

METHODIST CHURCH - NORTH WEST ENGLAND DISTRICT

England & Wales · Charity number 1135459

Details

Other names	METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER & STOCKPORT DISTRICT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2010-04-12
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: Activities in accordance with the charitable objects of the Methodist Church

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£661,486	£1,063,441	£1,805,796	10
2023-08-31	£490,156	£419,643	-	-
2022-08-31	£531,563	£422,905	£2,135,065	11
2021-08-31	£537,298	£532,495	£2,031,018	2
2020-08-31	£573,827	£1,754,282	£1,795,606	15

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev James Neal Tebbutt	Chair	2024-09-01
CAROLYN HOTHERSALL		2024-09-01
Heather Fergusson		2024-09-01
Peter Gorst		2024-09-01
Rev Caroline Ainger		2024-09-01
Rev David Newlove		2024-09-01
Rev John Malnutt		2024-09-01
Rev Philip J Gough		2024-09-01
Rev Sharon Read		2024-09-01
Rev Wilfred Robinson		2025-09-01
Ruth Dawson		2024-09-01
Stephen Howard Cooper		2024-09-01

Accounts



The **Methodist** Church
MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
(now the Methodist Church
– The North West England District)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR
THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2024

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
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TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF DISTRICT COUNCIL UNTILL 31/08/24

Position	Name	Appointed by	Appointed/ Resigned	Sub- Committee
Chair of District	Revd Dr Andrew Lunn	Methodist Conference		DE
Deputy Chair of District	Revd Cathy Bird	District Synod	From 1/09/23	DE
Synod Secretary	Mr David James	District Synod		DE
Presbyteral Synod Secretary	Revd Hazel Cook	District Synod		DE
Treasurer	Mr Garrie Naden	District Synod		DE
Ecumenical Officer	Revd Graham Edwards	District Synod		DE
Mission Enabler	Dcn John Brobbey	District Synod		DE
Lay Employment Secretary	Mr Andrew Jeffries	District Synod		DE
Local Preachers Secretary	Mr Anthony Judd	District Synod		
Chair DAF Grant Committee	Revd Katie Smith	District Synod	From 1/09/22	DE
Methodist Council Rep	Mrs Ruth Dawson	Methodist Conference	From 1/09/23	
City Centre Minister	Revd Ian Rutherford	District Synod		DE
	Dr Bernard Treves Brown	Manchester Circuit	From 1/09/23	
	Glyn Veitch	United Stockport Circuit	From 1/09/23	
	Revd John Palmer	Salford Circuit	From 1/09/23	
	Revd Keith Sandow	High Peak Circuit	From 1/09/23	
	Revd Robert Balfour	Glossop & Tameside		
	Mr Graham Axford	Stretford & Urmston Circuit		
	Mr Matt Davies	Altrincham Circuit	From 1/09/23	
	Christine Clarkson	Sale Circuit	From 1/09/23	
	Ms Janet Abbott	Oldham Circuit		
	Revd Sarah Parkin	Bramhall & Wythenshawe Circuit		
	Revd Alan Bradley	Alderley Edge and Knutsford Circuit	From 1/09/23	
	Revd Graham Edwards*	Macclesfield Circuit		

(*duel qualification)

TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT POLICY COMMITTEE FROM 1/09/24

Rev James Tebbutt
Rev Phil Gough
Carolyn Hothersall
Peter Gorst
Rev David Newlove
Rev Sharron Read
Ruth Dawson
Rev John Malnutt
Caroline Ainger
Heather Fergusson
Steve Cooper
Peter Gregson

BANKERS

Unity Trust Bank plc
Central Board of Finance of the Methodist Church
Co-operative Bank plc

INVESTMENT MANAGERS

Central Board of Finance of the Methodist Church
9 Bonhill Street
London EC2A 4PE

CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES

The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
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Oldham Street
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER & ACCOUNTANTS

Peter Smith BA FCA DChA
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THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT TRUSTEES' AND DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2024

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended August 31 2024.

REPORTING FRAMEWORK

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the constitution of the charity, 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 objects

The District shares the same charitable objectives as the rest of the Methodist Church. 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 of the Methodist Church in Great Britain

These objectives have been given a clear focus in the mission statement *Our Calling* adopted by the Methodist Conference (2000 and 2018). This states that the calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. It does this through: Worship; Learning & Caring; Service; and Evangelism.

The District seeks to apply this to its own life and work, as it relates to the Connexion and seeks to support the Circuits and Churches within the District in their mission and ministry. Specifically, the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD) states that:

"The primary purpose for which the District is constituted is to advance the mission of the Church in a region, by providing opportunities for Circuits to work together and support each other, by offering them resources of finance, personnel and expertise which may not be available locally and by enabling them to engage with the wider society of the region as a whole and address its concerns. The District serves the local Churches and Circuits and the Conference in the support, deployment and oversight of the various ministries of the Church, and in programmes of training. It has responsibility for the evaluation of applications by Local Churches and Circuits for approval of or consent to their proposals, when required, or for assistance from district or connexional bodies or funds. Wherever possible the work of the District is carried out ecumenically. The District is thus an expression, over a wider geographical area than the Circuit, of the connexional character of the Church."

Aims of the District

During 2023/24 the District continued to work with the District Mission and Development Plan (DMDP), with its four priorities, grouped as 19 objectives, as follows:

Overarching Aim: To prepare our District for our future under God as a smaller, but more diverse, active, and growing church, while continuing to resource, communicate and celebrate for today.

- A. *We will provide organizational support for the Methodist Church across the District*
 - 1. *Develop and ensure good flows of communication.*
 - 2. *Maintain and promote good governance, financial and data management.*
 - 3. *Distribute grants which promote sustainable, missional activity and which are in line with our objectives.*
 - 4. *Promote ecumenical cooperation in support of our objectives.*
 - 5. *Promote professional, communal and ecumenical partnerships in support of our objectives.*
 - 6. *Ensure that safeguarding practice across the District is robust.*
- B. *We will work with circuits to provide a missional and strategic overview of ministry and buildings.*
 - 7. *Work with circuits to prepare and maintain a strategic plan for buildings and ministry.*
 - 8. *Support circuits in their missional goals through stationing and lay employment processes.*
 - 9. *Promote good practice in circuits in the provision of appropriate manse accommodation for ministers.*
- C. *We will embrace the need for endings and for change.*
 - 10. *Support worship that honours God with our best relationships and practices.*
 - 11. *Promote the capacity of Methodist people of all ages to witness to Jesus Christ with confidence.*
 - 12. *Promote the establishment and growth of new Christian communities.*
 - 13. *Promote action on social justice and global vision.*
 - 14. *Work to establish and strengthen principles of Justice, Dignity and Solidarity in the life of the District and circuits.*

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- D. *We will promote a diverse, active and growing church.*
15. *Support church closure and repurposing.*
 16. *Support the development of leadership which is:*
 - *Collaborative*
 - *Reflective*
 - *Flexible*
 - *Missional*
 17. *Promote ways of working in churches which are contextual, diverse and unique.*
 18. *Take and promote action to address responsibilities for the climate emergency.*
 19. *Promote action which will build Christian community and action against poverty on and from the economic margins.*

The District made satisfactory progress in 2023/24 against these aims.

Public benefit

In working towards its charitable objectives the District has had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit.

Contribution of volunteers

The District can only function through the contribution of volunteers, chiefly lay people, who fulfil a wide range of roles within the District serving on various committees and giving generously of their time to further God's Kingdom.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

Overall the District had a deficit on general unrestricted funds, before transfers, for the year of £43,731. The District Advance Fund continued to be used to support the District's core cost expenditure in the year, in the amount of £128,253 (2022/23: £112,000).

Grants totalling £625,669 (2022: £83,721) were awarded in the year out of DAF. Of the total, £487,520 (2022: £36,460) was in respect of grants driven by the District with the balance through the District Grants Committee ('DGC'). The high total includes a 5 year grant of £449,370 to the Boaz Trust in support of their homelessness work with asylum seekers in Greater Manchester.

Risk management

The trustees have considered the risks facing the charity and have taken appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Investment policy and review

Surplus funds are usually placed on deposit either with a high street clearing bank or with the Methodist Church Central Finance Board (CFB). Some years ago, the District was in a position to invest some of its funds longer term and did so through investing in CFB Managed Funds.

Reserves

Reserves Policy – general funds

The District requires between three and six months operating costs as free reserves (unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets or otherwise designated). Based on the 2023/24 budget (ignoring the merger into the NWED) and excluding costs that are currently grant funded or met by the District Advance Fund, this would equate to a range of around £30k to £60k. At the year end the District had free reserves of £108,703 after excluding fixed asset reserves of £435,260. This position is somewhat higher than the upper level of the band but considered satisfactory.

Reserves Policy – District Advance Fund

The District Advance Fund (DAF) represents a designated fund within the District accounts which is used:

- To support the growth and development of churches and circuits within this District as they seek to engage faithfully in God's mission. It sees as its key purpose the need to provide funds so that churches and circuits may grasp and develop mission and discipleship opportunities within their own localities which would not be possible purely through their own financial resources. Primarily, the funds from the DAF are intended for Mission and Ministry projects;
- And in recognition that in order to obtain funding from other sources it is helpful for the applicant to show tangible support from the District, the DGC will try to support all Property Schemes for which valid applications are received.

Grants are only awarded where there are sufficient funds available at the time of the award to meet all future commitments. In addition to future grants that are shown as liabilities within the accounts, the District is committed to supporting its own managed projects to a budgeted total of £84,300 in 2024/25, an amount covered by available funds in the DAF at 31st August 2024. In 2022/23, £897,848 was transferred into the DAF, representing the net proceeds from the sale of MIH. The District Council has agreed to set this money aside, rounded up to £900,000, to support three areas: homelessness £450,000, climate change £225,000 and long term funding of NP4NP (the District's Caleb project) £225,000. It was further agreed by District Council to add an element of interest received to these sums for 2022/23, giving revised carry forward totals at 31st August 2023 of £465,750, £232,875 and £232,875, a total of £931,500. Of the homelessness funding £449,370 was awarded to the Boaz Trust during the year; the remaining sums totalling £482,130 are ringfenced in the DAF for the stated purposes pending agreement and implementation of specific spending plans.

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Taking all commitments into account, at 31st August 2024 the funds in the DAF stood at:

	£
Cash balances (in DAF investment & cash)	1,623,957
Less grant liabilities (notes 7 and 17)	(493,510)
Balance per designated funds (note 18)	1,130,446
Less future grants not provided but agreed in principal	0
Less budgeted to support District costs 2024/25	(84,300)
Set aside for NP4NP match funding	(125,000)
MIH proceeds set asides pending specific plans	(482,130)
Funds not committed (previous year £247,873)	439,016

The minimum contingency to retain in the DAF is £50,000, hence we have an 'excess' uncommitted of £389,016. All DAF commitments as well as uncommitted funds have been carried into NWED at 1st September 2024.

Grant making policy

Annual contributions are taken on certain Circuit Model Trust Funds, by the Custodian Trustee, to make funds available to District Advance Funds to support work within the District. The District Advance Fund (DAF) also receives funds from the Connexional Advance Fund which is funded by levies on the receipts from Methodist Church property sales.

The DAF exists to:

- Support innovative work carried out by the District on behalf of the Circuits and Churches;
- Make grants to support new and experimental work carried out by Circuits and Churches to advance mission, ministry and service;
- Support property and eco schemes.

There is a District Grants Committee which reviews applications and makes awards in accordance with District policy and after taking account of the relevant merits of the application, local matched funding and local resources. Grants towards employment and training costs are to a maximum of a third of those costs over a maximum period of three years, with a report required on progress at the end of years 1 and 2 to enable the Committee to approve release of the next instalment. Support for property projects is restricted to 10% of the value of the scheme up to a maximum of £8,000. In addition, the District uses part of the DAF to support the delivery of its own services to Circuits but this is agreed through the annual budgeting process and not by application to the grants committee. The District does not make grants available to non-Methodist organisations.

Going concern

The Trustees do not believe there are any issues affecting the District's ability to continue to operate as a going concern.

YEAR END MERGER

During 2023/24, the District worked with Lancashire, Liverpool, Bolton & Rochdale and Cumbria Districts on a plan to merge into a single District to be named North West England District. This came to fruition effective 1st September 2024. It was decided that the Manchester & Stockport District legal entity would be used as the ongoing entity and renamed North West England District ("NWED"). The assets, liabilities and all activities of the other four districts were transferred to NWED on 1st September 2024. The M&S District trustees stepped down at close on 31st August and a new board of trustees was appointed effective 1st September, comprising:

Rev James Tebbutt
Rev Phil Gough
Carolyn Hothersall
Peter Gorst
Rev David Newlove
Rev Sharron Read
Ruth Dawson
Rev John Malnutt
Caroline Ainger
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STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document and background

The District is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain and its status as a charity derives from The Methodist Church Act 1976.

The District became a registered charity with the Charity Commission with effect from April 12 2010. Prior to that it was an excepted charity under statutory Instrument 2002 Number 1598 The Charities (Exception from Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2002. This regulation applies to a charity wholly or mainly concerned with the advancement of religion.

The charity is governed by the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church, the Methodist Church Act and the Deed of Union.

Appointment of Trustees

Each of the Circuits within the District is eligible to appoint a member of the Council; other members of the Council are appointed to fulfil specific roles by the Synod after prayerful consideration. Members of the Council bring with them expertise and experience from the wider church and no specific programme of induction or training is currently in place for the majority of trustees, although the Methodist Church does provide occasional courses and handbooks for specific roles.

Organisation

The trustee body is called the District Council. Members of the Council bring with them expertise and experience from the wider church and no specific programme of induction or training is currently in place for the majority of trustees. The Methodist Church operates through a large number of trustee bodies, for each church and circuit. The District provides regular opportunities for training in trusteeship across the District, which District Council members have the opportunity to attend. The Chair of District undergoes a thorough national induction process, usually including shadowing their immediate predecessor for a period of at least twelve months.

The District Council meets twice times a year to confer on all aspects of the life of the District, to set policy and to make recommendations to the District Synod which meets twice a year in Representative Session. In addition, there is a Ministerial Synod which meets annually to consider matters relating to presbyteral ministry as set out in CPD.

A sub-committee of the District Council, called the District Executive (formerly the Strategy and Resource Executive), takes additional responsibility for the activities of the charity, by presenting the District Council with advice and proposals, and oversees the implementation of strategy.

The District is required to carry out a number of governance and oversight tasks on behalf of the Conference (national church) which are the responsibility of the Synod. The Synod has a number of committees which facilitate this work and where permitted responsibility is delegated to the appropriate committees.

Other standing committees of the District are answerable to the District Council; these include:

- The District Grants Committee, which oversees grants made by the District, mainly to circuits and churches within the District, from the District Advance Fund.
- The District Safeguarding Group (which has an independent Chair).

Related parties

Details of related party transactions are given in note 23 to the financial statements.

Co-operation with other organisations/charities

The District works closely with the Methodist Circuits and Churches within its area and with its ecumenical partners, as well as with the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

The District has worked during the year with Transforming Churches & Communities and continued to collaborate with the other Methodist Districts in the North West and Mann Region.

It has worked with Sheffield and Nottingham & Derby Districts (of the Methodist Church) to support the Rural Development Enabler (RDE) serving in the Derbyshire Peak Park area which is served by circuits in all three Districts. The M&S District provides financial support via the District Advance Fund.

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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 Trustees have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019);;
- 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 Trustees are 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. 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.

APPROVAL

Approved by the District Policy Committee on July 8 2025 and signed on its behalf by Steve Cooper, NWED Treasurer from 1st September 2024:



S Cooper – Trustee

Dated: August 23 2025

And signed by Garrie Naden, M&S District Treasurer 2023/24:



Dated: August 23 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2024**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended August 31 2024 which are set out on pages 8 to 26.

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

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 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 any requirement 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.

Peter Smith

Peter Smith BA FCA DChA

For and on behalf of:
Peter Smith Accountancy Services
Chartered Accountants and Charity Specialists

9 Polruan Road
Chorlton-cum-Hardy
Manchester M21 9NR

Date: August 30 2025

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including the income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds			Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		General	Designated funds				
			DAF	Other			
		£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:							
Donations	2	73,660	315,730	-	15,349	404,739	368,014
Charitable activities	3	31,059	-	-	130,870	161,929	63,142
Investment income	4	6,250	88,500	-	68	94,818	59,000
TOTAL INCOME		110,969	404,230	-	146,287	661,486	490,156
EXPENDITURE							
Raising funds	5	13,616	(4,626)	-	3	8,993	6,090
Charitable activities	6	146,179	753,922	6,557	147,790	1,054,448	413,553
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		159,795	749,296	6,557	147,793	1,063,441	419,643
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	5,095	-	-	-	5,095	(2,922)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS	12	(43,731)	(345,066)	(6,557)	(1,506)	(396,860)	67,591
Transfers between funds		60,999	(60,999)	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	19	17,268	(406,065)	(6,557)	(1,506)	(396,860)	67,591
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS							
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	19	526,695	1,536,511	21,445	118,005	2,202,656	2,135,065
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	19	543,963	1,130,446	14,888	116,499	1,805,796	2,202,656

The notes on pages 11 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT AUGUST 31 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	13		439,860		443,860
Investments	14		94,556		87,097
			<u>534,416</u>		<u>530,957</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	15	25,078		15,480	
Investments	16	1,625,296		1,624,487	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>116,745</u>		<u>94,848</u>	
		<u>1,767,119</u>		<u>1,734,815</u>	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in one year	17	<u>214,840</u>		<u>63,116</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
			<u>1,552,279</u>		<u>1,671,699</u>
			<u>2,086,695</u>		<u>2,202,656</u>
CREDITORS amounts falling					
due in more than one year	18		<u>280,899</u>		<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS					
			<u><u>1,805,796</u></u>		<u><u>2,202,656</u></u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted:					
General	19	543,963		526,695	
Designated - DAF		1,130,446		1,536,511	
Designated - other		<u>14,888</u>		<u>21,445</u>	
			<u>1,689,297</u>		<u>2,084,651</u>
Restricted	19		<u>116,499</u>		<u>118,005</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u><u>1,805,796</u></u>		<u><u>2,202,656</u></u>

The notes on pages 11 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on: July 8 2025
And signed on their behalf by:

Steve Cooper

Steve Cooper - Trustee

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
AS AT AUGUST 31 2024

		2024	2023
	Notes	£	£
Cash used in operating activities	22	<u>(72,814)</u>	<u>16,026</u>
Cashflows from investing activities			
Interest and dividends		94,818	59,000
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		3,066	-
Purchase of investments		<u>(2,364)</u>	<u>(2,927)</u>
Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>95,520</u>	<u>56,073</u>
Cashflows from financing activities			
Cash used in financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents in the year		22,706	72,099
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		1,719,335	1,647,236
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		<u>1,742,041</u>	<u>1,719,335</u>
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:			
Cash at bank and in hand		116,745	94,848
Current asset investments - Trustee interest fund		<u>1,625,296</u>	<u>1,624,487</u>
		<u>1,742,041</u>	<u>1,719,335</u>

The notes on pages 11 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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 2015; FRS102; and the Charities Act 2011.

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 July 16 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Subject to the approval of the Methodist Conference, the District will merge with other districts from September 1 2024 to form the North West of England District. Although the charity will cease to exist from that date, there are no essential differences between preparing the accounts on the going concern basis as opposed to a cessation basis.

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

The accounts are stated in £ sterling the functional currency of the charity.

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.

Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably. The following applies to particular types of income:

Grants, whether of a capital or revenue nature, are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met and it is probable that the income will be received.

Donations from individuals and other bodies (not being of the nature of a grant) are recognised when receivable.

Earned income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for services and goods supplied, net of discounts.

Deferred income

Income is only deferred and included in creditors when:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and there is no contractual entitlement 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

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 and managing investments.

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.

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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 District participates in the following pension funds:

Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund

The District 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% (2021: 26.9%) of stipend.

The MMPS is a multi-employer scheme, and in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, the District 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 staff

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its lay employees, and matches its employees' contributions up to 6% of gross pay. For one individual it has agreed to make contributions on a similar basis to their personnel pension scheme.

The contributions are paid to a third party who invests the contributions in a money purchase plan. Contributions are charged to the SoFA as they become payable.

Impairment

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are shown at cost to the District, with the exception of the manses and other property assets. These have been included at the Trustees' valuation as permitted under the SoRP, when assets not previously included 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:

Methodist International House	-	1% straight line (excluding freehold land)
District manse	-	1% straight line (excluding freehold land)
Property improvements	-	10% per annum straight line
Furniture and fittings	-	25% per annum straight line
Chapel in the Fields equipment	-	10% per annum straight line

Freehold land is not depreciated.

Investments, gains and losses

Fixed assets 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.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

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	2024				2023
	Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
2 DONATIONS					
Contributions from Circuit Model Trust Funds	-	315,730	-	315,730	63,335
Distribution Connexional Priority fund	-	-	-	-	188,311
Circuit Assessments	73,660	-	-	73,660	101,762
Chapel in the Fields donations	-	-	15,349	15,349	14,606
	<u>73,660</u>	<u>315,730</u>	<u>15,349</u>	<u>404,739</u>	<u>368,014</u>
	2023	2023	2023	2023	
	£	£	£	£	
Contributions from Circuit Model Trust Funds	-	63,335	-	63,335	
Distribution Connexional Priority fund	-	188,311	-	188,311	
Circuit Assessments	101,762	-	-	101,762	
Chapel in the Fields donations	-	-	14,606	14,606	
	<u>101,762</u>	<u>251,646</u>	<u>14,606</u>	<u>368,014</u>	

3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Core district activities						
Church Planting Officer - Connexion	-	-	-	-	32,417	32,417
City Centre Minister - MCHM	-	66,258	66,258	-	31,635	31,635
Caleb Communities - Connexion	-	51,798	51,798	-	-	-
Poverty & Justice - Connexion	-	9,614	9,614	-	10,025	10,025
Digital Church - Connexion NP4NP	-	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
Training Grant	-	1,600	1,600	-	-	-
Affirm Grant	-	1,600	1,600	-	-	-
Other Charitable income	15,218	-	15,218	-	-	-
	<u>15,218</u>	<u>130,870</u>	<u>146,088</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,077</u>	<u>84,077</u>
Bastion Games						
Connexional grant	-	-	-	-	(41,293)	(41,293)
	-	-	-	-	(41,293)	(41,293)
Chapel in the Fields						
Other income	15,841	-	15,841	20,358	-	20,358
	<u>15,841</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,841</u>	<u>20,358</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,358</u>
Total	<u>31,059</u>	<u>130,870</u>	<u>161,929</u>	<u>20,358</u>	<u>42,784</u>	<u>63,142</u>

(MCHM - Methodist Central Hall, Manchester)

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4 INVESTMENT INCOME

Bank and CFB interest

2024				2023
Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total	Total
£	£	£	£	£
6,250	88,500	68	94,818	59,000
<u>6,250</u>	<u>88,500</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>94,818</u>	<u>59,000</u>

Bank and CFB interest

2023			
Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total
£	£	£	£
7,762	51,198	40	59,000
<u>7,762</u>	<u>51,198</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>59,000</u>

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5 COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS

	2024				2023
	Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment management charges	9,629	(4,626)	3	5,006	4,391
Support costs	3,987	-	-	3,987	1,699
	<u>13,616</u>	<u>(4,626)</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8,993</u>	<u>6,090</u>

	2023				
	Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total	
	£	£	£	£	
Investment management charges	370	4,017	4	4,391	
Support costs	1,699	-	-	1,699	
	<u>2,069</u>	<u>4,017</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6,090</u>	

6 COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024					2023
	Unrestricted	DAF	other des.	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
DAF Grants - note 7	-	625,669	-	-	625,669	83,721
Other charitable expenditure - note 8	146,179	128,253	6,557	147,790	428,779	329,832
	<u>146,179</u>	<u>753,922</u>	<u>6,557</u>	<u>147,790</u>	<u>1,054,448</u>	<u>413,553</u>

	2023					
	Unrestricted	DAF	other des.	Restricted	Total	
	£	£	£	£	£	
Grants - note 7	-	83,721	-	-	83,721	
Other charitable expenditure - note 8	104,953	112,000	18,724	94,155	329,832	
	<u>104,953</u>	<u>195,721</u>	<u>18,724</u>	<u>94,155</u>	<u>413,553</u>	

Included in other charitable expenditure are the following grants:

	Unrestricted	DAF	other des.	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
2023/24					
Caleb Communities	-	-	-	20,500	20,500
Church Action on Poverty	-	-	-	9,614	9,614
GM Churches Together	3,986	-	-	-	3,986
	<u>3,986</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,114</u>	<u>34,100</u>
2022/23					
Caleb Communities	-	-	-	18,660	18,660
Church Action on Poverty	-	-	-	10,025	10,025
GM Churches Together	3,502	-	-	-	3,502
	<u>3,502</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,685</u>	<u>32,187</u>

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7 GRANTS DUE AND PAID

		Awarded			Awarded			Liability as at 31/08/24
		Liability as at 31/08/22	/(cancelled) in the year	Paid out in the year	Liability as at 31/08/23	/(cancelled) in the year	Paid out in the year	
District Advance fund		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Altrincham	Business Development manager	-	-	-	-	30,000	-	30,000
Alderley Edge & Knutsford	Zac's House (church plant)	3,150	6,850	(10,000)	-	-	-	-
Alderley Edge & Knutsford	Knutsford pastoral worker	5,000	5,000	(5,000)	5,000	-	(5,000)	-
Alderley Edge & Knutsford	Knutsford training	75	-	(75)	-	-	-	-
Alderley Edge & Knutsford	Children & school worker	-	-	-	-	50,000	-	50,000
Bramhall & Wythenshawe	Bromley Green Women's Project	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-	-
Bramhall & Wythenshawe	Northenden reseeding worship	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Bramhall & Wythenshawe	Wythenshawe CAP	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-	-	-
Buxton	Chaplaincy Derby University	-	1,650	(1,650)	-	1,750	(1,750)	-
District	Boaz Trust	-	-	-	-	449,370	(71,050)	378,320
District	TC&C	-	15,760	(15,760)	-	16,500	(16,500)	-
District	Sheffield re RDE	-	12,800	(12,800)	-	19,900	(19,900)	-
District	Mcr Uni Chaplaincy	-	6,250	(6,250)	-	-	-	-
District	Central Hall civic Training	1,000	-	-	1,000	-	(1,000)	-
Glossop & Tameside	Hope Church community dev. Worker	-	5,200	-	5,200	10,400	(5,200)	10,400
Glossop & Tameside	3Generate	-	1,660	(1,660)	-	1,730	(1,730)	-
Glossop & Tameside	Toy library	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-	-
Glossop & Tameside	Rose Hill worship development materials	-	-	-	-	1,750	(1,750)	-
High Peak	Raising the roof	8,500	-	(8,500)	-	-	-	-
High Peak	Buxton - 3Generate	-	920	(920)	-	2,100	(2,100)	-
Manchester	Central training	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manchester	C&F support worker	-	3,201	-	3,201	8,439	-	11,640
Manchester	Trinity Ancotes library of things	-	-	-	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Oldham & Saddleworth	3Generate	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-	-	-
Stretford & Urmston	Seven Ways Holiday Club	-	-	-	-	600	(600)	-
Stretford & Urmston	Sevenways' Dads' Project	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-	-	-
Stretford & Urmston	3Generate	-	600	(600)	-	-	-	-
Trafford	Community Engagement	-	-	-	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
United Stockport	Community Sponsorship	-	-	-	-	3,280	(3,280)	-
United Stockport	Kingdom Theology training	-	1,000	(500)	500	-	(500)	-
United Stockport	Windllehurst lay worker	-	2,500	-	2,500	2,500	-	5,000
United Stockport	Tivot Dale cactus garden	-	4,330	(4,330)	-	-	-	-
Wilmslow	3Generate	-	-	-	-	150	-	150
		27,725	72,221	(82,545)	17,401	605,469	(137,360)	485,510
Property grants								
Altrincham	Altrincham	2,500	-	(2,500)	-	-	-	-
Bramhall & Wythenshawe	Northenden	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Bramhall & Wythenshawe	St Mary's Church	-	8,500	-	8,500	-	(8,500)	-
High Peak	Fernilee	-	8,000	-	8,000	-	(8,000)	-
High Peak	Town End	-	-	-	-	8,000	-	8,000
High Peak	Whalley Bridge	-	-	-	-	8,000	(8,000)	-
Macclesfield	Macclesfield	-	-	-	-	4,200	(4,200)	-
		7,500	11,500	(2,500)	16,500	20,200	(28,700)	8,000
TOTALS		35,225	83,721	(85,045)	33,901	625,669	(166,060)	493,510

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8 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted funds				Restricted Funds	2024 Total	Unrestricted funds				Restricted	2023 Total
	General	Designated		General			Designated		Other			
		£	£		£	£	£	£				
District core	130,753	127,056	-	132,441	390,250	84,595	112,000	-	79,549	276,144		
MIH	-	1,197	-	-	1,197	-	-	-	-	-		
Chapel in the Fields	15,426	-	6,557	15,349	37,332	20,358	-	18,724	14,606	53,688		
	146,179	128,253	6,557	147,790	428,779	104,953	112,000	18,724	94,155	329,832		
District core												
Direct costs												
Stipends and salaries	47,034	94,672	-	671	142,377	44,346	79,746	-	-	124,092		
Ministry support	1,141	-	-	-	1,141	2,789	-	-	-	2,789		
Meetings, events and travel	18,209	14,185	-	643	33,037	8,249	15,944	-	-	24,193		
Training	767	-	-	318	1,085	1,457	-	-	-	1,457		
Grants	3,986	-	-	30,114	34,100	3,502	-	-	18,660	22,162		
Advertisig and promtion	-	-	-	1,853	1,853	-	-	-	-	-		
District Development Plan	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	-	-	50		
Consultancy	-	-	-	-	-	75	-	-	-	75		
Merger costs	11,270	-	-	-	11,270	-	-	-	-	-		
Manse & housing costs	7,613	16,834	-	564	25,011	5,753	16,260	-	-	22,013		
Depreciation	3,100	-	-	-	3,100	3,100	-	-	-	3,100		
Affirm	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	-	-	24		
Church Planting Minister	-	1,365	-	32,020	33,385	-	-	-	29,254	29,254		
City Centre Minister	-	-	-	66,258	66,258	-	-	-	31,635	31,635		
Support costs	37,633	-	-	-	37,633	15,300	-	-	-	15,300		
	130,753	127,056	-	132,441	390,250	84,595	112,000	-	79,549	276,144		

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8 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE (continued)

	Unrestricted funds				Restricted Funds	2022 Total	Unrestricted funds				Restricted	2021 Total
	General	DAF	Designated	Other			General	DAF	Designated	Other		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
MIH												
Direct costs												
Property and insurance costs	-	899	-	-	-	899	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating costs	-	298	-	-	-	298	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	1,197	-	-	-	1,197	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chapel in the Fields												
Stipend/Salary	26,185	-	-	-	-	26,185	37,192	-	-	-	-	37,192
Expenses	125	-	-	-	-	125	1,007	-	-	-	-	1,007
Manse costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,730	-	-	-	-	4,730
Activity costs	7,866	-	-	-	-	7,866	7,801	-	-	-	-	7,801
Heat, light, water	2,016	-	-	-	-	2,016	1,838	-	-	-	-	1,838
Phone	240	-	-	-	-	240	220	-	-	-	-	220
Depreciation	900	-	-	-	-	900	900	-	-	-	-	900
Charged to designated and restricted funds	(21,906)	-	6,557	15,349	15,349	-	(33,330)	-	18,724	14,606	-	-
	15,426	-	6,557	15,349	15,349	37,332	20,358	-	18,724	14,606	-	53,688

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9 SUPPORT COSTS	Raising Funds	Charitable Activities	2024 Total	Raising Funds	Charitable Activities	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General support costs						
Staff costs	2,186	19,675	21,861	333	3,001	3,334
Travel & other expenses	26	235	261	5	46	51
Office and other administration costs	902	8,117	9,019	562	5,062	5,624
Management accounts services	873	7,856	8,729	799	5,691	6,490
Governance costs						
Professional fees	-	1,750	1,750	-	1,500	1,500
	3,987	37,633	41,620	1,699	15,300	16,999

The District Advance Fund (DAF) is administered by volunteers and no support costs are attributable to the grant making activities.

