifying and addressing the risks facing the charity. It has already enhanced its financial procedures and, in common with other Churches, has developed robust procedures for safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Principal Funding Sources

Contributions from the Churches by way of Circuit Assessment continue to be the main source of funding, accounting for 31% (2022: 58%) of income, down on the previous year as a percentage due to receipts in respect of properties.

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Investment Policy and Review

The Circuit continues to actively review its investments in the light of immediate cash flow requirements and medium- to long-term plans. The bulk of the Circuit's Model Trust Fund (representing past proceeds of sales of property) is invested via funds managed by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church. As the Circuit expects to draw on the majority of these funds within the next five years, the decision was taken (following consultation with our CFB Relationship Manager) to hold all these in cash and subsequently the investments were disposed of during the year.

The Endowment funds are held in a mixture of CFB managed units and cash.

Other balances are held in current and deposit accounts to enable the proper management of the Circuit's cashflow.

Reserves

The Circuit seeks to use all its assets for its charitable purposes, whilst continuing to secure and maintain the Circuit's financial viability. It seeks to set a balanced revenue budget, in order that the ongoing normal costs of ministry, mission and management are met from investment income, grants and donations, and Circuit Assessment. In previous years, a programme of sales of surplus properties allowed the development of a medium-term plan which sought to identify future requirements of management and ministry and to use part of the sale proceeds in supporting those requirements and developing more innovative schemes of mission and ministry. This thinking continues to be a central part of the Circuit's planning.

Unrestricted Funds

In order to meet its ongoing financial obligations – including the payment of stipends and of District and Connexional assessments quarterly in advance – and to meet unforeseen circumstances, the Circuit needs to maintain sufficient free reserves. These reserves would enable the Circuit to maintain its mission and ministry in the short term if, for whatever reason, third party grants were to be withdrawn or individual Churches encounter difficulties in paying their assessments.

Free reserves are defined as unrestricted reserves less the investment in tangible fixed assets, loans to local churches, designated funds, and grant commitments. On the recommendation of Circuit Council, the Circuit Meeting has determined that free reserves should be equivalent to between 3 and 6 months of normal operating costs; this would equate to between £135,000 and £270,000.

As at 31 August 2023, the level of free reserves stood at c£2,853k, but there is a commitment to use c£125k to balance 23/24 budget. There is the potential to need a further £125k over the following two years, assuming that assessments levels are able to increase. Taking all these factors into account would leave free reserves at c£285k.

The Circuit is looking at how the proceeds of sale from current asset investments (the majority of which will not be realised until 2026 or later) can be best be invested in building the Kingdom and thereby respond to the pressure to find resources to support new initiatives for church planting and support areas of mission.

The reserves policy will remain under review.

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the circumstances of the Circuit and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund its activities for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are therefore of the view that the charity is a going concern.

CURRENT NEEDS AND FUTURE PLANS

The Circuit continues to develop its forward planning and to assess its future capital funding needs. Within the context of the calling of the Methodist Church (as set out above) the Circuit aims to:

- support and encourage each local congregation in mission and ministry;
- continue to develop appropriate responses to the pandemic;
- build on the process of the circuit review and its outcomes. The circuit is moving forward on the basis of a strategy developed in response to the vision and recommendations emerging from that process.
- strengthen the training culture within the Circuit, encouraging lay preachers and worship leaders in their development, supporting probationers and facilitating the development of student Ministers and presbyters in training;
- review and actively manage the Circuit's investments in its financial and property resources, seeking to selectively release resources for mission, ministry and outreach;
- work through the Methodist Church stationing procedures to secure the appointment of new ministerial staff as required. At the end of this Connexional year two presbyterial appointments come to an end, with the proposed appointment of a probationer minister for three of the churches and a lay pastor for the other appointment.
- work ecumenically, especially in supporting and developing established and new Local Ecumenical Partnerships and with particular focus on the Anglican-Methodist Covenant.

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- Continue to develop the mission project based at Trinity Church, Ancoats.
- Complete the sale of current asset investments
- Having purchased a new manse in 22/23, continue to improve the property portfolio.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Manchester Circuit is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain and is registered as a charity with number 1135067.

Connected charities

The Churches forming the Circuit are themselves charities and, as they are responsible for their own financial affairs, they are not reported in these statements. The Circuit is also associated with Nexus CCS, a separately registered charity.

Appointment of Trustees

All ministers, presbyterial and diaconal, stationed in the Circuit by the Conference or who are residing for the purposes of the Stations of the Methodist Church in the Circuit and who are in the active work (that is not retired), are ex-officio members of the Circuit Meeting (the Trustee Body). Other ministers who reside in the Circuit in accordance with the standing orders of the Church (including those who are retired) may choose to be members of the Circuit meeting, and if they have done so they are shown in the list of trustees as ex-officio.

The following are *ex officio* members of the Circuit Meeting:

Circuit Stewards	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Circuit Meeting Secretary	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Representatives to District Synod	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Local Preachers Secretary	appointed by the Local Preachers' Meeting

Each Church is represented by a Church Steward, the Church Treasurer and representatives appointed by the Church Council in relation to the number of Church members (one representative for every 50 members).

The Circuit Meeting has the power to co-opt other members and has co-opted those members of the Council who are not otherwise members of the Circuit Meeting, some of the lay workers in the Circuit and a representative of the Finance Group.

As at 31 August 2023 (excluding those whose term of office ended on that day) there were 63 members of the Circuit Meeting (2022: 60).

Trustee recruitment, induction and training

As outlined above, the appointment of the majority of the members of the Circuit Meeting is outside the control of the Meeting. In appointing the Council and other officers, the Meeting has regard to the balance of skills and gifts that are needed to further the work of the Church. New members of the Council are inducted by the Council with the support of the Superintendency team.

Organisation

The Circuit Meeting meets four times a year. The Circuit Council, appointed by the Circuit Meeting, is responsible for acting on behalf of the Circuit Meeting at other times. The Council meets at least six times per year. The Circuit Meeting retains responsibility for setting the mission priorities of the Circuit, the overall strategy to deliver those priorities, the invitation of ministers, the oversight of local churches, the admission of people to the office of Local Preacher, and decisions on formal explorations of calls to ministry and candidates for the ordained ministry.

The Council is assisted in the task of financial oversight by the Circuit Finance Group.

The Methodist Church appoints a minister to be the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit, whose duties are set out in the Standing Orders of the Church. The Circuit has established a Superintendency Team to assist the Superintendent Minister and to provide leadership and cohesion within the Circuit.

Pay and Remuneration

Stipends and allowances for presbyters and deacons (collectively ministers) are set annually by the Methodist Conference, and the Circuit is responsible for meeting those costs for all ministers appointed by the Conference to the Circuit. Fuller disclosure is contained in Note 28 to the accounts.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023**

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

ON BEHALF OF CIRCUIT MEETING

Signed by:

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REV DR C WICKENS - SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER

Date: 22 July 2025

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF CIRCUIT MEETING OF THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Methodist Church – Manchester Circuit (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF CIRCUIT MEETING OF THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Capability of the audit in detecting irregularities, including fraud

Based on our understanding of the charitable company and the sector in which it operates, we identified that the following laws and regulations are significant to the entity:

- Those laws and regulations considered to have a direct effect on the financial statements including UK financial reporting standards and Charity Act 2011, Employment and Pension legislation.
- Those laws and regulations for which non-compliance may be fundamental to the operating aspects of the charity and therefore may have a material effect on the financial statements include compliance with charitable objectives, public benefit, fundraising regulations, safeguarding, data protection and health and safety legislation.

These matters were discussed amongst the engagement team at the planning stage and the team remained alert throughout the audit.

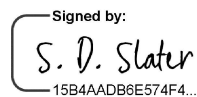
Audit procedures undertaken in response to the potential risks relating to irregularities (which include fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations) comprised of: inquiries of management and the Trustees as to whether the entity complies with such laws and regulations; enquiries with the same concerning any actual or potential litigation or claims; inspection of relevant legal correspondence and legal costs incurred; review of Trustee meeting minutes; testing the appropriateness of journal entries; and the performance of analytical review to identify unexpected movements in account balances which may be indicative of fraud.

No instances of material non-compliance were identified. However, the likelihood of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is limited by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of the entity's controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed. Irregularities that result from fraud might be inherently more difficult to detect than irregularities that result from error. As explained above, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements may not be detected, even though the audit has been planned and performed in accordance with ISAs (UK).

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Signed by:

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Mr Stephen Slater (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Sumer Auditco Limited
Statutory Auditor
Unit 2
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE12 8EG

Date: 22 July 2025

Sumer Auditco Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
INCOME						
Donations	2	497,902	1,000	-	498,902	301,028
Charitable activities	3	43,190	-	-	43,190	79,875
Other trading income	4	88,758	-	-	88,758	67,565
Investment income	5	24,412	222	2,545	27,179	6,397
Other income	6	322,717	-	-	322,717	25,565
TOTAL INCOME		<u>976,979</u>	<u>1,222</u>	<u>2,545</u>	980,746	<u>480,430</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Costs of generating funds	7	50,154	19	335	50,508	46,746
Expenditure on charitable activities	8	508,292	250	-	508,542	526,623
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>558,446</u>	<u>269</u>	<u>335</u>	559,050	<u>573,369</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	10	1,680,000	-	(7,094)	1,672,906	(6,326)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS	11	<u>2,098,533</u>	<u>953</u>	<u>(4,884)</u>	2,094,602	<u>(99,265)</u>
Transfers between funds	18	1,654	-	(1,654)	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	18	<u>2,100,187</u>	<u>953</u>	<u>(6,538)</u>	2,094,602	<u>(99,265)</u>
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	18	<u>2,955,760</u>	<u>10,740</u>	<u>117,135</u>	3,083,635	<u>3,182,900</u>
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	18	<u>5,055,947</u>	<u>11,693</u>	<u>110,597</u>	5,178,237	<u>3,083,635</u>

The notes on pages 15 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

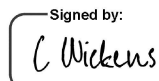
THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT AUGUST 31 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	13		2,126,453		2,334,416
Investments	14		697,263		293,977
			2,823,716		2,628,393
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	15	265,896		198,578	
Investments	16	1,875,000		-	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		256,539		299,655	
		2,397,435		498,233	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in one year	17	42,914		42,991	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			2,354,521		455,242
NET ASSETS			5,178,237		3,083,635
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	18		5,055,947		2,955,760
Restricted	18		11,693		10,740
Endowment	18		110,597		117,135
TOTAL FUNDS			5,178,237		3,083,635

The notes on pages 15 to 27 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on: 22 July 2025

And signed on their behalf by:

Signed by:


REV DR C WICKENS - SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER GROUP
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023

		2023	2022
	Notes	£	£
Cash used in operating activities	23	<u>150,256</u>	<u>(99,203)</u>
Cashflows from investing activities			
Investment income		27,179	6,397
Proceeds of disposal of current asset investment		-	391,887
Proceeds of sale of fixed assets		497,178	-
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(306,511)	-
Withdrawals from investments		100,846	273,564
Purchase of investments, cash & gains reinvested		(511,226)	(391,977)
Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>(192,534)</u>	<u>279,871</u>
Cashflows from financing activities			
Proceeds from new borrowings		-	-
Repayment of borrowing		(838)	(743)
Cash used in financing activities		<u>(838)</u>	<u>(743)</u>
Increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents in the year		(43,116)	179,925
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		299,655	119,730
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		<u><u>256,539</u></u>	<u><u>299,655</u></u>
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:			
Cash at bank and in hand		256,539	299,655
		<u><u>256,539</u></u>	<u><u>299,655</u></u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Manchester Circuit's financial statements.

Scope of the financial statements

The financial statements relate to the work of the Circuit, in all aspects.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared: under the historic cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments (as set out below) through the statement of financial activities; 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) effective January 1 2019 (second edition – October 2019); and FRS102. The results of the wholly owned subsidiary have been consolidated on a line by line basis.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The accounts are prepared in £ sterling, the functional currency of the charity and its subsidiary company.

Donated goods

Individual donated goods of a consumable nature valued under £500 such as harvest festival produce are not shown in these financial statements. Those over this amount or of a capital nature are recorded.

Income

Total Incoming Resources as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities represents the net amounts from all sources.

Income is recognised in the accounting period in which it is receivable, except in the following circumstances, when the income is deferred and included in creditors:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and the charity is not contractually entitled to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded

Investment income

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable, and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities other than where grants are deferred to match the income to expenditure over the life of the project.

Grants to local churches

Grants to local churches for property schemes and other purposes are accounted for as liabilities when they receive formal approval by the Circuit Meeting, or the Superintendency team or Council under delegated authority for awards of less than £6,000.

On some occasions the Circuit Meeting will be asked to indicate whether it would approve a property development or building of a new church when the project is still at a development stage and other partners are still being consulted. The Circuit Meeting usually indicates that it would support the investment of the proceeds of sale of any related properties and how much it would be prepared to give in addition. Such amounts are not considered to be binding obligations on the Circuit until such time as a formal scheme is brought forward and approved by the Circuit Meeting.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Other grants payable

Grants awarded to other charitable bodies are accounted for as liabilities in the year in which the award is made. Multi-period grants are accounted for in full in the year awarded where there is a binding commitment to make the future payments.

Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Costs of raising funds including those associated with fundraising activities, managing investments and commercial trading by the subsidiary company.

Charitable activities costs of undertaking the work of the charity.

The charity is not registered for VAT and cannot recover any input tax charged. Costs are stated inclusive of VAT where charged.

Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions which assist the work of the charity either by supporting the delivery of charitable activities or by supporting the generation of funds. They include back office functions, staff costs and professional fees. The basis of allocations is set out in note 9.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are shown at cost to the Circuit, with the exception of the manses and other property assets. These have been included at the Trustees' valuation less any levy payable to the Connexional Advance and Priority Fund ("CAPF") where there is no replacement scheme for the assets, as permitted under the SoRP, when assets not previously in the balance sheet are capitalised. Assets costing less than £1,000 are written off as revenue expenditure in the year of acquisition.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost or valuation less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Freehold buildings	-	1% per annum from later of the date of acquisition or 1/09/14
Leasehold properties	-	1% per annum from later of the date of acquisition or 1/09/14
Furniture and fittings	-	25% per annum on cost
Computer equipment	-	33% per annum on cost

Freehold land is not depreciated. Fixed asset disposal proceeds are reported net of any levy payable to the CAPF.

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Taxation

The Charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent these are applied to its charitable objects.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Investments, gains and losses

Fixed asset investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recorded at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The SoFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and on disposals throughout the year.

Gains and losses on investments are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the opening carrying value or cost, if acquired during the year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated on the difference between opening and closing fair values.

Certain investments are held and incorporated in the Balance Sheet that are restricted to specific projects. These are disclosed in note 14.

Current asset investments

Current asset investments, including properties held for sale, are valued at their expected net sale value, after taking account of selling costs and levies charged by the Methodist Church GB. The Charity relies on the professional valuations as required by the Charities Act in determining sale values of properties.

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. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Financial instruments

The charity has only basic financial instruments which are initially recorded at cost, and with the exception of investments (as set out above) subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Pension contributions

The Circuit participates in the following pension fund:

Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund

The Circuit is a member of the Connexional pension scheme (MMPS) which covers presbyters and deacons of the Methodist Church. The contribution rates are set each year by the Methodist Conference, and for the year under review the employer contributions were 26.9% (2020: 26.9%) of stipend.

The MMPS is a multi-employer scheme, and in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, the Circuit accounts for those contributions as if it were a defined contribution scheme. It has done so because it is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities on a consistent and reasonable basis. Contributions are charged to the SoFA in the period in which they are payable.

Lay employees'

The Circuit operates a defined contribution pension fund for its lay employees and unless they have opted out, pays employer's contribution of 6% matched by employees' contributions of 2%, in accordance with the standing orders of the Methodist Church.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted	Restricted/ endowment	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted/ endowment	Total
2 DONATIONS	£	£	£	£	£	£
Church assessments	302,402	-	302,402	279,492	-	279,492
Donations	-	1,000	1,000	226	-	226
Legacies	500	-	500	-	-	-
HMRC - CJRS grant	-	-	-	45	-	45
Other funds transferred	195,000	-	195,000	21,265	-	21,265
	<u>497,902</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>498,902</u>	<u>301,028</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>301,028</u>

3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Property Income:

Chatterton Hey	36,979	-	36,979	76,622	-	76,622
Liverpool manse	5,937	-	5,937	-	-	-
Grants for circuit work	-	-	-	-	3,253	3,253
Other income	274	-	274	-	-	-
	<u>43,190</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,190</u>	<u>76,622</u>	<u>3,253</u>	<u>79,875</u>

4 OTHER TRADING INCOME

Rental income re surplus manses	13,517	-	13,517	24,652	-	24,652
Rents receivable re Wesley centre	52,791	-	52,791	42,913	-	42,913
Rent and room hire Trinity	22,450	-	22,450	-	-	-
	<u>88,758</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,758</u>	<u>67,565</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,565</u>

5 INVESTMENT INCOME

Income from fixed asset investments	13,342	2,767	16,109	42	1,096	1,138
Bank interest	11,070	-	11,070	5,259	-	5,259
Total for Circuit	<u>24,412</u>	<u>2,767</u>	<u>27,179</u>	<u>5,301</u>	<u>1,096</u>	<u>6,397</u>

6 OTHER INCOME

Insurance claim	16,206	-	16,206	25,565	-	25,565
Proceeds of sale of manse	306,511	-	306,511	-	-	-
	<u>322,717</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>322,717</u>	<u>25,565</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,565</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023

7 COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted	Restricted/ endowment	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted/ endowment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Investment management charges	476	354	830	147	402	549
Agents & other fees re rental income	2,002	-	2,002	2,810	-	2,810
Property & other costs						
Wesley Centre	35,312	-	35,312	27,351	-	27,351
Staff costs re Wesley Centre	5,868	-	5,868	10,291	-	10,291
Support costs	6,496	-	6,496	5,745	-	5,745
Total for Circuit	50,154	354	50,508	46,344	402	46,746

8 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Stipends, salaries & pensions	240,290	-	240,290	266,962	3,253	270,215
Expenses and training costs	7,854	-	7,854	6,572	-	6,572
Grants to Circuit Churches	21,421	-	21,421	-	-	-
Grant to SPH Chaplaincy Centre		-	-	10,000	-	10,000
Grant to Nexus CCS		-	-	4,810	-	4,810
Manse costs	32,653	-	32,653	57,227	-	57,227
Trinity property costs	33,941	-	33,941	23,883	-	23,883
Other direct costs	3,429	-	3,429	3,654	-	3,654
District & Connexional assessments	79,005	-	79,005	77,243	-	77,243
District Advance Fund levy	5,846	-	5,846	1,214	-	1,214
Benevolent fund payments	-	250	250	-	250	250
Depreciation charitable properties	17,296	-	17,296	17,649	-	17,649
Support costs	66,557	-	66,557	53,906	-	53,906
Total for Circuit	508,292	250	508,542	523,120	3,503	526,623

9 SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2023			2022		
	Fundraising	Charitable	Total	Fundraising	Charitable	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Support costs						
Staff costs	1,774	15,967	17,741	1,709	15,385	17,094
Office costs	2,176	19,585	21,761	2,241	20,166	22,407
Professional costs	2,546	22,915	25,461	1,795	16,155	17,950
	6,496	58,467	64,963	5,745	51,706	57,451
Governance costs						
External scrutiny	-	8,090	8,090	-	2,200	2,200
	6,496	66,557	73,053	5,745	53,906	59,651

Staff costs are allocated on the basis of estimate of time spent and other costs on the estimate of resources used.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023

10 GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment funds £	2023 £
Unrealised gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed asset investments	-	-	(7,094)	(7,094)
Realised gain on disposal of investments	-	-	-	-
Unrealised gain on assets held for sale	1,680,000	-	-	1,680,000
	<u>1,680,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,094)</u>	<u>1,672,906</u>
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment funds £	2022 £
Unrealised gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed asset investments	-	-	(13,213)	(13,213)
Realised gain on disposal of investments	6,887	-	-	6,887
Unrealised gain on assets held for sale	-	-	-	-
	<u>6,887</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,213)</u>	<u>(6,326)</u>

11 NET INCOMING RESOURCES AFTER TRANSFERS

	2023 £	2022 £
This is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Audit fee	9,300	-
Independent examiners' fees	-	2,200
Independent examiners' fees over accrued prior year	(1,210)	-
Depreciation of fixed assets	17,296	17,648
Trustees' remuneration as trustees	-	-
Trustees' expenses as trustees	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023

12 STAFF INFORMATION

	2023	2022
	£	£
a Staff costs		
Stipends and salaries	212,692	208,680
Apprenticeship levy	1,037	1,136
Pension contributions - Methodist Ministers Scheme	36,218	45,113
MMPF reserve	-	25,000
Pension contributions - other	466	1,494
Employer's NI contributions	13,486	16,177
	<u>263,899</u>	<u>297,600</u>

No staff member was paid more than £60,000 p.a. in either year.

b Key management personnel

The key management of the charity comprise the trustees, which includes the ordained members of staff who are ex-officio members of the Circuit Meeting but do not receive any payment specifically for acting as trustees.

The other trustees do not receive any remuneration for their services.

The total remuneration benefits of the key management are:

Stipends	<u>224,524</u>	<u>257,083</u>
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As explained in note 27, certain other Circuit employees are also members of the Circuit Meeting but their remuneration is not included above as their membership of the Circuit Meeting is not part of their duties as employees, but rather they have been appointed by the churches of which they are members as representatives.

c Average staff numbers

The average number of members of staff of the charity was as follows:-

	2023	2022
	Average	Average
	number	number
Ordained staff (office holders not employees)	6.0	7.0
Lay employees	6.0	6.0
	<u>12.0</u>	<u>13.0</u>

d Additional pension contribution

In 2021/22 the Circuit responded to an appeal by the Methodist Conference for all parts of the Connexion to make voluntary contributions to the Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund reserve. It made a contribution of £25,000 in that year (22/23 - £nil).

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13 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land & buildings £	Long leasehold properties £	Fixtures Fittings & Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
As at September 1 2022	1,864,935	572,000	19,012	2,455,947
Disposals	(200,000)	-	-	(200,000)
As at August 31 2023	<u>1,664,935</u>	<u>572,000</u>	<u>19,012</u>	<u>2,255,947</u>
Depreciation				
As at September 1 2022	62,920	40,180	18,431	121,531
Charge for the year	10,995	5,720	581	17,296
Disposals	(9,333)	-	-	(9,333)
As at August 31 2023	<u>64,582</u>	<u>45,900</u>	<u>19,012</u>	<u>129,494</u>
Net book value				
As at August 31 2023	<u>1,600,353</u>	<u>526,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,126,453</u>
As at August 31 2022	<u>1,802,015</u>	<u>531,820</u>	<u>581</u>	<u>2,334,416</u>

The net book value of equipment held on finance leases was £nil (2022 - £581).

