

LOWESTOFT AND EAST SUFFOLK METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1135624

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2010-04-21

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: We have met as a Circuit Meeting of Trustees to plan, discuss and implement decisions in accordance with our current Mission Statement, to further the work of the Methodist Church in the Lowestoft and East Suffolk Circuit.

Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Norfolk
- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£158,873	£213,854	-	-
2024-08-31	£165,571	£204,174	-	-
2023-08-31	£594,133	£291,407	£2,765,270	1
2022-08-31	£141,283	£165,690	-	-
2021-08-31	£268,083	£188,209	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Martin Lewis Keenan	Chair	2022-09-01
ANDREA KAREN RUSSELL		2019-09-01
Alan Theodore Reginald Furness		2022-07-31
BRENDA SIGSWORTH		
CAROL SALLY DAINES		2014-11-18
Daniel Howlett		2024-06-27
David Pitt		2023-10-18
Diana Margaret Furness		2022-07-31
Elizabeth Grieve		2026-05-13
Elizabeth Mary Zukiewicz		2024-06-10
HAZEL MARION CATCHPOLE		
JULIAN ROGERS		2014-07-07
Karen Jane Delf		2024-09-01
Levi Lovelock		2026-03-24
MR BARRY GIBSON		
Mandy Hoadley		2026-05-13
REV PAM BAYLISS		
Rev ROBERT SOANES		
Sally Pickess		2019-02-26
Susan Groome		2016-09-15
THELMA WALLER		
TINA ROSE LONG		
VALERIE BRENDA HOWLETT		
Warren Low		2026-03-24

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2024 TO 31 AUGUST 2025

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1135624

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS: 27 MEADOW GARDENS, BECCLES, SUFFOLK, NR34 9PA

TRUSTEES: THE NAMES OF THE MANAGING TRUSTEES ARE LISTED ON THE CHARITY COMMISSION WEBSITE OR ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CIRCUIT TREASURER

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

THE MAIN AIMS OF THE CIRCUIT POLICY ARE:

1. TO COMMISSION AND CHALLENGE OUR CHURCHES TO GROW IN FAITH AND UNDERSTANDING OF GOD AND HIS PURPOSE AND TO MAKE NEW DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.
2. TO EXCEL IN LOCAL AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT, AWARENESS AND OUTREACH, AND TO SEE GROWTH ROOTED IN LOCAL CONGREGATIONS.
3. TO CELEBRATE AND DEVELOP ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS.
4. TO ENABLE EVERYONE, STAFF AND MEMBERS ALIKE, TO REALISE, USE AND STRETCH THEIR GOD-GIVEN GRACES AND SKILLS; AND IN PARTICULAR TO DEVELOP A TEAM APPROACH THAT WILL LIBERATE THE MINISTRY TO EXERCISE THEIR GIFTS ACROSS THE CIRCUIT, EVEN THOUGH THEY WILL RETAIN PARTICULAR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SPECIFIC CHURCHES.
5. TO DRAW OUR CHURCHES CLOSER TOGETHER AS A CIRCUIT FAMILY, SO THAT WE CAN GIVE TRUE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO EACH OTHER.
6. THE CIRCUIT LEADERSHIP TEAM, MEETING REGULARLY EXISTS TO ADVISE THE CIRCUIT MEETING ON MATTERS OF POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT, AND TO SEE THAT THE DECISIONS OF THE CIRCUIT MEETING ARE IMPLEMENTED.

THE CIRCUIT NOW HAS SEVEN CHURCHES, AND TWO ADDITIONAL CHURCH PREMISES AND IS SERVED BY ONE FULL-TIME MINISTER. SUPPLEMENTED BY ACTIVE SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS AND LAY PREACHERS. THE CIRCUIT ALSO EMPLOYS A LAY WORKER ADMINISTRATOR.

THE CIRCUIT PRODUCES A QUARTERLY PREACHING PLAN TO ENSURE REGULAR ACTS OF WORSHIP TAKE PLACE AT EACH OF THE METHODIST/LEP CHURCHES. THEY ARE OPEN TO ALL PEOPLE WITHOUT CHARGE.

REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

DISCUSSIONS HAVE CONTINUED ACROSS THE CIRCUIT TO ENSURE THAT ALL CHURCHES ARE NOT UNNECESSARILY BURDENED FINANCIALLY WHILE THE CIRCUIT CONTINUES TO WORK TOWARDS ESTABLISHING A BALANCED BUDGET. THE SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER CONTINUES TO EXPLORE FURTHER MISSION POSSIBILITIES AT ONE OF THE ADDITIONAL PREMISES, WORKING TOWARDS ESTABLISHING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

CHURCH FINANCES STILL HAVE NOT RECOVERED POST-COVID, SO EFFORTS HAVE CONTINUED TO BE MADE TO PROMOTE MISSION OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE CIRCUIT, SUPPORTED BY FUNDS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE OF PROPERTIES IN RECENT YEARS, 50% OF WHICH HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED FOR THIS PURPOSE. HOWEVER, WITH AGEING CONGREGATIONS THIS IS A CHALLENGE.

LOWESTOFT & EAST SUFFOLK METHODIST CIRCUIT

Circuit Meet Sept 2025

GENERAL ACCOUNT

YEARS ENDING 31 AUGUST

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
	year to	year to	year to	year to	year to	year to
	31/08/2025	31/08/2025	31/08/24	31/08/24	31/08/23	31/08/23
Stipends	34,210.00	33,505.00	59,133.51	60,565.00	57,270.40	56,341.00
National Insurance	4,255.34	3,673.00	6,021.83	6,376.00	5,763.53	5,740.00
Pension Contributions	6,220.00	9,013.00	14,838.56	16,292.00	14,582.04	16,621.00
Additional staff	0.00	25,000.00				
TOTAL STIPEND COST	44,685.34	71,191.00	79,993.90	83,233.00	77,615.97	78,702.00
Ministers' Travel	2,660.00	2,660.00	4,200.00	4,200.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
Net Cost of Lay Employee	5,621.12	6,000.00	5,729.12	6,200.00	5,210.88	6,000.00
Relocation expenses	720.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	423.17	2,500.00
TOTAL STAFF COST	53,686.46	79,851.00	89,923.02	93,633.00	86,850.02	90,802.00
District Assessment	25,827.00	25,827.00	27,338.00	27,338.00	29,396.00	29,396.00
Supernumeraries' Preaching Fees	4,686.30	5,000.00	4,147.05	4,000.00	3,981.95	3,800.00
Local Preachers' Travel	113.85	300.00	437.94	250.00	0.00	250.00
Circuit Stewards' Expenses	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Telephone and Computing	917.55	2,300.00	1,996.28	1,900.00	1,734.53	1,850.00
Postages & Stationery	3,453.54	1,750.00	1,639.85	1,750.00	1,435.22	1,750.00
Quinquennial Inspections	960.00	750.00	3,540.00	750.00	2,340.00	4,400.00
Net Cost of Manses (See Below)	22,294.47	17,181.00	9,817.92	12,331.00	12,608.48	13,931.00
Loans & Grants to Churches	5,799.50	15,000.00	312.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mission	26,880.94	80,000.00	18,874.81	400.00	2,079.28	400.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	4,412.71	1,000.00	3,218.71	1,000.00	664.15	1,000.00
Connexional Funds	150.00	1,500.00	150.00	1,500.00	150.00	2,000.00
LPs Fund costs	85.50	250.00	0.00	250.00	148.50	250.00
Invitations costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Carlton	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Corton Rd planning	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Southwold (running costs)	13,011.71	12,000.00		0.00	11,584.08	5,000.00
Southwold mission/Foodbank	22,986.66	30,000.00		0.00	656.70	0.00
TOTAL COST	185,266.19	272,909.00	161,395.58	145,302.00	153,628.91	155,029.00
CFB and Bank Interest	-1,707.45	-1,400.00	-2,053.85	-300.00	-1,624.60	-150.00
CMTF Loans and grants	-5,799.50	-15,000.00				0.00
Repaid loans to churches	-1,291.76	-1,000.00	-1,000.00		-780.76	0.00
Donations and Miscellaneous	-390.00	0.00	-345.00		-757.18	0.00
Connexional Funds	-150.00	-150.00	-150.00	-1,500.00	-150.00	-2,000.00
Licence/Rent of Southwold/misc	-9,622.90	-12,000.00			-13,758.34	0.00
Southwold MTF mission trans	-16,527.80	-15,000.00			-656.70	0.00
District grant Southwold	-1,175.00	-3,000.00	0.00	-650.00	-3,140.00	
Transfer of funds Lps/Mission CFB	-85.50	-250.00				
Misc Southwold /F/Bank Mission	-494.50	0.00	0.00		-1,708.72	-650.00
CMTF Manse exp	-16,107.66		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CMTF Withdrawal Mission	-21,105.91	-80,000.00	-18,822.86	0.00	-519.06	0.00
TOTAL NET COST	110,808.21	145,109.00	139,023.87	142,852.00	130,533.55	152,229.00
Total Assessments	115,254.54	122,462.00	119,623.34	122,462.00	116,925.62	114,451.00
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	4,446.33	-22,647.00	-19,400.53	-20,390.00	-13,607.93	-37,778.00
CMTF Withdrawal	5,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	30,000.00	45,000.00
BALANCE B/F 1 SEPT	71,257.86	71,257.86	90,658.39	90,658.39	74,266.32	74,266.32
BALANCE C/F 31 AUG	80,704.19	58,610.86	71,257.86	90,268.39	90,658.39	81,488.32
MANSES ACCOUNT						
Repairs & Renewals :						
Ashburnham Way, Lowestoft	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	885.44	500.00
Corton Road, Lowestoft	1,161.72	5,000.00	338.55	2,500.00	2,668.00	2,500.00
Beccles	16,510.42	5,000.00	1,787.00	2,500.00	2,490.20	3,500.00
	17,672.14	10,000.00	2,125.55	5,000.00	6,043.64	6,500.00
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Water & Sewerage	625.55	1,200.00	1,654.31	1,200.00	623.00	1,400.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	780.11	200.00	206.00	500.00	1.29	250.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	22,715.69	17,300.00	9,936.92	12,450.00	13,532.09	14,050.00
Deduct : Sub-station Rent	119.00	119.00	119.00	119.00	119.00	119.00
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Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Lowestoft and East Suffolk Methodist	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024