Costs have been allocated on the trustees estimate of the use of resources.

10 NET INCOMING RESOURCES AFTER TRANSFERS	2024	2023
This is stated after charging/(crediting):	£	£
Independent examiners fees:		
Examination	700	700
Accountancy	1,050	1,300
Overprovision prior year	-	(500)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	934	4,000
Trustees' remuneration as trustees	-	-
Trustees' expenses as trustees	-	-

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	2024
	£	£	£
Unrealised gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed asset investments	5,095	-	5,095
	<u>5,095</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,095</u>
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	2023
	£	£	£
Unrealised gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed asset investments	(2,922)	-	(2,922)
	<u>(2,922)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,922)</u>

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12 STAFF INFORMATION

2024

2023

£

£

a Staff costs

Stipends and salaries	219,460	170,924
Pension contributions - Methodist Ministers Scheme	31,195	25,349
Pension contributions - defined contribution	5,686	4,186
Employer's NI contributions	19,803	14,912
	<u>276,144</u>	<u>215,371</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, who include the District Mission Enabler (DME) and the City Centre Minister who hold a paid posts within the charity. Both are appointed to the District Council because of the posts they hold. No other trustee is paid by the District.

Details of payments are given in the related parties note.

c Average staff numbers (head count irrespective of full or part time working)

The average number of members of paid staff was as follows:-

	Number	Number
District core activities	9	6
Chapel in the Fields	1	1
	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>

13 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	District Manse	Core Office Equipment	CiF Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
As at September 1 2023	464,960	1,533	10,000	476,493
As at August 31 2024	464,960	1,533	10,000	476,493
Depreciation				
As at September 1 2023	24,800	1,533	6,300	32,633
Charge for the year	3,100	-	900	4,000
As at August 31 2024	27,900	1,533	7,200	36,633
Net book value				
As at August 31 2024	437,060	-	2,800	439,860
As at August 31 2023	440,160	-	3,700	443,860

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14 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS	2024	2023
	£	£
Market value brought forward	87,097	87,092
Income re-invested	2,364	2,927
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	5,095	(2,922)
Market value carried forward	<u>94,556</u>	<u>87,097</u>
<i>Investments at fair value comprise:</i>		
CFB mixed managed units	23,593	21,220
Cash held within investment portfolio	70,963	65,867
	<u>94,556</u>	<u>87,087</u>
 15 DEBTORS		
Income receivable	-	3,361
Prepayments & other debtors	25,078	12,119
	<u>25,078</u>	<u>15,480</u>
 16 CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS		
CFB Trustees' Interest Fund - DAF	1,623,957	1,623,213
CFB Trustees' Interest Fund - Youth Council surplus funds	1,339	1,274
	<u>1,625,296</u>	<u>1,624,487</u>
 17 CREDITORS falling due within one year		
Creditors and accruals	2,229	29,215
DAF grants payable within 12 months	212,611	33,901
	<u>214,840</u>	<u>63,116</u>
 18 CREDITORS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR		
DAF grants payable in more than one year	280,899	-
	<u>280,899</u>	<u>-</u>

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19 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	2022/23					2023/24					b/f and c/f	
	01/09/2022	Income	Expenditure	Gains & losses	Transfers	Income	Expenditure	Gains & losses	Transfers	31/08/2024	01/09/2023	31/08/2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:												
General fund	506,757	129,882	(107,022)	(2,922)	-	110,969	(159,795)	5,095	60,999	543,963	526,695	
Designated Funds:												
District Advance Fund (DAF)	1,433,405	302,844	(199,738)	-	-	404,230	(749,296)	-	(60,999)	1,130,446	1,536,511	
CIF surplus	40,169	-	(18,724)	-	-	-	(6,557)	-	-	14,888	21,445	
	1,473,574	302,844	(218,462)	-	-	404,230	(755,853)	-	(60,999)	1,145,334	1,557,956	
Total unrestricted funds	1,980,331	432,726	(325,484)	(2,922)	-	515,199	(915,648)	5,095	(60,999)	1,689,297	2,084,651	
Restricted funds												
As below	154,734	57,430	(94,159)	-	-	146,287	(147,793)	-	-	116,499	118,005	
	2,135,065	490,156	(419,643)	(2,922)	-	661,486	(1,063,441)	5,095	(60,999)	1,805,796	2,202,656	

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19 STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

	2022/23					2023/24					b/f and c/f 31/08/2023 01/09/2023
	01/09/2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains & loses £	Transfers £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains & loses £	Transfers £	31/08/2024 £	
Restricted Funds:											
Church Planting officer	67,907	32,417	(29,254)	-	-	-	(32,020)	-	-	39,050	
City Centre Minister	-	31,635	(31,635)	-	-	66,258	(66,258)	-	-	-	
Caleb Communities	34,767	-	(8,635)	-	-	51,798	(20,831)	-	-	57,099	
Climate Action	564	-	-	-	-	-	(564)	-	-	-	
Justice & Poverty	-	10,025	(10,025)	-	-	9,614	(9,614)	-	-	-	
Digital Church	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	(2,861)	-	-	7,139	
Training	-	-	-	-	-	1,600	(293)	-	-	1,307	
Affirm	-	-	-	-	-	1,600	-	-	-	1,600	
LN - Children & Youth enabler	6,742	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,742	
District Youth Council	1,385	40	(4)	-	-	68	(3)	-	-	1,486	
MIH - hardship fund	2,076	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,076	
Bastion Games	41,293	(41,293)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CinF - Donations	-	14,606	(14,606)	-	-	15,349	(15,349)	-	-	-	
	154,734	57,430	(94,159)	-	-	146,287	(147,793)	-	-	116,499	

Purpose of restricted fund balances (if not clear from above)

District Youth Council To support youth work in the District, either through District initiatives or by grants to Circuits and Churches, to be spent in the next 2 years.

Other restricted funds will be utilised in the next year.

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19 STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

Funds are represented by:

	Unrestricted funds				Restricted Funds	2024 Total	Unrestricted funds				Restricted	2023 Total
	Designated			General			Designated			Other		
	£	DAF	Other				£	DAF	Other			
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
	435,260	-	4,600	-	439,860	438,360	-	5,500	-	443,860		
	94,556	-	-	-	94,556	87,097	-	-	-	87,097		
	14,147	1,411,345	10,288	116,499	1,552,279	1,238	1,536,511	15,945	118,005	1,671,699		
	-	(280,899)	-	-	(280,899)	-	-	-	-	-		
	543,963	1,130,446	14,888	116,499	1,805,796	526,695	1,536,511	21,445	118,005	2,202,656		

DAF

The DAF has been allocated as follows:

	£	Notes
Future grant payments not approved but agreed in principal	-	contingent liability as dependent on annual review for multi year grants or other contingency.
District expenditure and projects 24/25	84,300	to meet budgeted costs.
Match for NP4NP	125,000	a national Connexional scheme to plant new worshipping communities, to be matched funded by the District
MIH Proceeds for homelessness and climate change projects, and long term Caleb support	482,130	
DAF contingency	50,000	to meet unexpected/unplanned expenditure
	741,430	
Available for new grants 23/24	389,016	
	<u>1,130,446</u>	

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20 TAXATION

The District 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 contacted for at the end of the year (2023 £Nil).

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers	(396,860)	67,591
Deduct/(add) gains/(losses) on investments	(5,095)	2,922
Deduct interest income shown in investing activities	(94,818)	(59,000)
Add back depreciation tangible fixed assets	934	4,000
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(9,598)	174
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	432,623	339
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	<u>(72,814)</u>	<u>16,026</u>

The charity has no debt.

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22 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The City Centre Minister, Revd Ian Rutherford, is a member of the District Council and as such is a trustee, although he receives no payment for acting as a trustee. He was paid a stipend of £32,248 (2022/23 - £29,446). The manse is provided by the Manchester Circuit as its contribution to the support of this post.

The Chair of District, Revd Dr Andrew Lunn, is stationed to the District by the Methodist Conference and he is a trustee of the District. His stipend is paid by the through the Methodist Church Fund and is not included in these accounts. The District provides him with a manse and meets the expenses of his office.

The members of the District Council are the members of Transforming Churches and Communities (TCC), a charitable incorporated organisation (charity number 1150394). The District works with TCC who deliver a range of services to the District, Circuits and Churches. During the year the District made grants and paid fees for services to TCC as follows:

- Grants of £16,500 (2022/23- £15,760);
- Fees for providing other services of £8,250 (2023/24 - £6,500); and

During the 2022/23 year Mr Garrie Naden, the District Treasurer, joined the staff of Transforming Churches and Communities. He takes no part agreeing the financial arrangement with TCC.

23 CONTRIBUTIONS TO METHODIST CHURCH FUND (MCF)

In addition to the assessments on the Circuits to help fund the cost of running the District, the District acted as agent for the Methodist Church Fund (MCF) which levied assessments on the Circuits in this District totalling £515,660 (2022/23: £501,120) all of which were collected before the year end and paid over to MCF in the year. No balance was held at the year end (2022: none), and no fee is received by the District and no costs incurred in handling these contributions. These contributions for the MCF do not appear elsewhere in these financial statements.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
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TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF DISTRICT COUNCIL

Position	Name	Appointed by	Appointed/ Resigned	Sub- Committee
Chair of District	Revd Dr Andrew Lunn	Methodist Conference		DE
Deputy Chair of District		District Synod		DE
Synod Secretary	Mr David James	District Synod		DE
Presbyteral Synod Secretary	Revd Hazel Cook	District Synod		DE
Treasurer	Mr Garrie Naden	District Synod		DE
Ecumenical Officer	Revd Graham Edwards	District Synod		DE
Mission Enabler		District Synod	From 1/09/22	DE
Lay Employment Secretary	Mr Andrew Jeffries	District Synod		DE
Local Preachers Secretary	Mr Anthony Judd	District Synod		
Chair DAF Grant Committee	Revd Katie Smith	District Synod	From 1/09/22	DE
Methodist Council Rep	Revd Adrian Burdon*	Methodist Conference		
City Centre Minister	Revd Ian Rutherford	District Synod		DE
	Revd Caroline Wickens	Manchester Circuit		
	Mr Andrew Stoker	United Stockport Circuit		
	Mrs Carole Burgess	Salford Circuit		
	Mrs Julie Murdy	High Peak Circuit		
	Revd Robert Balfour	Glossop & Tameside		
	Mr Graham Axford	Stretford & Urmston Circuit		
	Revd Graham Edwards*	Altrincham Circuit	From 1/09/22	
	Revd Glayne Worgan	Sale Circuit		
	Ms Janet Abbott	Oldham Circuit		
	Revd Sarah Parkin	Bramhall & Wythenshawe Circuit	From 1/09/21	
	Mrs Ruth Peak	Alderley Edge and Knutsford Circuit		
	Revd Graham Edwards*	Macclesfield Circuit		

(*dual qualification)

BANKERS

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Central Board of Finance of the Methodist Church
Co-operative Bank plc

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THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT TRUSTEES' AND DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended August 31 2023.

REPORTING FRAMEWORK

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the constitution of the charity, 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 objects

The District shares the same charitable objectives as the rest of the Methodist Church. 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 of the Methodist Church in Great Britain

These objectives have been given a clear focus in the mission statement *Our Calling* adopted by the Methodist Conference (2000 and 2018). This states that the calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. It does this through: Worship; Learning & Caring; Service; and Evangelism.

The District seeks to apply this to its own life and work, as it relates to the Connexion and seeks to support the Circuits and Churches within the District in their mission and ministry. Specifically, the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD) states that:

“The primary purpose for which the District is constituted is to advance the mission of the Church in a region, by providing opportunities for Circuits to work together and support each other, by offering them resources of finance, personnel and expertise which may not be available locally and by enabling them to engage with the wider society of the region as a whole and address its concerns. The District serves the local Churches and Circuits and the Conference in the support, deployment and oversight of the various ministries of the Church, and in programmes of training. It has responsibility for the evaluation of applications by Local Churches and Circuits for approval of or consent to their proposals, when required, or for assistance from district or connexional bodies or funds. Wherever possible the work of the District is carried out ecumenically. The District is thus an expression, over a wider geographical area than the Circuit, of the connexional character of the Church.”

Aims of the District

During 2022/23 the District continued to work with the District Mission and Development Plan (DMDP), with its four priorities, grouped as 19 objectives, as follows:

Overarching Aim: To prepare our District for our future under God as a smaller, but more diverse, active, and growing church, while continuing to resource, communicate and celebrate for today.

- A. *We will provide organizational support for the Methodist Church across the District*
 - 1. *Develop and ensure good flows of communication.*
 - 2. *Maintain and promote good governance, financial and data management.*
 - 3. *Distribute grants which promote sustainable, missional activity and which are in line with our objectives.*
 - 4. *Promote ecumenical cooperation in support of our objectives.*
 - 5. *Promote professional, communal and ecumenical partnerships in support of our objectives.*
 - 6. *Ensure that safeguarding practice across the District is robust.*
- B. *We will work with circuits to provide a missional and strategic overview of ministry and buildings.*
 - 7. *Work with circuits to prepare and maintain a strategic plan for buildings and ministry.*
 - 8. *Support circuits in their missional goals through stationing and lay employment processes.*
 - 9. *Promote good practice in circuits in the provision of appropriate manse accommodation for ministers.*
- C. *We will embrace the need for endings and for change.*
 - 10. *Support worship that honours God with our best relationships and practices.*
 - 11. *Promote the capacity of Methodist people of all ages to witness to Jesus Christ with confidence.*
 - 12. *Promote the establishment and growth of new Christian communities.*
 - 13. *Promote action on social justice and global vision.*
 - 14. *Work to establish and strengthen principles of Justice, Dignity and Solidarity in the life of the District and circuits.*

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- D. *We will promote a diverse, active and growing church.*
15. *Support church closure and repurposing.*
 16. *Support the development of leadership which is:*
 - *Collaborative*
 - *Reflective*
 - *Flexible*
 - *Missional*
 17. *Promote ways of working in churches which are contextual, diverse and unique.*
 18. *Take and promote action to address responsibilities for the climate emergency.*
 19. *Promote action which will build Christian community and action against poverty on and from the economic margins.*

MAIN ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Under the DMDP the following table shows some of the main goals which were worked towards during the financial year, and the progress and achievements related to them.

Goals	Progress and Achievements
To plan for a project as part of the Greater Manchester homelessness Strategy, using the proceeds of sale of Methodist International House.	Initial conversations have been held with partner organisations, with the aim of starting the project in the 2023-24 financial year.
To consider the part the District would play in the future reconfiguration of Methodist work across North West England.	The September Synod declined to pursue a merger with other Districts at that time. A working group explored options and reported to the April Synod. The decision was then taken to explore fully the option of rejoining the merger. This process was still under way at year end.
To put carbon reduction strategies in place.	These strategies were launched within the District, with a focus on providing energy audits of buildings, setting net emission goals, and maximising energy efficiency.
To continue good practice in safeguarding including training	We merged our safeguarding work with that of the Bolton & Rochdale District of the Methodist Church, setting up a joint District Safeguarding Group.
To develop good practice in Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.	A group was set up in response to the Methodist Conference report <i>Justice, Dignity and Solidarity</i> . In this first year its main focus has been on raising consciousness and training.
To further develop our Digital and Communications strategy.	A new communications strategy was agreed, and put into action.
To develop work in new Christian communities through our Caleb Communities project	The first grants have been issued, and the first new community established. The Covid-19 pandemic has meant this work has begun slowly, but now seems to be picking up. Under its auspices we started a District project to set up a new digital community under the name 'Your Space.'
To prepare for a new appointment to our Chapel in the Fields project.	The District Council agreed a vision document for the future work of the project, and authorised the management committee to begin work on recruiting a successor to our current project manager for September 2024.
To continue our partnership with Methodist Central Hall, Manchester Trustees and the Manchester Circuit in providing ministry in Manchester City Centre,	A memorandum of agreement between the three partners was agreed. We prepared a profile for a new City Centre deacon appointment, and were pleased to have Deacon Jenny Jones stationed to this District role.
To continue cooperative working with a variety of partners.	Safeguarding work was merged with Bolton & Rochdale District, along with other cooperation. The Peak Park Rural Development Enabler project continued in partnership with Sheffield Methodist District and Nottingham and Derby Methodist District. Our close relationship with Transforming Church and Communities continued, providing valuable project management and governance assistance to circuits and churches, and also resourcing District financial management. We also continued to support the Nexus project, an arts based charity in which we are a partner, as it moved into a new phase of work away from Methodist Central Hall, Manchester. Our partnership with St Peter's House, which works in higher education. Chaplaincy, also continued although during the year the decision was taken by their trustees to begin the wind up of that charity.

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To oversee the local part of the process in stationing of ordained ministers to six vacant appointments within the District	Five varied appointments were filled, including three diaconal appointments. One further appointment was filled, but at the last moment the minister concerned withdrew leaving a vacancy.
To continue review of our circuit boundaries	The District Council invited three circuits in the Borough of Trafford to consult on joining together.

Public benefit

In working towards its charitable objectives the District has had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit.

Contribution of volunteers

The District can only function through the contribution of volunteers, chiefly lay people, who fulfil a wide range of roles within the District serving on various committees and giving generously of their time to further God's Kingdom.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

Overall the District had a surplus on general unrestricted funds, before transfers, for the year of £19,938. The District Advance Fund continued to be used to support the District's core cost expenditure in the year, in the amount of £112,000 (2021/22: £86,553).

Grants totalling £83,721 (2022: £59,653) were awarded in the year out of DAF. Of the total, £36,460 (2022: £32,720) was in respect of grants driven by the District with the balance through the District Grants Committee ('DGC'). Although higher than 2022, the level of new grants awarded remains modest as application levels are impacted by the gradual return to pre pandemic levels of activity.

In 2023/24, the District Advance Fund will support budgeted costs of £175,450 for District driven initiatives and grants. There are sufficient available reserves in the DAF at 31st August 2023 to cover these costs.

Risk management

The trustees have considered the risks facing the charity and have taken appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Investment policy and review

Surplus funds are usually placed on deposit either with a high street clearing bank or with the Methodist Church Central Finance Board (CFB). Some years ago, the District was in a position to invest some of its funds longer term and did so through investing in CFB Managed Funds.

Reserves

Reserves Policy – general funds

The District requires between three and six months operating costs as free reserves (unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets or otherwise designated). Based on the 2023/24 budget and excluding costs that are currently grant funded or met by the District Advance Fund, this would equate to a range of £25k to £50k. At the year end the District had free reserves of £82,835 after excluding fixed asset reserves of £443,860. This position is somewhat higher than the upper level of the band but considered satisfactory.

Reserves Policy – District Advance Fund

The District Advance Fund (DAF) represents a designated fund within the District accounts which is used:

- To support the growth and development of churches and circuits within this District as they seek to engage faithfully in God's mission. It sees as its key purpose the need to provide funds so that churches and circuits may grasp and develop mission and discipleship opportunities within their own localities which would not be possible purely through their own financial resources. Primarily, the funds from the DAF are intended for Mission and Ministry projects;
- And in recognition that in order to obtain funding from other sources it is helpful for the applicant to show tangible support from the District, the DGC will try to support all Property Schemes for which valid applications are received.

Grants are only awarded where there are sufficient funds available at the time of the award to meet all future commitments. In addition to future grants that are shown as liabilities within the accounts, the District is committed (as noted above) to supporting its own managed projects to a budgeted total of £175,450 in 2023/24, an amount covered by available funds in the DAF at 31st August 2023. During the previous year, £897,848 was transferred into the DAF, representing the net proceeds from the sale of MIH. The District Council has agreed to set this money aside, rounded up to £900,000, to support three areas: homelessness £450,000, climate change £225,000 and long term funding of NP4NP (the District's Caleb project) £225,000. It was further agreed by District Council to add an element of interest received to these sums for 2022/23, giving revised carry forward totals at 31st August 2023 of £465,750, £232,875 and £232,875, a total of £931,500. This sum remains ringfenced in the DAF for these purposes pending implementation of spending plans.

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Taking all commitments into account, at 31st August 2023 the funds in the DAF stood at:

	£
Cash balances (in DAF investment & cash)	1,570,412
Less grant liabilities (notes 7 and 17)	(33,901)
Balance per designated funds (note 18)	1,536,511
Less future grants not provided but agreed in principal	(50,285)
Less budgeted to support District costs 2023/24	(175,450)
Set aside for NP4NP match funding	(129,375)
MIH proceeds set aside for major projects	(931,500)
Funds not committed (previous year £247,873)	249,901

The minimum contingency to retain in the DAF is £50,000, hence we have an 'excess' uncommitted of £199,901. In order to encourage utilisation of the excess held, as well as taking into account new income in 2023/24, a budget of £350,000 for new grant awards in 2023/24 has been set and a campaign is ongoing to encourage applications from Circuits and churches.

Grant making policy

Annual contributions are taken on certain Circuit Model Trust Funds, by the Custodian Trustee, to make funds available to District Advance Funds to support work within the District. The District Advance Fund (DAF) also receives funds from the Connexional Advance Fund which is funded by levies on the receipts from Methodist Church property sales.

The DAF exists to:

- Support innovative work carried out by the District on behalf of the Circuits and Churches;
- Make grants to support new and experimental work carried out by Circuits and Churches to advance mission, ministry and service;
- Support property and eco schemes.

There is a District Grants Committee which reviews applications and makes awards in accordance with District policy and after taking account of the relevant merits of the application, local matched funding and local resources. Grants towards employment and training costs are to a maximum of a third of those costs over a maximum period of three years, with a report required on progress at the end of years 1 and 2 to enable the Committee to approve release of the next instalment. Support for property projects is restricted to 10% of the value of the scheme up to a maximum of £8,000. In addition, the District uses part of the DAF to support the delivery of its own services to Circuits but this is agreed through the annual budgeting process and not by application to the grants committee. The District does not make grants available to non-Methodist organisations.

Going concern

The Trustees do not believe there are any issues affecting the District's ability to continue to operate as a going concern.

FUTURE PLANS

For 2023/24 the District has:

- Considered and agreed to joining fully with other Methodist Districts in the region in a restructuring of our Districts by forming a single North West England District.

And the District is:

- Further developing our work through Caleb Communities by establishing further New Places for New People.
- Further developing our practice in equality, diversity and inclusion.
- Enabling and providing resources for evangelism, and leadership in evangelism.
- Developing and initiating a business plan in partnership with other charities, particularly Boaz Trust, to contribute to the Greater Manchester Homelessness Prevention Strategy
- Continuing to work in partnership with Transforming Churches & Communities (TCC) and the other Districts in our region.
- Continuing to work with churches and circuits to enable them to realise God's vision.
- Continuing to create safer spaces and ensure we meet all safeguarding obligations.

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STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document and background

The District is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain and its status as a charity derives from The Methodist Church Act 1976.

The District became a registered charity with the Charity Commission with effect from April 12 2010. Prior to that it was an excepted charity under statutory Instrument 2002 Number 1598 The Charities (Exception from Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2002. This regulation applies to a charity wholly or mainly concerned with the advancement of religion.

The charity is governed by the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church, the Methodist Church Act and the Deed of Union.

Appointment of Trustees

Each of the Circuits within the District is eligible to appoint a member of the Council; other members of the Council are appointed to fulfil specific roles by the Synod after prayerful consideration. Members of the Council bring with them expertise and experience from the wider church and no specific programme of induction or training is currently in place for the majority of trustees, although the Methodist Church does provide occasional courses and handbooks for specific roles.

Organisation

The trustee body is called the District Council. Members of the Council bring with them expertise and experience from the wider church and no specific programme of induction or training is currently in place for the majority of trustees. The Methodist Church operates through a large number of trustee bodies, for each church and circuit. The District provides regular opportunities for training in trusteeship across the District, which District Council members have the opportunity to attend. The Chair of District undergoes a thorough national induction process, usually including shadowing their immediate predecessor for a period of at least twelve months.

The District Council meets twice times a year to confer on all aspects of the life of the District, to set policy and to make recommendations to the District Synod which meets twice a year in Representative Session. In addition, there is a Ministerial Synod which meets annually to consider matters relating to presbyteral ministry as set out in CPD.

A sub-committee of the District Council, called the District Executive (formerly the Strategy and Resource Executive), takes additional responsibility for the activities of the charity, by presenting the District Council with advice and proposals, and oversees the implementation of strategy.

The District is required to carry out a number of governance and oversight tasks on behalf of the Conference (national church) which are the responsibility of the Synod. The Synod has a number of committees which facilitate this work and where permitted responsibility is delegated to the appropriate committees.

Other standing committees of the District are answerable to the District Council; these include:

- The District Grants Committee, which oversees grants made by the District, mainly to circuits and churches within the District, from the District Advance Fund.
- The District Safeguarding Group (which has an independent Chair).

Related parties

Details of related party transactions are given in note 23 to the financial statements.

Co-operation with other organisations/charities

The District works closely with the Methodist Circuits and Churches within its area and with its ecumenical partners, as well as with the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

The District has worked during the year with Transforming Churches & Communities and continued to collaborate with the other Methodist Districts in the North West and Mann Region.

It has worked with Sheffield and Nottingham & Derby Districts (of the Methodist Church) to support the Rural Development Enabler (RDE) serving in the Derbyshire Peak Park area which is served by circuits in all three Districts. The M&S District provides financial support via the District Advance Fund.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
TRUSTEES' AND DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023**

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 Trustees have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019);;
- 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 Trustees are 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. 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.

APPROVAL

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Andrew Lunn

Revd Dr Andrew Lunn - Trustee

Date: March 15 2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended August 31 2023 which are set out on pages 9 to 26.

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

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 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 any requirement 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.