14 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Market value brought forward	293,977	188,777
Income re-invested	13,548	90
Additions at cost	497,678	391,887
Disposals at carrying value	(100,846)	(273,564)
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	(7,094)	(13,213)
Market value carried forward	<u>697,263</u>	<u>293,977</u>
Investments at fair value comprise:		
CFB Managed funds	90,975	98,069
Cash held within investment portfolio	606,288	195,908
	<u>697,263</u>	<u>293,977</u>

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Endowment funds	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Market value brought forward	169,919	51,554	6,924	6,911	117,134	130,312
Income & gains re-invested	12,789	42	202	13	557	35
Additions at cost	497,678	391,887	-	-	-	-
Disposals/withdrawals						
at carrying value	(100,846)	(273,564)	-	-	-	-
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	-	-	-	-	(7,094)	(13,213)
Market value carried forward	<u>579,540</u>	<u>169,919</u>	<u>7,126</u>	<u>6,924</u>	<u>110,597</u>	<u>117,134</u>
CFB Managed funds	-	-	-	-	90,975	98,069
Cash held within investment portfolio	<u>579,540</u>	<u>169,919</u>	<u>7,126</u>	<u>69,824</u>	<u>19,622</u>	<u>19,065</u>
	<u>579,540</u>	<u>169,919</u>	<u>7,126</u>	<u>69,824</u>	<u>110,597</u>	<u>117,134</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
15 DEBTORS		
Loans to Circuit Churches	37,208	17,208
Amounts due from Wesley Limited	11,083	11,691
Prepayments & other debtors	217,605	169,679
	<u>265,896</u>	<u>198,578</u>
 16 CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS		
Property and land held for resale	1,875,000	-
	<u>1,875,000</u>	<u>-</u>
 17 CREDITORS falling due within one year		
Assessments in advance	16,251	29,039
Income and grants in advance	1,060	3,989
Funds in trust	1,360	-
Social security and other taxes	308	315
Finance lease creditor	222	1,060
Creditors & accruals	23,713	8,588
	<u>42,914</u>	<u>42,991</u>

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18 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	2021/22					2022/23				
	01/09/2021	Income	Expenditure	Gains & losses	Transfers	Income	Expenditure	Gains & losses	Transfers	31/08/2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:										
General fund	2,973,674	476,081	(569,464)	6,887	646	976,979	(558,446)	1,680,000	(6,248)	4,980,109
Designated Funds:										
Wesley sinking fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,902	7,902
Property projects	67,936	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67,936
Total unrestricted funds	3,041,610	476,081	(569,464)	6,887	646	976,979	(558,446)	1,680,000	1,654	5,055,947
Restricted Funds:										
Grants received for Circuit work	60	3,253	(3,253)	-	-	-	-	-	-	60
Christmas Cheer	478	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	478
Benevolence fund	2,401	-	(250)	-	-	1,000	(250)	-	-	2,901
Sunday School work	1,128	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,128
Gorton roofing fund	6,911	32	(20)	-	-	222	(19)	-	-	7,126
Total restricted funds	10,978	3,285	(3,523)	-	-	1,222	(269)	-	-	11,693
Endowments										
Ethel Smedley Bequest	111,282	975	(328)	(13,213)	(646)	1,933	(280)	(7,094)	(1,654)	90,975
Evelyn Gledhill Bequest	19,030	89	(54)	-	-	612	(55)	-	-	19,622
Total endowment funds	130,312	1,064	(382)	(13,213)	(646)	2,545	(335)	(7,094)	(1,654)	110,597
	3,182,900	480,430	(573,369)	(6,326)	-	980,746	(559,050)	1,672,906	-	5,178,237

Transfers

Ethel Smedley Bequest net income is transferred each year to the general fund. At the year end £7,902 was transferred to the Wesley sinking fund in line with the agreed policy to provide for the future maintenance of the property.

Restricted funds

Grants received for Circuit work balance of grant for project "apart together" will be spent in 23/24.

Christmas Cheer To support local churches in providing meals and entertainments for elderly, lonely and other people on Christmas day. Will be used over the next 5 years.

Benevolence fund To provide immediate relief to those in need, and will be utilised as required.

Sunday School work To support Sunday School work. The trustees are considering how best to apply these funds

Gorton roofing fund To meet the repair needs associated with the buildings at the Gorton LEP. Will be used as needed.

Endowments The income only is available for the charity's general purposes, but reinvested for Evelyn Gledhill Bequest.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023

19 ANALYSIS OF COMPANY NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fund balances at August 31 2023 are represented by:-

	Unrestricted		Restricted	Endowment	
	General	Designated	Funds	Funds	Total
	Funds	Funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	2,126,453	-	-	-	2,126,453
Fixed asset investments	527,986	51,554	7,126	110,597	697,263
Net current assets	2,325,670	24,284	4,567	-	2,354,521
Creditors due in more than one year	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>4,980,109</u>	<u>75,838</u>	<u>11,693</u>	<u>110,597</u>	<u>5,178,237</u>

Fund balances at August 31 2022 are represented by:-

Tangible fixed assets	2,334,416	-	-	-	2,334,416
Fixed asset investments	109,919	60,000	6,923	117,135	293,977
Net current assets	443,489	7,936	3,817	-	455,242
	<u>2,887,824</u>	<u>67,936</u>	<u>10,740</u>	<u>117,135</u>	<u>3,083,635</u>

20 TAXATION

The Circuit is a registered charity and is entitled to claim annual exemption from UK corporation tax.

21 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments authorised and contracted for at the end of the year (2022 £nil).

22 LEASE COMMITMENTS

Finance lease commitments

The Circuit had the following commitments under finance leases:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Not later than one year	222	1,160
Later than one year and not later than five years	-	-
	<u>222</u>	<u>1,160</u>
Less interest charges	-	(100)
Per creditors notes	<u>222</u>	<u>1,060</u>

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23 RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASHFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers	2,094,602	(99,265)
Add back depreciation on fixed assets	17,296	17,648
Deduct property transferred to Circuit	(195,000)	-
Deduct/(add) unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	(1,672,906)	6,326
Deduct interest income shown in investing activities	(27,179)	(6,397)
Deduct profit/add back losses on disposals of FA	-	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(67,318)	(20,623)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	761	3,108
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	150,256	(99,203)

24 NET MOVEMENT IN DEBT

	At 31/8/22	cashflows	finance lease repaid	other non cash	at 31/08/23
Cash and cash equivalents					
Cash at bank and in hand	299,655	(43,116)	-	-	256,539
Debt					
Finance lease obligations	1,060	(838)	-	-	222
Cash and cash equivalents net of debt	298,595				256,317

There were no: acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries; foreign exchange movements; or market value changes in the period.

25 PROPERTIES RENTED OUT

Chatterton Hey (house and gardens)

Chatterton Hey house and gardens are rented to the Langley Hall Trust on a twenty five year lease that expires in September 2027. Although this is a market rent, the Circuit believes that the arrangement is in furtherance of its charitable objectives.

Rent due one year 33,410

Rent due 2 – 5 years 100,230

The net book value include in freehold properties at the year end was £68,716.

The Wesley Centre

The Circuit owns and operates the Wesley Centre in Hulme which provides a base for the Circuit office. In order to cover the costs of the property the Circuit rents offices and other space on tenancies at will to other charities, communities and business.

Manses

When manses are not currently occupied by a minister but the Circuit believes that they will be required in the future then they are let on assured short hold tenancies of no more than 12months at a time.

During the year the income was £13,437.

The Manchester and Stockport Methodist District was unable to fund the capital purchase of a manse, and in order to assist it the Circuit acquired a manse for it and agreed a below market rent of £6,000 pa. The arrangement was terminated at 31/12/24.

Trinity Ancotes

The Circuit acts as at managing trustees of the former church in Ancoats, which is being used to deliver a range of community and mission projects. During the year the only rental income was from casual hires.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023**27 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS****Ministers**

Stipends and allowances for presbyters and deacons (collectively ministers) are set annually by the Methodist Conference, and the Circuit is responsible for meeting those costs for all ministers appointed by the Conference to the Circuit. Details of stipends paid to ministers who are members of the Circuit meeting are as follows. The following received the basic stipend (£26,928; 2022: £25,524): Deacon Pru Cahill, Revd C Hughes (22/23 only), Revd Krystyna Kwarciak (21/22 only), Rev Sharon Read, Revd. Joy Rulton, Revd. Ken Stokes, Revd. Caroline Wickens.

And the following minister received half stipend in 2021/22: Revd Sue Williams.

All of whom, except for Revd Sue Williams, were provided with living accommodation as required by the church's Standing Orders.

In addition, the Revd Ian Rutherford, who is the City Centre Minister and receives his stipend from the Manchester and Stockport District, is provided with accommodation as part of the partnership arrangement with the District.

In addition to the basic stipend, the Connexionally agreed Superintendent Minister's allowance £2,692 (2022: £2,582) was paid to Revd Caroline Wickens in 2022/23 and 2021/22.

Other ministers who are resident in the Circuit, for the purposes of the Methodist stations and are not retired, but not in Circuit appointments or without appointment are also members of the Circuit Meeting but do not receive payment or accommodation from the Circuit, except for preaching fees and expenses.

Lay employees

The following members of the Circuit Meeting were also employees of the Circuit and were in receipt of salaries for the work they undertook in the capacities indicated. Liz Stuart took no part in the decision to re-employ her. Neither person received payment for acting as trustees. The amounts paid as salary were as follows:

Name	Position	2023 £	2022 £
Angela Doyle	Circuit Administrator to January 2023	5,472	13,229
Liz Stuart	Lay employee (not employed in 21/22)	5,915	0

Other payments

Andrew Slim, a member of the Circuit meeting has provided property advice services through his limited company Andrew Slim Limited, in the ordinary course of business. He took no part in the decision to appoint his company and it was engaged on normal commercial terms. Payments in the 2022/23 amounted to £5,389 (2022: £3,833).

Wesley Limited

The subsidiary company did not trade in either this or the previous year.

Methodist Chapel Aid Limited

Andrew Slim, a member of the Circuit Meeting, was a non-executive director of Methodist Chapel Aid Limited throughout the year. As at 31 August 2023, Methodist Chapel Aid Limited held funds on behalf of the Circuit totalling £14,243 (31/08/22 - £14,196).

Peter Smith Accountancy Services

Peter Smith (a trustee) trading as Peter Smith Accountancy Services was appointed to provide professional accountancy and advice services beyond those normally expected of a trustee. Fees for 21/22 were budgeted at £2,500, (which were included in accruals) and the actual fees charged and paid were £2,100. An accrual in respect of work on the 22/23 is included in these accounts for £2,200.

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH – MANCHESTER CIRCUIT

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**THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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CHARITY INFORMATION
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TRUSTEES

Name		Appointed by	
Mary	Adamiak	East Didsbury MCC	
Michael	Adedapo	Methodist Centre MCC	to 01.09.21
Suzan	Allen	Crumpsall MCC/Secretary	
Yvonne	Anderson Boyd	Manley Park MCC	
Papa	Andoh-Kweku	Withington MCC	
Graham	Ascroft	Moston MCC	
Janet	Bailey	Hope MCC	
Sandra	Bailey	Circuit Steward	
Erimna	Bell	Whalley Range MCC	
Jackie	Blackmore	Moston MCC	
Joan	Booth	Edge Lane MCC	to 01.09.22
Sharif	Bukuru	Methodist Centre MCC	from 01.09.21
Pru	Cahill	Ex Officio	
Linda	Carroll	Edge Lane MCC	
Paula	Collins	Long St/Safeguarding	
Adrian	Curtis	Manley Park MCC	
Sam	Dada	Clayton MCC	
Chris	Davis	Circuit Steward	
Phil	Davis	Didsbury MCC	
Daphne	Dawson	Circuit Steward	
Angela	Doyle	Droylsden MCC	
Andrew	Edwards	Circuit Steward	
Chris	Evans	Clayton MCC	
Helen	Fielding	Withington MCC	
Fiona	Fulton	Levenshulme MCC	
Rob	Fullen	Crumpsall MCC	from 15.03.22
Terence	Grant	Whalley Range MCC	
Janet	Green	LP Secretary	
Christine	Grime	Long St MCC	
Andrew Nicholas	Hallett	Didsbury MCC	
Janet	Hardware	Edge Lane MCC	to 01.09.22
Janet	Hignett	Levenshulme MCC	
Ubongabasi	Inyang	Circuit Steward	
Robert	Johnson	Edge Lane with Clayton MCC	from 01.01.23
John	Kinsey	Levenshulme MCC	
Russell	Kirby	Manley Park MCC	
Krystyna	Kwarciak	Ex Officio	to 31.08.22
Lazare	Lufakalyo	Methodist Centre MCC	
Toyin	Makinde	Crumpsall MCC	to 07.12.21
Eva	Manley	co-opted per CW	from 14.06.22
Margaret	Morris	Manley Park MCC	
Elizabeth	Moyo	Moston MCC	to 17.09.22
Nick	Palfreyman	Withington MCC	from 02.08.22
Abigail	Parr	Hope MCC	

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TRUSTEES (continued)

Name		Appointed by	
Sylvia	Pennycooke	Whalley Range MCC	
David	Pott	East Didsbury MCC	
Angela	Ralph	Circuit Steward	
Margaret	Ratchford	Long St MCC	to 01.09.22
Sharon	Read	Ex Officio	
Audrey	Redshaw	Chorlton MCC	
Othniel	Reid	Whalley Range MCC	
John	Roberts	Circuit Steward	
Julie	Rowbotham	Hope MCC	
Sue	Rowe	Ex Officio	
Joy	Rulton	Ex Officio	
Ian	Rutherford	Ex Officio	
Barbara	Schofield	Whalley Range MCC	
Pamela	Sewart	Long St MCC	
John	Shuttleworth	Withington MCC	
Andrew	Slim	Long St MCC	
Hilary	Small	Moston MCC	
Peter	Smith	Finance Group	
Heather	Steward	Withington MCC	
Ken	Stokes	Ex Officio	
Liz	Stuart	Circuit Steward/Staff Rep	
Don	Taylor	Withington MCC	to 02.08.22
Elva	Towler	Clayton MCC	
Bernard	Treves Brown	Circuit Steward	
Susan	Watters	Circuit Steward	
Jenny	Went	Withington MCC	
Caroline	Wickens	Ex Officio	
Beverley	Williams	Whalley Range MCC	
Stephen	Williams	Droylsden MCC	
Sue	Williams	Ex Officio	
Janet	Yarwood	Hope MCC	

Key: MCC – Methodist Church Council

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**CIRCUIT COUNCIL and
Circuit Stewards**

Name	Appointment/cessation	Position
Revd Dr C Wickens		Superintendent Minister
Daphne Dawson		Chair and Senior Circuit Steward
Christine Davis		Secretary
Bernard Treves Brown		Treasurer
Yvonne Anderson Boyd		
Sandra Bailey		
Andrew Edwards		
Ubongabasi Inyang	Resigned	
John Roberts		
Susan Watters		
Revd Sharon Read		Superintendency Team
Paula Collins		Staff Representative
Revd Joy Rulton		Staff Representative

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**THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the consolidated financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary, Wesley Limited, for the year ended 31 August 2022.

REPORTING FRAMEWORK

The financial statements comply with 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019), referred to as the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable Objectives

The Circuit shares the same charitable objectives as the rest of the Methodist Church, which are set out as follows:

“The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of Union the advancement of –

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

Aims

The Circuit seeks to live out the calling of the Methodist Church, which is summarised thus:

“The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the Gospel of God’s love in Christ and to live out its discipleship and mission. Inspired by Our Calling, we aim:

- *to increase awareness of God’s presence and to celebrate God’s love*
- *to help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care*
- *to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice*
- *to make more followers of Jesus Christ”*

Activities and Public Benefit

The Circuit encourages and supports the Churches within it in the provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the Church and non-members alike; the provision of sacred space for prayer and contemplation; the teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups; pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved; the promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services; the provision of youth clubs, senior citizens’ clubs, men’s meetings and women’s meetings etc. with a Christian ethos; promoting the whole mission of the Church (and aiding social cohesion) through activities for older people, parents and toddlers and other specific needs groups; and supporting other charities in the UK and overseas financially and with prayer.

The aims, objectives and activities of the charity are reviewed annually, and achievements assessed. When reviewing the aims and objectives of the charity and in planning future activities, the Trustees have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Contribution of Volunteers

The Circuit is heavily dependent upon, and extremely grateful for, the contribution of volunteers as it seeks to carry out its objectives. With the exception of ordained members and the lay staff representative, all the other members of the Circuit Council are unpaid volunteers, and the vast majority of the Charity trustees are also volunteers.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Manchester Circuit, The Methodist Church: Achievements and Performance, 2021 - 2022

The work of the Manchester Circuit is shaped by the Calling and Priorities of the Methodist Church, and therefore it is appropriate to use these Priorities to shape this review of our activities over the Connexional year 2021 - 2022

Our Calling and Priorities are set out as follows:

"The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship and mission. Inspired by Our Calling, we aim:

- *to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love: worship*
- *to help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care: learning and caring*
- *to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice: service*
- *to make more followers of Jesus Christ: evangelism*

It is good to report that the past year has seen the re-establishment of more familiar patterns of church life. All churches are now offering a regular and varied range of public worship face-to-face, subject to ongoing risk assessment. Groups for children, young people and adults are gradually recovering, and many churches are finding that their facilities are increasingly in demand for use by a wide range of community groups. We also continue to respond to the ongoing impact of the pandemic. Churches still offer on line activities via various platforms and paper copies of services are distributed to the housebound and those unable to access the technology.

A Worship

Numbers attending face-to-face Sunday worship across the circuit are increasing towards pre-pandemic levels, and many churches are welcoming new people to join worship. There is an increasing number of mid-week services. The weekly circuit Sunday evening service continues to flourish via a video conferencing platform with about 40 participants each week. The circuit held a memorable hybrid service to bid farewell to Rev.Sue Williams, Rev.Al Lowe and Rev.Krystyna Kwarciak, and was delighted to be allocated a probationer minister, Rev.Catharine Hughes, to begin her ministry amongst us. 2022 is the twentieth anniversary of the formation of the Manchester Circuit and we are planning to celebrate this in a range of ways.

B Learning and Caring

We have been mindful of the effect that the pandemic has had on the mental health of many; the Listening Ear project was set up , with support of trained volunteers to enable the most vulnerable to have a regular phone call and chat. Ministers, Lay Workers and Pastoral secretaries from the churches have also given excellent support to those in need and we continue to be grateful for their work and commitment. Face-to-face activities such as Bible study groups, coffee mornings, book clubs and film clubs meet on a regular basis and are supplemented by activities on Zoom organised by both local churches and the circuit.

Children and young people's work is now operating face-to-face, backed up by input on the circuit's various social media platforms, and is always well received –thanks to those involved in ensuring that both the work of the circuit and in local churches continues. Church members have supported food banks, the Baby Basket project at Moston and Befrienders. Safeguarding training has also been adapted for online use and is delivered both face-to-face and online.

The Circuit consultation has led to new initiatives including the development of a circuit environmental policy and a stewardship campaign. Some churches have begun to gain eco-awards under the A Rocha scheme.

C Service

The Circuit continues to support lay workers whose appointments focus on social outreach and service, including a new appointment of a lay pastor to one church. The Moston Baby Basket continues to respond to the needs of young families with a growing team of volunteers from across the circuit. At the Methodist Central Hall, 'Reboot' continues to provide shoes and socks for the homeless, and is increasingly well-used, alongside the drop-in centre 'Befrienders'. During Lent, the circuit supported a charity called Tools with a Mission and collected a van-load of tools to support business initiatives in developing countries.

Following extensive consultation within the circuit meeting as managing trustees, the Wesley Centre has returned to direct management from within the circuit. This is handled day-to-day by a warden and a management committee. The Centre is now fully occupied by a range of tenants, some commercial, some third-sector.

The circuit meeting has also taken on managing trusteeship of Trinity Methodist Church, Ancoats, following the congregation's decision to cease to meet. The building is currently being renovated, with considerable input from Methodist Insurance following a roof collapse, and will become a hub for community support in this deprived area, with input from the staff team at Methodist Central Hall.

The circuit's policy is to fund staffing for outreach work from its income from the sale of property. The sale of property in Didsbury known as The Rossett will boost the funds available for this work, and we intend to make further appointments of lay staff in the coming year.

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D Evangelism

Nexus is unable to operate currently but work is ongoing to revisit its strategies for evangelism in the future. However, Sanctus, a small but committed group, is still meeting and will have the support of the new Minister appointed to the Circuit in 2022. Our online worship, website and the use of Facebook and Twitter are supported by the circuit's community engagement officer. These platforms have attracted a number of people for whom church is not a familiar environment and we have been able to engage with them through these new ways of worshipping.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

The Circuit had a deficit on unrestricted funds, after transfers for the year of £85,850, which is less than had been anticipated in the budget.

However, the Circuit cannot continue to run at a deficit only balancing the books by the disposal of properties and needs to achieve a balanced revenue budget in the near future. The Circuit Meeting accepted a deficit budget for 22/23 recognising the pressure on local churches caused by the pandemic but on the clear understanding that a new method of calculating assessments would be agreed and that in total assessment would rise to c£400k from 23/24 onwards, although initial budgets have taken a more cautious approach.

In setting future budgets the Circuit has identified expenditure which is core but highly desirable to further the Kingdom of God and which can be funded from future property sales. This funding of costs along with a continued review of other costs would mean that the Circuit could move to covering revenue expenditure out of current income and break its dependency on property sales to meet revenue costs. In the meanwhile, it remains dependent on drawing on free reserves.

Designated funds remain in place to cover property projects where the expenditure is expected to be incurred within the next one to two years.

Wesley Ltd

The subsidiary company has not traded during the year.

Risk management

The Circuit Meeting continues to develop procedures for identifying and addressing the risks facing the charity. It has already enhanced its financial procedures and, in common with other Churches, has developed robust procedures for safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Principal Funding Sources

Contributions from the Churches by way of Circuit Assessment continue to be the main source of funding, accounting for 58% (2021: 67%) of income.

Investment Policy and Review

The Circuit continues to actively review its investments in the light of immediate cash flow requirements and medium- to long-term plans. The bulk of the Circuit's Model Trust Fund (representing past proceeds of sales of property) is invested via funds managed by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church. As the Circuit expects to draw on the majority of these funds within the next five years, the decision was taken (following consultation with our CFB Relationship Manager) to hold all these in cash and subsequently the investments were disposed of during the year.

The Endowment funds are held in a mixture of CFB managed units and cash.

Other balances are held in current and deposit accounts to enable the proper management of the Circuit's cashflow.

Reserves

The Circuit seeks to use all its assets for its charitable purposes, whilst continuing to secure and maintain the Circuit's financial viability. It seeks to set a balanced revenue budget, in order that the ongoing normal costs of ministry, mission and management are met from investment income, grants and donations, and Circuit Assessment. In previous years, a programme of sales of surplus properties allowed the development of a medium-term plan which sought to identify future requirements of management and ministry and to use part of the sale proceeds in supporting those requirements and developing more innovative schemes of mission and ministry. This thinking continues to be a central part of the Circuit's planning.