Peter Smith

Peter Smith BA FCA DChA

For and on behalf of:
Peter Smith Accountancy Services
Chartered Accountants and Charity Specialists

9 Polruan Road
Chorlton-cum-Hardy
Manchester M21 9NR

Date: March 26 2024

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including the income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds			Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		General	Designated funds				
			DAF	Other			
		£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:							
Donations	2	101,762	251,646	-	14,606	368,014	364,430
Charitable activities	3	20,358	-	-	42,784	63,142	158,234
Investment income	4	7,762	51,198	-	40	59,000	8,899
TOTAL INCOME		129,882	302,844	-	57,430	490,156	531,563
EXPENDITURE							
Raising funds	5	2,069	4,017	-	4	6,090	3,987
Charitable activities	6	104,953	195,721	18,724	94,155	413,553	418,918
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		107,022	199,738	18,724	94,159	419,643	422,905
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	(2,922)	-	-	-	(2,922)	(4,611)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS	12	19,938	103,106	(18,724)	(36,729)	67,591	104,047
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	18	19,938	103,106	(18,724)	(36,729)	67,591	104,047
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS							
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	18	506,757	1,433,405	40,169	154,734	2,135,065	2,031,018
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	18	526,695	1,536,511	21,445	118,005	2,202,656	2,135,065

The notes on pages 12 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT AUGUST 31 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	13		443,860		447,860
Investments	14		87,097		87,092
			<u>530,957</u>		<u>534,952</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	15	15,480		15,654	
Investments	16	1,624,487		1,410,668	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>94,848</u>		<u>236,568</u>	
		<u>1,734,815</u>		<u>1,662,890</u>	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in one year	17	<u>63,116</u>		<u>62,777</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>1,671,699</u>		<u>1,600,113</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>2,202,656</u>		<u>2,135,065</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted:	18				
General		526,695		506,757	
Designated - DAF		1,536,511		1,433,405	
Designated - other		<u>21,445</u>		<u>40,169</u>	
			2,084,651		1,980,331
Restricted	18		<u>118,005</u>		<u>154,734</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>2,202,656</u>		<u>2,135,065</u>

The notes on pages 12 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on: March 15 2024
And signed on their behalf by:

Andrew Lunn

Revd Dr Andrew Lunn - Trustee

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
AS AT AUGUST 31 2023

		2023	2022
	Notes	£	£
Cash used in operating activities	21	<u>16,026</u>	<u>26,491</u>
Cashflows from investing activities			
Interest and dividends		59,000	8,899
Transfer fixed asset to investments		-	-
Purchase of investments		<u>(2,927)</u>	<u>(1,606)</u>
Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>56,073</u>	<u>7,293</u>
Cashflows from financing activities			
Cash used in financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents in the year		72,099	33,784
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		1,647,236	1,613,452
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		<u>1,719,335</u>	<u>1,647,236</u>
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:			
Cash at bank and in hand		94,848	236,568
Current asset investments - Trustee interest fund		<u>1,624,487</u>	<u>1,410,668</u>
		<u>1,719,335</u>	<u>1,647,236</u>

The notes on pages 12 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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 2015; FRS102; and the Charities Act 2011.

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 July 16 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Subject to the approval of the Methodist Conference, the District will merge with other districts from September 1 2024 to form the North West of England District. Although the charity will cease to exist from that date, there are no essential differences between preparing the accounts on the going concern basis as opposed to a cessation basis.

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

The accounts are stated in £ sterling the functional currency of the charity.

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.

Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably. The following applies to particular types of income:

Grants, whether of a capital or revenue nature, are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met and it is probable that the income will be received.

Donations from individuals and other bodies (not being of the nature of a grant) are recognised when receivable.

Earned income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for services and goods supplied, net of discounts.

Deferred income

Income is only deferred and included in creditors when:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and there is no contractual entitlement 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

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 and managing investments.

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.

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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 District participates in the following pension funds:

Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund

The District 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% (2021: 26.9%) of stipend.

The MMPS is a multi-employer scheme, and in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, the District 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 staff

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its lay employees, and matches its employees' contributions up to 6% of gross pay. For one individual it has agreed to make contributions on a similar basis to their personnel pension scheme.

The contributions are paid to a third party who invests the contributions in a money purchase plan. Contributions are charged to the SoFA as they become payable.

Impairment

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are shown at cost to the District, with the exception of the manses and other property assets. These have been included at the Trustees' valuation as permitted under the SoRP, when assets not previously included 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:

Methodist International House	-	1% straight line (excluding freehold land)
District manse	-	1% straight line (excluding freehold land)
Property improvements	-	10% per annum straight line
Furniture and fittings	-	25% per annum straight line
Chapel in the Fields equipment	-	10% per annum straight line

Freehold land is not depreciated.

Investments, gains and losses

Fixed assets 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.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023

	2023				2022
	Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
2 DONATIONS					
Contributions from Circuit Model Trust Funds	-	63,335	-	63,335	256,871
Distribution Connexional Priority fund	-	188,311	-	188,311	-
Circuit Assessments	101,762	-	-	101,762	93,078
Chapel in the Fields donations	-	-	14,606	14,606	14,481
	<u>101,762</u>	<u>251,646</u>	<u>14,606</u>	<u>368,014</u>	<u>364,430</u>
	2022	2022	2022	2022	
	£	£	£	£	
Contributions from Circuit Model Trust Funds	-	256,871	-	256,871	
Distribution Connexional Priority fund	-	-	-	-	
Circuit Assessments	93,078	-	-	93,078	
Chapel in the Fields donations	-	-	14,481	14,481	
	<u>93,078</u>	<u>256,871</u>	<u>14,481</u>	<u>364,430</u>	

3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Core district activities						
Church Planting Officer - Connexion	-	32,417	32,417	-	32,417	32,417
City Centre Minister - MCHM	-	31,635	31,635	-	30,348	30,348
Caleb Communities - Connexion	-	-	-	-	27,987	27,987
Poverty & Justice - Connexion	-	10,025	10,025	-	9,982	9,982
Digital Church - Connexion NP4NP	-	10,000	10,000	-	-	-
Other Charitable income	-	-	-	540	140	680
	-	84,077	84,077	540	100,874	101,414
Bastion Games						
Connexional grant	-	(41,293)	(41,293)	-	32,751	32,751
Earned income	-	-	-	36	-	36
	-	(41,293)	(41,293)	36	32,751	32,787
Chapel in the Fields						
Other income	20,358	-	20,358	24,033	-	24,033
	<u>20,358</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,358</u>	<u>24,033</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,033</u>
Total	<u>20,358</u>	<u>42,784</u>	<u>63,142</u>	<u>24,609</u>	<u>133,625</u>	<u>158,234</u>

(MCHM - Methodist Central Hall, Manchester)

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023

4 INVESTMENT INCOME

Bank and CFB interest

2023				2022
Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total	Total
£	£	£	£	£
7,762	51,198	40	59,000	8,899
<u>7,762</u>	<u>51,198</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>59,000</u>	<u>8,899</u>

Bank and CFB interest

2022			
Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total
£	£	£	£
2,642	6,252	5	8,899
<u>2,642</u>	<u>6,252</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8,899</u>

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023

5 COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS

	2023				2022
	Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment management charges	370	4,017	4	4,391	1,536
Support costs	1,699	-	-	1,699	2,451
	<u>2,069</u>	<u>4,017</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6,090</u>	<u>3,987</u>

	2022				
	Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total	
	£	£	£	£	
Investment management charges	395	1,138	3	1,536	
Support costs	2,451	-	-	2,451	
	<u>2,846</u>	<u>1,138</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3,987</u>	

6 COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023					2022
	Unrestricted	DAF	other des.	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
DAF Grants - note 7	-	83,721	-	-	83,721	59,653
Other charitable expenditure - note 8	104,953	112,000	18,724	94,155	329,832	359,265
	<u>104,953</u>	<u>195,721</u>	<u>18,724</u>	<u>94,155</u>	<u>413,553</u>	<u>418,918</u>

	2022					
	Unrestricted	DAF	other des.	Restricted	Total	
	£	£	£	£	£	
Grants - note 7	-	59,653	-	-	59,653	
Other charitable expenditure - note 8	143,238	86,553	15,616	113,858	359,265	
	<u>143,238</u>	<u>146,206</u>	<u>15,616</u>	<u>113,858</u>	<u>418,918</u>	

Included in other charitable expenditure are the following grants:

	Unrestricted	DAF	other des.	Restricted	Total
2022/23	£	£	£	£	£
Caleb Communities	-	-	-	18,660	18,660
Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Church Action on Poverty	-	-	-	-	-
GM Churches Together	3,502	-	-	-	3,502
	<u>3,502</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,660</u>	<u>22,162</u>
2021/22					
Caleb Communities	-	-	-	2,160	2,160
Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
Church Action on Poverty	-	-	-	9,982	9,982
GM Churches Together	3,750	-	-	-	3,750
	<u>28,750</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,142</u>	<u>40,892</u>

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023

7 GRANTS DUE AND PAID

	Liability as at 31/08/21	Awarded /(cancelled) in the year	Paid out in the year	Liability as at 31/08/22	Awarded /(cancelled) in the year	Paid out in the year	Liability as at 31/08/23
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Hyde Helping Hand Shop	-	(750)	750	-	-	-	-
Zac's House (church plant)	10,000	3,150	(10,000)	3,150	6,850	(10,000)	-
Knutsford pastoral worker	5,000	5,000	(5,000)	5,000	5,000	(5,000)	5,000
Knutsford training	-	75	-	75	-	(75)	-
Bromley Green Women's Project	-	-	-	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Northenden reseeding worship	5,000	-	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Wythenshawe CAP	5,000	-	-	5,000	-	(5,000)	-
Chaplaincy Derby University	-	2,575	(2,575)	-	1,650	(1,650)	-
TC&C	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	15,760	(15,760)	-
Sheffield re RDE	-	12,600	(12,600)	-	12,800	(12,800)	-
Mcr Uni Chaplaincy	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	6,250	(6,250)	-
Central Hall civic Training	1,000	-	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Joint Districts Training	-	120	(120)	-	-	-	-
Hope Church community dev. Worker	-	-	-	-	5,200	-	5,200
3Generate	-	-	-	-	1,660	(1,660)	-
Toy library	-	-	-	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Raising the roof	-	8,500	-	8,500	-	(8,500)	-
Buxton - 3Generate	-	-	-	-	920	(920)	-
Central training	-	150	(150)	-	-	-	-
CAF support worker	-	-	-	-	3,201	-	3,201
Training	-	85	(85)	-	-	-	-
3Generate	-	-	-	-	1,500	(1,500)	-
Young People's Worker (E Oldham)	4,000	-	(4,000)	-	-	-	-
South Chadderton meeting point café	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-	-	-
Pioneer Ministry	2,602	(2,602)	-	-	-	-	-
Training x2	-	300	(300)	-	-	-	-
Sevenways' Dads' Project	-	-	-	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
3Generate	-	-	-	-	600	(600)	-
Kingdom Theology training	-	-	-	-	1,000	(500)	500
Windllehurst lay worker	-	-	-	-	2,500	-	2,500
Tiviot Dale cactus garden	-	-	-	-	4,330	(4,330)	-
Carol Service	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-	-
	32,602	55,703	(60,580)	27,725	72,221	(82,545)	17,401
Altricham	-	2,500	-	2,500	-	(2,500)	-
Northenden	5,000	-	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
St Mary's Church	-	-	-	-	8,500	-	8,500
Fernilee	-	-	-	-	8,000	-	8,000
Urmston boiler	-	1,450	(1,450)	-	-	-	-
	5,000	3,950	(1,450)	7,500	11,500	(2,500)	16,500
	37,602	59,653	(62,030)	35,225	83,721	(85,045)	33,901

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023

8 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted funds				Restricted Funds	2023 Total	Unrestricted funds				Restricted	2022 Total
	General	Designated					General	Designated				
		DAF	Other					DAF	Other			
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
District core	84,595	112,000	-	79,549	276,144	118,482	86,553	-	78,816	283,713		
MIH	-	-	-	-	-	685	-	-	-	685		
Bastion Games	-	-	-	-	-	38	-	-	20,561	20,599		
Chapel in the Fields	20,358	-	18,724	14,606	53,688	24,033	-	15,616	14,481	54,130		
	104,953	112,000	18,724	94,155	329,832	143,238	86,553	15,616	113,858	359,127		
District core												
Direct costs												
Stipends and salaries	44,346	79,746	-	-	124,092	42,252	61,007	-	-	103,259		
Ministry support	2,789	-	-	-	2,789	2,071	-	-	-	2,071		
Donations and grants	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Meetings, events and travel	8,249	15,944	-	-	24,193	11,660	6,470	-	-	18,130		
Training	1,457	-	-	-	1,457	334	-	-	-	334		
Grants	3,502	-	-	18,660	22,162	28,750	-	-	12,142	40,892		
District Development Plan	0	50	-	-	50	-	60	-	-	60		
Consultancy	75	-	-	-	75	900	-	-	6,000	6,900		
Property Support Services	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
District Partnership Fund	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Manse & housing costs	5,753	16,260	-	-	22,013	4,977	19,016	-	-	23,993		
Depreciation	3,100	-	-	-	3,100	3,100	-	-	-	3,100		
Affirm	24	-	-	-	24	138	-	-	-	-		
Church Planting Minister	0	-	-	29,254	29,254	-	-	-	30,326	30,326		
City Centre Minister	0	-	-	31,635	31,635	-	-	-	30,348	30,348		
Support costs	15,300	-	-	-	15,300	24,300	-	-	-	24,300		
	84,595	112,000	-	79,549	276,144	118,482	86,553	-	78,816	283,713		

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
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8 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE (continued)

	Unrestricted funds				Restricted Funds	2022 Total	Unrestricted funds				Restricted	2021 Total
	General	Designated		General			Designated		Other			
		DAF	Other				DAF	Other				
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
MIH												
Direct costs												
Professional fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	685	-	-	-	-	685
	-	-	-	-	-	-	685	-	-	-	-	685
Bastion Games												
Staff costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,843	19,843
Other costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	-	-	-	718	756
	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	-	-	-	20,561	20,599
Chapel in the Fields												
Stipend	37,192	-	-	-	-	37,192	35,497	-	-	-	-	35,497
Expenses	1,007	-	-	-	-	1,007	541	-	-	-	-	541
Manse costs	4,730	-	-	-	-	4,730	4,800	-	-	-	-	4,800
Activity costs	7,801	-	-	-	-	7,801	10,023	-	-	-	-	10,023
Heat, light, water	1,838	-	-	-	-	1,838	2,109	-	-	-	-	2,109
Phone	220	-	-	-	-	220	260	-	-	-	-	260
Depreciation	900	-	-	-	-	900	900	-	-	-	-	900
Charged to designated and restricted funds	(33,330)	-	18,724	-	14,606	-	(30,097)	-	15,616	-	14,481	-
	20,358	-	18,724	-	14,606	53,688	24,033	-	15,616	-	14,481	54,130

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
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9 SUPPORT COSTS	Raising Funds	Charitable Activities	2023 Total	Raising Funds	Charitable Activities	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General support costs						
Staff costs	333	3,001	3,334	667	6,007	6,674
Travel & other expenses	5	46	51	-	3	3
Office and other administration costs	562	5,062	5,624	1,065	9,585	10,650
Management accounts services	799	7,191	7,990	719	6,473	7,192
Governance costs						
Professional fees	-	-	-	-	2,332	2,332
	<u>1,699</u>	<u>15,300</u>	<u>16,999</u>	<u>2,451</u>	<u>24,400</u>	<u>26,851</u>

The above costs are in respect of the District core activities only and none are attributable to MIH. MIH had its own administration and those support costs are shown in note 8.

The District Advance Fund (DAF) is administered by volunteers and no support costs are attributable to the grant making activities.

Costs have been allocated on the trustees estimate of the use of resources.

10 NET INCOMING RESOURCES AFTER TRANSFERS	2023	2022
	£	£
This is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Independent examiners fees:		
Examination	700	700
Accountancy	1,300	1,160
Overprovision prior year	(500)	-
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	4,000	4,000
Trustees' remuneration as trustees	-	-
Trustees' expenses as trustees	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

11 GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	2023
	£	£	£
Unrealised gain on disposal of assets held for sale	<u>(2,922)</u>	-	<u>(2,922)</u>
	<u>(2,922)</u>	-	<u>(2,922)</u>
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	2022
	£	£	£
Unrealised gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed asset investments	-	-	-
Unrealised gain on disposal of assets held for sale	<u>(4,611)</u>	-	<u>(4,611)</u>
	<u>(4,611)</u>	-	<u>(4,611)</u>

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023

12 STAFF INFORMATION

2023

2022

£

£

a Staff costs

Stipends and salaries	170,923	213,050
Pension contributions - Methodist Ministers Scheme	25,349	22,073
Pension contributions - defined contribution	4,186	4,300
Employer's NI contributions	14,912	13,071
	<u>215,371</u>	<u>252,494</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, who include the District Mission Enabler (DME) and the City Centre Minister who hold a paid posts within the charity. Both are appointed to the District Council because of the posts they hold. No other trustee is paid by the District.

Details of payments are given in the related parties note.

c Average staff numbers (head count irrespective of full or part time working)

The average number of members of paid staff was as follows:-

	Number	Number
District core activities	6	9
Bastion Games	0	1
Chapel in the Fields	1	1
	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>

13 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	District Manse	Core Office Equipment	CiF Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
As at September 1 2022	464,960	1,533	10,000	476,493
As at August 31 2023	464,960	1,533	10,000	476,493
Depreciation				
As at September 1 2022	21,700	1,533	5,400	28,633
Charge for the year	3,100	-	900	4,000
As at August 31 2023	24,800	1,533	6,300	32,633
Net book value				
As at August 31 2023	<u>440,160</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>443,860</u>
As at August 31 2022	<u>443,260</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,600</u>	<u>447,860</u>

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14 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS	2023	2022
	£	£
Market value brought forward	87,092	90,097
Income re-invested	2,927	1,606
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	<u>(2,922)</u>	<u>(4,611)</u>
Market value carried forward	<u>87,097</u>	<u>87,092</u>
 <i>Investments at fair value comprise:</i>		
CFB mixed managed units	21,230	18,303
Cash held within investment portfolio	<u>65,867</u>	<u>68,789</u>
	<u>87,097</u>	<u>87,092</u>
 15 DEBTORS		
Income receivable	3,361	6,308
Prepayments & other debtors	<u>12,119</u>	<u>9,346</u>
	<u>15,480</u>	<u>15,654</u>
 16 CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS		
CFB Trustees' Interest Fund - DAF	1,623,213	1,409,431
CFB Trustees' Interest Fund - Youth Council surplus funds	<u>1,274</u>	<u>1,237</u>
	<u>1,624,487</u>	<u>1,410,668</u>
 17 CREDITORS falling due within one year		
Creditors and accruals	29,215	27,552
DAF grants payable within 12 months	<u>33,901</u>	<u>35,225</u>
	<u>63,116</u>	<u>62,777</u>

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023

18 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	2021/22					2022/23					b/f and c/f
	Income		Expenditure	Gains & losses	Transfers	Income		Expenditure	Gains & losses	Transfers	
01/09/2021	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:											
General fund	1,434,971	120,329	(146,084)	(4,611)	(897,848)	129,882	(107,022)	(2,922)	-	-	526,695
Designated Funds:											
District Advance Fund (DAF)	419,778	263,123	(147,344)	-	897,848	302,844	(199,738)	-	-	-	1,536,511
CiF surplus	55,785	-	(15,616)	-	-	-	(18,724)	-	-	-	21,445
	475,563	263,123	(162,960)	-	897,848	302,844	(218,462)	-	-	-	1,557,956
Total unrestricted funds	1,910,534	383,452	(309,044)	(4,611)	-	432,726	(325,484)	(2,922)	-	-	2,084,651
Restricted funds											
As below	120,484	148,111	(113,861)	-	-	57,430	(94,159)	-	-	-	118,005
	2,031,018	531,563	(422,905)	(4,611)	-	490,156	(419,643)	(2,922)	-	-	2,202,656

18 STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)Purpose of restricted fund balances (if not clear from above)

District Youth Council

To support youth work in the District, either through District initiatives or by grants to Circuits and Churches.

All restricted funds should be spent within the next two years.

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023

18 STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

Funds are represented by:

	Unrestricted funds				Restricted Funds	2023 Total	Unrestricted funds				Restricted	2022 Total
	General	Designated		DAF			Other	General	Designated			
		£	£		£	£			£	£	£	£
Fixed assets - tangible	439,260	-	4,600	-	443,860	442,360	-	-	5,500	-	447,860	
Fixed assets - investments	87,097	-	-	-	87,097	87,092	-	-	-	-	87,092	
Net Current assets	338	1,536,511	16,845	118,005	1,671,699	(22,695)	1,433,405	34,669	154,734	1,600,113		
Creditors due in more than one year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	526,695	1,536,511	21,445	118,005	2,202,656	506,757	1,433,405	40,169	154,734	2,135,065		

DAF

The DAF has been allocated as follows:

	£	Notes
Future grant payments not approved but agreed in principal	50,285	contingent liability as dependent on annual review for multi year grants or other contingency.
District expenditure and projects 23/24	175,450	to meet budgeted costs.
Match for NP4NP	129,375	a national Connexional scheme to plant new worshipping communities, to be matched funded by the District
MIH Proceeds for homelessness and climate change projects, and long term Caleb support	931,500	
DAF contingency	50,000	to meet unexpected/unplanned expenditure
	1,336,610	
	199,901	
Available for new grants 23/24	1,536,511	

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
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19 TAXATION

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

20 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

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

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers	67,591	104,047
Deduct/(add) gains/(losses) on investments	2,922	4,611
Deduct interest income shown in investing activities	(59,000)	(8,899)
Add back depreciation tangible fixed assets	4,000	4,000
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	174	(555)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	339	(76,713)
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	16,026	26,491

The charity has no debt.

22 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The City Centre Minister, Revd Ian Rutherford, is a member of the District Council and as such is a trustee, although he receives no payment for acting as a trustee. He was paid a stipend of £26,640 (2021/22 - £26,640). The manse is provided by the Manchester Circuit as its contribution to the support of this post.

The Chair of District, Revd Dr Andrew Lunn, is stationed to the District by the Methodist Conference and he is a trustee of the District. His stipend is paid by the through the Methodist Church Fund and is not included in these accounts. The District provides him with a manse and meets the expenses of his office.

The members of the District Council are the members of Transforming Churches and Communities (TCC), a charitable incorporated organisation (charity number 1150394). The District works with TCC who deliver a range of services to the District, Circuits and Churches. During the year the District made grants and paid fees for services to TCC as follows:

- Grants of £15,760 (2021/22- £15,000);
- Fees for providing other services of £6,500 (2021/22 - £6,500); and

During the year the Mr Garrie Naden, the District Treasurer, joined the staff of Transforming Churches and Communities. He takes no part agreeing the financial arrangement with TCC.

In 20/21, the Mission Enabler was Revd Rod Hill, a member of the District Council, and as such is a trustee. He received no payment for acting as a trustee, however in that year he received a stipend 30,630, plus manse provision. He left office at the end of August 2022. In addition, in 20021/22 his so, Mr Matt Hill, was the project worker for Bastion Games. The Revd Rod Hill played no part in discussions or decisions affecting his son's employment. Matt Hill developed the original concept for the project and promoted it to the District for support and funding. During 2021/22, Matt Hill was paid £14,440 and by the end of that year had left the employment of the District.

There were no other related party transactions.

23 CONTRIBUTIONS TO METHODIST CHURCH FUND (MCF)

In addition to the assessments on the Circuits to help fund the cost of running the District, the District acted as agent for the Methodist Church Fund (MCF) which levied assessments on the Circuits in this District totalling £501,120 (2021/22: £521,836) all of which were collected before the year end and paid over to MCF in the year. No balance was held at the year end (2022: none), and no fee is received by the District and no costs incurred in handling these contributions. These contributions for the MCF do not appear elsewhere in these financial statements.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2022**

The following pages do not form part of the statutory accounts.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – DISTRICT CORE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023**

	Unrestricted funds			Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Unrestricted funds			Restricted Funds	Total 2022
	General	Designated funds				General	Designated funds			
		DAF	Other				DAF	Other		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME										
Contributions from CMT	-	63,335	-	-	63,335	-	256,871	-	-	256,871
Distribution Connexional Priority fund	-	188,311	-	-	188,311	-	-	-	-	-
Circuit Assessments	101,762	-	-	-	101,762	93,078	-	-	-	93,078
Methodist Church GB:										
- Church planting officer	-	-	-	32,417	32,417	-	-	-	32,417	32,417
- Calab Communities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,987	27,987
MCMNC - City Centre Minister	-	-	-	31,635	31,635	-	-	-	30,348	30,348
MCMNC - Temporary Missioner				10,025	10,025				9,982	9,982
Other charitable income	-	-	-	-	-	540	-	-	140	680
Bank and CFB interest	7,762	51,198	-	40	59,000	2,642	6,252	-	5	8,899
	109,524	302,844	-	74,117	486,485	96,260	263,123	-	100,879	460,262
EXPENDITURE										
Staffing	58,008	111,391	-	60,889	230,288	60,655	86,493	-	60,674	207,822
Pastoral & ministerial support	2,789	-	-	-	2,789	2,071	-	-	-	2,071
Training	1,457	-	-	-	1,457	334	-	-	-	334
Grants DAF	-	83,721	-	-	83,721	-	59,653	-	-	59,653
Grants Youth Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants - Calab Communities	-	-	-	8,635	8,635	-	-	-	2,160	2,160
Grants other	3,502	-	-	10,025	13,527	28,750	-	-	9,982	38,732
District development plan	-	50	-	-	50	-	60	-	-	60
District Partnership fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Events, meetings and travel	3,725	559	-	-	4,284	4,911	-	-	-	4,911
Consultancy	75	-	-	-	75	900	-	-	6,000	6,900
Management accounting	7,990	-	-	-	7,990	7,192	-	-	-	7,192
Office costs	5,624	-	-	-	5,624	10,650	-	-	-	10,650
Independent examination	-	-	-	-	-	2,232	-	-	-	2,232
Affirm	24	-	-	-	24	-	-	-	-	138
Depreciation	3,100	-	-	-	3,100	3,100	-	-	-	3,100
Investment management costs	4,391	-	-	-	4,391	1,536	-	-	-	1,536
	90,685	195,721	-	79,549	365,955	122,331	146,206	-	78,816	347,491
	18,839	107,123	-	(5,432)	120,530	(26,071)	116,917	-	22,063	112,771

**THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – DISTRICT CORE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023**

	Unrestricted funds			Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Unrestricted funds			Restricted Funds	Total 2021
	General	Designated funds				General	Designated funds			
		DAF	Other				DAF	Other		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staffing										
Mission enabler										
Stipend, nic and pension	-	37,039	-	-	37,039	-	40,817	-	-	40,817
Expenses	-	1,422	-	-	1,422	-	2,168	-	-	2,168
Manse costs	-	16,260	-	-	16,260	-	19,016	-	-	19,016
	-	54,721	-	-	54,721	-	62,001	-	-	62,001
Chair of District										
Expenses	3,011	-	-	-	3,011	2,392	-	-	-	2,392
Manse costs	5,753	-	-	-	5,753	4,977	-	-	-	4,977
	8,764	-	-	-	8,764	7,369	-	-	-	7,369
Safeguarding officer										
Salary, nic and pension	44,346	-	-	-	44,346	36,482	-	-	-	36,482
Expenses	1,513	-	-	-	1,513	2,607	-	-	-	2,607
	45,859	-	-	-	45,859	39,089	-	-	-	39,089
City Centre Minister										
Stipend, nic and pension	-	8,509	-	31,635	40,144	-	7,190	-	30,348	37,538
Expenses	-	11,778	-	-	11,778	-	4,302	-	-	4,302
	-	20,287	-	31,635	51,922	-	11,492	-	30,348	41,840
Church Planting Minister										
Stipend, nic and pension	-	-	-	19,118	19,118	-	-	-	17,429	17,429
Expenses/manse costs	-	-	-	10,136	10,136	-	-	-	12,897	12,897
	-	-	-	29,254	29,254	-	-	-	30,326	30,326
Communications officer										
Stipend, nic and pension	-	34,198	-	-	34,198	5,770	13,000	-	-	18,770
Expenses	-	2,185	-	-	2,185	1,750	-	-	-	1,750
	-	36,383	-	-	36,383	7,520	13,000	-	-	20,520
Administrator and PA										
Salary, nic and pension	3,334	-	-	-	3,334	6,674	-	-	-	6,674
Expenses	51	-	-	-	51	3	-	-	-	3
	3,385	-	-	-	3,385	6,677	-	-	-	6,677
TOTAL STAFFING	58,008	111,391	-	60,889	230,288	60,655	86,493	-	60,674	207,822

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – Cif
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2023

	Unrestricted funds			Restricted Funds	2022 Total	Unrestricted funds			Restricted	2021 Total
	General	Designated				General	Designated			
		DAF	Other				DAF	Other		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Chapel in the Fields										
Stipend	37,192	-	-	-	37,192	35,497	-	-	-	35,497
Expenses	1,007	-	-	-	1,007	541	-	-	-	541
Manse costs	4,730	-	-	-	4,730	4,800	-	-	-	4,800
Activity costs	7,801	-	-	-	7,801	10,023	-	-	-	10,023
Heat, light, water	1,838	-	-	-	1,838	2,109	-	-	-	2,109
Phone	220	-	-	-	220	260	-	-	-	260
Depreciation	900	-	-	-	900	900	-	-	-	900
Charged to designated & restricted funds	(33,330)	-	18,724	14,606	-	(30,097)	-	15,616	14,481	-
	20,358	-	18,724	14,606	53,688	24,033	-	15,616	14,481	54,130

METHODIST CHURCH - NORTH WEST ENGLAND DISTRICT

England & Wales - Charity number 1135459

Accounts

2022

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6	2018
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FOR

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
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TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF DISTRICT COUNCIL

Position	Name	Appointed by	Appointed/Resigned	Sub-Committee
Chair of District	Revd Dr Andrew Lunn	Methodist Conference		DE
Deputy Chair of District		District Synod		DE
Synod Secretary	Mr David James	District Synod		DE
Presbyteral Synod Secretary	Revd Hazel Cook	District Synod		DE
Treasurer	Mr Garrie Naden	District Synod		DE
Ecumenical Officer	Revd Graham Edwards	District Synod		DE
Mission Enabler & Property Secretary	Revd Rod Hill	District Synod	Until 31/8/22	DE
Lay Employment Secretary	Mr Andrew Jeffries	District Synod		DE
Local Preachers Secretary	Mr Anthony Judd	District Synod		DE
Chair DAF Grant Committee	Mr William Swires	District Synod	Until 31/08/22	DE
	Revd Katie Smith	District Synod	From 1/09/22	DE
Methodist Council Rep	Revd Adrian Burdon*	Methodist Conference		
City Centre Minister	Revd Ian Rutherford	District Synod		DE
	Revd Caroline Wickens	Manchester Circuit		
	Mr Andrew Stoker	United Stockport Circuit		
	Mrs Carole Burgess	Salford Circuit		
	Mrs Julie Murdy	High Peak Circuit		
	Revd Robert Balfour	Glossop & Tameside		
	Mr Graham Axford	Stretford & Urmston Circuit		
	Revd Janet Asprey	Altrincham Circuit	1/9/22 to 31/08/22	
	Revd Graham Edwards*	Altrincham Circuit	From 1/09/22	
	Revd Glayne Worgan	Sale Circuit		
	Ms Janet Abbott	Oldham Circuit		
	Revd Sarah Parkin	Bramhall & Wythenshawe Circuit	From 1/09/21	
	Mrs Ruth Peak	Alderley Edge and Knutsford Circuit		
	Revd Graham Edwards*	Macclesfield Circuit		

(*duel qualification)

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 Central Board of Finance of the Methodist Church
 Co-operative Bank plc

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THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT TRUSTEES' AND DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2022

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended August 31 2022.

REPORTING FRAMEWORK

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the constitution of the charity, 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 objects

The District shares the same charitable objectives as the rest of the Methodist Church. 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 of the Methodist Church in Great Britain

These objectives have been given a clear focus in the mission statement *Our Calling* adopted by the Methodist Conference (2000 and 2018). This states that the calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. It does this through: Worship; Learning & Caring; Service; and Evangelism.

The District seeks to apply this to its own life and work, as it relates to the Connexion and seeks to support the Circuits and Churches within the District in their mission and ministry. Specifically, the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD) states that:

"The primary purpose for which the District is constituted is to advance the mission of the Church in a region, by providing opportunities for Circuits to work together and support each other, by offering them resources of finance, personnel and expertise which may not be available locally and by enabling them to engage with the wider society of the region as a whole and address its concerns. The District serves the local Churches and Circuits and the Conference in the support, deployment and oversight of the various ministries of the Church, and in programmes of training. It has responsibility for the evaluation of applications by Local Churches and Circuits for approval of or consent to their proposals, when required, or for assistance from district or connexional bodies or funds. Wherever possible the work of the District is carried out ecumenically. The District is thus an expression, over a wider geographical area than the Circuit, of the connexional character of the Church."

Aims of the District

During 2021/22 the District substantially revised our District Mission and Development Plan (DMDP), entitled Faith in God's Future, originally introduced during 2016/17. The DMDP now sets out four priorities, grouped as 19 objectives, as follows:

Overarching Aim: *To prepare our District for our future under God as a smaller, but more diverse, active, and growing church, while continuing to resource, communicate and celebrate for today.*

- A. *We will provide organizational support for the Methodist Church across the District*
 - 1. *Develop and ensure good flows of communication.*
 - 2. *Maintain and promote good governance, financial and data management.*
 - 3. *Distribute grants which promote sustainable, missional activity and which are in line with our objectives.*
 - 4. *Promote ecumenical cooperation in support of our objectives.*
 - 5. *Promote professional, communal and ecumenical partnerships in support of our objectives.*
 - 6. *Ensure that safeguarding practice across the District is robust.*
- B. *We will work with circuits to provide a missional and strategic overview of ministry and buildings.*
 - 7. *Work with circuits to prepare and maintain a strategic plan for buildings and ministry.*
 - 8. *Support circuits in their missional goals through stationing and lay employment processes.*
 - 9. *Promote good practice in circuits in the provision of appropriate manse accommodation for ministers.*
- C. *We will embrace the need for endings and for change.*
 - 10. *Support worship that honours God with our best relationships and practices.*
 - 11. *Promote the capacity of Methodist people of all ages to witness to Jesus Christ with confidence.*
 - 12. *Promote the establishment and growth of new Christian communities.*
 - 13. *Promote action on social justice and global vision.*
 - 14. *Work to establish and strengthen principles of Justice, Dignity and Solidarity in the life of the District and circuits.*

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D. We will promote a diverse, active and growing church.

15. Support church closure and repurposing.

16. Support the development of leadership which is:

- Collaborative
- Reflective
- Flexible
- Missional

17. Promote ways of working in churches which are contextual, diverse and unique.

18. Take and promote action to address responsibilities for the climate emergency.

19. Promote action which will build Christian community and action against poverty on and from the economic margins.

MAIN ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Under the DMDP the following table shows some of the main goals which were worked towards during the financial year, and the progress and achievements related to them.

Goals	Progress and Achievements
To complete the sale of Methodist International House and make decisions on use of proceeds of sale.	We brought this piece of work to a conclusion and completed the sale of the property. The capital proceeds, after costs and levies, amount to £900,000. We made decisions about how this capital sum would be used: 1. £450, 000 as a capital contribution towards a partnership with Greater Manchester Homelessness Prevention Strategy. 2. £225, 000 towards supporting the Caleb project (New Places for New People) for up to ten years from its inception. 3. £225, 000 towards carbon reduction strategies in the District.
To review Mission Enabler post	We reviewed the post of Mission Enabler in the final year of appointment Revd Rod Hill. It was agreed to seek a diaconal appointment as a half-time Mission Enabler, and half-time Social Justice Officer. After this decision an appointment was successfully made, and Deacon John Brobbey was stationed to the District from September 2022.
To make decisions about the future trusteeship of Sinderland Green Methodist Chapel	This chapel is the base for our Chapel-in-the Fields project. The District took on the managing trusteeship of the building from the Sale Circuit of the Methodist Church.
To make appropriate decisions about the future of the Bastion project	The Bastion Project was an attempt to start a new Christian community based around table-top gaming. Although there had been some modest progress it was decided that the input of funds could not be justified and the project was closed.
To continue good practice in safeguarding including training	Safeguarding practice has been monitored. We prepared to merge our safeguarding work with that of the Bolton & Rochdale District of the Methodist Church.
To appoint a Digital and Communications Officer	An appointment was made starting in post in February 2022. This has provided new impetus to our communications. This has included a review of our communications policy, and changing our internet and website provider, together with starting a redesign of the website.
To oversee the local part of the process in stationing of ordained ministers to seven vacant appointments within the District	Six varied appointments were filled. One has remained vacant, but would be covered by an arrangement for one year within the District.
To continue cooperative working with our Greater Manchester Methodist partner, the Bolton and Rochdale District.	This was achieved and extended through the decision to merge our safeguarding work, with a single full-time District Safeguarding Officer serving both Districts.
To develop work in new Christian communities through our Caleb Communities project	Initial work has begun through training and awareness raising sessions in the District. Our Church Planting Officer has also continued to build relationships with people around the District. We began a process of considering how we could provide coachin to new project leaders.

Covid-19 response

This has been a year of transition, and has involved some continuing restrictions, but also some consideration of how digital meetings might be continued post-pandemic. All trustee meetings during the year have been held by video conference, although we were able to have a Synod in person in the spring.

Public benefit

In working towards its charitable objectives the District has had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit.

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Contribution of volunteers

The District can only function through the contribution of volunteers, chiefly lay people, who fulfil a wide range of roles within the District serving on various committees and giving generously of their time to further God's Kingdom.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

Overall the District had a deficit on general unrestricted funds, before transfers, for the year of £30,366. The deficit included a one-off donation of £25,000 to the Methodist Church Connexion's appeal to build a provision in respect of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund.

The District Advance Fund continued to be used to support the District's expenditure in the year as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Core costs	86,553	67,116
Chapel in the Fields	-	1,928

Grants totalling £59,653 (2021: credit of £5,952 after adjustments to future commitments of £15,100) were awarded in the year out of DAF. Of the total, £32,720 was in respect of grants driven by the District with the balance of £26,933 through the District Grants Committee ('DGC'). The gradual emergence from the Covid pandemic meant that relatively few applications were received by the DGC for new grants during the year.

In 2022/23, the District Advance Fund will support budgeted costs of £148,682 for District driven initiatives and grants. There are sufficient available reserves in the DAF at 31st August 2022 to cover these costs.

Risk management

The trustees have considered the risks facing the charity and have taken appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Investment policy and review

Surplus funds are usually placed on deposit either with a high street clearing bank or with the Methodist Church Central Finance Board (CFB). Some years ago, the District was in a position to invest some of its funds longer term and did so through investing in CFB Managed Funds.

Reserves

Reserves Policy – general funds

The District requires between three and six months operating costs as free reserves (unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets or otherwise designated). Based on the 2022/23 budget and excluding costs that are currently grant funded or met by the District Advance Fund, this would equate to about £25k to £50k. At the year end the District had free reserves of £63,497 after excluding fixed asset reserves of £443,260. This position is slightly higher than the upper level of the band but considered satisfactory.

Reserves Policy – District Advance Fund

The District Advance Fund (DAF) represents a designated fund within the District accounts which is used:

- To support the growth and development of churches and circuits within this District as they seek to engage faithfully in God's mission. It sees as its key purpose the need to provide funds so that churches and circuits may grasp and develop mission and discipleship opportunities within their own localities which would not be possible purely through their own financial resources. Primarily, the funds from the DAF are intended for Mission and Ministry projects;
- And in recognition that in order to obtain funding from other sources it is helpful for the applicant to show tangible support from the District, the DGC will try to support all Property Schemes for which valid applications are received.

Grants are only awarded where there are sufficient funds available at the time of the award to meet all future commitments. In addition to future grants that are shown as liabilities within the accounts, the District is committed (as noted above) to supporting its own managed projects to a budgeted total of £148,682 in 2022/23, an amount covered by available funds in the DAF at 31st August 2022. During the year, £897,848 was transferred into the DAF, representing the net proceeds from the sale of MIH. The District Council has agreed to set this money aside, rounded up to £900,000 to support three areas: homelessness £450,000, climate change £225,000 and long term funding of NP4NP (the District's Caleb project) £225,000.

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Taking all commitments into account, at 31st August 2022 the funds in the DAF stood at:

	£
Cash balances (in DAF investment & cash)	1,468,630
Less grant liabilities (notes 16 & 17)	(35,225)
Balance per designated funds (note 18)	1,433,405
Less future grants not provided but agreed in principal	(11,850)
Less budgeted to support District costs 2022/23	(148,682)
Set aside for NP4NP match funding	(125,000)
MIH proceeds set aside for major projects	(900,000)
Funds not committed	247,873

The minimum contingency to retain in the DAF is £50,000. In order to encourage utilisation of the excess held, a budget of £250,000 for new grant awards in 2022/23 has been set and a campaign is ongoing to encourage applications from Circuits and churches.

Grant making policy

Annual contributions are taken on certain Circuit Model Trust Funds, by the Custodian Trustee, to make funds available to District Advance Funds to support work within the District. The District Advance Fund (DAF) also receives funds from the Connexional Advance Fund which is funded by levies on the receipts from Methodist Church property sales.

The DAF exists to:

- Support innovative work carried out by the District on behalf of the Circuits and Churches;
- Make grants to support new and experimental work carried out by Circuits and Churches to advance mission, ministry and service;
- Support property schemes where this is required to enable access to other funding.

There is a District Grants Committee which reviews applications and makes awards in accordance with District policy and after taking account of the relevant merits of the application, local matched funding and local resources. Grants are for a maximum of £20,000, over a maximum period of three years, with a report required on progress at the end of years 1 and 2 to enable the Committee to approve release of the next instalment. Support for property projects is restricted to no more than 10% of the value of the scheme up to a maximum of £8,000. In addition, the District uses part of the DAF to support the delivery of its own services to Circuits but this is agreed through the annual budgeting process and not by application to the grants committee. The District does not make grants available to non-Methodist organisations.

Going concern

The Trustees do not believe there are any issues affecting the District's ability to continue to operate as a going concern.

FUTURE PLANS

For 2022/23 the District will:

- Work with other Methodist Districts in the region in considering a restructuring of our Districts.
- Further develop our work through Caleb Communities on establishing our first New Places for New People.
- Respond to the 2022 Conference Report on Justice, Dignity and Solidarity, developing an equality, diversity and inclusion policy for our own District.
- Begin to make constructive use of the proceeds of Sale from MIH by:
 - developing our response to the climate crisis
 - contributing towards a partnership with Greater Manchester Homelessness Prevention Strategy
 - providing matched funding to extend our Caleb Communities project from a five year to a ten year strategy
- Continuing to work in partnership with Transforming Churches & Communities (TCC) and the other Districts in our region.
- Continue to work with churches and circuits to enable them to realise God's vision.
- Continue to create safer spaces and ensure we meet all safeguarding obligations.

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STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document and background

The District is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain and its status as a charity derives from The Methodist Church Act 1976.

The District became a registered charity with the Charity Commission with effect from April 12 2010. Prior to that it was an excepted charity under statutory Instrument 2002 Number 1598 The Charities (Exception from Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2002. This regulation applies to a charity wholly or mainly concerned with the advancement of religion.

The charity is governed by the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church, the Methodist Church Act and the Deed of Union.

Appointment of Trustees

Each of the Circuits within the District is eligible to appoint a member of the Council; other members of the Council are appointed to fulfil specific roles by the Synod after prayerful consideration. Members of the Council bring with them expertise and experience from the wider church and no specific programme of induction or training is currently in place for the majority of trustees, although the Methodist Church does provide occasional courses and handbooks for specific roles.

Organisation

The trustee body is called the District Council. Members of the Council bring with them expertise and experience from the wider church and no specific programme of induction or training is currently in place for the majority of trustees. The Methodist Church operates through a large number of trustee bodies, for each church and circuit. The District provides regular opportunities for training in trusteeship across the District, which District Council members have the opportunity to attend. The Chair of District undergoes a thorough national induction process, usually including shadowing their immediate predecessor for a period of at least twelve months.

The District Council meets twice times a year to confer on all aspects of the life of the District, to set policy and to make recommendations to the District Synod which meets twice a year in Representative Session. In addition, there is a Ministerial Synod which meets annually to consider matters relating to presbyteral ministry as set out in CPD.

A sub-committee of the District Council, called the District Executive (formerly the Strategy and Resource Executive), takes additional responsibility for the activities of the charity, by presenting the District Council with advice and proposals, and oversees the implementation of strategy.

The District is required to carry out a number of governance and oversight tasks on behalf of the Conference (national church) which are the responsibility of the Synod. The Synod has a number of committees which facilitate this work and where permitted responsibility is delegated to the appropriate committees.

Other standing committees of the District are answerable to the District Council; these include:

- The District Grants Committee, which oversees grants made by the District, mainly to circuits and churches within the District, from the District Advance Fund.
- The District Safeguarding Group (which has an independent Chair).

Related parties

Details of related party transactions are given in note 23 to the financial statements.

Co-operation with other organisations/charities

The District works closely with the Methodist Circuits and Churches within its area and with its ecumenical partners, as well as with the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

The District has worked during the year with Transforming Churches & Communities and continued to collaborate with the other Methodist Districts in the North West and Mann Region.

It has worked with Sheffield and Nottingham & Derby Districts (of the Methodist Church) to support the Rural Development Enabler (RDE) serving in the Derbyshire Peak Park area which is served by circuits in all three Districts. The M&S District provides financial support via the District Advance Fund.

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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 Trustees have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019);;
- 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 Trustees are 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. 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.

APPROVAL

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Rev'd Dr Andrew Lunn - Trustee



Date: 9th May 2023

Peter Smith BSc FCA Dip
 Chartered Accountant and Charity Controller
 J. Paul Smith
 (Trustee) (Chairman)
 Manchester M21 9PL

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
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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 26.

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

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

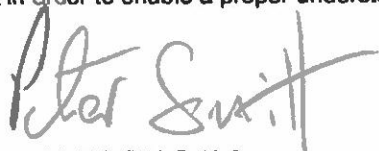
I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 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 any requirement 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.



Peter Smith BA FCA DChA

For and on behalf of:
Peter Smith Accountancy Services
Chartered Accountants and Charity Specialists

9 Polruan Road
Chorlton-cum-Hardy
Manchester M21 9NR

Date: 17/5/23

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including the income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds			Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		General	Designated funds DAF	Other			
		£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:							
Donations	2	93,078	256,871	-	14,481	364,430	292,110
Charitable activities	3	24,609	-	-	133,625	158,234	242,444
Investment income	4	2,642	6,252	-	5	8,899	2,744
TOTAL INCOME		120,329	263,123	-	148,111	531,563	537,298
EXPENDITURE							
Raising funds	5	2,846	1,138	-	3	3,987	4,041
Charitable activities	6	143,238	146,206	15,616	113,858	418,918	528,454
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		146,084	147,344	15,616	113,861	422,905	532,495
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	(4,611)	-	-	-	(4,611)	230,609
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS	12	(30,366)	115,779	(15,616)	34,250	104,047	235,412
Transfers between funds		(897,848)	897,848	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	18	(928,214)	1,013,627	(15,616)	34,250	104,047	235,412
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS							
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	18	1,434,971	419,778	55,785	120,484	2,031,018	1,795,606
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	18	506,757	1,433,405	40,169	154,734	2,135,065	2,031,018

The notes on pages 12 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

[Signature]
 Revd Dr. [Name] - Treasurer

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT AUGUST 31 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	13		447,860		451,860
Investments	14		87,092		90,097
			<u>534,952</u>		<u>541,957</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	15	15,654		15,099	
Investments	16	1,410,668		1,430,884	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>236,568</u>		<u>182,568</u>	
		<u>1,662,890</u>		<u>1,628,551</u>	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in one year	17	<u>62,777</u>		<u>139,490</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>1,600,113</u>		<u>1,489,061</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>2,135,065</u>		<u>2,031,018</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted:	18				
General		506,757		1,434,971	
Designated - DAF		1,433,405		419,778	
Designated other		<u>40,169</u>		<u>55,785</u>	
			1,980,331		1,910,534
Restricted	18		<u>154,734</u>		<u>120,484</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>2,135,065</u>		<u>2,031,018</u>

The notes on pages 12 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on:
And signed on their behalf by:



Revd Dr Andrew Lunn - Trustee

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
AS AT AUGUST 31 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash used in operating activities	26,491	(8,006)
Cashflows from investing activities		
Interest and dividends	8,899	2,744
Transfer fixed asset to investments	-	1,030,241
Purchase of investments	(1,606)	(1,043)
Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	7,293	1,031,942
Cashflows from financing activities		
Repayment of borrowing	-	(10,000)
Cash used in financing activities	-	(10,000)
Increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents in the year	33,784	1,013,936
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	1,613,452	599,516
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	1,647,236	1,613,452
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:		
Cash at bank and in hand	236,568	182,568
Current asset investments - Trustee interest fund	1,410,668	1,430,884
	1,647,236	1,613,452

The notes on pages 12 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

Deferred income

Income of only £10,000, but the amount of £10,000 is deferred.

The income is deferred because the charity has received the money but it is not yet due to be paid to the charity. The money is held in a bank account and will be paid to the charity in the next financial year.

Expenditure and recoverable VAT

Expenditure is the cost of the goods and services that the charity has bought. Recoverable VAT is the amount of VAT that the charity can claim back from HMRC. The charity has bought goods and services for £10,000 and has paid VAT of £1,000. The charity can claim back the VAT of £1,000 from HMRC. The charity has therefore only paid £9,000 for the goods and services.

Cost of raising funds

The charity has spent money on raising funds. This includes the cost of the fundraising events, the cost of the fundraising materials, and the cost of the fundraising staff. The charity has spent a total of £10,000 on raising funds.

Charity's activities

The charity has spent money on its activities. This includes the cost of the charity's premises, the cost of the charity's staff, and the cost of the charity's programmes. The charity has spent a total of £10,000 on its activities.

The charity is not registered for VAT and cannot recover VAT on its purchases. The charity has therefore paid VAT on its purchases. The charity has paid a total of £1,000 in VAT.

Support costs

Support costs are the costs that the charity has incurred in order to support its activities. These costs include the cost of the charity's premises, the cost of the charity's staff, and the cost of the charity's programmes. The charity has incurred a total of £10,000 in support costs.

Financial institutions

The charity has a bank account and has used the bank to pay its bills. The charity has also used the bank to receive donations. The charity has therefore had a relationship with a financial institution.

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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 2015; FRS102; and the Charities Act 2011.

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 July 16 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 stated in £ sterling the functional currency of the charity.

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.

Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably. The following applies to particular types of income:

Grants, whether of a capital or revenue nature, are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met and it is probable that the income will be received.

Donations from individuals and other bodies (not being of the nature of a grant) are recognised when receivable.

Earned income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for services and goods supplied, net of discounts.

Deferred income

Income is only deferred and included in creditors when:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and there is no contractual entitlement 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

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 and managing investments.

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.

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.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Pension contributions

The District participates in the following pension funds:

Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund

The District 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% (2021: 26.9%) of stipend.

The MMPS is a multi-employer scheme, and in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, the District 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 staff

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its lay employees, and matches its employees' contributions up to 6% of gross pay. For one individual it has agreed to make contributions on a similar basis to their personnel pension scheme.

The contributions are paid to a third party who invests the contributions in a money purchase plan. Contributions are charged to the SoFA as they become payable.

Impairment

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are shown at cost to the District, with the exception of the manse and other property assets. These have been included at the Trustees' valuation as permitted under the SoRP, when assets not previously included 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:

Methodist International House	-	1% straight line (excluding freehold land)
District manse	-	1% straight line (excluding freehold land)
Property improvements	-	10% per annum straight line
Furniture and fittings	-	25% per annum straight line
Chapel in the Fields equipment	-	10% per annum straight line

Freehold land is not depreciated.

Investments, gains and losses

Fixed assets 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.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

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	2022				2021
	Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
2 DONATIONS					
Contributions from Circuit Model Trust Funds	-	256,871	-	256,871	87,510
Distribution Connexional Priority fund	-	-	-	-	110,567
Circuit Assessments	93,078	-	-	93,078	77,106
District Partnership Fund	-	-	-	-	2,740
MIH other donations	-	-	-	-	1,453
Bastion Games	-	-	-	-	170
Chapel in the Fields donations	-	-	14,481	14,481	12,564
	<u>93,078</u>	<u>256,871</u>	<u>14,481</u>	<u>364,430</u>	<u>292,110</u>

	2021	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£
Contributions from Circuit Model Trust Funds	-	87,510	-	87,510
Distribution Connexional Priority fund	-	110,567	-	110,567
Circuit Assessments	77,106	-	-	77,106
District Partnership Fund	-	-	2,740	2,740
MIH other donations	-	-	1,453	1,453
Bastion Games	-	-	170	170
Chapel in the Fields donations	-	-	12,564	12,564
	<u>77,106</u>	<u>198,077</u>	<u>16,927</u>	<u>292,110</u>

3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2022			2021		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Core district activities						
Church Planting Officer - Connexion	-	32,417	32,417	-	32,417	32,417
City Centre Minister - MCHM	-	30,348	30,348	-	30,000	30,000
Caleb Communities - Connexion	-	27,987	27,987	-	10,000	10,000
Climate Action (Rosy Bank Trust)	-	-	-	-	6,564	6,564
Poverty & Justice - Connexion	-	9,982	9,982	-	-	-
Other Charitable income	540	140	680	-	-	-
	<u>540</u>	<u>100,874</u>	<u>101,414</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,981</u>	<u>78,981</u>
MIH						
Accommodation & other income	-	-	-	84,617	-	84,617
	-	-	-	84,617	-	84,617
Bastion Games						
Connexional grant	-	32,751	32,751	-	50,801	50,801
Earned income	36	-	36	14	-	14
	<u>36</u>	<u>32,751</u>	<u>32,787</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>50,801</u>	<u>50,815</u>
Chapel in the Fields						
Mission and Ministry grant	-	-	-	-	1,928	1,928
Other income	24,033	-	24,033	26,103	-	26,103
	<u>24,033</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,033</u>	<u>26,103</u>	<u>1,928</u>	<u>28,031</u>
Total	<u>24,609</u>	<u>133,625</u>	<u>158,234</u>	<u>110,734</u>	<u>131,710</u>	<u>242,444</u>

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	2022				2021
	Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
4 INVESTMENT INCOME					
Bank and CFB interest	2,642	6,252	5	8,899	2,744
	<u>2,642</u>	<u>6,252</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8,899</u>	<u>2,744</u>

	2021				
	Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total	
	£	£	£	£	
Bank and CFB interest	1,441	1,298	5	2,744	
	<u>1,441</u>	<u>1,298</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2,744</u>	

ASSETS OF THE DISTRICT					
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fixed Assets	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Current Assets	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total Assets	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000

LIABILITIES OF THE DISTRICT			
	2022	2021	2020
Current Liabilities	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total Liabilities	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000

NET ASSETS OF THE DISTRICT			
	2022	2021	2020
Fixed Assets	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Current Assets	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total Net Assets	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000

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5 COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS

	2022				2021
	Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment management charges	395	1,138	3	1,536	975
Support costs	2,451	-	-	2,451	3,066
	<u>2,846</u>	<u>1,138</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3,987</u>	<u>4,041</u>

	2021			
	Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£
Investment management charges	289	684	2	975
Support costs	3,066	-	-	3,066
	<u>3,355</u>	<u>684</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4,041</u>

6 COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2022					2021
	Unrestricted	DAF	other des.	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
DAF Grants - note 7	-	59,653	-	-	59,653	(5,952)
Other charitable expenditure - note 8	143,238	86,553	15,616	113,858	359,265	534,406
	<u>143,238</u>	<u>146,206</u>	<u>15,616</u>	<u>113,858</u>	<u>418,918</u>	<u>528,454</u>

	2021				
	Unrestricted	DAF	other des.	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants - note 7	-	(5,952)	-	-	(5,952)
Other charitable expenditure - note 8	328,893	69,044	7,256	129,213	534,406
	<u>328,893</u>	<u>63,092</u>	<u>7,256</u>	<u>129,213</u>	<u>528,454</u>

Included in other charitable expenditure for 2022 are the following grants:

	2022				
	Unrestricted	DAF	other des.	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Caleb Communities	-	-	-	2,160	2,160
Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
Church Action on Poverty	-	-	-	9,982	9,982
GM Churches Together	3,750	-	-	-	3,750
	<u>28,750</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,142</u>	<u>40,892</u>

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7 GRANTS DUE AND PAID

		Liability as at 31/08/20	Awarded (/cancelled) in the year	Paid out in the year	Liability Reversed	Liability as at 31/08/21	Awarded (/cancelled) in the year	Paid out in the year	Liability as at 31/08/22
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
District Advance fund									
Ashton-u-Lyne	Hyde Helping Hand Shop	-	1,750	(1,750)	-	-	(750)	750	-
Alderley Edge & Knutsford	Zac's House (church plant)	9,332	5,898	(5,230)	-	10,000	3,150	(10,000)	3,150
Alderley Edge & Knutsford	Knutsford pastoral worker	-	5,000	-	-	5,000	5,000	(5,000)	5,000
Alderley Edge & Knutsford	Knutsford training	-	-	-	-	-	75	-	75
Bramhall & Wythenshawe	Bromley Green Women's Project	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bramhall & Wythenshawe	Northenden reseeded worship	5,000	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Bramhall & Wythenshawe	Wythenshawe CAP	5,000	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Buxton	Chaplaincy Derby University	5,000	-	(2,500)	(2,500)	-	2,575	(2,575)	-
District	TC&C	15,000	(5,000)	(10,000)	-	-	15,000	(15,000)	-
District	Sheffield re RDE	25,000	-	(12,400)	(12,600)	-	12,600	(12,600)	-
District	Mcr Uni Chaplaincy	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
District	Central Hall civic Training	1,000	-	-	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
District	Joint Districts Training	-	-	-	-	-	120	(120)	-
Glossop & Tameside	Haughton Green - Place of welcome	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-	-	-	-
Glossop & Tameside	Hollingworth - Thrive	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-	-	-	-
High Peak	Raising the roof	-	-	-	-	-	8,500	-	8,500
Manchester	Central training	-	-	-	-	-	150	(150)	-
Manchester	Moston - muddy Puddles Toddler Group	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Macclesfield	Training	-	-	-	-	-	85	(85)	-
Oldham & Saddleworth	Children's & Youth Pastor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oldham & Saddleworth	Young People's Worker (E Oldham)	8,500	-	(4,500)	-	4,000	-	(4,000)	-
Oldham & Saddleworth	South Chadderton meeting point café	-	-	-	-	-	1,500	(1,500)	-
Shaw & Royton	Pioneer Ministry	5,391	-	(2,789)	-	2,602	(2,602)	-	-
Stretford & Urmston	Oxybreath through connect	2,500	-	(2,500)	-	-	-	-	-
Stretford & Urmston	Training x2	-	-	-	-	-	300	(300)	-
United Stockport	Carol Service	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
		91,723	9,148	(53,169)	(15,100)	32,602	55,703	(60,580)	27,725
Property grants									
Altricham	Altricham	-	-	-	-	-	2,500	-	2,500
Bramhall & Wythenshawe	Northenden	5,000	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Oldham & Saddleworth	South Chadderton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stretford & Urmston	Urmston boiler	-	-	-	-	-	1,450	(1,450)	-
		5,000	-	-	-	5,000	3,950	(1,450)	7,500
TOTALS		96,723	9,148	(53,169)	(15,100)	37,602	59,653	(62,030)	35,225