Unrestricted Funds

In order to meet its ongoing financial obligations – including the payment of stipends and of District and Connexional assessments quarterly in advance – and to meet unforeseen circumstances, the Circuit needs to maintain sufficient free reserves. These reserves would enable the Circuit to maintain its mission and ministry in the short term if, for whatever reason, third party grants were to be withdrawn or individual Churches encounter difficulties in paying their assessments.

Free reserves are defined as unrestricted reserves less the investment in tangible fixed assets, loans to local churches, designated funds, and grant commitments. On the recommendation of Circuit Council, the Circuit Meeting has determined that free reserves should be equivalent to between 3 and 6 months of normal operating costs; this would equate to between £135,000 and £270,000.

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As at 31 August 2022, the level of free reserves stood at c£533k, but there is a commitment to use c£123k to balance 22/23 budget. There is the potential to need a further £125k over the following two years, assuming that assessments levels are able to increase. Taking all these factors into account would leave free reserves at c£285k.

In addition, the Circuit will be under pressure to find resources to support new initiatives for church planting and support areas of mission.

The reserves policy will remain under review.

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the circumstances of the Circuit and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund its activities for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are therefore of the view that the charity is a going concern.

CURRENT NEEDS AND FUTURE PLANS

The Circuit continues to develop its forward planning and to assess its future capital funding needs. Within the context of the calling of the Methodist Church (as set out above) the Circuit aims to:

- support and encourage each local congregation in mission and ministry;
- continue to develop appropriate responses to the pandemic;
- build on the process of the circuit review and its outcomes. The circuit is moving forward on the basis of a strategy developed in response to the vision and recommendations emerging from that process.
- strengthen the training culture within the Circuit, encouraging lay preachers and worship leaders in their development, supporting probationers and facilitating the development of student Ministers and presbyters in training;
- review and actively manage the Circuit's investments in its financial and property resources, seeking to selectively release resources for mission, ministry and outreach;
- work through the Methodist Church stationing procedures to secure the appointment of new ministerial staff as required. At the end of this Connexional year two presbyterial appointments come to an end, with the proposed appointment of a probationer minister for three of the churches and a lay pastor for the other appointment.
- work ecumenically, especially in supporting and developing established and new Local Ecumenical Partnerships and with particular focus on the Anglican-Methodist Covenant.

Following on from the roof collapse and flooding in January 2021 at Trinity Church, it is hoped that the refurbished building can be used for new mission in this rapidly expanding area of Manchester. We would hope to have a joint mission project alongside other churches in the area and the local community.

After the year end the Circuit disposed of a manse and purchased another one.

It continues to be involved in negotiations which would result in a parcel of land associated with one of its properties (not currently included in the accounts as it was originally believed to be of no commercial value due to planning constraints and having no value in use for the church) sold for residential development. If this is successful then it would result in a substantial gain to the Circuit and the wider Methodist Church of c£4m. However, matters remain uncertain and therefore the land has not been included in these accounts.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Manchester Circuit is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain and is registered as a charity with number 1135067.

Connected charities

The Churches forming the Circuit are themselves charities and, as they are responsible for their own financial affairs, they are not reported in these statements. The Circuit is also associated with Nexus CCS, a separately registered charity.

Appointment of Trustees

All ministers, presbyterial and diaconal, stationed in the Circuit by the Conference or who are residing for the purposes of the Stations of the Methodist Church in the Circuit and who are in the active work (that is not retired), are ex-officio members of the Circuit Meeting (the Trustee Body). Other ministers who reside in the Circuit in accordance with the standing orders of the Church (including those who are retired) may choose to be members of the Circuit meeting, and if they have done so they are shown in the list of trustees as ex-officio.

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The following are *ex officio* members of the Circuit Meeting:

Circuit Stewards	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Circuit Meeting Secretary	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Representatives to District Synod	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Local Preachers Secretary	appointed by the Local Preachers' Meeting

Each Church is represented by a Church Steward, the Church Treasurer and representatives appointed by the Church Council in relation to the number of Church members (one representative for every 50 members).

The Circuit Meeting has the power to co-opt other members and has co-opted those members of the Council who are not otherwise members of the Circuit Meeting, some of the lay workers in the Circuit and a representative of the Finance Group.

As at 31 August 2022 (excluding those whose term of office ended on that day) there were 71 members of the Circuit Meeting (2021: 71).

Trustee recruitment, induction and training

As outlined above, the appointment of the majority of the members of the Circuit Meeting is outside the control of the Meeting. In appointing the Council and other officers, the Meeting has regard to the balance of skills and gifts that are needed to further the work of the Church. New members of the Council are inducted by the Council with the support of the Superintendency team.

Organisation

The Circuit Meeting meets four times a year. The Circuit Council, appointed by the Circuit Meeting, is responsible for acting on behalf of the Circuit Meeting at other times. The Council meets at least six times per year. The Circuit Meeting retains responsibility for setting the mission priorities of the Circuit, the overall strategy to deliver those priorities, the invitation of ministers, the oversight of local churches, the admission of people to the office of Local Preacher, and decisions on formal explorations of calls to ministry and candidates for the ordained ministry.

The Council is assisted in the task of financial oversight by the Circuit Finance Group.

The Methodist Church appoints a minister to be the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit, whose duties are set out in the Standing Orders of the Church. The Circuit has established a Superintendency Team to assist the Superintendent Minister and to provide leadership and cohesion within the Circuit.

Pay and Remuneration

Stipends and allowances for presbyters and deacons (collectively ministers) are set annually by the Methodist Conference, and the Circuit is responsible for meeting those costs for all ministers appointed by the Conference to the Circuit. Fuller disclosure is contained in Note 28 to the accounts.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). These require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Circuit Meeting has:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- observed the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- stated whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis

The Circuit Meeting is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable regulations. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF CIRCUIT MEETING

C Wickens

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF CIRCUIT MEETING OF THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended August 31, 2022 which are set out on pages 9 to 29.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jane Cooksey

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Date: **June 14 2023**

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GROUP STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Incoming resources from generated funds:						
Donations	2	301,028	-	-	301,028	589,505
Charitable activities	3	76,622	3,253	-	79,875	93,720
Other trading income	4	67,565	-	-	67,565	62,861
Investment income - bank interest	5	5,301	32	1,064	6,397	1,810
Other Income	6	25,565	-	-	25,565	47,247
TOTAL INCOME		<u>476,081</u>	<u>3,285</u>	<u>1,064</u>	480,430	<u>795,143</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Costs of generating funds	8	46,344	20	382	46,746	113,194
Expenditure on charitable activities	9	523,120	3,503	-	526,623	508,544
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>569,464</u>	<u>3,523</u>	<u>382</u>	573,369	<u>621,738</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	6,887	-	(13,213)	(6,326)	186,370
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS	12	<u>(86,496)</u>	<u>(238)</u>	<u>(12,531)</u>	(99,265)	<u>359,775</u>
Transfers between funds	20	<u>646</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(646)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	20	<u>(85,850)</u>	<u>(238)</u>	<u>(13,177)</u>	(99,265)	<u>359,775</u>
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	20	<u>3,040,487</u>	<u>10,978</u>	<u>130,312</u>	3,181,777	<u>2,822,002</u>
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	20	<u><u>2,954,637</u></u>	<u><u>10,740</u></u>	<u><u>117,135</u></u>	<u>3,082,512</u>	<u><u>3,181,777</u></u>

The notes on pages 15 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
CIRCUIT STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Incoming resources from generated funds:						
Donations	2	301,028	-	-	301,028	589,505
Charitable activities	3	76,622	3,253	-	79,875	93,720
Other trading income	4	67,565	-	-	67,565	34,776
Investment income	5	5,301	32	1,064	6,397	1,810
Other income	6	25,565	-	-	25,565	47,247
TOTAL INCOME		<u>476,081</u>	<u>3,285</u>	<u>1,064</u>	<u>480,430</u>	<u>767,058</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Costs of generating funds	8	46,344	20	382	46,746	12,130
Expenditure on charitable activities	9	523,120	3,503	-	526,623	511,684
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>569,464</u>	<u>3,523</u>	<u>382</u>	<u>573,369</u>	<u>523,814</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	6,887	-	(13,213)	(6,326)	186,370
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS	12	<u>(86,496)</u>	<u>(238)</u>	<u>(12,531)</u>	<u>(99,265)</u>	<u>429,614</u>
Transfers between funds	20	646	-	(646)	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	20	<u>(85,850)</u>	<u>(238)</u>	<u>(13,177)</u>	<u>(99,265)</u>	<u>429,614</u>
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	20	<u>3,041,610</u>	<u>10,978</u>	<u>130,312</u>	<u>3,182,900</u>	<u>2,753,286</u>
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	20	<u><u>2,955,760</u></u>	<u><u>10,740</u></u>	<u><u>117,135</u></u>	<u><u>3,083,635</u></u>	<u><u>3,182,900</u></u>

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THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
GROUP BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	14		2,334,416		2,352,064
Investments	15		293,977		<u>188,777</u>
			2,628,393		<u>2,540,841</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	16	186,972		161,687	
Investments	17	-		385,000	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		310,138		<u>135,725</u>	
		497,110		682,412	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in one year	18	42,991		<u>40,416</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
			454,119		641,996
			3,082,512		<u>3,182,837</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in more than one year	19		-		1,060
					<u>1,060</u>
NET ASSETS					
			3,082,512		<u>3,181,777</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	20		2,954,637		3,040,487
Restricted	20		10,740		10,978
Endowment	20		117,135		<u>130,312</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			3,082,512		<u>3,181,777</u>

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Approved by the Circuit Meeting and authorised for issue on: June 26 2023

C Wickens

REVD. DR C WICKENS - SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
CIRCUIT BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	14		2,334,416		2,352,064
Investments	15		<u>293,977</u>		<u>188,777</u>
			2,628,393		2,540,841
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	16	198,578		177,955	
Investments	17	-		385,000	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>299,655</u>		<u>119,730</u>	
		498,233		682,685	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in one year	18	<u>42,991</u>		<u>39,566</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
			<u>455,242</u>		<u>643,119</u>
			3,083,635		3,183,960
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in more than one year	19		-		1,060
NET ASSETS					
			<u>3,083,635</u>		<u>3,182,900</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	20		2,955,760		3,041,610
Restricted	20		10,740		10,978
Endowment	20		<u>117,135</u>		<u>130,312</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>3,083,635</u>		<u>3,182,900</u>

The notes on pages 15 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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C Wickens

REVD. DR C WICKENS - SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER

**THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
CIRCUIT AND GROUP STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

		Group	Group	Circuit	Circuit
		2022	2021	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
Cash used in operating activities	Notes 25	(104,715)	(129,371)	(99,203)	(130,661)
Cashflows from investing activities					
Investment income		6,397	1,810	6,397	1,810
Proceeds of disposal of current asset investment		391,887	-	391,887	-
Proceeds of sale of fixed assets		-	285,502	-	285,502
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(350,333)	-	(350,333)
Withdrawals from investments		273,564	416,465	273,564	416,465
Purchase of investments, cash & gains reinvested		(391,977)	(285,760)	(391,977)	(285,760)
Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		279,871	67,684	279,871	67,684
Cashflows from financing activities					
Proceeds from new borrowings		-	-	-	-
Repayment of borrowing		(743)	(650)	(743)	(650)
Cash used in financing activities		(743)	(650)	(743)	(650)
Increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents in the year		174,413	(62,337)	179,925	(63,627)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		135,725	198,062	119,730	183,357
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		310,138	135,725	299,655	119,730
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:					
Cash at bank and in hand		310,138	135,725	299,655	119,730
		310,138	135,725	299,655	119,730

Details of movements in net debt are given in note 26.

The notes on pages 15 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Manchester Circuit's financial statements.

Scope of the financial statements

The financial statements relate to the work of the Circuit, in all aspects.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared: under the historic cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments (as set out below) through the statement of financial activities; 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) effective January 1 2019 (second edition – October 2019); and FRS102. The results of the wholly owned subsidiary have been consolidated on a line by line basis.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The accounts are prepared in £ sterling, the functional currency of the charity and its subsidiary company.

Donated goods

Individual donated goods of a consumable nature valued under £500 such as harvest festival produce are not shown in these financial statements. Those over this amount or of a capital nature are recorded.

Income

Total Incoming Resources as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities represents the net amounts from all sources.

Income is recognised in the accounting period in which it is receivable, except in the following circumstances, when the income is deferred and included in creditors:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and the charity is not contractually entitled to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded

Investment income

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable, and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities other than where grants are deferred to match the income to expenditure over the life of the project.

Grants to local churches

Grants to local churches for property schemes and other purposes are accounted for as liabilities when they receive formal approval by the Circuit Meeting, or the Superintendency team or Council under delegated authority for awards of less than £6,000.

On some occasions the Circuit Meeting will be asked to indicate whether it would approve a property development or building of a new church when the project is still at a development stage and other partners are still being consulted. The Circuit Meeting usually indicates that it would support the investment of the proceeds of sale of any related properties and how much it would be prepared to give in addition. Such amounts are not considered to be binding obligations on the Circuit until such time as a formal scheme is brought forward and approved by the Circuit Meeting.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Other grants payable

Grants awarded to other charitable bodies are accounted for as liabilities in the year in which the award is made. Multi-period grants are accounted for in full in the year awarded where there is a binding commitment to make the future payments.

Designated funds

Where the Circuit has agreed to use its reserves to meet revenue costs or to meet future capital costs it has designated the funds within unrestricted reserves. It also makes provision in this way when it has indicated its support for a local church building scheme but no actual liability has yet been created.

Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Costs of raising funds including those associated with fundraising activities, managing investments and commercial trading by the subsidiary company.

Charitable activities costs of undertaking the work of the charity.

The charity is not registered for VAT and cannot recover any input tax charged. Costs are stated inclusive of VAT where charged. The subsidiary is registered for VAT and can recover all input tax charged. Costs are stated exclusive of VAT where charged.

Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions which assist the work of the charity either by supporting the delivery of charitable activities or by supporting the generation of funds. They include back office functions, staff costs and professional fees. The basis of allocations is set out in note 10.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are shown at cost to the Circuit, with the exception of the manses and other property assets. These have been included at the Trustees' valuation less any levy payable to the Connexional Advance and Priority Fund ("CAPF") where there is no replacement scheme for the assets, as permitted under the SoRP, when assets not previously in the balance sheet are capitalised. Assets costing less than £1,000 are written off as revenue expenditure in the year of acquisition.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost or valuation less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Freehold buildings	-	1% per annum from later of the date of acquisition or 1/09/14
Leasehold properties	-	1% per annum from later of the date of acquisition or 1/09/14
Rossett property improvements	-	2.5% per annum on cost
Furniture and fittings	-	25% per annum on cost
Computer equipment	-	33% per annum on cost

Freehold land is not depreciated. Fixed asset disposal proceeds are reported net of any levy payable to the CAPF.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Taxation

The Manchester Circuit is exempt from Corporation Tax by reason of its charitable status to the extent that income and gains are applicable and applied to charitable purposes only. Income tax suffered on deeds of covenant and gift aid or investment income is reclaimed in full.

Investments, gains and losses

Fixed asset investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recorded at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The SoFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and on disposals throughout the year.

Gains and losses on investments are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the opening carrying value or cost, if acquired during the year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated on the difference between opening and closing fair values.

Certain investments are held and incorporated in the Balance Sheet that are restricted to specific projects. These are disclosed in note 15.

Financial instruments

The charity has only basic financial instruments which are initially recorded at cost, and with the exception of investments (as set out above) subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Pension contributions

The Circuit participates in the following pension fund:

Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund

The Circuit is a member of the Connexional pension scheme (MMPS) which covers presbyters and deacons of the Methodist Church. The contribution rates are set each year by the Methodist Conference, and for the year under review the employer contributions were 26.9% (2020: 26.9%) of stipend.

The MMPS is a multi-employer scheme, and in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, the Circuit accounts for those contributions as if it were a defined contribution scheme. It has done so because it is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities on a consistent and reasonable basis. Contributions are charged to the SoFA in the period in which they are payable.

Lay employees'

The Circuit operates a defined contribution pension fund for its lay employees and unless they have opted out, pays employer's contribution of 6% matched by employees' contributions of 2%, in accordance with the standing orders of the Methodist Church.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

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	2022			2021		
	Unrestricted	Restricted/ endowment	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted/ endowment	Total
2 DONATIONS	£	£	£	£	£	£
Church assessments	279,492	-	279,492	282,655	-	282,655
Donations	226	-	226	2,364	-	2,364
HMRC - CJRS grant	45	-	45	4,486	-	4,486
Other funds transferred	21,265	-	21,265	300,000	-	300,000
Charity	301,028	-	301,028	589,505	-	589,505
 Group	 301,028	 -	 301,028	 589,505	 -	 589,505
 3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES						
Property Income:						
Rossett and Chatterton Hey	76,622	-	76,622	70,491	-	70,491
Grants for circuit work	-	3,253	3,253	-	23,229	23,229
	76,622	3,253	79,875	70,491	23,229	93,720
 4 OTHER TRADING INCOME						
Rental income re surplus manses	24,652	-	24,652	23,452	-	23,452
Rents receivable re Wesley centre	42,913	-	42,913	8,470	-	8,470
Rent & management charge Wesley	-	-	-	2,854	-	2,854
Total for Circuit	67,565	-	67,565	34,776	-	34,776
Subsidiary income	-	-	-	34,079	-	34,079
less eliminated on consolidation	-	-	-	(5,994)	-	(5,994)
Total for Group	67,565	-	67,565	62,861	-	62,861
 5 INVESTMENT INCOME						
Income from fixed asset investments	42	1,096	1,138	778	-	778
Bank interest	5,259	-	5,259	945	87	1,032
Total for Circuit	5,301	1,096	6,397	1,723	87	1,810
less eliminated on consolidation:						
Loan interest Wesley Ltd	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total for Group	5,301	1,096	6,397	1,723	87	1,810
 6 OTHER INCOME						
Insurance claim	25,565	-	25,565	-	-	-
Proceeds of sale of manse	-	-	-	47,247	-	47,247
	25,565	-	25,565	47,247	-	47,247

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7 SUBSIDIARY COMPANY - WESLEY LTD

	2022	2021
	£	£
Turnover	-	34,079
Administration costs	-	(103,918)
Amortisation of capital grants	-	63,451
Interest payable & similar charges	-	-
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax	-	(6,388)
Taxation	-	-
Profit/(loss) after tax	-	(6,388)
Fixed assets	-	-
Current assets	10,569	16,178
Creditors due in one year	(11,691)	(17,300)
	(1,122)	(1,122)

The Manchester Circuit owns the whole of the issued share capital of Wesley Limited.

On consolidation the accounting treatment of capital grants (included in Wesley Ltd accounts within creditors) is aligned with that of the Circuit as a charity. Capital grants are treated as part of reserves and the release to the profit and loss account in Wesley's accounts is eliminated.

8 COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS

	2022			2021		
	Unrestricted	Restricted/ endowment	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted/ endowment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Investment management charges	147	402	549	629	51	680
Agents & other fees re rental income	2,810	-	2,810	2,589	-	2,589
Property & other costs Wesley Centre	27,351	-	27,351	2,176	-	2,176
Staff costs re Wesley Centre	10,291	-	10,291	834	-	834
Support costs	5,745	-	5,745	5,851	-	5,851
Total for Circuit	46,344	402	46,746	12,079	51	12,130
Subsidiary costs	-	-	-	103,918	-	103,918
Eliminated on consolidation	-	-	-	(2,854)	-	(2,854)
Total for Group	46,344	402	46,746	113,143	51	113,194

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9 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	2022			2021		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Stipends, salaries & pensions	266,962	3,253	270,215	257,742	23,169	280,911
Expenses and training costs	6,572	-	6,572	5,948	-	5,948
Grants to Circuit Churches	-	-	-	2,000	-	2,000
Grant to SPH Chaplaincy Centre	10,000	-	10,000	5,000	-	5,000
Grant to Nexus CCS	4,810	-	4,810	-	-	-
Manse costs	57,227	-	57,227	41,313	-	41,313
Trinity property costs	23,883	-	23,883	6,730	-	6,730
Other direct costs	3,654	-	3,654	9,486	-	9,486
District & Connexional assessments	77,243	-	77,243	83,131	-	83,131
District Advance Fund levy	1,214	-	1,214	6,465	-	6,465
Benevolent fund payments	-	250	250	-	317	317
Depreciation charitable properties	17,649	-	17,649	15,246	-	15,246
Support costs	53,906	-	53,906	55,137	-	55,137
Charged to restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total for Circuit	523,120	3,503	526,623	488,198	23,486	511,684
Less eliminated on consolidation						
Rent paid to Wesley Ltd	-	-	-	(3,140)	-	(3,140)
Total Group	523,120	3,503	526,623	485,058	23,486	508,544

10 SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2022			2021		
	Fundraising	Charitable	Total	Fundraising	Charitable	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Support costs						
Staff costs	1,709	15,385	17,094	1,265	11,380	12,645
Office costs	2,241	20,166	22,407	2,812	25,304	28,116
Professional costs	1,795	16,155	17,950	1,774	15,963	17,737
	5,745	51,706	57,451	5,851	52,647	58,498
Governance costs						
External scrutiny	-	2,200	2,200	-	2,490	2,490
	5,745	53,906	59,651	5,851	55,137	60,988

Staff costs are allocated on the basis of estimate of time spent and other costs on the estimate of resources used.

11 GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment funds	2022
	£	£	£	£
Unrealised gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed asset investments:	-	-	(13,213)	(13,213)
Realised gain on disposal of investments	6,887	-	-	6,887
Unrealised gain on assets held for sale	-	-	-	-
	6,887	-	(13,213)	(6,326)
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment funds	2021
	£	£	£	£
Unrealised gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed asset investments:	-	-	(6,173)	(6,173)
Unrealised gain on assets held for sale	192,543	-	-	192,543
	192,543	-	(6,173)	186,370

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12 GROUP NET INCOMING RESOURCES AFTER TRANSFERS

2022

2021

£

£

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

Independent examiners' fees	2,200	2,490
Depreciation of fixed assets	17,648	85,126
Operating lease rentals	-	-
Trustees' remuneration as trustees	-	-
Trustees' expenses as trustees	-	-
	<u>297,600</u>	<u>294,390</u>

13 STAFF INFORMATION

2022

2021

£

£

a Staff costs

Stipends and salaries	208,680	226,790
Apprenticeship levy	1,136	1,209
Pension contributions - Methodist Ministers Scheme	45,113	48,061
MMPF reserve	25,000	-
Pension contributions - other	1,494	2,216
Employer's NI contributions	16,177	16,114
	<u>297,600</u>	<u>294,390</u>

No staff member was paid more than £60,000 p.a. in either year.

b Key management personnel

The key management of the charity comprise the trustees, which includes the ordained members of staff who are ex-officio members of the Circuit Meeting but do not receive any payment specifically for acting as trustees.