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8 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted funds				Restricted Funds	2022 Total
	General	Designated		Other		
		£	DAF		£	
District core	118,482	86,553	-	-	78,816	283,851
MH	685	-	-	-	-	685
Bastion Games	38	-	-	-	20,561	20,599
Chapel in the Fields	24,033	-	15,616	-	14,481	54,130
	143,238	86,553	15,616	-	113,858	359,265
District core	42,252	61,007	-	-	-	103,259
Direct costs	2,071	-	-	-	-	2,071
Stipends and salaries	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ministry support	11,660	6,470	-	-	-	18,130
Donations and grants	334	-	-	-	-	334
Meetings, events and travel	28,750	-	-	12,142	-	40,892
Training	-	60	-	-	-	60
Grants	900	-	-	6,000	-	6,900
District Development Plan	-	-	-	-	-	-
Consultancy	-	-	-	-	-	-
Property Support Services	-	-	-	-	-	-
District Partnership Fund	4,977	19,016	-	-	-	23,993
Manse & housing costs	3,100	-	-	-	-	3,100
Depreciation	138	-	-	-	-	138
Affirm	-	-	-	-	-	-
Synergy Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church Planting Minister	-	-	-	-	30,326	30,326
City Centre Minister	-	-	-	-	30,348	30,348
Support costs	24,300	-	-	-	-	24,300
	118,482	86,553	-	-	78,816	283,851
	£	£	£	£	£	£
District core	86,431	67,116	-	-	79,462	233,009
MH	216,358	-	-	-	1,453	217,811
Bastion Games	-	-	-	-	33,806	33,806
Chapel in the Fields	26,104	1,928	7,256	-	14,492	49,780
	328,893	69,044	7,256	-	129,213	534,406
	£	£	£	£	£	£
District core	29,832	47,200	-	-	-	77,032
Direct costs	760	-	-	-	-	760
Stipends and salaries	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ministry support	2,807	1,679	-	-	-	4,486
Donations and grants	510	-	-	-	-	510
Meetings, events and travel	3,250	-	-	1,060	-	4,310
Training	-	495	-	-	-	495
Grants	1,195	-	-	-	-	1,195
District Development Plan	-	-	-	-	-	-
Consultancy	-	-	-	-	-	-
Property Support Services	-	-	-	-	9,759	9,759
District Partnership Fund	5,241	17,742	-	-	-	22,983
Manse & housing costs	3,100	-	-	-	-	3,100
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Affirm	-	-	-	-	-	-
Synergy Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church Planting Minister	10,414	-	-	-	7,208	7,208
City Centre Minister	-	-	-	-	31,435	41,849
Support costs	29,322	-	-	-	30,000	30,000
	86,431	67,116	-	-	79,462	233,009

8 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE (continued)

	Unrestricted funds			Restricted Funds	2022 Total	Unrestricted funds			Restricted	2021 Total
	Designated		Other			Designated		Other		
	General	DAF		Funds	General	DAF	Other			
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
MIH										
Direct costs										
Staff costs	-	-	-	-	-	95,972	-	-	-	95,972
Property and insurance costs	-	-	-	-	-	83,895	-	-	-	83,895
Internet service - release provision	-	-	-	-	-	(30,800)	-	-	-	(30,800)
Operating costs	-	-	-	-	-	34,373	-	-	-	34,373
Activities and sundries	-	-	-	-	-	1,640	-	-	-	1,640
Professional fees	685	-	-	-	685	31,484	-	-	-	31,484
Support costs										
Interest and charges	-	-	-	-	-	1,247	-	-	-	1,247
Charged restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-	(1,453)	-	-	1,453	-
	685	-	-	-	685	216,358	-	-	1,453	217,811
Bastion Games										
Staff costs	-	-	-	19,843	19,843	-	-	-	22,723	22,723
Other costs	38	-	-	718	756	-	-	-	11,083	11,083
	38	-	-	20,561	20,599	-	-	-	33,806	33,806
Chapel in the Fields										
Stipend	35,497	-	-	-	35,497	31,165	1,928	-	1,928	35,021
Expenses	541	-	-	-	541	-	-	-	-	-
Manse costs	4,800	-	-	-	4,800	4,800	-	-	-	4,800
Activity costs	10,023	-	-	-	10,023	7,858	-	-	-	7,858
Heat, light, water	2,109	-	-	-	2,109	922	-	-	-	922
Phone	260	-	-	-	260	279	-	-	-	279
Depreciation	900	-	-	-	900	900	-	-	-	900
Charged to designated & restricted funds	(30,097)	-	-	15,616	-	(19,820)	-	7,256	12,564	-
	24,033	-	-	15,616	54,130	26,104	1,928	7,256	14,492	49,780

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9 SUPPORT COSTS

	Raising Funds	Charitable Activities	2022 Total	Raising Funds	Charitable Activities	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General support costs						
Staff costs	667	6,007	6,674	1,692	15,225	16,917
Travel & other expenses	-	3	3	24	217	241
Office and other administration costs	1,065	9,585	10,650	678	6,101	6,779
Management accounts services	719	6,473	7,192	672	6,048	6,720
Governance costs						
Professional fees	-	2,232	2,232	-	1,731	1,731
	<u>2,451</u>	<u>24,300</u>	<u>26,751</u>	<u>3,066</u>	<u>29,322</u>	<u>32,388</u>

The above costs are in respect of the District core activities only and none are attributable to MH. MH had its own administration and those support costs are shown in note 8.

The District Advance Fund (DAF) is administered by volunteers and no support costs are attributable to the grant making activities.

Costs have been allocated on the trustees estimate of the use of resources.

10 NET INCOMING RESOURCES AFTER TRANSFERS

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

Independent examiners fees:

	2022 £	2021 £
Examination	700	670
Accountancy	1,160	1,830
Overprovision prior year	-	(769)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	4,000	4,000
Trustees' remuneration as trustees	-	-
Trustees' expenses as trustees	-	-

11 GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS

Unrealised gain on disposal of assets held for sale

Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	2022 £
£	£	£
(4,611)	-	(4,611)
<u>(4,611)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,611)</u>

Unrealised gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed asset investments

Unrealised gain on disposal of assets held for sale

Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	2021 £
£	£	£
219,225	-	219,225
11,384	-	11,384
<u>230,609</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>230,609</u>

12 STAFF INFORMATION

a Staff costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Stipends and salaries	213,050	201,707
MH costs to cessation and redundancy costs		27,877
Pension contributions - Methodist Ministers Scheme	22,073	24,031
Pension contributions - defined contribution	4,300	7,155
Employer's NI contributions	13,071	15,693
	252,493	276,463

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, who include the District Mission Enabler (DME) and the City Centre Minister who hold a paid posts within the charity. Both are appointed to the District Council because of the posts they hold. No other trustee is paid by the District.

Details of payments are given in the related parties note.

c Average staff numbers (head count irrespective of full or part time working)

The average number of members of paid staff was as follows:-

	Number	Number
District core activities	9	6
Bastion Games	1	1
Chapel in the Fields	1	1
MH	0	6
	11	14

13 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	District Manse £	Core Office Equipment £	CIF Equipment £	Total £
As at September 1 2021	464,960	1,533	10,000	476,493
As at August 31 2022	464,960	1,533	10,000	476,493
As at September 1 2021	18,600	1,533	4,500	24,633
Charge for the year	3,100	-	900	4,000
As at August 31 2022	21,700	1,533	5,400	28,633
As at August 31 2022	443,260	-	4,600	447,860
As at August 31 2021	446,360	-	5,500	451,860

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14 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Market value brought forward	90,097	77,670
Income re-invested	1,606	1,043
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	(4,611)	11,384
Market value carried forward	<u>87,092</u>	<u>90,097</u>

Investments at fair value comprise:

CFB mixed managed units	18,303	16,697
Cash held within investment portfolio	<u>68,789</u>	<u>73,400</u>
	<u>87,092</u>	<u>90,097</u>

15 DEBTORS

Income receivable	6,308	3,959
Prepayments & other debtors	<u>9,346</u>	<u>11,140</u>
	<u>15,654</u>	<u>15,099</u>

16 CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

MH property held for sale	-	1,030,241
CFB Trustees' Interest Fund - DAF	1,409,431	399,408
CFB Trustees' Interest Fund - Youth Council surplus funds	<u>1,237</u>	<u>1,235</u>
	<u>1,410,668</u>	<u>1,430,884</u>

17 CREDITORS falling due within one year

Creditors and accruals	27,552	71,727
Social Security and other taxes	-	2,132
Income and grants in advance	-	26,430
DAF grants payable within 12 months	35,225	37,602
Funds in trust	<u>-</u>	<u>1,599</u>
	<u>62,777</u>	<u>139,490</u>

18 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	2020/21				b/f and c/f 31/08/2021 01/09/2021 £	2021/22			
	01/09/2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains & losses £		Income £	Expenditure £	Gains & losses £	31/08/2022 £
Unrestricted funds:									
General fund	1,321,519	189,281	(332,248)	230,609	1,434,971	120,329	(146,084)	(4,611)	506,757
Designated Funds:									
District Advance Fund (DAF)	284,179	199,375	(63,776)	-	419,778	263,123	(147,344)	-	1,433,405
Other designated funds									
CIF surplus	50,849	-	(7,256)	-	55,785	-	(15,616)	-	40,169
Mission Enabler long term	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DAF allocations for 16/17:									
Chapel in the Fields	12,192	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	88,041	-	(7,256)	-	55,785	-	(15,616)	-	40,169
Total unrestricted funds	1,693,739	388,656	(403,280)	230,609	1,910,534	383,452	(309,044)	(4,611)	1,980,331
Restricted funds									
As below	101,867	148,642	(129,215)	-	120,484	148,111	(113,861)	-	154,734
	1,795,606	537,298	(532,495)	230,609	2,031,018	531,563	(422,905)	(4,611)	2,135,065

Transfers 21/22

The net proceeds of the sale of MH as a 31/08/22 have been added to the District Advance Fund.

Transfers 2020/21

A transfer has been made to CIF from the DAF to represent the release of funds to support this project. The designation for the long term support of the mission enabler has been released back to general funds, as this is not required.

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18 STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

	2020/21					b/f and c/f 31/08/2021 01/09/2021	2021/22				
	01/09/2020	Income	Expenditure	Gains & losses	Transfers		Income	Expenditure	Gains & losses	Transfers	31/08/2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds:											
District Partnership fund	7,019	2,740	(9,759)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church Planting officer	64,834	32,417	(31,435)	-	-	65,816	32,417	(30,326)	-	-	67,907
City Centre Minister	-	30,000	(30,000)	-	-	-	30,348	(30,348)	-	-	-
Caleb Communities	-	10,000	(1,060)	-	-	8,940	27,987	(2,160)	-	-	34,767
Climate Action	-	6,564	-	-	-	6,564	-	(6,000)	-	-	564
Justice & Poverty	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,982	(9,982)	-	-	-
LN - Children & Youth enabler	6,742	-	-	-	-	6,742	-	-	-	-	6,742
Synergy Project	7,208	-	(7,208)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HVC former staff re attendance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
at ordination services	810	-	-	-	(810)	-	-	-	-	-	-
District Youth Council	1,240	5	(2)	-	-	1,243	145	(3)	-	-	1,385
MH project	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MH - general donations	-	1,453	(1,453)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MH - hardship fund	2,076	-	-	-	-	2,076	-	-	-	-	2,076
Bastion Games	11,938	50,971	(33,806)	-	-	29,103	32,751	(20,561)	-	-	41,293
CinF - Mission & Ministry grant	-	1,928	(1,928)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CinF - Donations	-	12,564	(12,564)	-	-	-	14,481	(14,481)	-	-	-
	101,867	148,642	(129,215)	-	(810)	120,484	148,111	(113,861)	-	-	154,734

Purpose of restricted fund balances (if not clear from above)

District Youth Council To support youth work in the District, either through District initiatives or by grants to Circuits and Churches, to be spent in the next 2 years.

Other restricted funds will be utilised during 2022/23 and 2023/24

18 STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

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Funds are represented by:

	Unrestricted funds				Restricted Funds	2022 Total	Unrestricted funds				Restricted	2021 Total
	General	Designated		General			Designated		Restricted			
		DAF	Other				DAF	Other				
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Fixed assets - tangible	443,260	-	4,600	-	447,860	446,360	-	5,500	-	451,860		
Fixed assets - investments	87,092	-	-	-	87,092	90,097	-	-	-	90,097		
Net Current assets	(23,595)	1,433,405	35,569	154,734	1,600,113	898,514	419,778	50,285	120,484	1,489,061		
Creditors due in more than one year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	506,757	1,433,405	40,169	154,734	2,135,065	1,434,971	419,778	55,785	120,484	2,031,018		

DAF

The DAF has been allocated as follows:

Future grant payments not approved but agreed in principal

District expenditure and projects 22/23

Match for NP4NP

MH Proceeds for homelessness and climate change projects,

and long term Caleb support

DAF contingency

Available for new grants 21/22

Notes

11,850 grant applications have been considered in earlier years, but subsequent payments were not approved at 31/8/22.
 148,682 to meet budgeted costs.

125,000 a national Connexional scheme to plant new worshipping communities, to be matched funded by the District

900,000
 50,000 to meet unexpected/unplanned expenditure

1,235,532

197,873

1,433,405

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20 TAXATION

The District 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 (2021 £Nil).

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers	104,047	235,412
Deduct/(add) gains/(losses) on investments	4,611	(230,609)
Deduct interest income shown in investing activities	(8,899)	(2,744)
Add back depreciation tangible fixed assets	4,000	4,000
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(555)	5,037
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(76,713)	(19,102)
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	26,491	(8,006)

The charity has no debt.

22 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Mission Enabler, Revd Rod Hill, is a member of the District Council and as such is a trustee, although he receives no payment for acting as a trustee. In the year he received a stipend 30,630, plus manse provision (2020/21 - £30,329 plus manse provision).

The City Centre Minister, Revd Ian Rutherford, is a member of the District Council and as such is a trustee, although he receives no payment for acting as a trustee. He was paid a stipend of £26,640 (2020/21 - £25,693). The manse is provided by the Manchester Circuit as its contribution to the support of this post.

The Chair of District, Revd Dr Andrew Lunn, is stationed to the District by the Methodist Conference and he is a trustee of the District. His stipend is paid by the through the Methodist Church Fund and is not included in these accounts. The District provides him with a manse and meets the expenses of his office.

Mr Matt Hill the project worker for Bastion Games is the son of Revd. Rod Hill (trustee). The Revd Rod Hill plays no part in discussions or decisions affecting his son's employment. Matt Hill developed the original concept for the project and promoted it to the District for support and funding. During the year Matt Hill was paid £12,488 (2020/21 - £14,440).

The members of the District Council are the members of Transforming Churches and Communities (TCC), a charitable incorporated organisation (charity number 1150394). The District works with TCC who deliver a range of services to the District, Circuits and Churches. During the year the District made grants and paid fees for services to TCC as follows:

- Grants of £15,000 (2020/21- £10,000);
- Fees for providing other services of £6,500 (2020/21 - £12,138); and
- £nil (2020/21 £9,760) for the delivery of services under the District Partnership Fund.

There were no other related party transactions.

23 CONTRIBUTIONS TO METHODIST CHURCH FUND (MCF)

In addition to the assessments on the Circuits to help fund the cost of running the District, the District acted as agent for the Methodist Church Fund (MCF) which levied assessments on the Circuits in this District totalling £521,836 (2020/21: £540,294) all of which were collected before the year end and paid over to MCF in the year. No balance was held at the year end (2021: none), and no fee is received by the District and no costs incurred in handling these contributions. These contributions for the MCF do not appear elsewhere in these financial statements.

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TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF DISTRICT COUNCIL

Position	Name	Appointed by	Appointed/ Resigned	Sub- Committee
Chair of District	Revd Dr Andrew Lunn	Methodist Conference		SRE
Synod Secretary	Mr David James	District Synod		SRE
Ministerial Synod Secretary	Revd Hazel Cook	District Synod		SRE
Treasurer	Mr Garrie Naden	District Synod	From 3/12/20	SRE
Ecumenical Officer	Revd Graham Edwards	District Synod		SRE
Mission Enabler & Property Secretary	Revd Rod Hill	District Synod		SRE
Lay Employment Secretary	Mr Andrew Jeffries	District Synod		SRE
Local Preachers Secretary	Mr Anthony Judd	District Synod		
Chair DAF Grant Committee	Mr William Swires	District Synod		SRE
Methodist Council Rep	Revd Adrian Burdon*	Methodist Conference		
City Centre Minister	Revd Ian Rutherford	District Synod		SRE
	Revd Caroline Wickens	Manchester Circuit		
	Mr Andrew Stoker	United Stockport Circuit		
	Mrs Carole Burgess	Salford Circuit		
	Mrs Julie Murdy	High Peak Circuit		
	Revd Robert Balfour	Glossop & Tameside		
	Mr Graham Axford	Stretford & Urmston Circuit		
	Mrs Dot Bretherton	Altrincham Circuit		
	Revd Glayne Worgan	Sale Circuit		
	Revd Gary Ridley	Oldham & Saddleworth Circuit		
	Revd Adrian Burdon*	Shaw & Royton		
	Mr John Ream	Bramhall & Wythenshawe Circuit		
	Mrs Ruth Peak	Alderley Edge and Knutsford Circuit		
	Revd David Hardman	Hyde & Denton Circuit		
	Revd Karen Hilsden	Ashton-u-Lyne Circuit		
	Revd Graham Edwards*	Macclesfield Circuit		

(*duel qualification)

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Ms Angela Doyle

CHAIR'S PA AND COUNCIL MINUTE SECRETARY

Mrs Emma Hutson

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Co-operative Bank plc

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THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT TRUSTEES' AND DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2021

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended August 31 2021.

REPORTING FRAMEWORK

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the constitution of the charity, 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 objects

The District shares the same charitable objectives as the rest of the Methodist Church. 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 of the Methodist Church in Great Britain

These objectives have been given a clear focus in the mission statement *Our Calling* adopted by the Methodist Conference (2000 and 2018). This states that the calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. It does this through: Worship; Learning & Caring; Service; and Evangelism.

The District seeks to apply this to its own life and work, as it relates to the Connexion and seeks to support the Circuits and Churches within the District in their mission and ministry. Specifically, the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD) states that:

"The primary purpose for which the District is constituted is to advance the mission of the Church in a region, by providing opportunities for Circuits to work together and support each other, by offering them resources of finance, personnel and expertise which may not be available locally and by enabling them to engage with the wider society of the region as a whole and address its concerns. The District serves the local Churches and Circuits and the Conference in the support, deployment and oversight of the various ministries of the Church, and in programmes of training. It has responsibility for the evaluation of applications by Local Churches and Circuits for approval of or consent to their proposals, when required, or for assistance from district or connexional bodies or funds. Wherever possible the work of the District is carried out ecumenically. The District is thus an expression, over a wider geographical area than the Circuit, of the connexional character of the Church."

Aims of the District

During 2020/21 the District continued to implement the five-year District Development Plan (DDP), entitled Faith in God's Future, which had been introduced during 2016/17. The DDP sets out three priorities, with objectives under each one, as follows:

Priority 1 Prepare to be a diverse, active and growing church

- a. Supporting the development of varied patterns of church life and various expressions of church and circuit
- b. Help to develop effective missional leadership
- c. Sound the voice of faith in the public arena
- d. Strengthen our witness as individuals and as churches, developing confidence to speak of God

Priority 2 Reshaping in order to grow, including some pruning

- a. Prepare to be a much smaller church
- b. Close churches well
- c. Encourage collaborative and flexible leadership
- d. Work collaboratively and differently across the circuits, including with ecumenical partners
- e. Work differently within churches
- f. Provide professional services

Priority 3 Resourcing, communicating and celebrating for today

- a. Promote worship that honours God with our best relationships and practices
- b. Encourage social and international vision and action
- c. Communicate well
- d. Handle money well ("Gain all you can, save all you can, give all you can")
- e. Providing fewer district grants for a much longer period in order for new work to become sustainable and fruitful
- f. Develop a strategic approach to buildings that helps churches and circuits to make the best use of chapels, manses etc.

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MAIN ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Under the above objectives the following table shows some of the main goals which were worked towards during the financial year, and the progress and achievements related to them.

Goals	Progress and Achievements
Seeking a new treasurer	Recruitment was successful, with the new treasurer taking up responsibilities from November 2020 onwards.
Continuing good practice in safeguarding including training	Safeguarding practice has been monitored. We successfully recruited an independent chair of the District Safeguarding Group from outside the Methodist Church. We have helped to pilot online safeguarding training for the whole of the Methodist Church in Britain, and then continued to use this as our main provision.
Proceeding to decision making on the Methodist Conference report <i>Go in Love Unites Us</i> .	The process of consultations was delayed by the Covid-19 pandemic. We finally held a separate Synod by video conference to take our votes on these issues. The District Synod voted strongly in favour of all the resolutions.
The stationing of ordained ministers to three vacant appointments within the District	Achieved.
Review our lay employment policy	This review took place, and we agreed a new policy for the support of lay employees.
Continue cooperative working with our Greater Manchester Methodist partner, the Bolton and Rochdale District.	Achieved.
Appoint a Digital and Communications Officer	Finance was identified for this full-time post. One round of recruitment happened but without a successful appointment. An appointment was finally made after year end, to start in post in February 2022.
Facilitate the regrouping of circuits in one area of the District.	Achieved in bringing the Oldham & Saddleworth and Shaw & Royton circuits together to form the Oldham Circuit from September 2021.
Develop a policy on church planting	Our new Church Planting Officer began work at the beginning of the financial year. While that work has been affected by the Covid pandemic, we have agreed a strategy of forming new small Christian communities. The project has been named Caleb Communities.
District Partnership Fund wound up	After operating for three years it was clear that this fund, which was designed to provide governance support to church and circuit officers by sharing resources, was not being well used. We therefore came to an agreement with <i>Transforming Church and Communities</i> on a process for winding up the fund. Support for our churches and circuits will remain in place until April 2022.

Covid-19 response

The continuing pandemic had an impact on our spending, and on our ways of operating. All synods and trustee meetings during the year have been held by video conference. The impact on circuits and churches continues to emerge slowly, with several chapels being given permission to close.

Methodist International House (MIH)

For many years MIH provided accommodation for students from many different areas of the world, including several from the UK. It provided a place of intercultural hospitality and exchange, which considerably enhanced the educational experience of residents. Some stayed for the year while others stayed for a shorter period, depending on their courses. It was not unusual to receive visitors who had been residents in the past for a shorter stay and this was always welcome.

It became clear during 2019/20 that MIH, which operated at a loss for several years and saw its deficit increase substantially that year, could not be sustained at those levels of losses. A review process was initiated as a matter of urgency to report back to District Council early in the current year. After considering all options, it was considered that the only feasible course of action was to close MIH and seek buyers for the building. Residents were given due notice to leave by 30th June 2021, staff were made redundant and a buyer was found for the building, with the sale completed after year end on 1st November 2021.

The District is grateful to the members of the MIH Council for their oversight of this work. We are also grateful for the commitment of the warden Dimitri Brady and all the other staff at MIH who worked with us through a very difficult period to closure.

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Chapel in the Fields

Set in the Sale Circuit, the Chapel at Sinderland Green is the focus of the District Project called The Chapel in the Fields, which is now four years old. The Project Manager, Rev. Kevin Johnson, is accountable to a Management Group and works with them to provide direction for the project. Work has been substantially affected by the Covid pandemic, however the project has been successful in community engagement through good digital practice. The pre-existing local congregation, who have held responsibility as the Managing Trustees of the building, have come to a point where they ceased meeting as a church. The managing trusteeship has therefore transferred to the circuit for the time being, while discussions take place about how to secure the future of the building and the project.

Public benefit

In working towards its charitable objectives the District has had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit.

Contribution of volunteers

The District can only function through the contribution of volunteers, chiefly lay people, who fulfil a wide range of roles within the District serving on various committees and giving generously of their time to further God's Kingdom.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

Overall the District had a surplus on general unrestricted funds, before transfers, for the year of £87,642 after inclusion of an unrealised gain of £219,225 on its MIH freehold property, and after a deficit on MIH operations for the year of £131,741. Before these MIH items, the general fund reported a surplus of £158.

The District Advance Fund continued to be used to support the District's expenditure in the year as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Core costs	67,116	74,939
Chapel in the Fields	1,928	3,856

Grants totalling £9,418 (2020: £43,734) were awarded in the year out of DAF, netting to a credit of £5,952 after adjustments to future commitments of £15,100. The continued Covid pandemic meant that few applications were received for new grants during the year. The amount awarded was negative as certain liabilities were reversed exceeding the total of new grants awarded.

In 2021/22, the District Advance Fund will support budgeted costs of £118,937 covering core expenditure and Chapel in the Fields. There are sufficient available reserves in the DAF at 31st August 2021 to cover these costs.

Risk management

The trustees have considered the risks facing the charity and have taken appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Investment policy and review

Surplus funds are usually placed on deposit either with a high street clearing bank or with the Methodist Church Central Finance Board (CFB). Some years ago, the District was in a position to invest some of its funds longer term and did so through investing in CFB Managed Funds.

Reserves

Reserves Policy – general funds

The District requires between three and six months operating costs as free reserves (unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets or otherwise designated). Based on the 2021/22 budget and excluding costs that are currently grant funded or met by the District Advance Fund, this would equate to about £25k to £50k. At the year end the District had free reserves of £988,611, at a high level because of the inclusion of MIH as a debtor at the year end. Subsequent to year end, a sub group has been reviewing how the MIH proceeds should be utilised, for discussion at District Council in 2022. This plan will cover reserves in excess of the £50k upper level required to be held.

Reserves Policy – District Advance Fund

The District Advance Fund (DAF) represents a designated fund within the District accounts which is used:

- To support the growth and development of churches and circuits within this District as they seek to engage faithfully in God's mission. It sees as its key purpose the need to provide funds so that churches and circuits may grasp and develop mission and discipleship opportunities within their own localities which would not be possible purely through their own financial resources. Primarily, the funds from the DAF are intended for Mission and Ministry projects;
- And in recognition that in order to obtain funding from other sources it is helpful for the applicant to show tangible support from the District, up to 25% of the annual DAF allocation is available to support Property Schemes.

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Grants are only awarded where there are sufficient funds available at the time of the award to meet all future commitments. In addition to future grants that are shown as liabilities within the accounts, the District is committed (as noted above) to supporting its own managed projects to a budgeted total of £118,937 in 2021/22, an amount covered by available funds in the DAF at 31st August 2021. Taking these budgeted costs and all grant liabilities into account, as well as commitments agreed by District Council in respect of NP4NP and Bastion, at 31st August 2021 the funds in the DAF stood at:

	£
Cash balances (in DAF investment & cash)	457,380
Less grant liabilities (notes 16 & 17)	(37,602)
Balance per designated funds (note18)	419,778
Less budgeted to support District costs 2021/22	(118,937)
Set aside for NP4NP match funding	(125,000)
Set aside as contingency for Bastion project	(36,000)
Funds not committed	139,841

The minimum contingency to retain in the DAF is £50,000. The amount in excess of this above was agreed to be retained in the DAF at 31st August 2021 pending final receipt of the MIH proceeds.

Grant making policy

Annual contributions are taken on certain Circuit Model Trust Funds, by the Custodian Trustee, to make funds available to District Advance Funds to support work within the District. The District Advance Fund (DAF) also receives funds from the Connexional Advance Fund which is funded by levies on the receipts from Methodist Church property sales.

The DAF exists to:

- Support innovative work carried out by the District on behalf of the Circuits and Churches;
- Make grants to support new and experimental work carried out by Circuits and Churches to advance mission, ministry and service;
- Support property schemes where this is required to enable access to other funding.

There is a District Grants Committee which reviews applications and makes awards in accordance with District policy and after taking account of the relevant merits of the application, local matched funding and local resources. Grants are for a maximum of £20,000, over a maximum period of three years, with a report required on progress at the end of years 1 and 2 to enable the Committee to approve release of the next instalment. Support for property projects is restricted to no more than 10% of the value of the scheme up to a maximum of £5,000. In addition, the District uses part of the DAF to support the delivery of its own services to Circuits but this is agreed through the annual budgeting process and not by application to the grants committee. The District does not make grants available to non-Methodist organisations.

Going concern

The Trustees do not believe there are any issues affecting the District's ability to continue to operate as a going concern.

FUTURE PLANS

For 2021/22 the District will:

- Agree a new District Mission and Development Plan for the next five years (2021-2026).
- Respond to the rapidly changing circumstances of circuits and churches in the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Continuing to work in partnership with Transforming Churches & Communities (TC&C) and the other Districts in our region.
- Continue to work with churches and circuits to enable them to realise God's vision.
- Make decisions about the most appropriate ways to use the capital released from the sale of Methodist International House.
- Continue to create safer spaces and ensure we meet all safeguarding obligations.
- Recruit new people to fill key vacancies in the District and work to ensure succession planning for others.

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STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document and background

The District is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain and its status as a charity derives from The Methodist Church Act 1976.

The District became a registered charity with the Charity Commission with effect from April 12 2010. Prior to that it was an excepted charity under statutory Instrument 2002 Number 1598 The Charities (Exception from Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2002. This regulation applies to a charity wholly or mainly concerned with the advancement of religion.

The charity is governed by the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church, the Methodist Church Act and the Deed of Union.

Appointment of Trustees

Each of the Circuits within the District is eligible to appoint a member of the Council; other members of the Council are appointed to fulfil specific roles by the Synod after prayerful consideration. Members of the Council bring with them expertise and experience from the wider church and no specific programme of induction or training is currently in place for the majority of trustees, although the Methodist Church does provide occasional courses and handbooks for specific roles.

Organisation

The trustee body is called the District Council. Members of the Council bring with them expertise and experience from the wider church and no specific programme of induction or training is currently in place for the majority of trustees. The Methodist Church operates through a large number of trustee bodies, for each church and circuit. The District provides regular opportunities for training in trusteeship across the District, which District Council members have the opportunity to attend. 30 people have taken part in that training during the financial year. The Chair of District undergoes a thorough national induction process, usually including shadowing their immediate predecessor for a period of at least twelve months.

The District Council meets three times a year to confer on all aspects of the life of the District, to set policy and to make recommendations to the District Synod which meets twice a year in Representative Session. In addition, there is a Ministerial Synod which meets annually to consider matters relating to presbyteral ministry as set out in CPD.

A sub-committee of the District Council, called the Strategy and Resource Executive, takes additional responsibility for the activities of the charity, by presenting the District Council with advice and proposals, and oversee the implementation of strategy.

The District is required to carry out a number of governance and oversight tasks on behalf of the Conference (national church) which are the responsibility of the Synod. The Synod has a number of committees which facilitate this work and where permitted responsibility is delegated to the appropriate committees.

Other standing committees of the District are answerable to the District Council; these include:

- The District Grants Committee, which oversees grants made by the District, mainly to circuits and churches within the District, from the District Advance Fund.
- The District Safeguarding Group (which has an independent Chair).

Related parties

Details of related party transactions are given in note 23 to the financial statements.

Co-operation with other organisations/charities

The District works closely with the Methodist Circuits and Churches within its area and with its ecumenical partners, as well as with the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

The District has worked during the year with Transforming Churches & Communities and continued to collaborate with the other Methodist Districts in the North West and Mann Region.

It has worked with Sheffield and Nottingham & Derby Districts (of the Methodist Church) to support the Rural Development Enabler (RDE) serving in the Derbyshire Peak Park area which is served by circuits in all three Districts. The M&S District provides financial support via the District Advance Fund.

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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 Trustees have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019);;
- 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 Trustees are 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. 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.

APPROVAL

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Revd Dr Andrew Lunn - Trustee

Date:

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 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 9 to 27.

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

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 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 any requirement 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.

Peter Smith BA FCA DChA

For and on behalf of:
HGA Financial Consultants Ltd
t/a Chittenden Horley - Chartered Accountants

The Wesley Centre
Royce Road, Hulme
Manchester M15 5BP

Date:



THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including the income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds			Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
		General £	Designated funds DAF £	Other £			
INCOME FROM:							
Donations	2	77,106	198,077	-	16,927	292,110	328,264
Charitable activities	3	110,734	-	-	131,710	242,444	239,584
Investment income	4	1,441	1,298	-	5	2,744	5,979
TOTAL INCOME		<u>189,281</u>	<u>199,375</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>148,642</u>	<u>537,298</u>	<u>573,827</u>
EXPENDITURE							
Raising funds	5	3,355	684	-	2	4,041	4,592
Charitable activities	6	328,893	63,092	7,256	129,213	528,454	1,749,690
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>332,248</u>	<u>63,776</u>	<u>7,256</u>	<u>129,215</u>	<u>532,495</u>	<u>1,754,282</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	230,609	-	-	-	230,609	(1,113)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS	12	87,642	135,599	(7,256)	19,427	235,412	(1,181,568)
Transfers between funds		25,810	-	(25,000)	(810)	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	19	<u>113,452</u>	<u>135,599</u>	<u>(32,256)</u>	<u>18,617</u>	<u>235,412</u>	<u>(1,181,568)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	19	<u>1,321,519</u>	<u>284,179</u>	<u>88,041</u>	<u>101,867</u>	<u>1,795,606</u>	<u>2,977,174</u>
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	19	<u><u>1,434,971</u></u>	<u><u>419,778</u></u>	<u><u>55,785</u></u>	<u><u>120,484</u></u>	<u><u>2,031,018</u></u>	<u><u>1,795,606</u></u>

The notes on pages 12 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT AUGUST 31 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	13		451,860		1,266,876
Investments	14		90,097		77,670
			541,957		1,344,546
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	15	15,099		20,136	
Investments	16	1,430,884		343,124	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		182,568		256,392	
		1,628,551		619,652	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in one year	17	139,490		142,788	
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
			1,489,061		476,864
			2,031,018		1,821,410
CREDITORS amounts falling					
due in more than one year	18		-		25,804
NET ASSETS					
			2,031,018		1,795,606
FUNDS					
Unrestricted:					
General	19	1,434,971		1,321,519	
Designated - DAF		419,778		284,179	
Designated other		55,785		88,041	
			1,910,534		1,693,739
Restricted	19		120,484		101,867
TOTAL FUNDS			2,031,018		1,795,606

The notes on pages 12 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on:
And signed on their behalf by:

Revd Dr Andrew Lunn - Trustee

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
AS AT AUGUST 31 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Cash used in operating activities	23	<u>(8,006)</u>	<u>(62,303)</u>
Cashflows from investing activities			
Interest and dividends		2,744	5,979
Transfer fixed asset to investments		1,030,241	-
Purchase of investments		<u>(1,043)</u>	<u>(1,221)</u>
Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>1,031,942</u>	<u>4,758</u>
Cashflows from financing activities			
Repayment of borrowing		<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash used in financing activities		<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents in the year		1,013,936	(57,545)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		599,516	657,061
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		<u>1,613,452</u>	<u>599,516</u>
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:			
Cash at bank and in hand		182,568	256,392
Current asset investments - Trustee interest fund		<u>1,430,884</u>	<u>343,124</u>
		<u>1,613,452</u>	<u>599,516</u>

The notes on pages 12 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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 2015; FRS102; and the Charities Act 2011.

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 July 16 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 stated in £ sterling the functional currency of the charity.

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.

Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably. The following applies to particular types of income:

Grants, whether of a capital or revenue nature, are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met and it is probable that the income will be received.

Donations from individuals and other bodies (not being of the nature of a grant) are recognised when receivable.

Earned income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for services and goods supplied, net of discounts.

Deferred income

Income is only deferred and included in creditors when:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and there is no contractual entitlement 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

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 and managing investments.

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.

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.

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Pension contributions

The District participates in the following pension funds:

Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund

The District 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% (2018: 26.9%) of stipend.

The MMPS is a multi-employer scheme, and in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, the District 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 staff

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its lay employees, and matches its employees' contributions up to 6% of gross pay. For one individual it has agreed to make contributions on a similar basis to their personnel pension scheme.

The contributions are paid to a third party who invests the contributions in a money purchase plan. Contributions are charged to the SoFA as they become payable.

Impairment

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are shown at cost to the District, with the exception of the manses and other property assets. These have been included at the Trustees' valuation as permitted under the SoRP, when assets not previously included 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:

Methodist International House	-	1% straight line (excluding freehold land)
District manse	-	1% straight line (excluding freehold land)
Property improvements	-	10% per annum straight line
Furniture and fittings	-	25% per annum straight line
Chapel in the Fields equipment	-	10% per annum straight line

Freehold land is not depreciated.

Investments, gains and losses

Fixed assets 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.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

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2 DONATIONS

	2021				2020
	Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Contributions from Circuit Model Trust Funds	-	87,510	-	87,510	66,184
Distribution Connexional Priority fund	-	110,567	-	110,567	133,599
Circuit Assessments	77,106	-	-	77,106	96,906
District Partnership Fund	-	-	2,740	2,740	18,496
MIH other donations	-	-	1,453	1,453	1,035
Bastion Games	-	-	170	170	-
Chapel in the Fields donations	-	-	12,564	12,564	12,044
	<u>77,106</u>	<u>198,077</u>	<u>16,927</u>	<u>292,110</u>	<u>328,264</u>

	2020			
	Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£
Contributions from Circuit Model Trust Funds	-	66,184	-	66,184
Distribution Connexional Priority fund	-	133,599	-	133,599
Circuit Assessments	96,906	-	-	96,906
District Partnership Fund	-	-	18,496	18,496
MIH other donations	-	-	1,035	1,035
Chapel in the Fields donations	-	-	12,044	12,044
	<u>96,906</u>	<u>199,783</u>	<u>31,575</u>	<u>328,264</u>

3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2021			2020		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Core district activities						
Church Planting Officer - Connexion	-	32,417	32,417	-	32,417	32,417
City Centre Minister - MCHM	-	30,000	30,000	-	30,000	30,000
Calab Communities - Connexion	-	10,000	10,000	-	-	-
Climate Action (Rosy Bank Trust)	-	6,564	6,564	-	-	-
Temporary Missioner - MCHM	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
Other Charitable income	-	-	-	514	-	514
	-	<u>78,981</u>	<u>78,981</u>	<u>514</u>	<u>67,417</u>	<u>67,931</u>
MIH						
Accommodation & other income	84,617	-	84,617	118,926	-	118,926
	<u>84,617</u>	-	<u>84,617</u>	<u>118,926</u>	-	<u>118,926</u>
Bastion Games						
Connexional grant	-	50,801	50,801	-	26,883	26,883
Earned income	14	-	14	-	-	-
NPNP grant	-	-	-	-	1,500	1,500
	<u>14</u>	<u>50,801</u>	<u>50,815</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,383</u>	<u>28,383</u>
Chapel in the Fields						
Mission and Ministry grant	-	1,928	1,928	-	3,856	3,856
Other income	26,103	-	26,103	20,488	-	20,488
	<u>26,103</u>	<u>1,928</u>	<u>28,031</u>	<u>20,488</u>	<u>3,856</u>	<u>24,344</u>
Total	<u>110,734</u>	<u>131,710</u>	<u>242,444</u>	<u>139,928</u>	<u>99,656</u>	<u>239,584</u>

(MCHM - Methodist Central Hall, Manchester)

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4 INVESTMENT INCOME

Bank and CFB interest

Bank interest (MIH account)

2021				2020
Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total	Total
£	£	£	£	£
1,441	1,298	5	2,744	5,616
-	-	-	-	363
<u>1,441</u>	<u>1,298</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2,744</u>	<u>5,979</u>

Bank and CFB interest

Bank interest (MIH account)

2020			
Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total
£	£	£	£
2,743	2,856	17	5,616
363	-	-	363
<u>3,106</u>	<u>2,856</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>5,979</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2021

5 COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS

	2021				2020
	Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment management charges	289	684	2	975	950
Support costs	3,066	-	-	3,066	3,642
	<u>3,355</u>	<u>684</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4,041</u>	<u>4,592</u>

	2020			
	Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£
Investment management charges	282	664	4	950
Support costs	3,642	-	-	3,642
	<u>3,924</u>	<u>664</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4,592</u>

6 COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2021					2020
	Unrestricted	DAF	other des.	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
DAF Grants - note 7	-	(5,952)	-	-	(5,952)	43,734
Other charitable expenditure - note 8	328,893	69,044	7,256	129,213	534,406	1,705,956
	<u>328,893</u>	<u>63,092</u>	<u>7,256</u>	<u>129,213</u>	<u>528,454</u>	<u>1,749,690</u>

	2020				
	Unrestricted	DAF	other des.	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants - note 7	-	43,734	-	-	43,734
Other charitable expenditure - note 8	1,434,191	12,975	85,005	173,785	1,705,956
	<u>1,434,191</u>	<u>56,709</u>	<u>85,005</u>	<u>173,785</u>	<u>1,749,690</u>

Included in other charitable expenditure for 2021 are the following grants:

	2021				
	Unrestricted	DAF	other des.	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Calab Communities	-	-	-	1,060	1,060
GM Churches Together	3,250	-	-	-	3,250
	<u>3,250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,060</u>	<u>4,310</u>

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7 GRANTS DUE AND PAID

District Advance fund	Liability as at 31/08/19 £	Awarded /(cancelled) in the year £	Paid out in the year £	Liability as at 31/08/20 £	Awarded /(cancelled) in the year £	Paid out in the year £	liability Reversed £	Liability as at 31/08/21 £
Ashton-u-Lyne	-	-	-	-	1,750	(1,750)	-	-
Alderley Edge & Knutsford	11,536	4,102	(6,306)	9,332	5,898	(5,230)	-	10,000
Alderley Edge & Knutsford	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Bramhall & Wythenshawe	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-	-	-	-
Bramhall & Wythenshawe	5,000	-	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-
Bramhall & Wythenshawe	5,000	-	-	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Bramhall & Wythenshawe	5,000	-	-	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Buxton	2,500	5,000	(2,500)	5,000	-	(2,500)	(2,500)	-
District	15,000	15,000	(15,000)	15,000	(5,000)	(10,000)	-	-
District	24,600	12,600	(12,200)	25,000	-	(12,400)	(12,600)	-
District	5,000	5,000	(5,000)	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-
District	-	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Glossop & Tameside	-	-	-	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
Glossop & Tameside	-	-	-	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
Manchester	-	-	-	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Oldham & Saddleworth	6,300	(6,300)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oldham & Saddleworth	9,500	4,000	(5,000)	8,500	-	(4,500)	-	4,000
Oldham & Saddleworth	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Shaw & Royton	-	8,096	(2,705)	5,391	-	(2,789)	-	2,602
Stockport	11,987	-	(11,987)	-	-	-	-	-
	5,333	(1,333)	(4,000)	-	-	-	-	-
	9,639	(4,431)	(5,208)	-	-	-	-	-
	1,500	(1,500)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Siretford & Urmston	-	5,000	(2,500)	2,500	-	(2,500)	-	-
	117,895	53,734	(79,906)	91,723	9,148	(53,169)	(15,100)	32,602
Property grants								
Bramhall & Wythenshawe	5,000	-	-	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Oldham & Saddleworth	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stockport	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	15,000	(10,000)	-	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
TOTALS	132,895	43,734	(79,906)	96,723	9,148	(53,169)	(15,100)	37,602

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8 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted funds				Restricted Funds	2021 Total	Unrestricted funds				Restricted	2020 Total
	General	Designated					General	Designated				
		DAF	Other	£				DAF	Other	£		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
District core	86,431	67,116	-	79,462	233,009	1,246,919	5,875	74,939	137,923	1,465,656		
MIH	216,358	-	-	1,453	217,811	159,419	-	6,210	3,517	169,146		
Bastion Games	-	-	-	33,806	33,806	176	7,100	-	16,445	23,721		
Chapel in the Fields	26,104	1,928	7,256	14,492	49,780	27,677	-	3,856	15,900	47,433		
	328,893	69,044	7,256	129,213	534,406	1,434,191	12,975	85,005	173,785	1,705,956		
District core												
Direct costs												
Stipends and salaries	29,832	47,200	-	-	77,032	29,115	5,000	39,372	5,000	78,487		
Ministry support	760	-	-	-	760	-	-	2,557	-	2,557		
Donations and grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Meetings, events and travel	2,807	1,679	-	-	4,486	7,153	-	3,562	-	10,715		
Training	510	-	-	-	510	763	-	-	-	763		
Grants	3,250	-	-	1,060	4,310	15,500	-	-	75,762	91,262		
District Development Plan	-	495	-	-	495	-	-	4,188	-	4,188		
Consultancy	1,195	-	-	-	1,195	700	875	-	-	1,575		
Property Support Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
District Partnership Fund	-	-	-	9,759	9,759	-	-	-	19,787	19,787		
Manse & housing costs	5,241	17,742	-	-	22,983	4,810	-	17,777	-	22,587		
Depreciation	3,100	-	-	-	3,100	13,100	-	-	-	13,100		
Impairment loss	-	-	-	-	-	1,140,000	-	-	-	1,140,000		
Benevolent fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Synergy Project	-	-	-	7,208	7,208	-	-	-	292	292		
Church Planting Minister	10,414	-	-	31,435	41,849	-	-	-	7,082	7,082		
City Centre Minister	-	-	-	30,000	30,000	-	-	7,483	30,000	37,483		
Support costs	29,322		-	-	29,322	35,778	-	-	-	35,778		
	86,431	67,116	-	79,462	233,009	1,246,919	5,875	74,939	137,923	1,465,656		

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8 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE (continued)

	Unrestricted funds				Restricted Funds	2020 Total	Unrestricted funds				Restricted	2019 Total
	General	Designated					General	Designated				
		DAF	Other	£				DAF	Other	£		
MIH	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Direct costs												
Staff costs	95,972	-	-	-	-	95,972	87,309	-	-	-	87,309	
Property and insurance costs	83,895	-	-	-	-	83,895	48,071	-	-	-	48,071	
Internet service - release provision	(30,800)	-	-	-	-	(30,800)	-	-	-	-	-	
Operating costs	34,373	-	-	-	-	34,373	20,215	-	-	-	20,215	
Activities and sundries	1,640	-	-	-	-	1,640	1,184	-	-	-	1,184	
Student hardship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Professional fees	31,484	-	-	-	-	31,484	-	-	-	-	-	
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,005	-	-	-	10,005	
Support costs												
Accountancy & payroll	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,012	-	-	-	1,012	
Interest and charges	1,247	-	-	-	-	1,247	1,350	-	-	-	1,350	
Charged to designated funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6,210)	-	6,210	-	-	
Charged restricted funds	(1,453)	-	-	-	1,453	-	(3,517)	-	-	3,517	-	
	216,358	-	-	-	1,453	217,811	159,419	-	6,210	3,517	169,146	
Bastion Games												
Staff costs	-	-	-	22,723	22,723	-	-	-	-	15,294	15,294	
Consultancy/management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,500	-	-	3,500	
Other costs	-	-	-	11,083	11,083	-	176	3,600	-	1,151	4,927	
	-	-	-	33,806	33,806	-	176	7,100	-	16,445	23,721	
Chapel in the Fields												
Stipend	31,165	1,928	-	1,928	35,021	-	26,418	-	3,856	3,856	34,130	
Manse costs	4,800	-	-	-	4,800	-	4,916	-	-	-	4,916	
Activity costs	7,858	-	-	-	7,858	-	5,954	-	-	-	5,954	
Heat, light, water	922	-	-	-	922	-	1,199	-	-	-	1,199	
Phone	279	-	-	-	279	-	334	-	-	-	334	
Chapel maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Depreciation	900	-	-	-	900	-	900	-	-	-	900	
Charged to designated & restricted funds	(19,820)	-	7,256	12,564	-	-	(12,044)	-	-	12,044	-	
	26,104	1,928	7,256	14,492	49,780	-	27,677	-	3,856	15,900	47,433	

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9 SUPPORT COSTS	Raising Funds	Charitable Activities	2021 Total	Raising Funds	Charitable Activities	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General support costs						
Staff costs	1,692	15,225	16,917	1,480	13,324	14,804
Travel & other expenses	24	217	241	29	260	289
Office and other administration costs	678	6,101	6,779	1,395	12,555	13,950
Management accounts services	672	6,048	6,720	738	6,639	7,377
Governance costs						
Synod expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional fees	-	1,731	1,731	-	3,000	3,000
	<u>3,066</u>	<u>29,322</u>	<u>32,388</u>	<u>3,642</u>	<u>35,778</u>	<u>39,420</u>

The above costs are in respect of the District core activities only and none are attributable to MIH. MIH has its own administration and those support costs are shown in note 10.

The District Advance Fund (DAF) is administered by volunteers and no support costs are attributable to the grant making activities.

Costs have been allocated on the trustees estimate of the use of resources.

10 NET INCOMING RESOURCES AFTER TRANSFERS	2021	2020
	£	£
This is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Independent examiners fees:		
Examination	670	660
Accountancy	1,830	2,340
Overprovision prior year	(769)	-
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	4,000	24,004
Trustees' remuneration as trustees	-	-
Trustees' expenses as trustees	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

11 GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	2021
	£	£	£
Unrealised gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed asset investments	219,225	-	219,225
Unrealised gain on disposal of assets held for sale	11,384	-	11,384
	<u>230,609</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>230,609</u>
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	2020
	£	£	£
Unrealised gain on disposal of assets held for sale	(1,113)	-	(1,113)
	<u>(1,113)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,113)</u>

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12 STAFF INFORMATION

2021

2020

£

£

a Staff costs

Stipends and salaries	201,707	192,846
MIH costs to cessation and redundancy costs	27,877	-
Pension contributions - Methodist Ministers Scheme	24,031	23,462
Pension contributions - defined contribution	7,155	6,987
Employer's NI contributions	15,693	16,449
	<u>276,463</u>	<u>239,744</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, who include the District Mission Enabler (DME) and the City Centre Minister who hold a paid posts within the charity. Both are appointed to the District Council because of the posts they hold. No other trustee is paid by the District.

Details of payments are given in the related parties note.

c Average staff numbers (head count irrespective of full or part time working)

The average number of members of paid staff was as follows:-

	Number	Number
District core activities	6	6
Bastion Games	1	1
Chapel in the Fields	1	1
MIH	6	6
	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>

13 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Methodist International House £	District Manse £	Core Office Equipment £	MIH Furniture & Equipment £	CiF Equipment £	Total £
As at September 1 2020	2,162,462	464,960	1,533	52,612	10,000	2,691,567
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	(2,162,462)	-	-	(52,612)	-	(2,215,074)
As at August 31 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>464,960</u>	<u>1,533</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>476,493</u>
Depreciation						
As at September 1 2020	1,362,462	15,500	1,533	41,596	3,600	1,424,691
Charge for the year	-	3,100	-	-	900	4,000
Disposals	(1,362,462)	-	-	(41,596)	-	(1,404,058)
As at August 31 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>18,600</u>	<u>1,533</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>24,633</u>
Net book value						
As at August 31 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>446,360</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>451,860</u>
As at August 31 2020	<u>800,000</u>	<u>449,460</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,016</u>	<u>6,400</u>	<u>1,266,876</u>

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14 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS	2021	2020
	£	£
Market value brought forward	77,670	77,562
Income re-invested	1,043	1,221
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	11,384	(1,113)
Market value carried forward	<u>90,097</u>	<u>77,670</u>
<i>Investments at fair value comprise:</i>		
CFB mixed managed units	16,697	15,655
Cash held within investment portfolio	73,400	62,015
	<u>90,097</u>	<u>77,670</u>
 15 DEBTORS		
Income receivable	3,959	5,989
Prepayments & other debtors	11,140	14,147
	<u>15,099</u>	<u>20,136</u>
 16 CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS		
MIH property held for sale	1,030,241	-
CFB Trustees' Interest Fund - DAF	399,408	342,032
CFB Trustees' Interest Fund - Youth Council surplus funds	1,235	1,092
	<u>1,430,884</u>	<u>343,124</u>
 17 CREDITORS falling due within one year		
Creditors and accruals	71,727	42,837
Social Security and other taxes	2,132	8,406
Income and grants in advance	26,430	8,206
DAF grants payable within 12 months	37,602	70,919
Other loan	-	10,000
Funds in trust	1,599	-
Residents' deposits	-	2,420
	<u>139,490</u>	<u>142,788</u>
 18 CREDITORS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR		
DAF grants payable in more than one year	-	25,804
	<u>-</u>	<u>25,804</u>

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19 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	2019/20					b/f and c/f 31/08/2020 01/09/2020 £	2020/21				
	01/09/2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains & losses £	Transfers £		Income £	Expenditure £	Gains & losses £	Transfers £	31/08/2021 £
Unrestricted funds:											
General fund	2,520,700	239,940	(1,438,115)	(1,113)	107	1,321,519	189,281	(332,248)	230,609	25,810	1,434,971
Designated Funds:											
District Advance Fund (DAF)	118,884	202,639	(57,373)	-	20,029	284,179	199,375	(63,776)	-	-	419,778
Other designated funds											
MIH Surplus	6,210	-	(6,210)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CiF surplus	58,038	-	-	-	(7,189)	50,849	-	(7,256)	-	12,192	55,785
Mission Enabler long term	25,000	-	-	-	-	25,000	-	-	-	(25,000)	-
DAF allocations for 16/17:											
Chapel in the Fields	12,192	-	-	-	-	12,192	-	-	-	(12,192)	-
DAF allocations for 19/20											
Core expenditure	78,599	-	(67,456)	-	(11,143)	-	-	-	-	-	-
City Centre ministry	16,369	-	(7,483)	-	(8,886)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chapel in the Fields	3,856	-	(3,856)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	200,264	-	(85,005)	-	(27,218)	88,041	-	(7,256)	-	(25,000)	55,785
Total unrestricted funds	2,839,848	442,579	(1,580,493)	(1,113)	(7,082)	1,693,739	388,656	(403,280)	230,609	810	1,910,534
Restricted funds											
As below	137,326	131,248	(173,789)	-	7,082	101,867	148,642	(129,215)	-	(810)	120,484
	2,977,174	573,827	(1,754,282)	(1,113)	-	1,795,606	537,298	(532,495)	230,609	-	2,031,018

Transfers 2020/21

A transfer has been made to CiF from the DAF to represent the release of funds to support this project. The designation for the long term support of the mission enabler has been released back to general funds, as this is not required.

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19 STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

	2019/20					2020/21					b/f and c/f	
	01/09/2019	Income	Expenditure	Gains & losses	Transfers	Income	Expenditure	Gains & losses	Transfers	31/08/2021	£	
												£
Restricted Funds:												
Legacy	74,862	-	(74,862)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
District Partnership fund	8,310	18,496	(19,787)	-	-	2,740	(9,759)	-	-	-	-	
Church Planting officer	32,417	32,417	(7,082)	-	7,082	32,417	(31,435)	-	-	-	65,816	
City Centre Minister	-	30,000	(30,000)	-	-	30,000	(30,000)	-	-	-	-	
Calab Communities	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	(1,060)	-	-	-	8,940	
Climate Action	-	-	-	-	-	6,564	-	-	-	-	6,564	
Temporary Missioner	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
LN - Children & Youth enabler	6,742	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,742	
Synergy Project	7,500	-	(292)	-	-	-	(7,208)	-	-	-	-	
HVC former staff re attendance												
at ordination services	810	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(810)	-	-	
District Youth Council	2,127	17	(904)	-	-	5	(2)	-	-	-	1,243	
MIH project	4,282	-	(2,482)	-	(1,800)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MIH - general donations	-	1,035	(1,035)	-	-	1,453	(1,453)	-	-	-	-	
MIH - hardship fund	276	-	-	-	1,800	-	-	-	-	-	2,076	
Bastion Games	-	28,383	(16,445)	-	-	50,971	(33,806)	-	-	-	29,103	
CinF - Mission & Ministry grant	-	3,856	(3,856)	-	-	1,928	(1,928)	-	-	-	-	
CinF - Donations	-	12,044	(12,044)	-	-	12,564	(12,564)	-	-	-	-	
	137,326	131,248	(173,789)	-	7,082	148,642	(129,215)	-	(810)	-	120,484	

Purpose of restricted fund balances (if not clear from above)

District Youth Council

To support youth work in the District, either through District initiatives or by grants to Circuits and Churches, to be spent in the next 2 years.

Other restricted funds will be utilised during 2021/22 and 2022/23.

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19 STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

	Unrestricted funds				Restricted Funds	2021 Total	Unrestricted funds				Restricted	2020 Total
	General	Designated		General			Designated		Other			
		DAF	Other				DAF	Other				
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
446,360	-	5,500	-	451,860	-	6,400	-	1,260,476	-	6,400	1,266,876	
90,097	-	-	-	90,097	-	25,000	-	52,670	-	25,000	77,670	
-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	-	(10,000)	-	-	-	
898,514	419,778	50,285	120,484	1,489,061	120,484	299,983	56,641	18,373	299,983	101,867	476,864	
-	-	-	-	-	-	(25,804)	-	-	(25,804)	-	(25,804)	
1,434,971	419,778	55,785	120,484	2,031,018	120,484	284,179	88,041	1,321,519	284,179	101,867	1,795,606	

Funds are represented by:

Fixed assets - tangible
Fixed assets - investments
Interdivisional indebtedness
Net Current assets
Creditors due in more than one year

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20 TAXATION

The District 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 (2020 £Nil).

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

	2021	2020
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers	235,412	(1,181,568)
Deduct/(add) gains/(losses) on investments	(230,609)	1,113
Deduct interest income shown in investing activities	(2,744)	(5,979)
Add back depreciation tangible fixed assets	4,000	24,004
Add back impairment loss	-	1,140,000
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	5,037	5,175
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(19,102)	(45,048)
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	<u>(8,006)</u>	<u>(62,303)</u>

The charity has no debt.

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23 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Mission Enabler, Revd Rod Hill, is a member of the District Council and as such is a trustee, although he receives no payment for acting as a trustee. In the year he received a stipend of £30,329, plus manse provision (2019/20 - £29,653 plus manse provision).

The City Centre Minister, Revd Ian Rutherford, is a member of the District Council and as such is a trustee, although he receives no payment for acting as a trustee. He was paid a stipend of £25,693 (2019/20 - £25,017). The manse is provided by the Manchester Circuit as its contribution to the support of this post.

The Chair of District, Revd Dr Andrew Lunn, is stationed to the District by the Methodist Conference and he is a trustee of the District. His stipend is paid by the through the Methodist Church Fund and is not included in these accounts. The District provides him with a manse and meets the expenses of his office.

Mr Matt Hill the project worker for Bastion Games is the son of Revd. Rod Hill (trustee). The Revd Rod Hill plays no part in discussions or decisions affecting his son's employment. Matt Hill developed the original concept for the project and promoted it to the District for support and funding. During the year Matt Hill was paid £14,440.