The other trustees do not receive any remuneration for their services.

£

£

The total remuneration benefits of the key management are:

Stipends	<u>257,083</u>	<u>254,026</u>
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As explained in note 27, certain other Circuit employees are also members of the Circuit Meeting but their remuneration is not included above as their membership of the Circuit Meeting is not part of their duties as employees, but rather they have been appointed by the churches of which they are members as representatives.

c Average staff numbers

The average number of members of staff of the charity was as follows:-

2022

2021

**Average
number**

**Average
number**

Ordained staff (office holders not employees)	7.0	8.0
Lay employees	6.0	6.0
	<u>13.0</u>	<u>14.0</u>

d Additional pension contribution

The Circuit responded to an appeal by the Methodist Conference for all parts of the Connexion to make voluntary contributions to the Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund reserve. It made a contribution of £25,000.

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14 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land & buildings £	Long leasehold properties £	Fixtures Fittings & Equipment £	Total £
GROUP AND CIRCUIT				
Cost				
As at September 1 2021	1,864,935	572,000	19,012	2,455,947
As at August 31 2022	<u>1,864,935</u>	<u>572,000</u>	<u>19,012</u>	<u>2,455,947</u>
Depreciation				
As at September 1 2021	51,898	34,460	17,525	103,883
Charge for the year	<u>11,022</u>	<u>5,720</u>	<u>906</u>	<u>17,648</u>
As at August 31 2022	<u>62,920</u>	<u>40,180</u>	<u>18,431</u>	<u>121,531</u>
Net book value				
As at August 31 2022	<u>1,802,015</u>	<u>531,820</u>	<u>581</u>	<u>2,334,416</u>
As at August 31 2021	<u>1,813,037</u>	<u>537,540</u>	<u>1,487</u>	<u>2,352,064</u>

The net book value of equipment held on finance leases was £696 (2021 - £1,392).

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15 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Market value brought forward	188,777	325,655
Income re-invested	90	258
Additions at cost	391,887	285,502
Disposals at carrying value	(273,564)	(416,465)
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	(13,213)	(6,173)
Market value carried forward	<u>293,977</u>	<u>188,777</u>

Investments at fair value comprise:

CFB Managed funds	98,069	111,282
Cash held within investment portfolio	195,908	77,495
	<u>293,977</u>	<u>188,777</u>

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Endowment funds	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Market value brought forward	51,554	182,296	6,911	6,901	130,312	136,458
Income & gains re-invested	42	221	13	10	35	27
Additions at cost	391,887	285,502	-	-	-	-
Disposals/withdrawals						
at carrying value	(273,564)	(416,465)	-	-	-	-
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	-	-	-	-	(13,213)	(6,173)
Market value carried forward	<u>169,919</u>	<u>51,554</u>	<u>6,924</u>	<u>6,911</u>	<u>117,134</u>	<u>130,312</u>
CFB Managed funds	-	-	-	-	98,069	111,282
Cash held within investment portfolio	169,919	51,554	6,924	6,911	19,065	19,030
	<u>169,919</u>	<u>51,554</u>	<u>6,924</u>	<u>6,911</u>	<u>117,134</u>	<u>130,312</u>

Group	Group	Circuit	Circuit
2022	2021	2022	2021
£	£	£	£

16 DEBTORS DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

Loan to Wesley Limited	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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	Group 2022 £	Group 2021 £	Circuit 2022 £	Circuit 2021 £
16 DEBTORS				
Trade debtors	85	182	-	-
Loans to Circuit Churches	17,208	17,208	17,208	17,208
Amounts due from Wesley Limited	-	-	11,691	16,450
Prepayments & other debtors	169,679	144,297	169,679	144,297
	<u>186,972</u>	<u>161,687</u>	<u>198,578</u>	<u>177,955</u>

17 CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

Property and land held for resale	-	385,000	-	385,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>385,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>385,000</u>

18 CREDITORS falling due within one year

Assessments in advance	29,039	28,976	29,039	28,976
Income and grants in advance	3,989	-	3,989	-
Social security and other taxes	315	644	315	644
Finance lease creditor	1,060	743	1,060	743
Creditors & accruals	8,588	10,053	8,588	9,203
	<u>42,991</u>	<u>40,416</u>	<u>42,991</u>	<u>39,566</u>

In 2017/18, the Circuit opened a second account with CFB and in 18/19 a second current account with Unity trust to hold the monies and make payments for Hope Methodist Church's building project. At the year end these accounts had been cleared and no funds were held for Hope (2021 -c£1.5k). The bank balances, the transactions and the liability to Hope were not shown in the Circuit accounts. Interest earned on the balance held and bank charges incurred have been wholly attributed to Hope.

19 CREDITORS falling due in more than on year

Finance lease creditor	-	1,060	-	1,060
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,060</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,060</u>

20 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

Unrestricted funds are analysed as follows between charitable and non-charitable:

2,955,759	(1,122)	2,954,637
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20 STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

	2020/21					b/f and c/f 31/08/2021	2021/22				
	01/09/2020	Income	Expenditure	Gains & losses	Transfers		Income	Expenditure	gains & losses	Transfers	31/08/2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
CHARITY											
Unrestricted funds:											
General fund	2,537,666	743,742	(500,277)	192,543	-	2,973,674	476,081	(569,464)	6,887	646	2,887,824
Designated Funds:											
Property projects	67,936	-	-	-	-	67,936	-	-	-	-	67,936
Total unrestricted funds	2,605,602	743,742	(500,277)	192,543	-	3,041,610	476,081	(569,464)	6,887	646	2,955,760
Restricted Funds:											
Grants received for Circuit work	-	23,229	(23,169)	-	-	60	3,253	(3,253)	-	-	60
Christmas Cheer	478	-	-	-	-	478	-	-	-	-	478
Benevolence fund	2,718	-	(317)	-	-	2,401	-	(250)	-	-	2,151
Sunday School work	1,128	-	-	-	-	1,128	-	-	-	-	1,128
Gorton roofing fund	6,901	23	(13)	-	-	6,911	32	(20)	-	-	6,923
Total restricted funds	11,225	23,252	(23,499)	-	-	10,978	3,285	(3,523)	-	-	10,740
Endowments											
Ethel Smedley Bequest	117,455	-	-	(6,173)	-	111,282	975	(328)	(13,213)	(646)	98,070
Evelyn Gledhill Bequest	19,004	64	(38)	-	-	19,030	89	(54)	-	-	19,065
Total endowment funds	136,459	64	(38)	(6,173)	-	130,312	1,064	(382)	(13,213)	(646)	117,135
	2,753,286	767,058	(523,814)	186,370	-	3,182,900	480,430	(573,369)	(6,326)	-	3,083,635

Restricted funds

Christmas Cheer To support local churches in providing meals and entertainments for elderly, lonely and other people on Christmas day. Will be used over the next 5 years.

Benevolence fund To provide immediate relief to those in need, and will be utilised as required.

Sunday School work To support Sunday School work. The trustees are considering how best to apply these funds

Gorton roofing fund To meet the repair needs associated with the buildings at the Gorton LEP. Will be used as needed.

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21 ANALYSIS OF COMPANY NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fund balances at August 31 2022 are represented by:-

	Unrestricted		Restricted	Endowment	
	General Funds	Designated Funds	Funds	Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	2,334,416	-	-	-	2,334,416
Fixed asset investments	118,364	51,554	6,924	117,135	293,977
Net current assets	435,043	16,382	3,817	-	455,242
	<u>2,887,823</u>	<u>67,936</u>	<u>10,741</u>	<u>117,135</u>	<u>3,083,635</u>

Fund balances at August 31 2021 are represented by:-

Tangible fixed assets	2,352,064	-	-	-	2,352,064
Fixed asset investments	(8,446)	60,000	6,911	130,312	188,777
Net current assets	631,116	7,936	4,067	-	643,119
Creditors due in more than one year	(1,060)	-	-	-	(1,060)
	<u>2,973,674</u>	<u>67,936</u>	<u>10,978</u>	<u>130,312</u>	<u>3,182,900</u>

22 TAXATION

The Circuit is a registered charity and is entitled to claim annual exemption from UK corporation tax.

23 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments authorised and contracted for at the end of the year (2021 £Nil).

24 LEASE COMMITMENTS

Finance lease commitments

The Circuit had the following commitments under finance leases:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Not later than one year	1,160	928
Later than one year and not later than five years	-	<u>1,160</u>
	1,160	<u>2,088</u>
Less interest charges	(100)	<u>(285)</u>
Per creditors notes	<u>1,060</u>	<u><u>1,803</u></u>

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25 RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASHFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	Group 2022 £	Group 2021 £	Circuit 2022 £	Circuit 2021 £
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers	(99,265)	359,775	(99,265)	429,614
Add back depreciation on fixed assets	17,648	85,126	17,648	15,247
Deduct property transferred to Circuit	-	(300,000)	-	(300,000)
Deduct/(add) unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	6,326	(186,370)	6,326	(186,370)
Deduct interest income shown in investing activities	(6,397)	(1,810)	(6,397)	(1,810)
Deduct profit/add back losses on disposals of FA	-	(47,247)	-	(47,247)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(25,285)	(28,598)	(20,623)	(34,495)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	2,258	(10,247)	3,108	(5,600)
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	(104,715)	(129,371)	(99,203)	(130,661)

26 NET MOVEMENT IN DEBT

Group	At 31/8/20	cashflows	finance lease repaid	other non cash	at 31/08/21
Cash and cash equivalents	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	135,725	174,413	-	-	310,138
Debt					
Finance lease obligations	1,803	(743)	-	-	1,060
Cash and cash equivalents net of debt	133,922				309,078
Charity					
Cash and cash equivalents					
Cash at bank and in hand	119,730	179,925	-	-	299,655
Debt					
Finance lease obligations	1,803	(743)	-	-	1,060
Cash and cash equivalents net of debt	117,927				298,595

There were no: acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries; foreign exchange movements; or market value changes in the period.

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27 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Ministers

Stipends and allowances for presbyters and deacons (collectively ministers) are set annually by the Methodist Conference, and the Circuit is responsible for meeting those costs for all ministers appointed by the Conference to the Circuit. Details of stipends paid to ministers who are members of the Circuit meeting are as follows. The following received the basic stipend (£25,824; 2021: £25,524): Deacon Pru Cahill, Revd Krystyna Kwarciak, Rev Sharon Read, Revd. Joy Rulton, Revd. Ken Stokes, Revd. Caroline Wickens.

And the following minister received half stipend in 2020/21 and 2021/22: Revd Sue Williams; and in 2020/21 Revd. A Lowe as well.

All of whom, except for Revd Sue Williams, were provided with living accommodation as required by the church's Standing Orders.

In addition, the Revd Ian Rutherford, who is the City Centre Minister and receives his stipend from the Manchester and Stockport District, is provided with accommodation as part of the partnership arrangement with the District.

In addition to the basic stipend, the Connexionally agreed Superintendent Minister's allowance £2,582 (2021: £2,552) was paid to Revd Caroline Wickens in 2019/20 and 2020/21.

Other ministers who are resident in the Circuit, for the purposes of the Methodist stations, but not in Circuit appointments or without appointment are also members of the Circuit Meeting but do not receive payment or accommodation from the Circuit, except for preaching fees and expenses as set out above.

Lay employees

The following members of the Circuit Meeting were also employees of the Circuit and were in receipt of salaries for the work they undertook in the capacities indicated. They do not receive payment for acting as trustees:

Name	Position	2022 £	2021 £
Angela Doyle	Circuit Administrator	13,229	11,468
Liz Stuart	Lay employee (not employed in year)	0	9,118

Ms Doyle was also an employee of Wesley Limited during the year and was in receipt of a salary in 2020/21 of £2,295 (2021/22 – none) for the work which she undertook as Company Secretary and Administrator. This employment was transferred to the Circuit from 1/7/21, when Wesley Ltd ceased trading.

Other payments

Andrew Slim, a member of the Circuit meeting has provided property advice services through his limited company Andrew Slim Limited, in the ordinary course of business. He took no part in the decision to appoint his company and it was engaged on normal commercial terms. Payments in the 2021/22 amounted to £3,833 (2021: £7,696).

In 2019/20, S Watters, a member of the Circuit meeting and of the Circuit Council, was employed by Wesley Ltd to produce a business plan. She took no part in the decision to appoint her, and she received a salary in 2021 of £78 (2022 none) for this work.

Wesley Limited

During 2020/21, Manchester Circuit paid rent (including VAT) to Wesley Limited of £3,768 (2022 – none).

Methodist Chapel Aid Limited

Andrew Slim, a member of the Circuit Meeting, was a non-executive director of Methodist Chapel Aid Limited throughout the year. As at 31 August 2021, Methodist Chapel Aid Limited held funds on behalf of the Circuit totalling £14,196 (31/08/21 - £14,127).

Peter Smith Accountancy Services

Peter Smith (a trustee) trading as Peter Smith Accountancy Services has been appointed to provide professional accountancy and advice services beyond those normally expected of a trustee. Fees for 21/22 are budgeted at £2,500, which is included in accruals.

Accounts

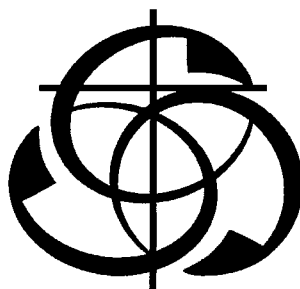
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TRUSTEES

Mary	Adamiak	East Didsbury MCC	
Michael	Adedapo	Methodist Centre MCC	
Suzan	Allen	Crumpsall MCC/Secretary	
Yvonne	Anderson-Boyd	Manley Park MCC	
Papa	Andoh-Kweku	Withington MCC	from 27.06.21
Graham	Ascroft	Moston MCC	
Janet	Bailey	Hope MCC	
Sandra	Bailey	Circuit Steward	
Erimna	Bell	Whalley Range MCC	
Jackie	Blackmore	Moston MCC	
Joan	Booth	Edge Lane MCC	
Pru	Cahill	Ex Officio	
Linda	Carroll	Edge Lane MCC	From 20/04/21
Paula	Collins	Long St/Safeguarding	
Adrian	Curtis	Manley Park MCC	
Sam	Dada	Clayton MCC	
Chris	Davis	Circuit Steward	
Phil	Davis	Didsbury MCC	
Daphne	Dawson	Circuit Steward	
Jacqueline	Denison	Trinity Ancoats MCC	to 01/12/20
Angela	Doyle	Droylsden MCC	
Andrew	Edwards	Circuit Steward	
Barbara	Edwards	Moston MCC	to 08/07/21
Chris	Evans	Clayton MCC	
Helen	Fielding	Withington MCC	
Fiona	Fulton	Levenshulme MCC	
Terence	Grant	Whalley Range MCC	
Janet	Green	LP Secretary	
Christine	Grime	Long St MCC	
Andrew Nichola	Hallett	Didsbury MCC	
Janet	Hardware	Edge Lane MCC	
Janet	Hignett	Levenshulme MCC	
Ubongabasi	Inyang	Circuit Steward	
John	Kinsey	Levenshulme MCC	
Russell	Kirby	Manley Park MCC	
Jackie	Kirkby	Circuit Steward	to 31/08/21
Krystyna	Kwarciak	Ex Officio	
Alistair	Lowe	Ex Officio	to 31/08/21

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TRUSTEES (continued)

Name		Appointed by	
Lazare	Lufakalyo	Methodist Centre MCC	
Toyin	Makinde	Crumpsall MCC	
Margaret	Morris	Manley Park MCC	
Abigail	Parr	Hope MCC	
Sylvia	Pennycooke	Whalley Range MCC	
David	Pott	East Didsbury MCC	
Angela	Ralph	Circuit Steward	
Margaret	Ratchford	Long St MCC	
Sharon	Read	Ex Officio	
Audrey	Redshaw	Chorlton MCC	
Othniel	Reid	Whalley Range MCC	
John	Roberts	Circuit Steward	
Julie	Rowbotham	Hope MCC	
Sue	Rowe	Ex Officio	
Joy	Rulton	Ex Officio	
Ian	Rutherford	Ex Officio	
Barbara	Schofield	Whalley Range MCC	
Pamela	Sewart	Long St MCC	
John	Shuttleworth	Withington MCC	
Andrew	Slim	Long St MCC	
Hilary	Small	Moston MCC	
Peter	Smith	Circuit Meeting re Finance Group	
Heather	Steward	Withington MCC	
Ken	Stokes	Ex Officio	
Liz	Stuart	Circuit Steward/Staff Rep	
Don	Taylor	Withington MCC	
Elva	Towler	Clayton MCC	
Bernard	Treves Brown	Circuit Steward	
Megan	Warner	Edge Lane MCC	to 20/04/21
Susan	Watters	Circuit Steward	
Jenny	Went	Withington MCC	
Caroline	Wickens	Ex Officio	
Beverley	Williams	Whalley Range MCC	
Stephen	Williams	Droylsden MCC	
Sue	Williams	Ex Officio	
Janet	Yarwood	Hope MCC	

Key: MCC – Methodist Church Council

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**CIRCUIT COUNCIL and
Circuit Stewards**

Name	Appointment/cessation	Position
Revd Dr C Wickens		Superintendent Minister
Angela Ralph	(ceased 31/08/21)	Chair and Senior Circuit Steward (until 31/08/21)
Daphne Dawson		Chair and Senior Circuit Steward (from 1/09/21)
Jacqueline Kirkby	(ceased 31/08/21)	Secretary until 31/08/21
Christine Davis		Secretary from 1/09/21
Bernard Treves Brown		Treasurer
Yvonne Anderson Boyd	(appointed from 1/09/21)	
Sandra Bailey		
Andrew Edwards		
Ubongabasi Inyang		
John Roberts		
Susan Watters		
Revd Sharon Read	(appointed from 1/09/21)	Superintendency Team from 1/09/21
Revd Susan Williams	(ceased 31/08/21)	Superintendency Team until 31/08/21
Paula Collins	(appointed from 1/09/21)	Staff Representative
Revd Joy Rulton		Staff Representative
Elizabeth Stuart	(ceased 31/08/21)	Staff Representative

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**THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
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The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the consolidated financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary, Wesley Limited, for the year ended 31 August 2021.

REPORTING FRAMEWORK

The financial statements comply with 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019), referred to as the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable Objectives

The Circuit shares the same charitable objectives as the rest of the Methodist Church, which are set out as follows:

“The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of Union the advancement of –

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

Aims

The Circuit seeks to live out the calling of the Methodist Church, which is summarised thus:

“The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the Gospel of God’s love in Christ and to live out its discipleship and mission. Inspired by Our Calling, we aim:

- *to increase awareness of God’s presence and to celebrate God’s love*
- *to help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care*
- *to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice*
- *to make more followers of Jesus Christ”*

Activities and Public Benefit

The Circuit encourages and supports the Churches within it in the provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the Church and non-members alike; the provision of sacred space for prayer and contemplation; the teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups; pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved; the promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services; the provision of youth clubs, senior citizens’ clubs, men’s meetings and women’s meetings etc. with a Christian ethos; promoting the whole mission of the Church (and aiding social cohesion) through activities for older people, parents and toddlers and other specific needs groups; and supporting other charities in the UK and overseas financially and with prayer.

The aims, objectives and activities of the charity are reviewed annually, and achievements assessed. When reviewing the aims and objectives of the charity and in planning future activities, the Trustees have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Contribution of Volunteers

The Circuit is heavily dependent upon, and extremely grateful for, the contribution of volunteers as it seeks to carry out its objectives. With the exception of ordained members and the lay staff representative, all the other members of the Circuit Council are unpaid volunteers, and the vast majority of the Charity trustees are also volunteers.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Manchester Circuit, The Methodist Church: Achievements and Performance, 2020 – 2021

The work of the Manchester Circuit is shaped by the Calling and Priorities of the Methodist Church, and therefore it is appropriate to use these Priorities to shape this review of our activities over the Connexional year 2020 – 2021.

Our Calling and Priorities are set out as follows:

"The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship and mission. Inspired by Our Calling, we aim:

- *to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love: worship*
- *to help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care: learning and caring*
- *to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice: service*
- *to make more followers of Jesus Christ: evangelism*

The pandemic continues to impact on the work of the Circuit but face to face worship has been held where this has been safe and appropriate. Some groups are slowly returning to meeting on church premises under strict risk assessments and this is proving positive in our return to normal. Changes in legislation over the past few months have made extended planning difficult. Churches are still having on line activities via various platforms and paper copies of services are being distributed to the housebound and those unable to access the technology.

A Worship

The weekly Circuit evening service continues to flourish via a video conferencing platform with about 40 participants each week- the numbers being slightly lower now that churches are beginning to meet face to face on a more regular basis. It has given the circuit the opportunity to introduce diverse and eclectic styles of worship and to have themed services when an expert speaker has been invited to join us on line. Numbers attending this service are higher than those attending regular face to face evening services in 2019. All churches in the Circuit have held a form of weekly worship and those using video conference platforms have also streamed their services. Local preacher's meetings have also been held on Zoom.

B Learning and Caring

We have been mindful of the effect that the pandemic has had on the mental health of many; the Listening Ear project was set up , with support of trained volunteers to enable the most vulnerable to have a regular phone call and chat. Ministers, Lay Workers and Pastoral secretaries from the churches have also given excellent support to those in need and we continue to be grateful for their work and commitment. Activities on Zoom (bible study groups, coffee mornings, book clubs/film clubs) meet on a regular basis organised by both local churches and the circuit.

The Apart Together project, set up within the Circuit and supported by a grant, has enabled us to provide tablets and practical support to those who have not in the past been able to use the Zoom facility.

Children and young people's work continues on line and is always well received –thanks to those involved in ensuring that both the work of the circuit and in local churches continues. Church members have supported food banks, the Baby Basket project at Moston and Befrienders. Safeguarding training has also been adapted for on line use.

The Circuit consultation continues and, after input from Simon Sutcliffe, four working groups have been set up (Climate Justice, God for all, Justice and Solidarity and Worship) and are reporting to Circuit meeting with ideas of how we may take these important issues forward.

C Service

The Circuit continues to support lay workers whose appointments focus on social outreach and service and the success of the Moston Baby Basket continued under the guidance of Rosie Doyle.

These appointments are funded from Circuit resources and contributions from the churches. The ongoing sale of property contributes to this work. A new initiative at the Methodist Centre "Re-boot", has been introduced to provide new shoes for the homeless and vulnerable groups. After a slow start this is becoming a much needed service. Befrienders is meeting again on a regular basis but at present with fewer volunteers Limited use of Central Hall has meant a quieter environment for this very necessary service.