The members of the District Council are the members of Transforming Churches and Communities (TCC), a charitable incorporated organisation (charity number 1150394). The District works with TCC who deliver a range of services to the District, Circuits and Churches. During the year the District made grants and paid fees for services to TCC as follows:

- Grants of £10,000 (2019/20 - £16,000);
- Fees for providing other services of £12,138 (2018/19 - £16,122); and
- £9,760 (2020 £16,666) for the delivery of services under the District Partnership Fund.

There were no other related party transactions.

24 CONTRIBUTIONS TO METHODIST CHURCH FUND (MCF)

In addition to the assessments on the Circuits to help fund the cost of running the District, the District acted as agent for the Methodist Church Fund (MCF) which levied assessments on the Circuits in this District totalling £540,294 (2020: £518,562) all of which were collected before the year end and paid over to MCF in the year. No balance was held at the year end (2020: none), and no fee is received by the District and no costs incurred in handling these contributions. These contributions for the MCF do not appear elsewhere in these financial statements.

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The following pages do not form part of the statutory accounts.

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	Unrestricted funds			Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Unrestricted funds			Restricted Funds	Total 2020
	General	Designated funds				General	Designated funds			
		DAF	Other				DAF	Other		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME										
Contributions from CMT	-	87,510	-	-	87,510	-	66,184	-	-	66,184
Distribution Connexional Priority fund	-	110,567	-	-	110,567	-	133,599	-	-	133,599
Circuit Assessments	77,106	-	-	-	77,106	96,906	-	-	-	96,906
District Partnership Fund	-	-	-	2,740	2,740	-	-	-	18,496	18,496
Methodist Church GB:										
- Church planting officer	-	-	-	32,417	32,417	-	-	-	32,417	32,417
- Calab Communities	-	-	-	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-	-
MCMNC - City Centre Minister	-	-	-	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	30,000	30,000
MCMNC - Temporary Missioner	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
Other charitable income	-	-	-	-	-	514	-	-	-	514
Bank and CFB interest	1,441	1,298	-	5	2,744	2,743	2,856	-	17	5,616
	78,547	199,375	-	75,162	353,084	100,163	202,639	-	85,930	388,732
EXPENDITURE										
Staffing	63,696	66,621	-	61,435	191,752	53,514	5,000	68,194	42,082	168,790
Pastoral & ministerial support	760	-	-	-	760	-	-	2,557	-	2,557
Training	510	-	-	-	510	763	-	-	-	763
Grants DAF	-	(5,952)	-	-	(5,952)	-	43,734	-	-	43,734
Grants Youth Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	900	900
Grants - Calab Communities	-	-	-	1,060	1,060	-	-	-	-	-
Grants other	3,250	-	-	-	3,250	15,500	-	-	74,862	90,362
District development plan	-	495	-	-	495	-	-	4,188	-	4,188
District Partnership fund	-	-	-	9,759	9,759	-	-	-	19,787	19,787
Events, meetings and travel	1,756	-	-	-	1,756	2,657	-	-	-	2,657
Consultancy	1,195	-	-	-	1,195	700	875	-	-	1,575
Property support services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Management accounting	6,720	-	-	-	6,720	7,377	-	-	-	7,377
Office costs	6,779	-	-	-	6,779	13,950	-	-	-	13,950
Independent examination	1,731	-	-	-	1,731	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
Synod expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Synergy project	-	-	-	7,208	7,208	-	-	-	292	292
Depreciation	3,100	-	-	-	3,100	13,100	-	-	-	13,100
Impairment loss	-	-	-	-	-	1,140,000	-	-	-	1,140,000
Investment management costs	975	-	-	-	975	282	664	-	4	950
	90,472	61,164	-	79,462	231,098	1,250,843	50,273	74,939	137,927	1,513,982
	(11,925)	138,211	-	(4,300)	121,986	(1,150,680)	152,366	(74,939)	(51,997)	(1,125,250)

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	Unrestricted funds			Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Unrestricted funds			Restricted Funds	Total 2020
	General	Designated funds				General	Designated funds			
		DAF	Other				DAF	Other		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staffing										
Mission enabler										
Stipend, nic and pension	-	40,369	-	-	40,369	-	-	39,372	-	39,372
Expenses	-	1,679	-	-	1,679	-	-	3,562	-	3,562
Manse costs	-	17,742	-	-	17,742	-	-	17,777	-	17,777
	-	59,790	-	-	59,790	-	-	60,711	-	60,711
Chair of District										
Expenses	586	-	-	-	586	1,958	-	-	-	1,958
Manse costs	5,241	-	-	-	5,241	4,810	-	-	-	4,810
	5,827	-	-	-	5,827	6,768	-	-	-	6,768
Safeguarding officer										
Salary, nic and pension	29,832	-	-	-	29,832	28,288	-	-	-	28,288
Expenses	465	-	-	-	465	2,538	-	-	-	2,538
	30,297	-	-	-	30,297	30,826	-	-	-	30,826
City Centre Minister										
Stipend, nic and pension	-	5,629	-	30,000	35,629	-	-	5,841	30,000	35,841
Expenses	-	1,202	-	-	1,202	-	-	1,642	-	1,642
	-	6,831	-	30,000	36,831	-	-	7,483	30,000	37,483
Church Planting Minister										
Stipend, nic and pension	-	-	-	17,172	17,172	-	-	-	6,427	6,427
Expenses/manse costs	10,414	-	-	14,263	24,677	-	-	-	655	655
	10,414	-	-	31,435	41,849	-	-	-	7,082	7,082
Temporary Missioner										
Stipend, nic and pension	-	-	-	-	-	827	5,000	-	5,000	10,827
Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	827	5,000	-	5,000	10,827
Children & Youth Work enabler										
Salary, nic and pension	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administrator and PA										
Salary, nic and pension	16,917	-	-	-	16,917	14,804	-	-	-	14,804
Expenses	241	-	-	-	241	289	-	-	-	289
	17,158	-	-	-	17,158	15,093	-	-	-	15,093
TOTAL STAFFING	63,696	66,621	-	61,435	191,752	53,514	5,000	68,194	42,082	168,790

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Accommodation fees	84,617	-	84,617	118,926
Donations & gift aid	-	1,453	1,453	1,035
Bank interest	-	-	-	363
	<u>84,617</u>	<u>1,453</u>	<u>86,070</u>	<u>120,324</u>
 EXPENDITURE				
Staff costs	95,972	-	95,972	87,309
Property costs (ex utilities)	16,174	-	16,174	9,521
Utilities	61,097	-	61,097	31,033
Insurance	6,624	-	6,624	7,517
Internet service	(30,800)	-	(30,800)	-
Advertising	-	-	-	-
Operating costs	34,373	-	34,373	20,215
Activities and sundry costs	1,640	-	1,640	1,184
Accountancy & payroll services	-	-	-	1,012
Credit card & bank charges	1,247	-	1,247	1,350
Professional fees	31,484	-	31,484	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	10,005
Allocated to restricted gen	(1,453)	1,453	-	-
	<u>216,358</u>	<u>1,453</u>	<u>217,811</u>	<u>169,146</u>
 Surplus/(deficit) for the year	<u>(131,741)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(131,741)</u>	<u>(48,822)</u>

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	2021	2020
	£	£
INCOME		
Grant - Connexion	1,928	3,856
Grant -DAF	3,856	3,856
Donations - money	12,564	12,044
Quiet days	2,971	1,352
Workshops	6,153	8,011
Sale of products	16,979	9,528
Hire of chapel	-	1,597
	<u>44,451</u>	<u>40,244</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Stipend	35,021	34,130
Manse costs	4,800	4,916
Activity costs	7,858	5,954
Heat, light, water	922	1,199
Phone	279	334
Depreciation	900	900
	<u>49,780</u>	<u>47,433</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<u><u>(5,329)</u></u>	<u><u>(7,189)</u></u>

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
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TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF DISTRICT COUNCIL

Position	Name	Appointed by	Appointed/ Resigned	Sub- Committee
Chair of District	Revd Dr Andrew Lunn	Methodist Conference		SRE
Synod Secretary	Mr David James	District Synod		SRE
Ministerial Synod Secretary	Revd Hazel Cook	District Synod		SRE
Treasurer	Mr Garrie Naden	District Synod	From 3/12/20	SRE
Ecumenical Officer	Revd Dr Graham Edwards	District Synod	From 8/10/19	SRE
Mission Enabler & Property Secretary	Revd Rod Hill	District Synod		SRE
Lay Employment Secretary	Mr Andrew Jeffries	District Synod		SRE
Local Preachers Secretary	Mr Anthony Judd	District Synod		
Chair DAF Grant Committee	Mr William Swires	District Synod		SRE
Methodist Council Rep	Revd Adrian Burdon*			
City Centre Minister	Revd Ian Rutherford	District Synod		SRE
	Revd Caroline Wickens	Manchester Circuit		
	Mr Andrew Stoker	United Stockport Circuit		
	Revd Kim Ratcliffe	Salford Circuit	Until 31/8/20	
	Mrs Carole Burgess	Salford Circuit	From 1/09/20	
	Mrs Julie Murdy	High Peak Circuit		
	Revd Robert Balfour	Glossop & Tameside	From 1/9/20	
	Mr Graham Axford	Stretford & Urmston Circuit		
	Mrs Dot Bretherton	Altrincham Circuit		
	Revd Glayne Worgan	Sale Circuit		
	Revd Gary Ridley	Oldham & Saddleworth Circuit		
	Revd Adrian Burdon*	Shaw & Royton		
	Mr John Ream	Bramhall & Wythenshawe Circuit	From 1/09/20	
	Dcn Annette Sharp	Romiley Circuit	Until 31/08/20	
	Mrs Ruth Peak	Alderley Edge and Knutsford Circuit		
	Mrs Lynne Shaw	Glossop Circuit	Until 31/08/20	
	Revd David Hardman	Hyde & Denton Circuit		
	Revd Karen Hilsden	Ashton-u-Lyne Circuit		
	Revd Graham Edwards*	Macclesfield Circuit		

(*duel qualification)

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Ms Angela Doyle

CHAIR'S PA AND COUNCIL MINUTE SECRETARY

Mrs Emma Hutson

BANKERS

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Central Board of Finance of the Methodist Church
Co-operative Bank plc

INVESTMENT MANAGERS

Central Board of Finance of the Methodist Church
9 Bonhill Street
London EC2A 4PE

CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES

The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
Central Buildings
Oldham Street
Manchester M1 1JQ

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

Chittenden Horley Ltd
Chartered Accountants
456 Chester Road
Old Trafford
Manchester M16 9HD

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT TRUSTEES' AND DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2020

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended August 31 2020.

REPORTING FRAMEWORK

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the constitution of the charity, 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 objects

The District shares the same charitable objectives as the rest of the Methodist Church. 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 of the Methodist Church in Great Britain

These objectives have been given a clear focus in the mission statement *Our Calling* adopted by the Methodist Conference (2000 and 2018). This states that the calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. It does this through: Worship; Learning & Caring; Service; and Evangelism.

The District seeks to apply this to its own life and work, as it relates to the Connexion and seeks to support the Circuits and Churches within the District in their mission and ministry. Specifically, the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD) states that:

"The primary purpose for which the District is constituted is to advance the mission of the Church in a region, by providing opportunities for Circuits to work together and support each other, by offering them resources of finance, personnel and expertise which may not be available locally and by enabling them to engage with the wider society of the region as a whole and address its concerns. The District serves the local Churches and Circuits and the Conference in the support, deployment and oversight of the various ministries of the Church, and in programmes of training. It has responsibility for the evaluation of applications by Local Churches and Circuits for approval of or consent to their proposals, when required, or for assistance from district or connexional bodies or funds. Wherever possible the work of the District is carried out ecumenically. The District is thus an expression, over a wider geographical area than the Circuit, of the connexional character of the Church."

Aims of the District

More specifically, during 2019/20 the District continued to implement the five-year District Development Plan (DDP), entitled Faith in God's Future, which had been introduced during 2016/17. The DDP sets out three priorities, with objectives under each one, as follows:

Priority 1 Prepare to be a diverse, active and growing church

- a. Supporting the development of varied patterns of church life and various expressions of church and circuit
- b. Help to develop effective missional leadership
- c. Sound the voice of faith in the public arena
- d. Strengthen our witness as individuals and as churches, developing confidence to speak of God

Priority 2 Reshaping in order to grow, including some pruning

- a. Prepare to be a much smaller church
- b. Close churches well
- c. Encourage collaborative and flexible leadership
- d. Work collaboratively and differently across the circuits, including with ecumenical partners
- e. Work differently within churches
- f. Provide professional services

Priority 3 Resourcing, communicating and celebrating for today

- a. Promote worship that honours God with our best relationships and practices
- b. Encourage social and international vision and action
- c. Communicate well
- d. Handle money well ("Gain all you can, save all you can, give all you can")
- e. Providing fewer district grants for a much longer period in order for new work to become sustainable and fruitful
- f. Develop a strategic approach to buildings that helps churches and circuits to make the best use of chapels, manses etc.

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MAIN ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Under the above objectives the following table shows some of the main goals which were worked towards during the financial year, and the progress and achievements related to them.

Goals	Progress and Achievements
Seeking a new treasurer	Recruitment was unsuccessful. Alternative arrangements were put in place through paid provision.
Training of a GDPR champion	Achieved. Mr David James now advises the District Council on GDPR matters.
A review of grant making processes	This process was started. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic the District decided on a grants moratorium in April which stayed in place for the remainder of the calendar year, with no grants being made.
Recruiting volunteers to strengthen our property consents group.	Achieved.
Enhancing property recording keeping and paper trails	A volunteer was appointed to assist with this.
Continuing good practice in safeguarding including training	Safeguarding practice has been monitored. We started the recruitment process for a new independent chair of the District Safeguarding Group. The Covid-19 pandemic meant we had to begin exploring how we could deliver safeguarding training on-line.
Organising and facilitating consultations on issues around marriage and relationships in response to the Methodist Conference report <i>Go in Love Unites Us</i> .	All Methodist members in the District were given the opportunity to take part in consultations. The District collected responses from 15 circuits (out of 16), 15 Churches (out of 130) and 43 individuals. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic Synod when we would have discussed this was cancelled and the decision making process has been delayed by one year.
A process leading towards a decision on the reinvitation of the District Chair for a further five years	This process took place, with a recommendation going to Synod in September 2020 for a 5 year reinvitation.
The role out of regular supervision for all ordained ministers in circuit appointments working within the District	Achieved.
The stationing of ordained ministers to five vacant appointments within the District	Achieved.
Continue cooperative working with our Greater Manchester Methodist partner, the Bolton and Rochdale District.	Achieved.
Agree a District communication policy	Achieved. This policy included the recruitment of a full-time communications officer, but finance has not yet been identified to make this appointment possible.
Facilitate the regrouping of circuits in three areas of the District.	Achieved in the areas of Tameside, High Peak, and Stockport, creating the Glossop & Tameside Circuit, the High Peak Partnership, and enlarging the United Stockport Circuit.
Review our Chapel in the Fields project, and secure a funding agreement for the next five years.	Achieved.
Review our City Centre Minister project, and secure a funding agreement with partners for the next five years.	Achieved.
Developing greater engagement with civic and social issues	This is a continuing piece of work led by our City Centre Minister and has included work on climate change, homelessness, asylum seekers and refugees, and hate crime.
Develop a policy on church planting	A new Church Planting Officer was appointed in September 2019, who was tasked with formulating this policy. However, in December the officer resigned from ministry in the Methodist Church, so the work was not completed. Recruitment has taken place and a new Church Planting Officer begins work on 1 st September 2020.
Review our lay employment policy	We explored the possibility of doing this with an external consultant. However, the Covid-19 pandemic intervened and we were unable to proceed.

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Covid-19 response

The Covid-19 pandemic meant that all churches and circuits had to rethink their ways of operating. The District sought to support these changes, and made its own changes. This included regular discussions between superintendent ministers on the impact of the pandemic on ways of working, and the facilitation of setting up cheaper non-profit Zoom accounts. All meetings have moved on-line for the foreseeable future. This included a successful presbyteral synod, with about 120 taking part, held on Ascension Day.

Methodist International House (MIH)

MIH has provided accommodation for students from many different areas of the world, including several from the UK. It provides a place of intercultural hospitality and exchange, which considerably enhances the educational experience of residents. Some stay for the year while others stay for a shorter period, depending on their courses. It is not unusual to receive visitors who had been residents in the past for a shorter stay and this is always welcome.

Staff continue to work to provide cultural opportunities for residents, as well as offering pastoral support. The House continues to be a vibrant presence in the Victoria Park area and hosts many community and Christian groups on a regular basis. The MIH story has been shared with many churches in the District and beyond, and invitations from groups for a visit or a speaker are always welcome.

However, it has become clear during the year that MIH, which has operated at a loss for several years, saw its deficit increase substantially this year. A review process was initiated as a matter of urgency to report back to District Council in September 2020.

The response to Covid-19 has been particularly challenging in this setting. MIH has managed by becoming a single household, with residents supporting each other.

The District is grateful to the members of the MIH Council for their oversight of this work. The generous work of Mr Dimitri Brady, the Warden of MIH, is exceptional and sacrificial; residents, staff and the District owe him a debt of gratitude.

Chapel in the Fields

Set in the Sale Circuit, the Chapel at Sinderland Green is the focus of the District Project called The Chapel in the Fields, which is now three years old. The Project Manager, Rev. Kevin Johnson, is accountable to a Management Group and works with them to provide direction for the project. Work is continuing through community engagement, the equipping of a wood-work shop to provide opportunities for vulnerable men to meet and be supported, Godly-play events for visiting groups, a series of regular quiet days, outreach to the local crematorium, and engagement with creative arts. The chapel also hosts a variety of groups who come to use the premises. A pre-existing local congregation continue to hold responsibility as the Managing Trustees of the building, while the District is responsible for the activities of the Project.

The Covid-19 pandemic has meant all physical meeting in the chapel had to cease. However, Kevin Johnson has led a small group of volunteers in providing creative on-line resources which have been widely circulated and appreciated. Before the pandemic a small new Christian community had been established; connections for this group have continued on-line.

Public benefit

In working towards its charitable objectives the District has had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit.

Contribution of volunteers

The District can only function through the contribution of volunteers, chiefly lay people, who fulfil a wide range of roles within the District serving on various committees and giving generously of their time to further God's Kingdom.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

Overall the District had a deficit on general unrestricted funds, before transfers, for the year of £1,199,28 after providing for an impairment loss on its freehold property, Methodist International House, of £1,140,00 (see note 25). Without this provision the underlying loss would have been £59,288. Included in the £59,288, were deficits in respect of the two District projects MIH and Chapel in the Fields. The total deficit on MIH for the year was £48,822, of which £2,482 was offset against restricted funds and £6,210 against designated funds for this purpose, leaving a balance of £40,130 included in the final deficit on general unrestricted funds. The deficit on Chapel in the Fields was £7,189, which was offset against designated funds for this project by way of transfer. The net loss on core activities excluding MIH and Chapel in the Fields was £11,969.

The District Advance Fund continued to be used to support the District's expenditure in the year as follows:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Core costs	67,456	70,052
Chapel in the Fields	3,856	5,784
City Centre ministry	7,483	6,648

Grants totalling £43,734 (2019 - £132,074) were awarded in the year out of DAF. The start of the Covid pandemic in March 2020 and a moratorium then imposed on new grant applications impacted the overall level of grants awarded in the year.

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In 2020/21, the District Advance Fund will support budgeted costs of £83,146 covering core expenditure, Chapel in the Fields and City Centre ministry. There are sufficient available reserves in the DAF at 31st August 2020 to cover these costs.

In 2018/19 the District received a legacy of c£75k with the wish that it be used to support Alderley Edge Methodist Church; this money was transferred to that church during 2019/20.

Risk management

The trustees have considered the risks facing the charity and have taken appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Investment policy and review

Surplus funds are usually placed on deposit either with a high street clearing bank or with the Methodist Church Central Finance Board (CFB). Some years ago, the District was in a position to invest some of its funds longer term and did so through investing in CFB Managed Funds.

Reserves

Reserves Policy – general funds

The District requires between three and six months operating costs as free reserves (unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets or otherwise designated). Based on the 2020/21 budget and excluding costs that are currently grant funded or met by the District Advance Fund, this would equate to about £25k to £50k. At the year end the District had free reserves of £61,043, exceeding the upper level by only c£11k. It is anticipated that the fund will be brought into range by 31st August 2021.

Reserves Policy – District Advance Fund

The District Advance Fund (DAF) represents a designated fund within the District accounts which is used:

- To support the growth and development of churches and circuits within this District as they seek to engage faithfully in God's mission. It sees as its key purpose the need to provide funds so that churches and circuits may grasp and develop mission and discipleship opportunities within their own localities which would not be possible purely through their own financial resources. Primarily, the funds from the DAF are intended for Mission and Ministry projects;
- And in recognition that in order to obtain funding from other sources it is helpful for the applicant to show tangible support from the District, up to 25% of the annual DAF allocation is available to support Property Schemes.

Grants are only awarded where there are sufficient funds available at the time of the award to meet all future commitments. In addition to future grants that are shown as liabilities within the accounts, the District is committed (as noted above) to supporting its own managed projects to a budgeted total of £83,146 in 2020/21, an amount covered by available funds in the DAF at 31st August 2020. Taking these budgeted costs and all grant liabilities into account, at 31st August 2020 the funds in the DAF stood at:

	£
Cash balances (in DAF investment & cash)	393,094
Less grant liabilities (notes 16 & 17)	(96,723)
Less designated for Chapel in the Fields	<u>(12,192)</u>
Balance per designated funds (note 18)	284,179
Less budgeted to support District costs 2020/21	<u>(83,146)</u>
Funds not committed (but see note below)	<u>201,033</u>

Subsequent to the year end, the District took a decision to review options for Methodist International House to address its need for a viable future in the light of operational losses being incurred. A commitment was made to residents that accommodation in its current form would continue until 30th June 2021, from which point the future of the building, which could include continuing in a similar way, would be determined. Underlying operating losses are being exacerbated by the Covid pandemic; an operating loss in the region of £50k is forecast for the period 1st September 2020 to 30th June 2021. These losses and the uncertainty of costs associated with implementing whatever decision is taken around the building's future are mitigated by the substantial level of DAF funds not committed.

Grant making policy

Annual contributions are taken on certain Circuit Model Trust Funds, by the Custodian Trustee, to make funds available to District Advance Funds to support work within the District. The District Advance Fund (DAF) also receives funds from the Connexional Advance Fund which is funded by levies on the receipts from Methodist Church property sales.

The DAF exists to:

- Support innovative work carried out by the District on behalf of the Circuits and Churches;
- Make grants to support new and experimental work carried out by Circuits and Churches to advance mission, ministry and service;
- Support property schemes where this is required to enable access to other funding.

There is a District Grants Committee which reviews applications and makes awards in accordance with District policy and after taking account of the relevant merits of the application, local matched funding and local resources. Grants are for a maximum of £20,000 and for no more than five years initially, with the fourth and fifth years subject to satisfactory review. Support for property projects is restricted to no more than 10% of the value of the scheme up to a maximum of £5,000. In addition, the District uses part of the DAF to support the delivery of its own services to Circuits but this is agreed through the annual budgeting process and not by application to the grants committee. The District does not make grants available to non-Methodist organisations.

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Going concern

The Trustees do not believe there are any issues affecting the District's ability to continue to operate as a going concern.

FUTURE PLANS

For 2020/21 the District is/will:

- Use the existing District Mission Plan, and work towards a review for the next five years (2021-2026).
- Respond to the rapidly changing circumstances of circuits and churches in the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Continuing to work in partnership with Transforming Churches & Communities (TC&C) and the other Districts in our region.
- Continue to work with churches and circuits to enable them to realise God's vision.
- Review and make decisions about the continuing work of Methodist International House.
- Continue to create safer spaces and ensure we meet all safeguarding obligations.
- Recruit new people to fill key vacancies in the District and work to ensure succession planning for others.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document and background

The District is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain and its status as a charity derives from The Methodist Church Act 1976.

The District became a registered charity with the Charity Commission with effect from April 12 2010. Prior to that it was an excepted charity under statutory Instrument 2002 Number 1598 The Charities (Exception from Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2002. This regulation applies to a charity wholly or mainly concerned with the advancement of religion.

The charity is governed by the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church, the Methodist Church Act and the Deed of Union.

Appointment of Trustees

Each of the Circuits within the District is eligible to appoint a member of the Council; other members of the Council are appointed to fulfil specific roles by the Synod after prayerful consideration. Members of the Council bring with them expertise and experience from the wider church and no specific programme of induction or training is currently in place for the majority of trustees, although the Methodist Church does provide occasional courses and handbooks for specific roles.

Organisation

The trustee body is called the District Council. Members of the Council bring with them expertise and experience from the wider church and no specific programme of induction or training is currently in place for the majority of trustees. The Methodist Church operates through a large number of trustee bodies, for each church and circuit. The District provides regular opportunities for training in trusteeship across the District, which District Council members have the opportunity to attend. 30 people have taken part in that training during the financial year. The Chair of District undergoes a thorough national induction process, usually including shadowing their immediate predecessor for a period of at least twelve months.

The District Council meets three times a year to confer on all aspects of the life of the District, to set policy and to make recommendations to the District Synod which meets twice a year in Representative Session. In addition, there is a Ministerial Synod which meets annually to consider matters relating to presbyteral ministry as set out in CPD.

A sub-committee of the District Council, called the Strategy and Resource Executive, takes additional responsibility for the activities of the charity, by presenting the District Council with advice and proposals, and oversee the implementation of strategy.

The District is required to carry out a number of governance and oversight tasks on behalf of the Conference (national church) which are the responsibility of the Synod. The Synod has a number of committees which facilitate this work and where permitted responsibility is delegated to the appropriate committees.

Other standing committees of the District are answerable to the District Council; these include:

- The District Grants Committee, which oversees grants made by the District, mainly to circuits and churches within the District, from the District Advance Fund.
- The District Safeguarding Group (which has an independent Chair).

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Related parties

Details of related party transactions are given in note 23 to the financial statements.

Co-operation with other organisations/charities

The District works closely with the Methodist Circuits and Churches within its area and with its ecumenical partners, as well as with the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

The District has worked during the year with Transforming Churches & Communities and continued to collaborate with the other Methodist Districts in the North West and Mann Region.

It has worked with Sheffield and Nottingham & Derby Districts (of the Methodist Church) to support the Rural Development Enabler (RDE) serving in the Derbyshire Peak Park area which is served by circuits in all three Districts. The M&S District provides financial support via the District Advance Fund.

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 Trustees have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019);;
- 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 Trustees are 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. 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.

APPROVAL

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Revd Dr Andrew Lunn - Trustee

Date:

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 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 9 to 27.

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

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 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 any requirement 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.

Peter Smith BA FCA DChA

For and on behalf of:
Chittenden Horley Limited
Chartered Accountants
456 Chester Road
Old Trafford
Manchester M16 9HD

Date:



THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including the income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds			Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
		General	Designated funds DAF	Other			
		£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:							
Donations	2	96,906	199,783	-	31,575	328,264	354,847
Charitable activities	3	139,928	-	-	99,656	239,584	243,455
Other trading income	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income	5	3,106	2,856	-	17	5,979	6,114
Other income	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		239,940	202,639	-	131,248	573,827	604,416
EXPENDITURE							
Raising funds	7	3,924	664	-	4	4,592	3,649
Charitable activities	8	1,434,191	56,709	85,005	173,785	1,749,690	575,487
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		1,438,115	57,373	85,005	173,789	1,754,282	579,136
Net gains/(losses) on investments	15	(1,113)	-	-	-	(1,113)	773
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS	12	(1,199,288)	145,266	(85,005)	(42,541)	(1,181,568)	26,053
Transfers between funds		107	20,029	(27,218)	7,082	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	20	(1,199,181)	165,295	(112,223)	(35,459)	(1,181,568)	26,053
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS							
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	20	2,520,700	118,884	200,264	137,326	2,977,174	2,951,121
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	20	1,321,519	284,179	88,041	101,867	1,795,606	2,977,174

The notes on pages 12 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT AUGUST 31 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	12		1,266,876		2,430,880
Investments	13		<u>77,670</u>		<u>77,562</u>
			1,344,546		2,508,442
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	14	20,136		25,311	
Investments	15	343,124		333,747	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>256,392</u>		<u>323,314</u>	
		619,652		682,372	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in one year	16	<u>142,788</u>		<u>185,746</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
			<u>476,864</u>		496,626
			1,821,410		3,005,068
CREDITORS amounts falling due in more than one year					
	17		<u>25,804</u>		<u>27,894</u>
NET ASSETS					
			<u>1,795,606</u>		<u>2,977,174</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted:					
General	18	1,321,519		2,520,700	
Designated - DAF		284,179		118,884	
Designated other		<u>88,041</u>		<u>200,264</u>	
			1,693,739		2,839,848
Restricted	18		<u>101,867</u>		<u>137,326</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>1,795,606</u>		<u>2,977,174</u>

The notes on pages 12 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on:
And signed on their behalf by:

Revd Dr Andrew Lunn - Trustee

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
AS AT AUGUST 31 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Cash used in operating activities	22	<u>(62,303)</u>	<u>117,470</u>
Cashflows from investing activities			
Interest and dividends		5,979	6,114
Purchase of investments		<u>(1,221)</u>	<u>(1,842)</u>
Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>4,758</u>	<u>4,272</u>
Increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents in the year		(57,545)	121,742
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		657,061	535,319
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		<u>599,516</u>	<u>657,061</u>
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:			
Cash at bank and in hand		256,392	323,314
Current asset investments - Trustee interest fund		<u>343,124</u>	<u>333,747</u>
		<u>599,516</u>	<u>657,061</u>

The notes on pages 12 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2020

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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 2015; FRS102; and the Charities Act 2011.