D Evangelism

Nexus is unable to operate currently but work is ongoing to revisit its strategies for evangelism in the future. However, Sanctus, a small but committed group, is still meeting and will have the support of the new Minister appointed to the Circuit in 2022. Our on line worship, website and the use of Facebook and Twitter have attracted a number of people for whom church is not a familiar environment and we have been able to engage with them through these new ways of worshipping.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

The Circuit had a surplus on unrestricted funds, after transfers for the year of £436,008. However, this is after the transfer of managing trusteeship of Trinity Ancoats Methodist Church building (£300,000), the unrealised gain on the reclassification of the Rossett property now held for resale (£192,782) and the profit on the disposal of a manse (£47,247). The underlying position is that the Circuit had a deficit of £104,021 when these one off items are adjusted for. It is planned to retain the Ancoats property whilst the Circuit explores the options for new work in the area.

Clearly the Circuit cannot continue to run at a deficit only balancing the books by the disposal of properties and needs to achieve a balanced revenue budget in the near future. The Circuit Meeting accepted a deficit budget for 21/22 recognising the pressure on local churches caused by the pandemic but on the clear understanding that a new method of calculating assessments would be agreed and that in total assessment would rise to c£400k from 22/23 onwards, although initial budgets have taken a more cautious approach.

This along with a continued review of costs that would mean that the Circuit could move to covering revenue expenditure out of current income and break its dependency on property sales to meet revenue costs. In the meanwhile, it remains dependent on drawing on free reserves.

Designated funds remain in place to cover property projects where the expenditure is expected to be incurred within the next one to two years.

Wesley Ltd

Wesley Ltd operated the Wesley Centre on a lease from the Circuit which expired at the end of June 2021. In anticipation of this the Circuit along with the Wesley Board explored a range of options for the centre. In the end it was agreed that the lease would not be renewed and that management of the centre would revert to the Circuit Meeting. This has happened in the year and the members of the Wesley board agreed to serve as the management committee with delegated powers from the Circuit Meeting.

During the year the company made a small loss of £6,388.

The Centre is almost fully let, but some of the tenants pay rent below market value as they are charitable organisations carrying out work which is compatible with the charitable aims of the Methodist Church.

Risk management

The Circuit Meeting continues to develop procedures for identifying and addressing the risks facing the charity. It has already enhanced its financial procedures and, in common with other Churches, has developed robust procedures for safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Principal Funding Sources

Contributions from the Churches by way of Circuit Assessment continue to be the main source of funding, accounting for 67% (2020: 71%) of income, excluding profit on sale of fixed assets and the transfer in of Trinity church building.

Investment Policy and Review

The Circuit continues to actively review its investments in the light of immediate cash flow requirements and medium- to long-term plans. The bulk of the Circuit's Model Trust Fund (representing past proceeds of sales of property) is invested via funds managed by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church. As the Circuit expects to draw on the majority of these funds within the next five years, the decision was taken (following consultation with our CFB Relationship Manager) to hold all these in cash and subsequently the investments were disposed of during the year.

The Endowment funds are held in a mixture of CFB managed units and cash.

Other balances are held in current and deposit accounts to enable the proper management of the Circuit's cashflow.

Reserves

The Circuit seeks to use all its assets for its charitable purposes, whilst continuing to secure and maintain the Circuit's financial viability. It seeks to set a balanced revenue budget, in order that the ongoing normal costs of ministry, mission and management are met from investment income, grants and donations, and Circuit Assessment. In previous years, a programme of sales of surplus properties allowed the development of a medium-term plan which sought to identify future requirements of management and ministry and to use part of the sale proceeds in supporting those requirements and developing more innovative schemes of mission and ministry. This thinking continues to be a central part of the Circuit's planning.

Unrestricted Funds

In order to meet its ongoing financial obligations – including the payment of stipends and of District and Connexional assessments quarterly in advance – and to meet unforeseen circumstances, the Circuit needs to maintain sufficient free reserves. These reserves would enable the Circuit to maintain its mission and ministry in the short term if, for whatever reason, third party grants were to be withdrawn or individual Churches encounter difficulties in paying their assessments.

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Free reserves are defined as unrestricted reserves less the investment in tangible fixed assets, loans to local churches, designated funds, grant commitments and the long-term investment in Wesley Limited. On the recommendation of Circuit Council, the Circuit Meeting has determined that free reserves should be equivalent to between 3 and 6 months of normal operating costs; this would equate to between £134,000 and £268,000.

As at 31 August 2021, the level of free reserves stood at c£635k, including the Rossett held for resale and with a commitment to use c£182k to balance the 21/22 budget. There is the potential to need a further £100k over the following two years, assuming that assessments return to pre pandemic levels and grow.

In addition, the Circuit will be under pressure to find resources to support new initiatives for church planting and support areas of mission.

The reserves policy will remain under review.

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the circumstances of the Circuit and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund its activities for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are therefore of the view that the charity is a going concern.

CURRENT NEEDS AND FUTURE PLANS

The Circuit continues to develop its forward planning and to assess its future capital funding needs. Within the context of the calling of the Methodist Church (as set out above) the Circuit aims to:

- support and encourage each local congregation in mission and ministry;
- continue to develop appropriate responses to the pandemic;
- build on the process of the circuit review and its outcomes. The circuit is moving forward on the basis of a strategy developed in response to the vision and recommendations emerging from that process.
- strengthen the training culture within the Circuit, encouraging lay preachers and worship leaders in their development, supporting probationers and facilitating the development of student Ministers and presbyters in training;
- review and actively manage the Circuit's investments in its financial and property resources, seeking to selectively release resources for mission, ministry and outreach;
- work through the Methodist Church stationing procedures to secure the appointment of new ministerial staff as required. At the end of this Connexional year two presbyterial appointments come to an end, with the proposed appointment of a probationer minister for three of the churches and a lay pastor for the other appointment.
- work ecumenically, especially in supporting and developing established and new Local Ecumenical Partnerships and with particular focus on the Anglican-Methodist Covenant.

Following on from the roof collapse and flooding in January 2021 at Trinity Church, it is hoped that the refurbished building can be used for new mission in this rapidly expanding area of Manchester. We would hope to have a joint mission project alongside other churches in the area and the local community.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Manchester Circuit is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain and is registered as a charity with number 1135067.

Connected charities

The Churches forming the Circuit are themselves charities and, as they are responsible for their own financial affairs, they are not reported in these statements. The Circuit is also associated with Nexus CCS, a separately registered charity.

Appointment of Trustees

All ministers, presbyterial and diaconal, stationed in the Circuit by the Conference or who are residing for the purposes of the Stations of the Methodist Church in the Circuit and who are in the active work (that is not retired), are ex-officio members of the Circuit Meeting (the Trustee Body). Other ministers who reside in the Circuit in accordance with the standing orders of the Church (including those who are retired) may choose to be members of the Circuit meeting, and if they have done so they are shown in the list of trustees as ex-officio.

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The following are *ex officio* members of the Circuit Meeting:

Circuit Stewards	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Circuit Meeting Secretary	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Representatives to District Synod	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Local Preachers Secretary	appointed by the Local Preachers' Meeting

Each Church is represented by a Church Steward, the Church Treasurer and representatives appointed by the Church Council in relation to the number of Church members (one representative for every 50 members).

The Circuit Meeting has the power to co-opt other members and has co-opted those members of the Council who are not otherwise members of the Circuit Meeting, some of the lay workers in the Circuit and a representative of the Finance Group.

As at 31 August 2021 (excluding those whose term of office ended on that day) there were 71 members of the Circuit Meeting (2020: 74).

Trustee recruitment, induction and training

As outlined above, the appointment of the majority of the members of the Circuit Meeting is outside the control of the Meeting. In appointing the Council and other officers, the Meeting has regard to the balance of skills and gifts that are needed to further the work of the Church. New members of the Council are inducted by the Council with the support of the Superintendency team.

Organisation

The Circuit Meeting meets four times a year. The Circuit Council, appointed by the Circuit Meeting, is responsible for acting on behalf of the Circuit Meeting at other times. The Council meets at least six times per year. The Circuit Meeting retains responsibility for setting the mission priorities of the Circuit, the overall strategy to deliver those priorities, the invitation of ministers, the oversight of local churches, the admission of people to the office of Local Preacher, and decisions on formal explorations of calls to ministry and candidates for the ordained ministry.

The Council is assisted in the task of financial oversight by the Circuit Finance Group.

The Methodist Church appoints a minister to be the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit, whose duties are set out in the Standing Orders of the Church. The Circuit has established a Superintendency Team to assist the Superintendent Minister and to provide leadership and cohesion within the Circuit.

Pay and Remuneration

Stipends and allowances for presbyters and deacons (collectively ministers) are set annually by the Methodist Conference, and the Circuit is responsible for meeting those costs for all ministers appointed by the Conference to the Circuit. Fuller disclosure is contained in Note 28 to the accounts.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). These require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Circuit Meeting has:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- observed the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- stated whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis

The Circuit Meeting is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable regulations. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF CIRCUIT MEETING

Caroline Wickens

REV DR C WICKENS - SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER

Date: 15.03.2022

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF CIRCUIT MEETING OF THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended August 31, 2021 which are set out on pages 10 to 29.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Christopher Bailey A.C.A.

For and on behalf of
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Date: 15.03.2022

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GROUP STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Incoming resources from generated funds:						
Donations	2	589,505	-	-	589,505	560,403
Charitable activities	3	70,491	23,229	-	93,720	113,379
Other trading income	4	62,861	-	-	62,861	59,792
Investment income - bank interest	5	1,723	23	64	1,810	2,974
Other Income	6	47,247	-	-	47,247	-
TOTAL INCOME		<u>771,827</u>	<u>23,252</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>795,143</u>	<u>736,548</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Costs of generating funds	8	113,143	13	38	113,194	124,914
Expenditure on charitable activities	9	485,058	23,486	-	508,544	527,251
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>598,201</u>	<u>23,499</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>621,738</u>	<u>652,165</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	192,543	-	(6,173)	186,370	1,083
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS	12	<u>366,169</u>	<u>(247)</u>	<u>(6,147)</u>	<u>359,775</u>	<u>85,466</u>
Transfers between funds	21	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	21	<u>366,169</u>	<u>(247)</u>	<u>(6,147)</u>	<u>359,775</u>	<u>85,466</u>
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	21	<u>2,674,318</u>	<u>11,225</u>	<u>136,459</u>	<u>2,822,002</u>	<u>2,736,536</u>
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	21	<u>3,040,487</u>	<u>10,978</u>	<u>130,312</u>	<u>3,181,777</u>	<u>2,822,002</u>

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THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
CIRCUIT STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Incoming resources from generated funds:						
Donations	2	589,505	-	-	589,505	559,429
Charitable activities	3	70,491	23,229	-	93,720	113,379
Other trading income	4	34,776	-	-	34,776	27,820
Investment income	5	1,723	23	64	1,810	3,089
Other income	6	47,247	-	-	47,247	-
TOTAL INCOME		743,742	23,252	64	767,058	703,717
EXPENDITURE						
Costs of generating funds	8	12,079	13	38	12,130	18,340
Expenditure on charitable activities	9	488,198	23,486	-	511,684	531,988
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		500,277	23,499	38	523,814	550,328
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	192,543	-	(6,173)	186,370	1,083
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS	12	436,008	(247)	(6,147)	429,614	154,472
Transfers between funds	21	-	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	21	436,008	(247)	(6,147)	429,614	154,472
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	21	2,605,602	11,225	136,459	2,753,286	2,598,814
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	21	3,041,610	10,978	130,312	3,182,900	2,753,286

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**THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
GROUP BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	14		2,352,064		2,217,568
Investments	15		<u>188,777</u>		<u>325,655</u>
			2,540,841		2,543,223
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	17	161,687		133,089	
Investments	18	385,000		-	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>135,725</u>		<u>198,062</u>	
		682,412		331,151	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in one year	19	<u>40,416</u>		<u>50,569</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>641,996</u>		<u>280,582</u>
			3,182,837		2,823,805
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in more than one year	20		1,060		1,803
NET ASSETS			<u><u>3,181,777</u></u>		<u><u>2,822,002</u></u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	21		3,040,487		2,674,318
Restricted	21		10,978		11,225
Endowment	21		<u>130,312</u>		<u>136,459</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u><u>3,181,777</u></u>		<u><u>2,822,002</u></u>

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caroline wickens

REVD. DR C WICKENS - SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
CIRCUIT BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	14		2,352,064		2,147,689
Investments	15		<u>188,777</u>		<u>325,655</u>
			2,540,841		2,473,344
DEBTORS due in more than one year					
	16		-		2,220
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	17	177,955		141,240	
Investments	18	385,000		-	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>119,730</u>		<u>183,357</u>	
		682,685		324,597	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in one year	19	<u>39,566</u>		<u>45,072</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
			<u>643,119</u>		<u>279,525</u>
			3,183,960		2,755,089
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in more than one year	20		1,060		1,803
NET ASSETS					
			<u><u>3,182,900</u></u>		<u><u>2,753,286</u></u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	21		3,041,610		2,605,602
Restricted	21		10,978		11,225
Endowment	21		<u>130,312</u>		<u>136,459</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u><u>3,182,900</u></u>		<u><u>2,753,286</u></u>

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REVD. DR C WICKENS - SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER

**THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
CIRCUIT AND GROUP STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

		Group 2021 £	Group 2020 £	Circuit 2021 £	Circuit 2020 £
Cash used in operating activities	Notes 26	(129,371)	106,864	(130,661)	119,929
Cashflows from investing activities					
Investment income		1,810	2,974	1,810	3,089
Proceeds of disposal of current asset investment		-	-	-	-
Proceeds of sale of fixed assets		285,502	-	285,502	-
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(350,333)	-	(350,333)	-
Adjustments to fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Withdrawals from investments		416,465	109,333	416,465	109,333
Purchase of investments, cash & gains reinvested		(285,760)	(188,190)	(285,760)	(188,190)
Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		67,684	(75,883)	67,684	(75,768)
Cashflows from financing activities					
Proceeds from new borrowings		-	-	-	-
Repayment of borrowing		(650)	(554)	(650)	(554)
Cash used in financing activities		(650)	(554)	(650)	(554)
Increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents in the year		(62,337)	30,427	(63,627)	43,607
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		198,062	167,635	183,357	139,750
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		135,725	198,062	119,730	183,357
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:					
Cash at bank and in hand		135,725	198,062	119,730	183,357
		135,725	198,062	119,730	183,357

Details of movements in net debt are given in note 27.

The notes on pages 15 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Manchester Circuit's financial statements.

Scope of the financial statements

The financial statements relate to the work of the Circuit, in all aspects.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared: under the historic cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments (as set out below) through the statement of financial activities; 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) effective January 1 2019 (second edition – October 2019); and FRS102. The results of the wholly owned subsidiary have been consolidated on a line by line basis.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The accounts are prepared in £ sterling, the functional currency of the charity and its subsidiary company.

Donated goods

Individual donated goods of a consumable nature valued under £500 such as harvest festival produce are not shown in these financial statements. Those over this amount or of a capital nature are recorded.

Income

Total Incoming Resources as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities represents the net amounts from all sources.

Income is recognised in the accounting period in which it is receivable, except in the following circumstances, when the income is deferred and included in creditors:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and the charity is not contractually entitled to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded

Investment income

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable, and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities other than where grants are deferred to match the income to expenditure over the life of the project.

Grants to local churches

Grants to local churches for property schemes and other purposes are accounted for as liabilities when they receive formal approval by the Circuit Meeting, or the Superintendency team or Council under delegated authority for awards of less than £6,000.

On some occasions the Circuit Meeting will be asked to indicate whether it would approve a property development or building of a new church when the project is still at a development stage and other partners are still being consulted. The Circuit Meeting usually indicates that it would support the investment of the proceeds of sale of any related properties and how much it would be prepared to give in addition. Such amounts are not considered to be binding obligations on the Circuit until such time as a formal scheme is brought forward and approved by the Circuit Meeting.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Other grants payable

Grants awarded to other charitable bodies are accounted for as liabilities in the year in which the award is made. Multi-period grants are accounted for in full in the year awarded where there is a binding commitment to make the future payments.

Designated funds

Where the Circuit has agreed to use its reserves to meet revenue costs or to meet future capital costs it has designated the funds within unrestricted reserves. It also makes provision in this way when it has indicated its support for a local church building scheme but no actual liability has yet been created.

Expenditure and Irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Costs of raising funds including those associated with fundraising activities, managing investments and commercial trading by the subsidiary company.

Charitable activities costs of undertaking the work of the charity.

The charity is not registered for VAT and cannot recover any input tax charged. Costs are stated inclusive of VAT where charged. The subsidiary is registered for VAT and can recover all input tax charged. Costs are stated exclusive of VAT where charged.

Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions which assist the work of the charity either by supporting the delivery of charitable activities or by supporting the generation of funds. They include back office functions, staff costs and professional fees. The basis of allocations is set out in note 10.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are shown at cost to the Circuit, with the exception of the manses and other property assets. These have been included at the Trustees' valuation less any levy payable to the Connexional Advance and Priority Fund ("CAPF") where there is no replacement scheme for the assets, as permitted under the SoRP, when assets not previously in the balance sheet are capitalised. Assets costing less than £1,000 are written off as revenue expenditure in the year of acquisition.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost or valuation less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Freehold buildings	-	1% per annum from later of the date of acquisition or 1/09/14
Leasehold properties	-	1% per annum from later of the date of acquisition or 1/09/14
Rossett property improvements	-	2.5% per annum on cost
Furniture and fittings	-	25% per annum on cost
Computer equipment	-	33% per annum on cost

Freehold land is not depreciated. Fixed asset disposal proceeds are reported net of any levy payable to the CAPF.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Taxation

The Manchester Circuit is exempt from Corporation Tax by reason of its charitable status to the extent that income and gains are applicable and applied to charitable purposes only. Income tax suffered on deeds of covenant and gift aid or investment income is reclaimed in full.

Investments, gains and losses

Fixed asset investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recorded at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The SoFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and on disposals throughout the year.

Gains and losses on investments are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the opening carrying value or cost, if acquired during the year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated on the difference between opening and closing fair values.

Certain investments are held and incorporated in the Balance Sheet that are restricted to specific projects. These are disclosed in note 15.

Financial instruments

The charity has only basic financial instruments which are initially recorded at cost, and with the exception of investments (as set out above) subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Pension contributions

The Circuit participates in the following pension fund:

Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund

The Circuit is a member of the Connexional pension scheme (MMPS) which covers presbyters and deacons of the Methodist Church. The contribution rates are set each year by the Methodist Conference, and for the year under review the employer contributions were 26.9% (2020: 26.9%) of stipend.

The MMPS is a multi-employer scheme, and in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, the Circuit accounts for those contributions as if it were a defined contribution scheme. It has done so because it is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities on a consistent and reasonable basis. Contributions are charged to the SoFA in the period in which they are payable.

Lay employees'

The Circuit operates a defined contribution pension fund for its lay employees and unless they have opted out, pays employer's contribution of 6% matched by employees' contributions of 2%, in accordance with the standing orders of the Methodist Church.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	2021			2020		
	Unrestricted	Restricted/ endowment	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted/ endowment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
2 DONATIONS						
Church assessments	282,655	-	282,655	368,471	-	368,471
Donations	2,364	-	2,364	2,775	-	2,775
HMRC - CJRS grant	4,486	-	4,486			
Sale of property	-	-	-	186,781	-	186,781
Other funds transferred	300,000	-	300,000	1,402	-	1,402
Charity	589,505	-	589,505	559,429	-	559,429
HMRC - CJRS grant	-	-	-	974	-	974
Group	589,505	-	589,505	560,403	-	560,403
3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES						
Property Income:						
Rossett and Chatterton Hey	70,491	-	70,491	73,822	-	73,822
Grants for circuit work	-	23,229	23,229	-	35,846	35,846
Other income	-	-	-	3,711	-	3,711
	70,491	23,229	93,720	77,533	35,846	113,379
4 OTHER TRADING INCOME						
Rental income re surplus manse	23,452	-	23,452	22,102	-	22,102
Rents receivable re Wesley centre	8,470	-	8,470	-	-	-
Rent & management charge Wesley	2,854	-	2,854	5,681	-	5,681
Room hire	-	-	-	37	-	37
Total for Circuit	34,776	-	34,776	27,820	-	27,820
Subsidiary income	34,079	-	34,079	42,390	-	42,390
less eliminated on consolidation	(5,994)	-	(5,994)	(10,418)	-	(10,418)
Total for Group	62,861	-	62,861	59,792	-	59,792
5 INVESTMENT INCOME						
Income from fixed asset investments	778	-	778	2,434	221	2,655
Interest on loans	-	-	-	115	-	115
Bank interest	945	87	1,032	319	-	319
Total for Circuit	1,723	87	1,810	2,868	221	3,089
less eliminated on consolidation:						
Loan interest Wesley Ltd	-	-	-	(115)	-	(115)
Total for Group	1,723	87	1,810	2,753	221	2,974
6 OTHER INCOME						
Proceeds of sale of manse	47,247	-	47,247	-	-	-

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
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7 SUBSIDIARY COMPANY - WESLEY LTD

	2021	2020
	£	£
Turnover	34,079	42,390
Administration costs	(103,918)	(112,255)
Amortisation of capital grants	63,451	63,589
HMRC - CJRS grant	-	974
Interest payable & similar charges	-	(115)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax	(6,388)	(5,417)
Taxation	-	-
Profit/(loss) after tax	(6,388)	(5,417)
Fixed assets	-	69,879
Current assets	16,178	18,783
Creditors due in one year	(17,300)	(81,176)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(2,220)
	(1,122)	5,266

The Manchester Circuit owns the whole of the issued share capital of Wesley Limited.

On consolidation the accounting treatment of capital grants (included in Wesley Ltd accounts within creditors) is aligned with that of the Circuit as a charity. Capital grants are treated as part of reserves and the release to the profit and loss account in Wesley's accounts is eliminated.

Capital grants included in creditors are analysed as follows:

Due within one year	-	63,451
Due after more than one year	-	-
	-	63,451

On consolidation the management charges and rent payable by Wesley to the Circuit of £2,854 (2020 - £5,681, the interest payable by Wesley Ltd to the Circuit of £0 (2020 £115) and the rent payable by the Circuit to Wesley of £5,994 (2020 - £4,737) are eliminated.

8 COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS

	2021			2020		
	Unrestricted	Restricted/ endowment	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted/ endowment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Investment management charges	629	51	680	440	51	491
Agents & other fees re rental income	2,589	-	2,589	7,364	-	7,364
Property & other costs Wesley Centr	2,176	-	2,176	-	-	-
Staff costs re Wesley Centre	834	-	834	-	-	-
Depreciation property rented out	-	-	-	5,784	-	5,784
Support costs	5,851	-	5,851	4,701	-	4,701
Total for Circuit	12,079	51	12,130	18,289	51	18,340
Subsidiary costs	103,918	-	103,918	112,370	-	112,370
Eliminated on consolidation	(2,854)	-	(2,854)	(5,796)	-	(5,796)
Total for Group	113,143	51	113,194	124,863	51	124,914

9 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	2021			2020		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Stipends, salaries & pensions	257,742	23,169	280,911	254,673	25,098	279,771
Expenses and training costs	5,948	-	5,948	10,952	-	10,952
Grants to Circuit Churches	2,000	-	2,000	10,193	-	10,193
Grant to SPH Chaplaincy Centre	5,000	-	5,000	20,000	5,000	25,000
Grant to Nexus CCS	-	-	-	4,000	-	4,000
Manse costs	41,313	-	41,313	41,755	-	41,755
Trinity property costs	6,730	-	6,730	-	-	-
Other direct costs	9,486	-	9,486	16,891	-	16,891
District & Connexional assessments	83,131	-	83,131	84,260	-	84,260
District Advance Fund levy	6,465	-	6,465	2,530	-	2,530
Benevolent fund payments	-	317	317	-	-	-
Depreciation charitable properties	15,246	-	15,246	11,851	-	11,851
Support costs	55,137	-	55,137	44,785	-	44,785
Charged to restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total for Circuit	488,198	23,486	511,684	501,890	30,098	531,988
Less eliminated on consolidation						
Rent paid to Wesley Ltd	(3,140)	-	(3,140)	(4,737)	-	(4,737)
Total Group	485,058	23,486	508,544	497,153	30,098	527,251

10 SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2021			2020		
	Fundraising	Charitable	Total	Fundraising	Charitable	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Support costs						
Staff costs	1,265	11,380	12,645	1,197	10,769	11,966
Office costs	2,812	25,304	28,116	2,371	21,336	23,707
Professional costs	1,774	15,963	17,737	1,133	10,200	11,333
	5,851	52,647	58,498	4,701	42,305	47,006
Governance costs						
External scrutiny	-	2,490	2,490	-	2,480	2,480
	5,851	55,137	60,988	4,701	44,785	49,486

Staff costs are allocated on the basis of estimate of time spent and other costs on the estimate of resources used.

11 GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment funds	2021
	£	£	£	£
Unrealised gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed asset investment:	-	-	(6,173)	(6,173)
Realised gain on disposal of investments	-	-	-	-
Unrealised gain on assets held for sale	192,543	-	-	192,543
	192,543	-	(6,173)	186,370
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment funds	2020
	£	£	£	£
Unrealised gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed asset investment:	-	-	1,083	1,083
	-	-	1,083	1,083

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12 GROUP NET INCOMING RESOURCES AFTER TRANSFERS

	2021	2020
	£	£
This is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Independent examiners' fees	2,490	2,490
Depreciation of fixed assets	85,126	86,641
Operating lease rentals	-	-
Trustees' remuneration as trustees	-	-
Trustees' expenses as trustees	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

13 STAFF INFORMATION

	2021	2020
	£	£
a Staff costs		
Stipends and salaries	226,790	225,584
Apprenticeship levy	1,209	842
Pension contributions - Methodist Ministers Scheme	48,061	48,468
Pension contributions - other	2,216	1,432
Employer's NI contributions	16,114	15,411
	<u>294,390</u>	<u>291,737</u>

No staff member was paid more than £60,000 p.a. in either year.

b Key management personnel

The key management of the charity comprise the trustees, which includes the ordained members of staff who are ex-officio members of the Circuit Meeting but do not receive any payment specifically for acting as trustees.

The other trustees do not receive any remuneration for their services.

	£	£
The total remuneration benefits of the key management are:		
Stipends	<u>254,026</u>	<u>257,508</u>

As explained in note 28, certain other Circuit employees are also members of the Circuit Meeting but their remuneration is not included above as their membership of the Circuit Meeting is not part of their duties as employees, but rather they have been appointed by the churches of which they are members as representatives.

c Average staff numbers

The average number of members of staff of the charity was as follows:-

	2021	2020
	Average number	Average number
Ordained staff (office holders not employees)	8.0	9.0
Lay employees	<u>6.0</u>	<u>5.0</u>
	<u>14.0</u>	<u>14.0</u>

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
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14 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land & buildings £	Long leasehold properties £	Property Improvements £	Fixtures Fittings & Equipment £	Total £
GROUP					
Cost					
As at September 1 2020	1,663,203	572,000	876,079	36,964	3,148,246
Additions	650,333	-	-	-	650,333
Disposals	(248,126)	-	(876,079)	(17,952)	(1,142,157)
Transfer to current assets	(200,475)	-	-	-	(200,475)
As at August 31 2021	<u>1,864,935</u>	<u>572,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,012</u>	<u>2,455,947</u>
Depreciation					
As at September 1 2020	61,167	28,740	808,888	31,883	930,678
Charge for the year	8,621	5,720	67,191	3,594	85,126
Disposals	(9,871)	-	(876,079)	(17,952)	(903,902)
Transfer to current assets	(8,019)	-	-	-	(8,019)
As at August 31 2021	<u>51,898</u>	<u>34,460</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,525</u>	<u>103,883</u>
Net book value					
As at August 31 2021	<u>1,813,037</u>	<u>537,540</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,487</u>	<u>2,352,064</u>
As at August 31 2020	<u>1,602,036</u>	<u>543,260</u>	<u>67,191</u>	<u>5,081</u>	<u>2,217,568</u>
CIRCUIT					
Cost					
As at September 1 2020	1,663,203	572,000	-	19,012	2,254,215
Additions	650,333	-	-	-	650,333
Disposals	(248,126)	-	-	-	(248,126)
Transfer to current assets	(200,475)	-	-	-	(200,475)
As at August 31 2021	<u>1,864,935</u>	<u>572,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,012</u>	<u>2,455,947</u>
Depreciation					
As at September 1 2020	61,167	28,740	-	16,619	106,526
Charge for the year	8,621	5,720	-	906	15,247
Disposals	(9,871)	-	-	-	(9,871)
Transfer to current assets	(8,019)	-	-	-	(8,019)
As at August 31 2021	<u>51,898</u>	<u>34,460</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,525</u>	<u>103,883</u>
Net book value					
As at August 31 2021	<u>1,813,037</u>	<u>537,540</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,487</u>	<u>2,352,064</u>
As at August 31 2020	<u>1,602,036</u>	<u>543,260</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,393</u>	<u>2,147,689</u>

The net book value of equipment held on finance leases was £1,392 (2020 - £2,088).

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15 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Market value brought forward	325,655	245,715
Income re-invested	258	1,409
Additions at cost	285,502	186,781
Disposals at carrying value	(416,465)	(109,333)
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	(6,173)	1,083
Market value carried forward	<u>188,777</u>	<u>325,655</u>

Investments at fair value comprise:

CFB Managed funds	111,282	117,456
Cash held within investment portfolio	<u>77,495</u>	<u>208,199</u>
	<u>188,777</u>	<u>325,655</u>

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Endowment funds	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Market value brought forward	182,296	103,608	6,901	6,856	136,458	135,251
Income & gains re-invested	221	1,240	10	45	27	124
Additions at cost	285,502	186,781	-	-	-	-
Disposals/withdrawals						
at carrying value	(416,465)	(109,333)	-	-	-	-
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	-	-	-	-	(6,173)	1,083
Market value carried forward	<u>51,554</u>	<u>182,296</u>	<u>6,911</u>	<u>6,901</u>	<u>130,312</u>	<u>136,458</u>
CFB Managed funds	-	-	-	-	111,282	117,456
Cash held within investment portfolio	<u>51,554</u>	<u>182,296</u>	<u>6,911</u>	<u>6,901</u>	<u>19,030</u>	<u>19,002</u>
	<u>51,554</u>	<u>182,296</u>	<u>6,911</u>	<u>6,901</u>	<u>130,312</u>	<u>136,458</u>

16 DEBTORS DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	Group 2021 £	Group 2020 £	Circuit 2021 £	Circuit 2020 £
Loan to Wesley Limited	-	-	-	2,220
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,220</u>

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	Group 2021 £	Group 2020 £	Circuit 2021 £	Circuit 2020 £
17 DEBTORS				
Trade debtors	182	4,007	-	-
Loans to Circuit Churches	17,208	17,208	17,208	17,208
Amounts due from Wesley Limited	-	-	16,450	12,382
Prepayments & other debtors	144,297	111,874	144,297	111,650
	<u>161,687</u>	<u>133,089</u>	<u>177,955</u>	<u>141,240</u>

Included in 2020 amounts due from Wesley Ltd above was £2,320 in respect of loan repayments due within one year.

18 CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

Property held for resale

385,000	-	385,000	-
<u>385,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>385,000</u>	<u>-</u>

19 CREDITORS falling due within one year

Assessments in advance	28,976	34,190	28,976	34,190
Income and grants in advance	-	-	-	-
Funds in trust	-	-	-	-
Social security and other taxes	644	1,733	644	417
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
Finance lease creditor	743	649	743	649
Creditors & accruals	10,053	13,997	9,203	9,816
	<u>40,416</u>	<u>50,569</u>	<u>39,566</u>	<u>45,072</u>

In 2017/18, the Circuit opened a second account with CFB and in 18/19 a second current account with Unity trust to hold the monies and make payments for Hope Methodist Church's building project. At the year end these funds amounted to c£1.5k (2020 -c£21). The bank balances, the transactions and the liability to Hope are not shown in the Circuit accounts. Interest earned on the balance held and bank charges incurred have been wholly attributed to Hope.

20 CREDITORS falling due in more than on year

Finance lease creditor

1,060	1,803	1,060	1,803
<u>1,060</u>	<u>1,803</u>	<u>1,060</u>	<u>1,803</u>

21 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

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Variable	Mean	Standard Deviation	Minimum	Maximum
Age	35.2	12.5	18	65
Gender	0.52	0.50	0	1
Marital Status	0.68	0.48	0	1
Education	12.5	2.1	9	16
Income	45000	15000	20000	80000
Health Status	0.75	0.43	0	1
Exercise Frequency	2.5	1.5	0	5
Stress Level	3.2	1.8	1	5
Sleep Quality	4.1	1.2	2	5
Dietary Habits	3.8	1.4	2	5
Work-Life Balance	3.5	1.6	2	5
Overall Well-being	4.3	1.1	3	5

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Category	Item	Score
Knowledge	1. The purpose of the study is to determine the effect of the use of the Internet on the learning of the English language.	1.00
	2. The study is a quantitative study.	1.00
	3. The study is a qualitative study.	1.00
	4. The study is a mixed study.	1.00
Attitudes	5. I am interested in the use of the Internet in the learning of the English language.	1.00
	6. I am motivated to use the Internet in the learning of the English language.	1.00
	7. I am confident that I can use the Internet in the learning of the English language.	1.00
	8. I am satisfied with the use of the Internet in the learning of the English language.	1.00
Skills	9. I can use the Internet in the learning of the English language.	1.00
	10. I can use the Internet in the learning of the English language.	1.00
	11. I can use the Internet in the learning of the English language.	1.00
	12. I can use the Internet in the learning of the English language.	1.00

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22 ANALYSIS OF COMPANY NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fund balances at August 31 2021 are represented by:-

	Unrestricted		Restricted	Endowment	
	General	Designated	Funds	Funds	Total
	Funds	Funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	2,352,064	-	-	-	2,352,064
Fixed asset investments	-	51,554	6,911	130,312	188,777
Debtors due in more than one year	-	-	-	-	-
Net current assets	622,670	16,382	4,067	-	643,119
Creditors due in more than one year	(1,060)	-	-	-	(1,060)
	<u>2,973,674</u>	<u>67,936</u>	<u>10,978</u>	<u>130,312</u>	<u>3,182,900</u>

Fund balances at August 31 2020 are represented by:-

Tangible fixed assets	2,147,689	-	-	-	2,147,689
Fixed asset investments	122,295	60,000	6,901	136,459	325,655
Debtors due in more than one year	2,220	-	-	-	2,220
Net current assets	267,265	7,936	4,324	-	279,525
	<u>(1,803)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,803)</u>
	<u>2,537,666</u>	<u>67,936</u>	<u>11,225</u>	<u>136,459</u>	<u>2,753,286</u>

23 TAXATION

The Circuit is a registered charity and is entitled to claim annual exemption from UK corporation tax.

24 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments authorised and contracted for at the end of the year (2020 £Nil).

25 LEASE COMMITMENTS

Finance lease commitments

The Circuit had the following commitments under finance leases:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Not later than one year	928	928
Later than one year and not later than five years	<u>1,160</u>	<u>2,089</u>
	2,088	3,017
Less interest charges	<u>(285)</u>	<u>(565)</u>
Per creditors notes	<u>1,803</u>	<u>2,452</u>

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26 RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASHFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	Group 2021	Group 2020	Circuit 2021	Circuit 2020
	£	£	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers	359,775	85,466	429,614	154,472
Add back depreciation on fixed assets	85,126	86,641	15,247	17,635
Deduct property transferred to Circuit	(300,000)	-	(300,000)	-
Deduct/(add) unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	(186,370)	(1,083)	(186,370)	(1,083)
Deduct interest income shown in investing activities	(1,810)	(2,974)	(1,810)	(3,089)
Deduct profit/add back losses on disposals of FA	(47,247)	-	(47,247)	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(28,598)	(35,307)	(34,495)	(21,577)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(10,247)	(25,879)	(5,600)	(26,429)
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	(129,371)	106,864	(130,661)	119,929

27 NET MOVEMENT IN DEBT

Group	At 31/8/20	cashflows	lease repaid	other non cash	at 31/08/21
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents					
Cash at bank and in hand	198,062	(62,337)	-	-	135,725
Debt					
Finance lease obligations	2,452	(649)	-	-	1,803
Cash and cash equivalents net of debt	195,610				133,922
Charity					
Cash and cash equivalents					
Cash at bank and in hand	183,357	(63,627)	-	-	119,730
Debt					
Finance lease obligations	2,452	(649)	-	-	1,803
Cash and cash equivalents net of debt	180,905				117,927

There were no: acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries; foreign exchange movements; or market value changes in the period.

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28 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Ministers

Stipends and allowances for presbyters and deacons (collectively ministers) are set annually by the Methodist Conference, and the Circuit is responsible for meeting those costs for all ministers appointed by the Conference to the Circuit. Details of stipends paid to ministers who are members of the Circuit meeting are as follows. The following received the basic stipend (£25,524; 2020: £24,842): Deacon Pru Cahill, Revd Krystyna Kwarciak, Rev Sharon Read, Revd. Joy Rulton, Revd. Ken Stokes, Revd. Caroline Wickens.

And the following ministers received half stipend in 2019/20 and 2020/21: Revd Al Lowe and Revd Sue Williams; and Revd Sarah Lowe in 2019/20 until her death.

All of whom, except for Revd Sue Williams, were provided with living accommodation as required by the church's Standing Orders. The Revd Al Lowe and his wife, Revd Sarah Lowe shared a manse.

In addition, the Revd Ian Rutherford, who is the City Centre Minister and receives his stipend from the Manchester and Stockport District, is provided with accommodation as part of the partnership arrangement with the District.

In addition to the basic stipend, the Connexionally agreed Superintendent Minister's allowance (£2,552; 2020: £2,485) was paid to Revd Caroline Wickens in 2019/20 and 2020/21.

Other ministers who are resident in the Circuit, for the purposes of the Methodist stations, but not in Circuit appointments or without appointment are also members of the Circuit Meeting but do not receive payment or accommodation from the Circuit, except for preaching fees and expenses as set out above.

Lay employees

The following members of the Circuit Meeting were also employees of the Circuit and were in receipt of salaries for the work they undertook in the capacities indicated. They do not receive payment for acting as trustees:

Name	Position	2021	2020
Angela Doyle	Circuit Administrator	11,468	£10,531
Liz Stuart	Lay employee	9,118	£8,879

Ms Doyle was also an employee of Wesley Limited during the year and was in receipt of a salary of £2,295 (2020: £2,327) for the work which she undertook as Company Secretary and Administrator. This employment was transferred to the Circuit from 1/7/21, when Wesley Ltd ceased trading.

Other payments

Andrew Slim, a member of the Circuit meeting has provided property advice services through his limited company Andrew Slim Limited, in the ordinary course of business. He took no part in the decision to appoint his company and it was engaged on normal commercial terms. Payments in the 2020/21 amounted to £7,696 (2020: £4,807).

In 2019/20, S Watters, a member of the Circuit meeting and of the Circuit Council, was employed by Wesley Ltd to produce a business plan. She took no part in the decision to appoint her, and she received a salary of £636 for this work (2021: £78).

Wesley Limited

Revd Caroline Wickens and Revd Sue Williams, members of the Circuit Meeting and therefore trustees of the charity, were also directors of Wesley Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of Manchester Circuit) during the year. In 2015, Manchester Circuit loaned Wesley Limited £16,140 to enable it to install solar panels at the Wesley Centre; the loan is repayable in March 2022 by half yearly instalments which commenced in September 2015. The loan was absorbed into the general intercompany balance during the year.

During the year, Manchester Circuit paid rent (including VAT) to Wesley Limited of £3,768 (2020: £4,737).

Methodist Chapel Aid Limited

Andrew Slim, a member of the Circuit Meeting, was a non-executive director of Methodist Chapel Aid Limited throughout the year. As at 31 August 2021, Methodist Chapel Aid Limited held funds on behalf of the Circuit totalling £14,127 (31/08/20- £13,952).

Chittenden Horley Ltd

Chittenden Horley Ltd, an accounting practice of which Mr Peter Smith, a member of the Circuit Meeting, is a director and minority shareholder, provided accounting services to Wesley Ltd and The Manchester Circuit. Mr Smith took no part in the decision to appoint his firm. During the year Chittenden Horley Ltd received fees as follows:

Manchester Circuit	£2,955 (2019/20 – £2,956)
Wesley Ltd	£836 (2019/20 - £1,099).

Accounts

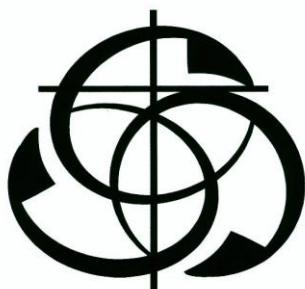
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**THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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CHARITY INFORMATION
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TRUSTEES

Name		Appointed by	
Mary	Adamiak	East Didsbury MCC	
Suzan	Allen	Crumpsall MCC/Secretary	
Yvonne	Anderson Boyd	Manley Park MCC	
Graham	Ascroft	Moston MCC	
Janet	Bailey	Hope MCC	
Sandra	Bailey	Circuit Steward	
Erimna	Bell	Whalley Range MCC	
Jackie	Blackmore	Moston MCC	
Joan	Booth	Edge Lane MCC	
Pru	Cahill	Ex Officio	
Paula	Collins	Long St/Safeguarding	from 01.09.19
Emily	Crellin	Crumpsall MCC	to 01.03.20
Adrian	Curtis	Manley Park MCC	
Sam	Dada	Clayton MCC	
Chris	Davis	Circuit Steward	
Phil	Davis	Didsbury MCC	
Daphne	Dawson	Circuit Steward	
Jacqueline	Denison	Trinity Ancoats MCC	
Angela	Doyle	Droylsden MCC	
Giselle	Du Toit	Withington MCC	
Andrew	Edwards	Circuit Steward	
Barbara	Edwards	Moston MCC	
Chris	Evans	Clayton MCC	
Helen	Fielding	Withington MCC	
Fiona	Fulton	Levenshulme MCC	
Terence	Grant	Whalley Range MCC	
Janet	Green	LP Secretary	
Christine	Grime	Long St MCC	
Geoff	Grime	Long St MCC	to 01.09.20
Andrew Nicholas	Hallett	Didsbury MCC	
Janet	Hardware	Edge Lane MCC	
Janet	Hignett	Levenshulme MCC	
Alan	Hopkins	Trinity Ancoats MCC	
Ubongabasi	Inyang	Circuit Steward	
Mary	Kelsey	Northmoor Road MCC	to 06.01.20
John	Kinsey	Levenshulme MCC	
Russell	Kirby	Manley Park MCC	
Jackie	Kirkby	Circuit Steward	
Krystyna	Kwarciak	Ex Officio	
Alistair	Lowe	Ex Officio	

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TRUSTEES (continued)

Name		Appointed by	
Sarah	Lowe	Ex Officio	to 01.03.20
Arielle	Lufakalyo	Methodist Centre MCC	
Lazare	Lufakalyo	Methodist Centre MCC	
Yvonne	MaxMacarthy	Northmoor Road MCC	to 06.01.20
Margaret	Morris	Manley Park MCC	
Abigail	Parr	Hope MCC	
Sylvia	Pennycooke	Whalley Range MCC	
Ludley	Pinnock	Fallowfield MCC	to 20.05.20
David	Pott	East Didsbury MCC	
Angela	Ralph	Circuit Steward	
David	Ratchford	Long St MCC	to 01.09.19
Margaret	Ratchford	Long St MCC	
Sharon	Read	Ex Officio	from 01.09.19
Audrey	Redshaw	Chorlton MCC	
Othniel	Reid	Whalley Range MCC	
John	Roberts	Circuit Steward	
Julie	Rowbotham	Hope MCC	
Sue	Rowe	Ex Officio	
Joy	Rulton	Ex Officio	
Ian	Rutherford	Ex Officio	from 01.09.19
Doreen	Sanderson	Northmoor Road MCC	to 06.01.20
Barbara	Schofield	Whalley Range MCC	
Alan	Scott	Northmoor Road MCC	to 06.01.20
Helen	Scott	Trinity Ancoats MCC	to 13.07.20
Pamela	Sewart	Long St MCC	
John	Shuttleworth	Withington MCC	
Andrew	Slim	Long St MCC	
Hilary	Small	Moston MCC	
Peter	Smith	Finance Group	
Heather	Steward	Withington MCC	
Ken	Stokes	Ex Officio	
Liz	Stuart	Circuit Steward/Staff Rep	
Don	Taylor	Withington MCC	
Elva	Towler	Clayton MCC	
Bernard	Treves Brown	Circuit Steward	
Megan	Warner	Edge Lane MCC	
Susan	Watters	Circuit Steward	
Jenny	Went	Withington MCC	
Caroline	Wickens	Ex Officio	
Beverley	Williams	Whalley Range MCC	
Stephen	Williams	Droylsden MCC	
Sue	Williams	Ex Officio	
Janet	Yarwood	Hope MCC	

Key: MCC – Methodist Church Council

**THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

**CIRCUIT COUNCIL and
Circuit Stewards**

Rev Dr C Wickens	Superintendent Minister
Angela Ralph	Chair and Senior Circuit Steward
Jacqueline Kirkby	Secretary
Revd Susan Williams	Superintendency Team
Elizabeth Stuart	Staff Representative
Revd Joy Rulton	Staff Representative
Bernard Treves Brown	Treasurer
Sandra Bailey	
Christine Davis	
Daphne Dawson	from 01/09/2019
Andrew Edwards	
Ubongabasi Inyang	from 01/09/2019
John Roberts	
Susan Watters	

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REGISTERED CHARITY

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**THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the consolidated financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary, Wesley Limited, for the year ended 31 August 2020.