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 July 16 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 stated in £ sterling the functional currency of the charity.

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.

Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably. The following applies to particular types of income:

Grants, whether of a capital or revenue nature, are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met and it is probable that the income will be received.

Donations from individuals and other bodies (not being of the nature of a grant) are recognised when receivable.

Earned income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for services and goods supplied, net of discounts.

Deferred income

Income is only deferred and included in creditors when:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and there is no contractual entitlement 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

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 and managing investments.

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.

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.

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Pension contributions

The District participates in the following pension funds:

Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund

The District 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% (2018: 26.9%) of stipend.

The MMPS is a multi-employer scheme, and in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, the District 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 staff

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its lay employees, and matches its employees' contributions up to 6% of gross pay. For one individual it has agreed to make contributions on a similar basis to their personnel pension scheme.

The contributions are paid to a third party who invests the contributions in a money purchase plan. Contributions are charged to the SoFA as they become payable.

Impairment

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are shown at cost to the District, with the exception of the manses and other property assets. These have been included at the Trustees' valuation as permitted under the SoRP, when assets not previously included 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:

Methodist International House	-	1% straight line (excluding freehold land)
District manse	-	1% straight line (excluding freehold land)
Property improvements	-	10% per annum straight line
Furniture and fittings	-	25% per annum straight line
Chapel in the Fields equipment	-	10% per annum straight line

Freehold land is not depreciated.

Investments, gains and losses

Fixed assets 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.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

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2 DONATIONS

	2020				2019
	Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Contributions from Circuit Model Trust Funds	-	66,184	-	66,184	58,479
Distribution Connexional Priority fund	-	133,599	-	133,599	117,380
Circuit Assessments	96,906	-	-	96,906	74,199
Legacy	-	-	-	-	74,862
District Partnership Fund	-	-	18,496	18,496	19,782
MIH other donations	-	-	1,035	1,035	4,659
Chapel in the Fields donations	-	-	12,044	12,044	5,486
	<u>96,906</u>	<u>199,783</u>	<u>31,575</u>	<u>328,264</u>	<u>354,847</u>

	2019			
	Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£
Contributions from Circuit Model Trust Funds	-	58,479	-	58,479
Distribution Connexional Priority fund	-	117,380	-	117,380
Circuit Assessments	74,199	-	-	74,199
Legacy	-	-	74,862	74,862
District Partnership Fund	-	-	19,782	19,782
MIH other donations	-	-	4,659	4,659
Chapel in the Fields donations	-	-	5,486	5,486
	<u>74,199</u>	<u>175,859</u>	<u>104,789</u>	<u>354,847</u>

3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2020			2019		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Core district activities						
Church Planting Officer - Connexion	-	32,417	32,417	-	32,417	32,417
City Centre Minister - MCHM	-	30,000	30,000	-	30,000	30,000
Temporary Missioner - MCHM	-	5,000	5,000	-	-	-
NWLN - Youth & Children's worker	-	-	-	-	5,097	5,097
TMCP - Synergy Project	-	-	-	-	7,500	7,500
Other Charitable income	514	-	514	1,889	-	1,889
	<u>514</u>	<u>67,417</u>	<u>67,931</u>	<u>1,889</u>	<u>75,014</u>	<u>76,903</u>
MIH						
Accommodation & other income	118,926	-	118,926	138,933	-	138,933
	<u>118,926</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,926</u>	<u>138,933</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>138,933</u>
Bastion Games						
Connexional grant	-	26,883	26,883	-	-	-
NPNP grant	-	1,500	1,500	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>28,383</u>	<u>28,383</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Chapel in the Fields						
Mission and Ministry grant	-	3,856	3,856	-	5,784	5,784
Other income	20,488	-	20,488	21,835	-	21,835
	<u>20,488</u>	<u>3,856</u>	<u>24,344</u>	<u>21,835</u>	<u>5,784</u>	<u>27,619</u>
Total	<u>139,928</u>	<u>99,656</u>	<u>239,584</u>	<u>162,657</u>	<u>80,798</u>	<u>243,455</u>

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THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2020

	2020				2019
	Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
4 INVESTMENT INCOME					
Income from fixed asset investments		-		-	-
Bank and CFB interest	2,743	2,856	17	5,616	5,525
Bank interest (MIH account)	363	-	-	363	589
	<u>3,106</u>	<u>2,856</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>5,979</u>	<u>6,114</u>

	2019			
	Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£
Income from fixed asset investments	-	-	-	-
Bank and CFB interest	3,007	2,497	21	5,525
Bank interest (MIH account)	589	-	-	589
	<u>3,596</u>	<u>2,497</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>6,114</u>

THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2020

5 COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS

	2020				2019
	Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment management charges	282	664	4	950	898
Support costs	3,642	-	-	3,642	2,751
	<u>3,924</u>	<u>664</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4,592</u>	<u>3,649</u>

	2019				
	Unrestricted	DAF	Restricted	Total	
	£	£	£	£	
Investment management charges	270	622	6	898	
Support costs	2,751	-	-	2,751	
	<u>3,021</u>	<u>622</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3,649</u>	

6 COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2020					2019
	Unrestricted	DAF	other des.	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
DAF Grants - note 7	-	43,734	-	-	43,734	132,074
Other charitable expenditure - note 8	1,434,191	12,975	85,005	173,785	1,705,956	443,413
	<u>1,434,191</u>	<u>56,709</u>	<u>85,005</u>	<u>173,785</u>	<u>1,749,690</u>	<u>575,487</u>

	2019					
	Unrestricted	DAF	other des.	Restricted	Total	
	£	£	£	£	£	
Grants - note 7	-	132,074	-	-	132,074	
Other charitable expenditure - note 8	290,729	1,332	82,484	68,868	443,413	
	<u>290,729</u>	<u>133,406</u>	<u>82,484</u>	<u>68,868</u>	<u>575,487</u>	

Included in other charitable expenditure for 2020 are the following grants:

	2020				
	Unrestricted	DAF	other des.	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
District Youth Council - 3 generate	-	-	-	900	900
Alderley Edge Methodist Church	-	-	-	74,862	74,862
Loan to Emmanuel Salford converted					
converted into a grant	11,500	-	-	-	11,500
GM Churches Together	3,250	-	-	-	3,250
GM Citizens	750	-	-	-	750
	<u>15,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,762</u>	<u>91,262</u>

In the previous year the District received a legacy with the wish that the funds would might be applied to support Alderley Edge Methodist Church. After prayerful consideration, the District agreed to make a grant of the same amount to the church.

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7 GRANTS DUE AND PAID

	Liability as at 31/08/18	Awarded in the year	Paid out in the year	Liability as at 31/08/19	Awarded in the year	Paid out in the year	Liability as at 31/08/20	20/21		21/22 & later	
								£		£	
District Advance fund											
Alderley Edge & Knutsford	9,656	(14,484)	4,828	-	-	-	-				
Alderley Edge & Knutsford	-	19,565	(8,029)	11,536	4,102	(6,306)	9,332	5,230	4,102		
Bramhall & Wythenshawe	2,500	-	(2,500)	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-	-		
Bramhall & Wythenshawe	-	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	5,000	5,000	-		
Bramhall & Wythenshawe	-	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	5,000	5,000	-		
Bramhall & Wythenshawe	-	500	(500)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Bramhall & Wythenshawe	-	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	5,000	5,000	-		
Buxton	-	5,000	(2,500)	2,500	5,000	(2,500)	5,000	2,500	2,500		
District	15,000	15,000	(15,000)	15,000	15,000	(15,000)	15,000	15,000	-		
District	-	3,250	(3,250)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
District	12,000	24,600	(12,000)	24,600	12,600	(12,200)	25,000	12,400	12,600		
District	5,000	5,000	(5,000)	5,000	5,000	(5,000)	5,000	5,000	-		
District	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
District	-	133	(133)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
District	-	138	(138)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
District	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-		
Manchester	-	936	(936)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Oldham & Saddleworth	6,300	-	-	6,300	(6,300)	-	-	-	-		
Oldham & Saddleworth	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Oldham & Saddleworth	-	9,500	-	9,500	4,000	(5,000)	8,500	4,500	4,000		
Oldham & Saddleworth	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Oldham & Saddleworth	-	-	-	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-		
Shaw & Royton	-	-	-	-	8,096	(2,705)	5,391	2,789	2,602		
Stockport	26,987	-	(15,000)	11,987	-	(11,987)	-	-	-		
- church plant	-	5,333	-	5,333	(1,333)	(4,000)	-	-	-		
- Bridge Centre manager	-	15,639	(6,000)	9,639	(4,431)	(5,208)	-	-	-		
- ongoing costs	-	3,000	(1,500)	1,500	(1,500)	-	-	-	-		
- youth room equipment	-	-	-	-	5,000	(2,500)	2,500	2,500	-		
Outreach through connect	-	1,964	(1,964)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Community based projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	82,443	112,074	(76,622)	117,895	53,734	(79,906)	91,723	65,919	25,804		
Property grants											
Bramhall & Wythenshawe	-	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	5,000	5,000	-		
Oldham & Saddleworth	-	5,000	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-	-		
Stockport	-	5,000	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-	-		
Whaley Bridge	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	-	20,000	(5,000)	15,000	(10,000)	-	5,000	5,000	-		
TOTALS	82,443	132,074	(81,622)	132,895	43,734	(79,906)	96,723	70,919	25,804		

8 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

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8 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE (continued)

	Unrestricted funds				Restricted Funds	2020 Total	Unrestricted funds				Restricted	2019 Total
	General	Designated					General	Designated				
		£	£	DAF	Other	£		£	DAF	Other	£	£
MIH												
Direct costs												
Staff costs	87,309	-	-	-	-	87,309	87,731	-	-	-	-	87,731
Property and insurance costs	48,071	-	-	-	-	48,071	55,843	-	-	-	-	55,843
Internet service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating costs	20,215	-	-	-	-	20,215	6,593	-	-	-	-	6,593
Activities and sundries	1,184	-	-	-	-	1,184	831	-	-	-	-	831
Student hardship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	10,005	-	-	-	-	10,005	19,469	-	-	-	-	19,469
Support costs												
Accountancy & payroll	1,012	-	-	-	-	1,012	660	-	-	-	-	660
Interest and charges	1,350	-	-	-	-	1,350	1,049	-	-	-	-	1,049
Charged to designated funds	(6,210)	6,210	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charged restricted funds	(3,517)	-	-	-	3,517	-	(4,659)	-	-	-	4,659	-
	159,419	-	6,210	-	3,517	169,146	167,517	-	-	-	4,659	172,176
Bastion Games												
Staff costs	-	-	-	-	15,294	15,294	-	-	-	-	-	-
Consultancy/management costs	-	3,500	-	-	-	3,500	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other costs	176	3,600	-	-	1,151	4,927	-	-	-	-	-	-
	176	7,100	-	-	16,445	23,721	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chapel in the Fields												
Stipend	26,418	-	3,856	-	3,856	34,130	21,418	-	5,784	5,784	-	32,986
Manse costs	4,916	-	-	-	-	4,916	4,800	-	-	-	-	4,800
Activity costs	5,954	-	-	-	-	5,954	11,373	-	-	-	-	11,373
Heat, light, water	1,199	-	-	-	-	1,199	808	-	-	-	-	808
Phone	334	-	-	-	-	334	581	-	-	-	-	581
Chapel maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	336	-	-	-	-	336
Depreciation	900	-	-	-	-	900	900	-	-	-	-	900
Other costs charged to restricted funds	(12,044)	-	-	-	12,044	-	(5,486)	-	-	-	5,486	-
	27,677	-	3,856	-	15,900	47,433	34,730	-	5,784	11,270	-	51,784

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9 SUPPORT COSTS	Raising Funds	Charitable Activities	2020 Total	Raising Funds	Charitable Activities	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General support costs						
Staff costs	1,480	13,324	14,804	1,312	11,811	13,123
Travel & other expenses	29	260	289	9	81	90
Office and other administration costs	1,395	12,555	13,950	507	4,562	5,069
Management accounts services	738	6,639	7,377	923	8,304	9,227
Governance costs						
Synod expenses	-	-	-	-	1,716	1,716
Professional fees	-	3,000	3,000	-	1,400	1,400
	<u>3,642</u>	<u>35,778</u>	<u>39,420</u>	<u>2,751</u>	<u>27,874</u>	<u>30,625</u>

The above costs are in respect of the District core activities only and none are attributable to MIH. MIH has its own administration and those support costs are shown in note 10.

The District Advance Fund (DAF) is administered by volunteers and no support costs are attributable to the grant making activities.

Costs have been allocated on the trustees estimate of the use of resources.

10 NET INCOMING RESOURCES AFTER TRANSFERS	2020	2019
	£	£
This is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Independent examiners fees:		
Examination	660	1,400
Accountancy	2,340	-
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	24,004	33,469
Trustees' remuneration as trustees	-	-
Trustees' expenses as trustees	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

11 STAFF INFORMATION	2020	2019
	£	£
a Staff costs		
Stipends and salaries	192,845	194,226
Pension contributions - Methodist Ministers Scheme	23,462	19,504
Pension contributions - defined contribution	6,987	7,668
Employer's NI contributions	16,449	13,682
	<u>239,744</u>	<u>235,080</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, who include the District Mission Enabler (DME) and the City Centre Minister who hold a paid posts within the charity. Both are appointed to the District Council because of the posts they hold. No other trustee is paid by the District.

Details of payments are given in the related parties note.

c Average staff numbers (head count irrespective of full or part time working)

The average number of members of paid staff was as follows:-

	Number	Number
District core activities	7	5
Bastion Games	1	0
Chapel in the Fields	1	1
MIH	6	7
	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>

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12 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Methodist International House	District Manse	Core Office Equipment	MIH Furniture & Equipment	CiF Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£	£	£
As at September 1 2019	2,162,462	464,960	1,533	52,612	10,000	2,691,567
As at August 31 2020	2,162,462	464,960	1,533	52,612	10,000	2,691,567
Depreciation						
As at September 1 2019	205,680	12,400	1,533	38,374	2,700	260,687
Charge for the year	16,782	3,100	-	3,222	900	24,004
Impairment loss	1,140,000	-	-	-	-	1,140,000
As at August 31 2020	1,362,462	15,500	1,533	41,596	3,600	1,424,691
Net book value						
As at August 31 2020	800,000	449,460	-	11,016	6,400	1,266,876
As at August 31 2019	1,956,782	452,560	-	14,238	7,300	2,430,880

Details of the impairment review are given in note 25.

13 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Market value brought forward	77,562	74,947
Income re-invested	1,221	1,842
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	(1,113)	773
Market value carried forward	77,670	77,562
Investments at fair value comprise:		
CFB mixed managed units	15,655	14,434
Cash held within investment portfolio	62,015	63,130
	77,670	77,564

14 DEBTORS

Income receivable	5,989	2,304
Loan to Emmanuel Salford	-	11,500
Prepayments & other debtors	14,147	11,507
	20,136	25,311

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	2020	2019
	£	£
15 CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS		
CFB Trustees' Interest Fund - DAF	342,032	331,761
CFB Trustees' Interest Fund - Youth Council surplus funds	1,092	1,986
	<u>343,124</u>	<u>333,747</u>
16 CREDITORS falling due within one year		
Creditors and accruals	42,837	41,245
Social Security and other taxes	8,406	6,571
Income and grants in advance	8,206	18,509
DAF grants payable within 12 months	70,919	105,001
Other loan	10,000	10,000
Residents' deposits	2,420	4,420
	<u>142,788</u>	<u>185,746</u>
17 CREDITORS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR		
DAF grants payable in more than one year	25,804	27,894
	<u>25,804</u>	<u>27,894</u>

18 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

Transfers 2019/20

Transfers have been made to/from CIF and MIH surpluses to represent the unrestricted funds held within those projects..

A transfer has been made from unrestricted to church planting officer to eliminate the expenditure in the year so as to ensure adequate funding as this project restarts.

The unspent allocation for District Core and City Centre ministry for 19/20 have been released back to the DAF.

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18 STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

	2018/19					2019/20				
	01/09/2018	Income	Expenditure	Gains & losses	Transfers	Income	Expenditure	Gains & losses	Transfers	31/08/2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds:										
Legacy	-	74,862	-	-	-	-	(74,862)	-	-	-
District Partnership fund	8,511	19,782	(19,983)	-	-	18,496	(19,787)	-	-	7,019
Church Planting officer	-	32,417	-	-	-	32,417	(7,082)	-	7,082	64,834
City Centre Minister	-	30,000	(30,000)	-	-	30,000	(30,000)	-	-	-
Temporary Missioner	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-
LN - Children & Youth enabler	3,822	5,097	(2,177)	-	-	6,742	-	-	-	6,742
Synergy Project	-	7,500	-	-	-	7,500	(292)	-	-	7,208
Ministers' training fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HVC former staff re attendance at ordination services	810	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	810
George Poole Bequest	777	4	(781)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District Youth Council	2,114	17	(4)	-	-	17	(904)	-	-	1,240
MIH project	4,282	-	-	-	-	-	(2,482)	-	(1,800)	-
MIH - general donations	-	4,659	(4,659)	-	-	1,035	(1,035)	-	-	-
MIH - hardship fund	276	-	-	-	-	276	-	-	1,800	2,076
Bastion Games	-	-	-	-	-	28,383	(16,445)	-	-	11,938
CinF - Mission & Ministry grant	-	5,784	(5,784)	-	-	3,856	(3,856)	-	-	-
CinF - Donations	-	5,486	(5,486)	-	-	12,044	(12,044)	-	-	-
	20,592	185,608	(68,874)	-	-	131,248	(173,789)	-	7,082	101,867

Purpose of restricted fund balances (if not clear from above)

District Youth Council To support youth work in the District, either through District initiatives or by grants to Circuits and Churches, to be spent in the next 2 years.

Other restricted funds will be utilised during 2020/21 and 2021/22.

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18 STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

	Unrestricted funds			Restricted Funds	2020 Total	Unrestricted funds			Restricted	2019 Total
	General	DAF	Designated Other			General	DAF	Designated Other		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets - tangible	1,260,476	-	6,400	-	1,266,876	2,423,580	-	7,300	-	2,430,880
Fixed assets - investments	52,670	-	25,000	-	77,670	52,562	-	25,000	-	77,562
Interdivisional indebtedness	(10,000)	10,000	-	-	-	30,000	10,000	(40,000)	-	-
Net Current assets	18,373	299,983	56,641	101,867	476,864	14,558	136,778	207,964	137,326	496,626
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(25,804)	-	-	(25,804)	-	(27,894)	-	-	(27,894)
	1,321,519	284,179	88,041	101,867	1,795,606	2,520,700	118,884	200,264	137,326	2,977,174

Individual restricted funds, as at August 31 2020, are represented as follows:

District Partnership Fund	£	Church		Children & Youth		MIH funds	HVC fund	District		Total
		Planting Officer	Enabler	Youth	Bequest			Bastion Games	Synergy Project	
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets - tangible						-	-	-	-	-
Fixed assets - investments						-	-	-	-	-
Interdivisional indebtedness						-	-	-	-	-
Net Current assets	7,019	64,834	6,742		2,076	810	1,240	11,938	7,208	101,867
Creditors due in more than one year						-	-	-	-	-
	7,019	64,834	6,742		-	810	1,240	11,938	7,208	101,867

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19 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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

	2020	2019
	£	£
Financial assets		
that are investments measured at fair value	<u>77,670</u>	<u>77,562</u>
that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	<u>276,528</u>	<u>348,625</u>
Financial liabilities		
measured at amortised cost	<u>(142,788)</u>	<u>(185,746)</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.

20 TAXATION

The District 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 contacted for at the end of the year (2019 £Nil).

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

	2020	2019
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers	(1,181,568)	26,053
Deduct/(add) gains/(losses) on investments	1,113	(773)
Deduct interest income shown in investing activities	(5,979)	(6,114)
Add back depreciation tangible fixed assets	24,004	33,469
Add back impairment loss	1,140,000	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	5,175	1,656
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>(45,048)</u>	<u>63,179</u>
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	<u>(62,303)</u>	<u>117,470</u>

The charity has no debt.

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23 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Mission Enabler, Revd Rod Hill, is a member of the District Council and as such is a trustee, although he receives no payment for acting as a trustee. In the year he received a stipend of £29,653, plus manse provision (2018/19 - £28,804 plus manse provision).

The City Centre Minister, Revd Ian Rutherford, is a member of the District Council as from 1/9/19 and as such is a trustee, although he receives no payment for acting as a trustee. He was paid a stipend of £25,017. The manse is provided by the Manchester Circuit as its contribution to the support of this post.

The Chair of District, Revd Dr Andrew Lunn, is stationed to the District by the Methodist Conference and he is a trustee of the District. His stipend is paid by the through the Methodist Church Fund and is not included in these accounts. The District provides him with a manse and meets the expenses of his office.

The members of the District Council are the members of Transforming Churches and Communities (TCC), a charitable incorporated organisation (charity number 1150394). The District works with TCC who deliver a range of services to the District, Circuits and Churches. During the year the District made grants and paid fees for services to TCC as follows:

- Grants of £15,000 (2018/19 - £16,000);
- Fees for providing other services of £16,122 (2018/19 - £7,200); and
- £16,666 (2019: £19,983) for the delivery of services under the District Partnership Fund.

Ms Angela Doyle, who is also the District Administrator and does work for MIH, was appointed District Council Secretary by the Synod with effect from September 1 2013 and served until December 31 2018, and as such was a trustee. She did not receive any remuneration for acting as a trustee. She was paid £12,122 in 2018/19 for her other roles.

There were no other related party transactions.

24 CONTRIBUTIONS TO METHODIST CHURCH FUND (MCF)

In addition to the assessments on the Circuits to help fund the cost of running the District, the District acted as agent for the MCF which levied assessments on the Circuits in this District totalling £518,562 (2019: £530,274) all of which were collected before the year end and paid over to MCF in the year. No balance was held at the year end (2019: none), and no fee is received by the District and no costs incurred in handling these contributions. These contributions for the MCF do not appear elsewhere in these financial statements.

25 IMPAIRMENT REVIEW

The trustees have carried out an impairment review of Methodist International House because of the losses that had been incurred and the Charity's policy of expecting that this project would at least break even. This has resulted in the recognition of the asset at its current expected market value of £800,000, being greater than the asset's value in use.

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The following pages do not form part of the statutory accounts.

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DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – DISTRICT CORE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2020**

	Unrestricted funds			Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Unrestricted funds			Restricted Funds	Total 2019
	General	Designated funds				General	Designated funds			
		DAF	Other				DAF	Other		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME										
Contributions from CMT	-	66,184	-	-	66,184	-	58,479	-	-	58,479
Distribution Connexional Priority fund	-	133,599	-	-	133,599	-	117,380	-	-	117,380
Circuit Assessments	96,906	-	-	-	96,906	74,199	-	-	-	74,199
Legacy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74,862	74,862
District Partnership Fund	-	-	-	18,496	18,496	-	-	-	19,782	19,782
Methodist Church - Church planting offi	-	-	-	32,417	32,417	-	-	-	32,417	32,417
MCMNC - City Centre Minister	-	-	-	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	30,000	30,000
MCMNC - Temporary Missioner	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-
TMCP - re Synergy Project	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,500	7,500
Learning Network	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,097	5,097
Other charitable income	514	-	-	-	514	1,889	-	-	-	1,889
Income from fixed asset investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank and CFB interest	2,743	2,856	-	17	5,616	3,007	2,497	-	21	5,525
	100,163	202,639	-	85,930	388,732	79,095	178,356	-	169,679	427,130
EXPENDITURE										
Staffing	53,514	5,000	68,194	42,082	168,790	51,199	332	67,284	32,956	151,771
Pastoral & ministerial support	-	-	2,557	-	2,557	-	-	129	-	129
Training	763	-	-	-	763	2,024	-	-	-	2,024
Grants DAF	-	43,734	-	-	43,734	-	132,074	-	-	132,074
Grants Youth Council	-	-	-	900	900	-	-	-	-	-
Grants other	15,500	-	-	74,862	90,362	4,000	-	550	-	4,550
District development plan	-	-	4,188	-	4,188	-	-	8,423	-	8,423
District Partnership fund	-	-	-	19,787	19,787	-	-	-	19,983	19,983
Events, meetings and travel	2,657	-	-	-	2,657	3,633	-	314	-	3,947
Consultancy	700	875	-	-	1,575	-	-	-	-	-
Property support services	-	-	-	-	-	865	-	-	-	865
Management accounting	7,377	-	-	-	7,377	9,227	-	-	-	9,227
Office costs	13,950	-	-	-	13,950	4,069	1,000	-	-	5,069
Independent examination	3,000	-	-	-	3,000	1,400	-	-	-	1,400
Synod expenses	-	-	-	-	-	1,716	-	-	-	1,716
Synergy project	-	-	-	292	292	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	13,100	-	-	-	13,100	13,100	-	-	-	13,100
Impairment loss	1,140,000	-	-	-	1,140,000	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	282	664	-	4	950	270	622	-	6	898
	1,250,843	50,273	74,939	137,927	1,513,982	91,503	134,028	76,700	52,945	355,176
	(1,150,680)	152,366	(74,939)	(51,997)	(1,125,250)	(12,408)	44,328	(76,700)	116,734	71,954

**THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – DISTRICT CORE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2020**

	Unrestricted funds			Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Unrestricted funds			Restricted Funds	Total 2019
	General	Designated funds				General	Designated funds			
		DAF	Other				DAF	Other		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staffing										
Mission enabler										
Stipend, nic and pension	-	-	39,372	-	39,372	-	-	38,292	-	38,292
Expenses	-	-	3,562	-	3,562	-	-	6,812	-	6,812
Manse costs	-	-	17,777	-	17,777	-	-	15,532	-	15,532
	-	-	60,711	-	60,711	-	-	60,636	-	60,636
Chair of District										
Expenses	1,958	-	-	-	1,958	966				966
Manse costs	4,810	-	-	-	4,810	6,758				6,758
	6,768	-	-	-	6,768	7,724	-	-	-	7,724
Safeguarding officer										
Salary, nic and pension	28,288	-	-	-	28,288	26,838				26,838
Expenses	2,538	-		-	2,538	3,424				3,424
	30,826	-	-	-	30,826	30,262	-	-	-	30,262
City Centre Minister										
Stipend, nic and pension	-	-	5,841	30,000	35,841	-	-	2,988	30,000	32,988
Expenses	-	-	1,642	-	1,642	-	-	3,660	-	3,660
	-	-	7,483	30,000	37,483	-	-	6,648	30,000	36,648
Church Planting Minister										
Stipend, nic and pension	-			6,427	6,427	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses/manse costs	-			655	655	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	7,082	7,082	-	-	-	-	-
Temporary Missioner										
Stipend, nic and pension	827	5,000	-	5,000	10,827	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-				-	-	-	-	-	-
	827	5,000	-	5,000	10,827	-	-	-	-	-
Children & Youth Work enabler										
Salary, nic and pension	-		-	-	-	-	332	-	2,790	3,122
Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	166	166
	-	-	-	-	-	-	332	-	2,956	3,288
Administrator and PA										
Salary, nic and pension	14,804	-	-	-	14,804	13,123	-	-	-	13,123
Expenses	289	-	-	-	289	90	-	-	-	90
	15,093	-	-	-	15,093	13,213	-	-	-	13,213
TOTAL STAFFING	53,514	5,000	68,194	42,082	168,790	51,199	332	67,284	32,956	151,771

**THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – MIH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2020**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Accommodation fees	118,926	-	118,926	138,218
Donations & gift aid	-	1,035	1,035	4,659
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-
Fundraising income	-	-	-	-
Other income	-	-	-	715
Bank interest	363	-	363	589
	<u>119,289</u>	<u>1,035</u>	<u>120,324</u>	<u>144,181</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Staff costs	87,309	-	87,309	87,731
Property costs (ex utilities)	9,521	-	9,521	13,199
Utilities	31,033	-	31,033	35,544
Insurance	7,517	-	7,517	7,100
Refurbishment	-	-	-	-
Internet service	-	-	-	-
Advertising	-	-	-	-
Operating costs	20,215	-	20,215	6,593
Activities and sundry costs	1,184	-	1,184	831
Student hardship fund	-	-	-	-
Accountancy & payroll services	1,012	-	1,012	660
Legal fees	-	-	-	-
Credit card & bank charges	1,350	-	1,350	1,049
Depreciation	10,005	-	10,005	19,469
Allocated to restricted gen	(3,517)	3,517	-	-
	<u>165,629</u>	<u>3,517</u>	<u>169,146</u>	<u>172,176</u>
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	<u>(46,340)</u>	<u>(2,482)</u>	<u>(48,822)</u>	<u>(27,995)</u>

**THE METHODIST CHURCH - MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT DISTRICT
DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – CiF
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 2020**

	2020	2019
INCOME	£	£
Grant - Connexion	3,856	5,784
Grant -DAF	3,856	5,784
Donations - money	12,044	5,486
Donations - in kind	-	-
Quiet days	1,352	1,377
Workshops	8,011	11,145
Sale of products	9,528	6,778
Hire of chapel	1,597	2,535
	<u>40,244</u>	<u>38,889</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Stipend	34,130	32,986
Manse costs	4,916	4,800
Activity costs	5,954	11,373
Heat, light, water	1,199	808
Phone	334	581
Chapel maintenance	-	336
Depreciation	900	900
	<u>47,433</u>	<u>51,784</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<u><u>(7,189)</u></u>	<u><u>(12,895)</u></u>