REPORTING FRAMEWORK

The financial statements comply with 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019), referred to as the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable Objectives

The Circuit shares the same charitable objectives as the rest of the Methodist Church, which are set out as follows:

“The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of Union the advancement of –

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

Aims

The Circuit seeks to live out the calling of the Methodist Church, which is summarised thus:

“The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the Gospel of God’s love in Christ and to live out its discipleship and mission. Inspired by Our Calling, we aim:

- *to increase awareness of God’s presence and to celebrate God’s love*
- *to help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care*
- *to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice*
- *to make more followers of Jesus Christ”*

Activities and Public Benefit

The Circuit encourages and supports the Churches within it in the provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the Church and non-members alike; the provision of sacred space for prayer and contemplation; the teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups; pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved; the promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services; the provision of youth clubs, senior citizens’ clubs, men’s meetings and women’s meetings etc. with a Christian ethos; promoting the whole mission of the Church (and aiding social cohesion) through activities for older people, parents and toddlers and other specific needs groups; and supporting other charities in the UK and overseas financially and with prayer.

The aims, objectives and activities of the charity are reviewed annually, and achievements assessed. When reviewing the aims and objectives of the charity and in planning future activities, the Trustees have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Contribution of Volunteers

The Circuit is heavily dependent upon, and extremely grateful for, the contribution of volunteers as it seeks to carry out its objectives. With the exception of ordained members and the lay staff representative, all the other members of the Circuit Council are unpaid volunteers, and the vast majority of the Charity trustees are also volunteers.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Manchester Circuit, The Methodist Church: Achievements and Performance, 2019 – 2020

The work of the Manchester Circuit is shaped by the Calling and Priorities of the Methodist Church, and therefore it is appropriate to use these Priorities to shape this review of our activities over the Connexional year 2019 – 2020.

Our Calling and Priorities are set out as follows:

“The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the Gospel of God’s love in Christ and to live out its discipleship and mission. Inspired by Our Calling, we aim:

- *to increase awareness of God’s presence and to celebrate God’s love: worship*
- *to help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care: learning and caring*
- *to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice: service*
- *to make more followers of Jesus Christ: evangelism*

Our activities over the year have inevitably been affected by the public health emergency which began in March 2020, and there has been considerable restructuring of our approach in consequence. This has been achieved principally through moving many of our activities on-line via various platforms. In November 2019, we appointed Rachel Humphreys to a lay-worker role as Community Engagement Officer. Her skills have been invaluable in supporting this shift in our practice.

Having noted the impact of the public health emergency, and outlined the foundation of our response to it, this report will now focus on each of the four areas in turn.

A. Worship

The year began with circuit worship to welcome the Rev. Sharon Read and her family. Sharon became minister of Crumpsall, Hope, Long Street and Moston churches and is based in the northern section of the circuit. In December we conducted worship to acknowledge the ministry of our 30 active local preachers, and at the same time we received six new trainees for this role. In January we held a final act of worship to celebrate the life of Northmoor Road Methodist Church, which subsequently closed.

Further planned events were put on hold as the COVID-19 crisis unfolded, but we responded very quickly by moving the majority of our worship on-line. On Easter Sunday we introduced a regular live-streamed service on Sunday evenings via a video conferencing platform. This is normally attended by 80 – 90 people from across the circuit. All of our 19 churches continue to worship in different ways. Some meet face-to-face with social distancing, others meet via video-conferencing or over the telephone, depending on the skills of the people involved. We also circulate printed material for those who are housebound.

B. Learning and Caring

Our work with children and young people has also been reshaped by the public health emergency, and at the moment takes place exclusively online. Several churches have maintained their children’s and youth groups, and under the leadership of the Rev. Sharon Read, along with all our children and families’ lay workers, the circuit has run a number of successful online holiday clubs.

The circuit website, manchestermethodists.org.uk, and our other social media platforms have become a major resource for learning in the circuit as resources and information have been shared. We have seen very substantial growth in the numbers of those using our website, Facebook page and Twitter account month by month. Online Bible study groups have brought together people from different churches across the circuit for theological reflection. Safeguarding training, at Foundation and Advanced levels, continued prior to lock-down.

The need to care for people has rarely been greater. Members and ministers alike have maintained extensive networks of communication, via telephone calls, online coffee mornings, and the like. Church members have supported food banks, the Baby Basket project at Moston, and the work of Befrienders at Central Hall.

Service

The circuit continues to support a number of lay workers whose appointments focus on our social outreach and service. In late 2019, Clare Byfield took up an ecumenical children and families post, working with Methodist and Anglican churches in the Fallowfield and Moss Side areas. Rosie Doyle is now leading the work of the Baby Basket project at Moston. These appointments are funded from circuit resources and the ongoing sale of property contributes substantially to this work.

The circuit undertook a major review of the work of the Wesley Centre ahead of the end of its lease of the building to Wesley Ltd. in June 2021. This has led to a clearer strategic approach, which the circuit meeting affirms, and the intention to use the premises more effectively for service to the community in Hulme and more widely.

Evangelism

Sadly, Nexus, the Circuit’s café in Manchester’s Northern Quarter, had to close its doors due to the public health emergency. Its Board hopes to reopen when the situation allows it and will revisit its strategies for evangelism in preparation for this. For the same reason, we have made rather few new members this year. However, our online worship and learning opportunities have attracted numbers of people for whom church is not a familiar environment and we have been able to engage with them through these new ways of worshipping. There have also been many opportunities to engage with people informally through conversation and prayer.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

The Circuit had a surplus on unrestricted funds, after transfers for the year of £163,483. However, this is chiefly attributable to the receipt of the proceeds of sale of Northmoor Road Church of £186,781 and the balance of its net funds of £1,402. In addition, the Circuit has benefitted from receipt of prior years contribution to a staffing post of £16,012. The underlying position is another deficit of £40,712, which was better than the budgeted result which anticipated using c£60k of reserves.

Clearly the Circuit is unable to continue to operate a deficit budget and during the year the Circuit has sought to implement the outcome of its thorough review of budgets and cashflows, working towards ensuring that all recurring expenditure (including all staff posts) can be funded from current income. The pandemic caused by COVID 19 has impacted on the income of many of the churches in the Circuit and their ability to meet the required level of assessment for 20/21, even calling on their reserves. The Circuit has committed to using the surplus from the sale of property to meet shortfalls in 20/21 and beyond.

Designated funds remain in place to cover property projects where the expenditure is expected to be incurred within the next one to two years.

Wesley Ltd

During the year (due to an administrative oversight since corrected) Wesley Limited did not make any of the scheduled repayments of the loan of £16,140 provided in 2015 to fund the installation of an array of 50 solar panels at the Wesley Centre. The forecast 'payback period' for this installation is in the region of seven years, and the loan was therefore scheduled to be repaid over that period. Rental income at the Wesley Centre has risen compared with last year, and although it is reporting a loss of c£5k, this is due to the payment of rent to the Circuit which is computed on the basis of taxable profits which are higher due to timing differences on relief for capital expenditure. Responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Wesley Centre continues to lie with the Circuit's part-time administrator.

Risk management

The Circuit Meeting continues to develop procedures for identifying and addressing the risks facing the charity. It has already enhanced its financial procedures and, in common with other Churches, has developed robust procedures for safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Principal Funding Sources

Contributions from the Churches by way of Circuit Assessment continue to be the main source of funding, accounting for 71% (2019: 68%) of income, excluding proceeds of sale of Northmoor Road.

Investment Policy and Review

The Circuit continues to actively review its investments in the light of immediate cash flow requirements and medium- to long-term plans. The bulk of the Circuit's Model Trust Fund (representing past proceeds of sales of property) is invested via funds managed by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church. As the Circuit expects to draw on the majority of these funds within the next five years, the decision was taken (following consultation with our CFB Relationship Manager) to hold all these in cash and subsequently the investments were disposed of during the year.

The Endowment funds are held in a mixture of CFB managed units and cash.

Other balances are held in current and deposit accounts to enable the proper management of the Circuit's cashflow.

Reserves

The Circuit seeks to use all its assets for its charitable purposes, whilst continuing to secure and maintain the Circuit's financial viability. It seeks to set a balanced revenue budget, in order that the ongoing normal costs of ministry, mission and management are met from investment income, grants and donations, and Circuit Assessment. In previous years, a programme of sales of surplus properties allowed the development of a medium-term plan which sought to identify future requirements of management and ministry and to use part of the sale proceeds in supporting those requirements and developing more innovative schemes of mission and ministry. This thinking continues to be a central part of the Circuit's planning.

Unrestricted Funds

In order to meet its ongoing financial obligations – including the payment of stipends and of District and Connexional assessments quarterly in advance – and to meet unforeseen circumstances, the Circuit needs to maintain sufficient free reserves. These reserves would enable the Circuit to maintain its mission and ministry in the short term if, for whatever reason, third party grants were to be withdrawn or individual Churches encounter difficulties in paying their assessments.

Free reserves are defined as unrestricted reserves less the investment in tangible fixed assets, loans to local churches, designated funds, grant commitments and the long-term investment in Wesley Limited. On the recommendation of Circuit Council, the Circuit Meeting has determined that free reserves should be equivalent to between 3 and 6 months of normal operating costs; this would equate to between £110,000 and £220,000.

As at 31 August 2020, the level of free reserves stood at c£389k, with a commitment to use c£145k to balance the 20/21 budget. The overall level will remain under active review.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the circumstances of the Circuit and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund its activities for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are therefore of the view that the charity is a going concern.

CURRENT NEEDS AND FUTURE PLANS

The Circuit continues to develop its forward planning and to assess its future capital funding needs. Within the context of the calling of the Methodist Church (as set out above) the Circuit aims to:

- support and encourage each local congregation in mission and ministry;
- continue to develop appropriate responses to the pandemic;
- build on the process of the circuit review and its outcomes, the circuit is moving forward on the basis of a strategy developed in response to the vision and recommendations emerging from that process.
- develop a training culture within the Circuit, encouraging lay preachers in their development, supporting probationers and facilitating the development of presbyters in training;
- review and actively manage the Circuit's investments in its financial and property resources, seeking to selectively release resources for mission, ministry and outreach;
- work through the Methodist Church stationing procedures to secure the appointment of new ministerial staff as vacancies are identified; and
- work ecumenically, especially in supporting and developing established and new Local Ecumenical Partnerships and with particular focus on the Anglican-Methodist Covenant.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Manchester Circuit is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain and is registered as a charity with number 1135067.

Connected charities

The Churches forming the Circuit are themselves charities and, as they are responsible for their own financial affairs, they are not reported in these statements. The Circuit is also associated with Nexus CCS, a separately registered charity.

Appointment of Trustees

All ministers, presbyteral and diaconal, stationed in the Circuit by the Conference or who are residing for the purposes of the Stations of the Methodist Church in the Circuit and who are in the active work (that is not retired), are ex-officio members of the Circuit Meeting (the Trustee Body). Other ministers who reside in the Circuit in accordance with the standing orders of the Church (including those who are retired) may choose to be members of the Circuit meeting, and if they have done so they are shown in the list of trustees as ex-officio.

The following are *ex officio* members of the Circuit Meeting:

Circuit Stewards	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Circuit Meeting Secretary	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Representatives to District Synod	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Local Preachers Secretary	appointed by the Local Preachers' Meeting

Each Church is represented by a Church Steward, the Church Treasurer and representatives appointed by the Church Council in relation to the number of Church members (one representative for every 50 members).

The Circuit Meeting has the power to co-opt other members and has co-opted those members of the Council who are not otherwise members of the Circuit Meeting, some of the lay workers in the Circuit and a representative of the Finance Group.

As at 31 August 2020 there were 74 members of the Circuit Meeting (2019: 82).

Trustee recruitment, induction and training

As outlined above, the appointment of the majority of the members of the Circuit Meeting is outside the control of the Meeting. In appointing the Council and other officers, the Meeting has regard to the balance of skills and gifts that are needed to further the work of the Church. New members of the Council are inducted by the Council with the support of the Superintendency team.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

Organisation

The Circuit Meeting meets three times a year. The Circuit Council, appointed by the Circuit Meeting, is responsible for acting on behalf of the Circuit Meeting at other times. The Council meets at least six times per year. The Circuit Meeting retains responsibility for setting the mission priorities of the Circuit, the overall strategy to deliver those priorities, the invitation of ministers, the oversight of local churches, the admission of people to the office of Local Preacher, and decisions on formal explorations of calls to ministry and candidates for the ordained ministry.

The Council is assisted in the task of financial oversight by the Circuit Finance Group.

The Methodist Church appoints a minister to be the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit, whose duties are set out in the Standing Orders of the Church. The Circuit has established a Superintendency Team to assist the Superintendent Minister and to provide leadership and cohesion within the Circuit.

Pay and Remuneration

Stipends and allowances for presbyters and deacons (collectively ministers) are set annually by the Methodist Conference, and the Circuit is responsible for meeting those costs for all ministers appointed by the Conference to the Circuit. Fuller disclosure is contained in Note 27 to the accounts.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). These require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Circuit Meeting has:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- observed the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- stated whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis

The Circuit Meeting is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable regulations. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF CIRCUIT MEETING

REV DR C WICKENS - SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER

Date: 10/3/2021

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF CIRCUIT MEETING OF THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended August 31, 2020 which are set out on pages 10 to 29.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Christopher Bailey A.C.A.

For and on behalf of
CHRISTOPHER BAILEY ACCOUNTANTS (OLDHAM) LIMITED
Chartered Accountants

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Date:

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
GROUP STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Incoming resources from generated funds:						
Donations	2	560,403	-	-	560,403	343,624
Charitable activities	3	77,533	35,846	-	113,379	106,848
Other trading income	4	59,792	-	-	59,792	49,831
Investment income - bank interest	5	2,753	59	162	2,974	3,723
TOTAL INCOME		<u>700,481</u>	<u>35,905</u>	<u>162</u>	736,548	<u>504,026</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Costs of generating funds	7	124,863	14	37	124,914	118,554
Expenditure on charitable activities	8	497,153	30,098	-	527,251	560,476
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>622,016</u>	<u>30,112</u>	<u>37</u>	652,165	<u>679,030</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	10	-	-	1,083	1,083	6,336
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS	11	<u>78,465</u>	<u>5,793</u>	<u>1,208</u>	85,466	<u>(168,668)</u>
Transfers between funds	19	<u>16,012</u>	<u>(16,012)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	19	<u>94,477</u>	<u>(10,219)</u>	<u>1,208</u>	85,466	<u>(168,668)</u>
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	19	<u>2,579,841</u>	<u>21,444</u>	<u>135,251</u>	2,736,536	<u>2,905,204</u>
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	19	<u>2,674,318</u>	<u>11,225</u>	<u>136,459</u>	2,822,002	<u>2,736,536</u>

The notes on pages 15 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
CIRCUIT STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Incoming resources from generated funds:						
Donations	2	559,429	-	-	559,429	343,624
Charitable activities	3	77,533	35,846	-	113,379	106,848
Other trading income	4	27,820	-	-	27,820	20,675
Investment income	5	2,868	59	162	3,089	3,900
TOTAL INCOME		<u>667,650</u>	<u>35,905</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>703,717</u>	<u>475,047</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Costs of generating funds	7	18,289	14	37	18,340	16,453
Expenditure on charitable activities	8	501,890	30,098	-	531,988	564,297
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>520,179</u>	<u>30,112</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>550,328</u>	<u>580,750</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	10	-	-	1,083	1,083	6,336
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS	11	<u>147,471</u>	<u>5,793</u>	<u>1,208</u>	<u>154,472</u>	<u>(99,367)</u>
Transfers between funds	19	16,012	(16,012)	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	19	<u>163,483</u>	<u>(10,219)</u>	<u>1,208</u>	<u>154,472</u>	<u>(99,367)</u>
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	19	<u>2,442,119</u>	<u>21,444</u>	<u>135,251</u>	<u>2,598,814</u>	<u>2,698,181</u>
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	19	<u><u>2,605,602</u></u>	<u><u>11,225</u></u>	<u><u>136,459</u></u>	<u><u>2,753,286</u></u>	<u><u>2,598,814</u></u>

The notes on pages 15 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
GROUP BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020**

	Notes	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	13		2,217,568		2,304,209
Investments	14		<u>325,655</u>		<u>245,715</u>
			2,543,223		2,549,924
DEBTORS due in more than one year	15		-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	16	133,089		97,782	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>198,062</u>		<u>167,635</u>	
		331,151		265,417	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in one year	18	<u>50,569</u>		<u>76,353</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>280,582</u>		<u>189,064</u>
			2,823,805		2,738,988
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in more than one year	18		1,803		2,452
NET ASSETS			<u><u>2,822,002</u></u>		<u><u>2,736,536</u></u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	19		2,674,318		2,579,841
Restricted	19		11,225		21,444
Endowment	19		<u>136,459</u>		<u>135,251</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u><u>2,822,002</u></u>		<u><u>2,736,536</u></u>

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Approved by the Circuit Meeting and authorised for issue on: March 10 2021

REVD. DR C WICKENS - SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
CIRCUIT BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	13		2,147,689		2,165,324
Investments	14		<u>325,655</u>		<u>245,715</u>
			2,473,344		2,411,039
DEBTORS due in more than one year	15		2,220		4,540
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	16	141,240		117,343	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>183,357</u>		<u>139,750</u>	
		324,597		257,093	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in one year	17	<u>45,072</u>		<u>71,406</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>279,525</u>		<u>185,687</u>
			2,755,089		2,601,266
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in more than one year	18		1,803		2,452
NET ASSETS			<u><u>2,753,286</u></u>		<u><u>2,598,814</u></u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	19		2,605,602		2,442,119
Restricted	19		11,225		21,444
Endowment	19		<u>136,459</u>		<u>135,251</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u><u>2,753,286</u></u>		<u><u>2,598,814</u></u>

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REVD. DR C WICKENS - SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER

**THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER CIRCUIT
CIRCUIT AND GROUP STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

	Notes	Group 2020 £	Group 2019 £	Circuit 2020 £	Circuit 2019 £
Cash used in operating activities	25	106,864	(97,838)	119,929	(103,535)
Cashflows from investing activities					
Investment income		2,974	3,723	3,089	3,900
Proceeds of disposal of current asset investment		-	-	-	-
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(3,480)	-	(3,480)
Withdrawals from investments		109,333	60,509	109,333	60,509
Purchase of investments, cash & gains reinvested		(188,190)	(1,106)	(188,190)	(1,106)
Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		(75,883)	59,646	(75,768)	59,823
Cashflows from financing activities					
Proceeds from new borrowings		-	3,480	-	3,480
Repayment of borrowing		(554)	(474)	(554)	(474)
Cash used in financing activities		(554)	3,006	(554)	3,006
Increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents in the year		30,427	(35,186)	43,607	(40,706)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		167,635	202,821	139,750	180,456
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		198,062	167,635	183,357	139,750
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:					
Cash at bank and in hand		198,062	167,635	183,357	139,750
		198,062	167,635	183,357	139,750

The notes on pages 15 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Manchester Circuit's financial statements.

Scope of the financial statements

The financial statements relate to the work of the Circuit, in all aspects.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared: under the historic cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments (as set out below) through the statement of financial activities; 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) effective January 1 2019 (second edition – October 2019); and FRS102. The results of the wholly owned subsidiary have been consolidated on a line by line basis.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The accounts are prepared in £ sterling, the functional currency of the charity and its subsidiary company.

Donated goods

Individual donated goods of a consumable nature valued under £500 such as harvest festival produce are not shown in these financial statements. Those over this amount or of a capital nature are recorded.

Income

Total Incoming Resources as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities represents the net amounts from all sources.

Income is recognised in the accounting period in which it is receivable, except in the following circumstances, when the income is deferred and included in creditors:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and the charity is not contractually entitled to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded

Investment income

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable, and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities other than where grants are deferred to match the income to expenditure over the life of the project.

Grants to local churches

Grants to local churches for property schemes and other purposes are accounted for as liabilities when they receive formal approval by the Circuit Meeting, or the Superintendency team or Council under delegated authority for awards of less than £6,000.

On some occasions the Circuit Meeting will be asked to indicate whether it would approve a property development or building of a new church when the project is still at a development stage and other partners are still being consulted. The Circuit Meeting usually indicates that it would support the investment of the proceeds of sale of any related properties and how much it would be prepared to give in addition. Such amounts are not considered to be binding obligations on the Circuit until such time as a formal scheme is brought forward and approved by the Circuit Meeting.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Other grants payable

Grants awarded to other charitable bodies are accounted for as liabilities in the year in which the award is made. Multi-period grants are accounted for in full in the year awarded where there is a binding commitment to make the future payments.

Designated funds

Where the Circuit has agreed to use its reserves to meet revenue costs or to meet future capital costs it has designated the funds within unrestricted reserves. It also makes provision in this way when it has indicated its support for a local church building scheme but no actual liability has yet been created.

Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Costs of raising funds	including those associated with fundraising activities, managing investments and commercial trading by the subsidiary company.
Charitable activities	costs of undertaking the work of the charity.

The charity is not registered for VAT and cannot recover any input tax charged. Costs are stated inclusive of VAT where charged. The subsidiary is registered for VAT and can recover all input tax charged. Costs are stated exclusive of VAT where charged.

Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions which assist the work of the charity either by supporting the delivery of charitable activities or by supporting the generation of funds. They include back office functions, staff costs and professional fees. The basis of allocations is set out in note 9.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are shown at cost to the Circuit, with the exception of the manses and other property assets. These have been included at the Trustees' valuation less any levy payable to the Connexional Advance and Priority Fund ("CAPF") where there is no replacement scheme for the assets, as permitted under the SoRP, when assets not previously in the balance sheet are capitalised. Assets costing less than £1,000 are written off as revenue expenditure in the year of acquisition.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost or valuation less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Freehold buildings	-	1% per annum from later of the date of acquisition or 1/09/14
Leasehold properties	-	1% per annum from later of the date of acquisition or 1/09/14
Rossett property improvements	-	2.5% per annum on cost
Furniture and fittings	-	25% per annum on cost
Computer equipment	-	33% per annum on cost

Freehold land is not depreciated. Fixed asset disposal proceeds are reported net of any levy payable to the CAPF.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Taxation

The Manchester Circuit is exempt from Corporation Tax by reason of its charitable status to the extent that income and gains are applicable and applied to charitable purposes only. Income tax suffered on deeds of covenant and gift aid or investment income is reclaimed in full.

Investments, gains and losses

Fixed asset investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recorded at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The SoFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and on disposals throughout the year.

Gains and losses on investments are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the opening carrying value or cost, if acquired during the year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated on the difference between opening and closing fair values.

Certain investments are held and incorporated in the Balance Sheet that are restricted to specific projects. These are disclosed in note 14.

Financial instruments

The charity has only basic financial instruments which are initially recorded at cost, and with the exception of investments (as set out above) subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Pension contributions

The Circuit participates in the following pension fund:

Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund

The Circuit is a member of the Connexional pension scheme (MMPS) which covers presbyters and deacons of the Methodist Church. The contribution rates are set each year by the Methodist Conference, and for the year under review the employer contributions were 26.9% (2019: 26.9%) of stipend.

The MMPS is a multi-employer scheme, and in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, the Circuit accounts for those contributions as if it were a defined contribution scheme. It has done so because it is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities on a consistent and reasonable basis. Contributions are charged to the SoFA in the period in which they are payable.

Lay employees'

The Circuit operates a defined contribution pension fund for its lay employees and unless they have opted out, pays employer's contribution of 6% matched by employees' contributions of 2%, in accordance with the standing orders of the Methodist Church.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

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	2020			2019		
	Unrestricted	Restricted/ endowment	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted/ endowment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
2 DONATIONS						
Church assessments	368,471	-	368,471	343,172	-	343,172
Donations	2,775	-	2,775	452	-	452
Northmoor Road:						
Sale of property	186,781	-	186,781	-	-	-
Other funds transferred	1,402	-	1,402	-	-	-
Charity	559,429	-	559,429	343,624	-	343,624
HMRC - CJRS grant	974	-	974	-	-	-
Group	560,403	-	560,403	343,624	-	343,624

3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Property Income:

Rossett and Chatterton Hey	73,822	-	73,822	71,930	-	71,930
Grants for circuit work	-	35,846	35,846	-	33,817	33,817
Other income	3,711	-	3,711	1,101	-	1,101
	<u>77,533</u>	<u>35,846</u>	<u>113,379</u>	<u>73,031</u>	<u>33,817</u>	<u>106,848</u>

4 OTHER TRADING INCOME

Rental income re surplus manses	22,102	-	22,102	18,258	-	18,258
Rent & management charge Wesley	5,681	-	5,681	2,417	-	2,417
Room hire	37	-	37	-	-	-
Total for Circuit	27,820	-	27,820	20,675	-	20,675
Subsidiary income	42,390	-	42,390	35,394	-	35,394
less eliminated on consolidation	(10,418)	-	(10,418)	(6,238)	-	(6,238)
Total for Group	<u>59,792</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,792</u>	<u>49,831</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,831</u>

5 INVESTMENT INCOME

Income from fixed asset investments	2,434	221	2,655	2,694	217	2,911
Interest on loans	115	-	115	177	-	177
Bank interest	319	-	319	812	-	812
Total for Circuit	2,868	221	3,089	3,683	217	3,900
less eliminated on consolidation:						
Loan interest Wesley Ltd	(115)	-	(115)	(177)	-	(177)
Total for Group	<u>2,753</u>	<u>221</u>	<u>2,974</u>	<u>3,506</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>3,723</u>

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6 SUBSIDIARY COMPANY - WESLEY LTD

	2020	2019
	£	£
Turnover	42,390	35,394
Administration costs	(112,255)	(104,518)
Amortisation of capital grants	63,589	63,589
HMRC - CJRS grant	974	-
Interest payable & similar charges	(115)	(177)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax	(5,417)	(5,712)
Taxation	-	-
Profit/(loss) after tax	(5,417)	(5,712)
Fixed assets	69,879	138,885
Current assets	18,783	30,029
Creditors due in one year	(81,176)	(90,241)
Creditors due in more than one year	(2,220)	(67,990)
	5,266	10,683

The Manchester Circuit owns the whole of the issued share capital of Wesley Limited.

On consolidation the accounting treatment of capital grants (included in Wesley Ltd accounts within creditors) is aligned with that of the Circuit as a charity. Capital grants are treated as part of reserves and the release to the profit and loss account in Wesley's accounts is eliminated.

Capital grants included in creditors are analysed as follows:

Due within one year	63,451	63,589
Due after more than one year	-	63,450
	63,451	127,039

On consolidation the management charges and rent payable by Wesley to the Circuit of £5,681 (2019 - £2,417), the interest payable by Wesley Ltd to the Circuit of £115 (2019 £177) and the rent payable by the Circuit to Wesley of £4,737 (2019 - £3,821) are eliminated.

7 COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS

	2020			2019		
	Unrestricted	Restricted/ endowment	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted/ endowment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Investment management charges	440	51	491	546	51	597
Agents & other fees re rental income	7,364	-	7,364	6,796	-	6,796
Depreciation property rented out	5,784	-	5,784	1,337	-	1,337
Support costs	4,701	-	4,701	7,723	-	7,723
Total for Circuit	18,289	51	18,340	16,402	51	16,453
Subsidiary costs	112,370	-	112,370	104,695	-	104,695
Eliminated on consolidation	(5,796)	-	(5,796)	(2,594)	-	(2,594)
Total for Group	124,863	51	124,914	118,503	51	118,554

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8 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	2020			2019		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Stipends, salaries & pensions	254,673	25,098	279,771	251,202	18,553	269,755
Expenses and training costs	10,952	-	10,952	13,303	-	13,303
Grants to Circuit Churches	10,193	-	10,193	-	-	-
Grant to SPH Chaplaincy Centre	20,000	5,000	25,000	20,000	5,000	25,000
Grant to Nexus CCS	4,000	-	4,000	-	-	-
Manse costs	41,755	-	41,755	58,989	-	58,989
Other direct costs	16,891	-	16,891	13,453	-	13,453
District & Connexional assessments	84,260	-	84,260	87,987	-	87,987
District Advance Fund levy	2,530	-	2,530	5,509	-	5,509
Benevolent fund payments	-	-	-	-	300	300
Depreciation charitable properties	11,851	-	11,851	15,837	-	15,837
Support costs	44,785	-	44,785	74,164	-	74,164
Total for Circuit	501,890	30,098	531,988	540,444	23,853	564,297
Less eliminated on consolidation						
Rent paid to Wesley Ltd	(4,737)	-	(4,737)	(3,821)	-	(3,821)
	497,153	30,098	527,251	536,623	23,853	560,476

9 SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Fundraising	Charitable	Total	Fundraising	Charitable	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Support costs						
Staff costs	1,197	10,769	11,966	1,412	12,707	14,119
Office costs	2,371	21,336	23,707	2,727	24,542	27,269
Professional costs	1,133	10,200	11,333	3,584	32,257	35,841
	4,701	42,305	47,006	7,723	69,506	77,229
Governance costs						
External scrutiny	-	2,480	2,480	-	4,658	4,658
	4,701	44,785	49,486	7,723	74,164	81,887

Staff costs are allocated on the basis of estimate of time spent and other costs on the estimate of resources used.

10 GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment funds	2020
	£	£	£	£
Unrealised gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed asset investments	-	-	1,083	1,083
Realised gain on disposal of investments	-	-	-	-
Realised gain on disposal of assets held for sale	-	-	-	-
	-	-	1,083	1,083
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment funds	2019
	£	£	£	£
Unrealised gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed asset investments	-	-	6,336	6,336
Realised loss on disposal of investments	-	-	-	-
Unrealised gain on disposal of assets held for sale	-	-	-	-
	-	-	6,336	6,336

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11 GROUP NET INCOMING RESOURCES AFTER TRANSFERS	2020	2019
This is stated after charging/(crediting):	£	£
Auditors remuneration	80	4,658
Independent examiners' fees	2,400	-
Depreciation of fixed assets	86,641	86,963
Operating lease rentals	-	1,641
Trustees' remuneration as trustees	-	-
Trustees' expenses as trustees	-	-

12 STAFF INFORMATION	2020	2019
	£	£
a Staff costs		
Stipends and salaries	225,584	220,799
Apprenticeship levy	842	1,285
Pension contributions - Methodist Ministers Scheme	48,468	45,509
Pension contributions - other	1,432	1,920
Employer's NI contributions	15,411	14,361
	291,737	283,874

No staff member was paid more than £60,000 p.a. in either year.

b Key management personnel

The key management of the charity comprise the trustees, which includes the ordained members of staff who are ex-officio members of the Circuit Meeting but do not receive any payment specifically for acting as trustees.

The other trustees do not receive any remuneration for their services.

	£	£
The total remuneration benefits of the key management are:		
Stipends	257,508	241,339

As explained in note 27, certain other Circuit employees are also members of the Circuit Meeting but their remuneration is not included above as their membership of the Circuit Meeting is not part of their duties as employees, but rather they have been appointed by the churches of which they are members as representatives.

c Average staff numbers

The average number of members of staff of the charity was as follows:-

	2020	2019
	Average	Average
	number	number
Ordained staff (office holders not employees)	7.0	9.0
Lay employees	5.0	5.0
	12.0	14.0

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13 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land & buildings	Long leasehold properties	Property improvements	Fixtures Fittings & Equipment	Total
GROUP	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
As at September 1 2019	1,663,203	572,000	876,079	36,964	3,148,246
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
As at August 31 2020	<u>1,663,203</u>	<u>572,000</u>	<u>876,079</u>	<u>36,964</u>	<u>3,148,246</u>
Depreciation					
As at September 1 2019	50,158	23,020	741,900	28,959	844,037
Charge for the year	11,009	5,720	66,988	2,924	86,641
As at August 31 2020	<u>61,167</u>	<u>28,740</u>	<u>808,888</u>	<u>31,883</u>	<u>930,678</u>
Net book value					
As at August 31 2020	<u>1,602,036</u>	<u>543,260</u>	<u>67,191</u>	<u>5,081</u>	<u>2,217,568</u>
As at August 31 2019	<u>1,613,045</u>	<u>548,980</u>	<u>134,179</u>	<u>8,005</u>	<u>2,304,209</u>
CIRCUIT					
Cost					
As at September 1 2019	1,663,203	572,000	-	19,012	2,254,215
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
As at August 31 2020	<u>1,663,203</u>	<u>572,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,012</u>	<u>2,254,215</u>
Depreciation					
As at September 1 2019	50,158	23,020	-	15,713	88,891
Charge for the year	11,009	5,720	-	906	17,635
As at August 31 2020	<u>61,167</u>	<u>28,740</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,619</u>	<u>106,526</u>
Net book value					
As at August 31 2020	<u>1,602,036</u>	<u>543,260</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,393</u>	<u>2,147,689</u>
As at August 31 2019	<u>1,613,045</u>	<u>548,980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,299</u>	<u>2,165,324</u>

The net book value of equipment held on finance leases was £2,088 (2019 - £2,784).

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14 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Market value brought forward	245,715	298,782
Income re-invested	1,409	1,106
Additions at cost	186,781	-
Disposals at carrying value	(109,333)	(60,509)
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	1,083	6,336
Market value carried forward	<u>325,655</u>	<u>245,715</u>

Investments at fair value comprise:

CFB Managed funds	117,456	116,372
Cash held within investment portfolio	<u>208,199</u>	<u>129,343</u>
	<u>325,655</u>	<u>245,715</u>

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Endowment funds	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Market value brought forward	103,608	163,176	6,856	6,812	135,251	128,794
Income & gains re-invested	1,240	941	45	44	124	121
Additions at cost	186,781	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals/withdrawals at carrying value	(109,333)	(60,509)	-	-	-	-
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	-	-	-	-	1,083	6,336
Market value carried forward	<u>182,296</u>	<u>103,608</u>	<u>6,901</u>	<u>6,856</u>	<u>136,458</u>	<u>135,251</u>
CFB Managed funds	-	-	-	-	117,456	116,372
Cash held within investment portfolio	<u>182,296</u>	<u>103,608</u>	<u>6,901</u>	<u>6,856</u>	<u>19,002</u>	<u>18,879</u>
	<u>182,296</u>	<u>103,608</u>	<u>6,901</u>	<u>6,856</u>	<u>136,458</u>	<u>135,251</u>

Group	Group	Circuit	Circuit
2020	2019	2020	2019
£	£	£	£

15 DEBTORS DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

Loan to Wesley Limited	-	-	2,220	4,540
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,220</u>	<u>4,540</u>

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	Group 2020 £	Group 2019 £	Circuit 2020 £	Circuit 2019 £
16 DEBTORS				
Trade debtors	4,007	1,581	-	-
Loans to Circuit Churches	17,208	17,208	17,208	17,208
Amounts due from Wesley Limited	154	-	12,382	21,705
Prepayments & other debtors	111,720	78,993	111,650	78,430
	133,089	97,782	141,240	117,343

Included in amounts due from Wesley Ltd above is £2,320 in respect of loan repayments due within one year.

17 CREDITORS falling due within one year

Assessments in advance	34,190	48,013	34,190	48,013
Social security and other taxes	1,733	1,313	417	582
Finance lease creditor	649	554	649	554
Creditors & accruals	13,997	26,473	9,816	22,257
	50,569	76,353	45,072	71,406

In 2017/18, the Circuit opened a second account with CFB and in 18/19 a second current account with Unity trust to hold the monies and make payments for Hope Methodist Church's building project. At the year end these funds amounted to c£21k (2019 -c£40k). The bank balances, the transactions and the liability to Hope are not shown in the Circuit accounts. Interest earned on the balance held and bank charges incurred have been wholly attributed to Hope.

18 CREDITORS falling due in more than on year

Finance lease creditor	1,803	2,452	1,803	2,452
	1,803	2,452	1,803	2,452

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19 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	2018/19				2019/20				b/f and c/f 31/08/2019 01/09/2019 £
	01/09/2018 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains & losses £	Transfers £	Income £	Expenditure £	gains & losses £	Transfers £
GROUP									
Unrestricted funds:									
General fund	2,663,055	469,992	(631,335)	-	-	700,481	(611,823)	-	16,012
Designated Funds:									
Property projects	101,920	-	(23,791)	-	-	-	(10,193)	-	-
Total unrestricted funds	2,764,975	469,992	(655,126)	-	-	700,481	(622,016)	-	16,012
Restricted funds as below									
	11,436	33,875	(23,867)	-	-	35,905	(30,112)	-	(16,012)
Endowment fund as below									
	128,793	159	(37)	6,336	-	162	(37)	1,083	-
Total funds	2,905,204	504,026	(679,030)	6,336	-	736,548	(652,165)	1,083	-
Unrestricted funds are analysed as follows between charitable and non-charitable:									
Circuit	2,748,581								2,669,053
Wesley Ltd	16,394								5,265
	<u>2,764,975</u>								<u>2,674,318</u>

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19 STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

	2018/19				2019/20			
	01/09/2018	Income	Expenditure	Gains & losses	Transfers	Income	Expenditure	gains & losses
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:								
General fund	2,456,032	441,013	(533,055)	-	-	667,650	(509,986)	-
Designated Funds:								
Property projects	101,920	-	(23,791)	-	-	-	(10,193)	-
Total unrestricted funds	2,557,952	441,013	(556,846)	-	-	667,650	(520,179)	-
Restricted Funds:								
Grants received for Circuit work	-	33,817	(23,553)	-	-	35,846	(30,098)	-
Christmas Cheer	478	-	-	-	-	-	-	(16,012)
Benevolence fund	3,018	-	(300)	-	-	-	-	-
Sunday School work	1,128	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gorton roofing fund	6,812	58	(14)	-	-	59	(14)	-
Total restricted funds	11,436	33,875	(23,867)	-	-	35,905	(30,112)	-
Endowments								
Ethel Smedley Bequest	110,036	-	-	6,336	-	-	-	1,083
Evelyn Gledhill Bequest	18,757	159	(37)	-	-	162	(37)	-
Total endowment funds	128,793	159	(37)	6,336	-	162	(37)	1,083
	2,698,181	475,047	(580,750)	6,336	-	703,717	(550,328)	1,083
								2,753,286

Restricted funds

Christmas Cheer
Benevolence fund
Sunday School work
Gorton roofing fund

To support local churches in providing meals and entertainments for elderly, lonely and other people on Christmas day. Will be used over the next 5 years.
To provide immediate relief to those in need, and will be utilised as required.
To support Sunday School work. The trustees are considering how best to apply these funds
To meet the repair needs associated with the buildings at the Gorton LEP. Will be used as needed.

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20 ANALYSIS OF COMPANY NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fund balances at August 31 2020 are represented by:-

	Unrestricted		Restricted	Endowment	
	General Funds	Designated Funds	Funds	Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	2,147,689	-	-	-	2,147,689
Fixed asset investments	122,295	60,000	6,901	136,459	325,655
Debtors due in more than one year	2,220	-	-	-	2,220
Net current assets	267,265	7,936	4,324	-	279,525
Creditors due in more than one year	(1,803)	-	-	-	(1,803)
	<u>2,537,666</u>	<u>67,936</u>	<u>11,225</u>	<u>136,459</u>	<u>2,753,286</u>

Fund balances at August 31 2019 are represented by:-

Tangible fixed assets	2,165,324	-	-	-	2,165,324
Fixed asset investments	67,399	36,209	6,856	135,251	245,715
Debtors due in more than one year	4,540	-	-	-	4,540
Net current assets	129,179	41,920	14,588	-	185,687
	<u>2,366,442</u>	<u>78,129</u>	<u>21,444</u>	<u>135,251</u>	<u>2,601,266</u>

21 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying amounts for each category of financial instrument is as follows:

	Group 2020 £	Group 2019 £	Circuit 2020 £	Circuit 2019 £
Financial assets				
that are investments measured at fair value	<u>325,655</u>	<u>245,715</u>	<u>325,655</u>	<u>245,715</u>
that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	<u>331,151</u>	<u>265,417</u>	<u>326,817</u>	<u>261,633</u>
Financial liabilities				
measured at amortised cost	<u>(52,372)</u>	<u>(78,805)</u>	<u>(46,875)</u>	<u>(73,858)</u>

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise: cash at bank and in hand; income receivable and other debtors; and prepayments.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise: trade creditors; other taxes and social security; accruals; and deferred income.

22 TAXATION

The Circuit is a registered charity and is entitled to claim annual exemption from UK corporation tax.

23 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments authorised and contracted for at the end of the year (2019 £Nil).

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24 LEASE COMMITMENTS

Finance lease commitments

The Circuit had the following commitments under finance leases:

Not later than one year	928	928
Later than one year and not later than five years	2,089	3,017
	<u>3,017</u>	<u>3,945</u>
Less interest charges	(565)	(939)
Per creditors notes	<u>2,452</u>	<u>3,006</u>

25 RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASHFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	Group 2020	Group 2019	Circuit 2020	Circuit 2019
	£	£	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers	85,466	(168,668)	154,472	(99,367)
Add back depreciation on fixed assets	86,641	86,962	17,635	17,661
Deduct/(add) unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	(1,083)	(6,336)	(1,083)	(6,336)
Deduct interest income shown in investing activities	(2,974)	(3,723)	(3,089)	(3,900)
Deduct profit/add back losses on disposals of FA	-	-	-	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(35,307)	5,041	(21,577)	(5,162)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(25,879)	(11,114)	(26,429)	(6,431)
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	<u>106,864</u>	<u>(97,838)</u>	<u>119,929</u>	<u>(103,535)</u>

26 NET MOVEMENT IN DEBT

Group	At 31/8/19	cashflows	lease repaid	other non cash	at 31/08/20
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents					
Cash at bank and in hand	167,635	30,427	-	-	198,062
Debt					
Finance lease obligations	3,006	(554)	-	-	2,452
Cash and cash equivalents net of debt	<u>164,629</u>				<u>195,610</u>
Charity					
Cash and cash equivalents					
Cash at bank and in hand	139,750	43,607	-	-	183,357
Debt					
Finance lease obligations	3,006	(554)	-	-	2,452
Cash and cash equivalents net of debt	<u>136,744</u>				<u>180,905</u>

There were no: acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries; foreign exchange movements; or market value changes in the period

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27 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Ministers

Stipends and allowances for presbyters and deacons (collectively ministers) are set annually by the Methodist Conference, and the Circuit is responsible for meeting those costs for all ministers appointed by the Conference to the Circuit. Details of stipends paid to ministers who are members of the Circuit meeting are as follows. The following received the basic stipend (£24,842; 2019: £24,168): Deacon Pru Cahill, Revd Krystyna Kwarciak, Rev Sharon Read (from 1/09/19), Revd. Joy Rulton, Revd. Ken Stokes, Revd. Caroline Wickens.

And the following ministers received half stipend in 2018/19 and 2019/20: Revd Al Lowe, Revd Sarah Lowe (until her death), Revd Sue Williams;

And the Revd John Foster received a stipend of £483 (2019: £5,800) for part time working.

All of whom, except for Revd Sue Williams and Revd John Foster, were provided with living accommodation as required by the church's Standing Orders. The Revd Al Lowe and his wife, Revd Sarah Lowe shared a manse.

In addition, the Revd Ian Rutherford, who is the City Centre Minister and receives his stipend from the Manchester and Stockport District, is provided with accommodation as part of the partnership arrangement with the District.

In addition to the basic stipend, the Connexionally agreed Superintendent Minister's allowance (£2,485; 2019: £1,813) was paid to Revd Caroline Wickens in 2018/19 and 2019/20.

Other ministers who are resident in the Circuit, for the purposes of the Methodist stations, but not in Circuit appointments or without appointment are also members of the Circuit Meeting but do not receive payment or accommodation from the Circuit, except for preaching fees and expenses as set out above.

Lay employees

The following members of the Circuit Meeting were also employees of the Circuit and were in receipt of salaries for the work they undertook in the capacities indicated. They do not receive payment for acting as trustees:

Name	Position	2020	2019
Angela Doyle	Circuit Administrator	£10,531	£9,089
Liz Stuart	Lay employee	£8,879	£11,404

Ms Doyle was also an employee of Wesley Limited during the year and was in receipt of a salary of £2,327 (2019: £1,049) for the work which she undertook as Company Secretary and Administrator.

Other payments

Andrew Slim, a member of the Circuit meeting has provided property advice services through his limited company Andrew Slim Limited, in the ordinary course of business. He took no part in the decision to appoint his company and it was engaged on normal commercial terms. Payments in the 2019/20 amounted to £4,807 (2019: £5,450).

S Watters, a member of the Circuit meeting and of the Circuit Council, was employed by Wesley Ltd to produce a business plan. She took no part in the decision to appoint her, and she received a salary of £636 for this work (2019: £nil).

Wesley Limited

Revd Caroline Wickens and Revd Sue Williams, members of the Circuit Meeting and therefore trustees of the charity, were also directors of Wesley Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of Manchester Circuit) during the year. In 2015, Manchester Circuit loaned Wesley Limited £16,140 to enable it to install solar panels at the Wesley Centre; the loan is repayable in March 2022 by half yearly instalments which commenced in September 2015. Interest due from Wesley Limited on this loan totalled £115.

During the year, Manchester Circuit paid rent (including VAT) to Wesley Limited of £4,737 (2019: £4,585).

Methodist Chapel Aid Limited

Andrew Slim, a member of the Circuit Meeting, was a non-executive director of Methodist Chapel Aid Limited throughout the year. As at 31 August 2019, Methodist Chapel Aid Limited held funds on behalf of the Circuit totalling £13,952 (31/08/19 - £13,883).

Chittenden Horley Ltd

Chittenden Horley Ltd, an accounting practice of which Mr Peter Smith, a member of the Circuit Meeting, is a director and minority shareholder, provides accounting services to Wesley Ltd and The Manchester Circuit. Mr Smith took no part in the decision to appoint his firm. During the year Chittenden Horley received fees as follows:

Manchester Circuit	£2,956 (2018/19 – £3,469)
Wesley Ltd	£1,099 (2018/19 - £2,325).