East Anglia	District	Circuit no	14/07/24
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1135624

If not a registered charity **His Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**

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(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

Rev Martin Keenan
Deacon Linda Kinchenton

Circuit Stewards:

Rev Robert Soanes

Treasurer:

Rev Robert Soanes

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	120,202			120,202	116,926
a3	Capital receipts	0			0	442,723
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,088	24,158	7,031	33,277	15,123
a5	Grants				0	0
a6	Other receipts	11,948	144		12,092	19,361
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	134,237	24,303	7,031	165,571 (a8)	594,133

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	89,951			89,951	86,850
b3	Manse Costs	9,937			9,937	6,044
b4	Administration etc	3,610			3,610	3,170
b5	District Assessment	27,338			27,338	29,396
b6	Grants & donations	19,187			19,187	2,079
b7					0	
b8	Other payments	25,536	28,244	371	54,151	163,868
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	175,560	28,244	371	204,174 (b9)	291,407

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(41,322)	(3,941)	6,660	(38,604)	302,726
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	90,657	475,192	130,112	695,961 (c6)	393,087	
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	49,335	471,251	136,772	657,357	695,813
c4	Transfers and adjustments	19,691	(18,823)	(868)	(0) (c7)	148	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	69,026	452,428	135,904	657,357 (c8)	695,961 (c6)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS						
d	(these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				150	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				150	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)				0	0

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Southwold Foodbank	10,575	3,773	6,802		0	6,802
e2			0			0
e3			0			0
e4			0			0
e5			0			0
e6			0			0
e7			0			0
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	10,575	3,773	6,802	0	0 (e11)	6,802 (e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	165,571 (a8)	204,174 (b9)	(38,604)	(0) (c7)	695,961 (c6)	657,357 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	176,146	207,947	(31,801)	(0)	695,961 (x)	664,160 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	30,098	28,120
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	60,559	40,906
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	475,193	452,429
f6 Other funds	130,112	135,904
f7 SUB TOTAL	695,962 (c6)	657,359 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	0 (e11)	6,802 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	695,962 (x)	664,161 (y)

SECTION G
OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,066,016	2,130,801
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	3,292	2,292
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
 f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
 g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer *R Soanes* Date *24-10-24*

Name and address of treasurer Rev Robert Soanes

7 Dene Road, Lowestoft, NR32 4QE

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on September 30th 2024 and March 27th 2025
and ratified by emails by April 10th 2025.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *M Keenan*

Name of the Chair of the meeting *REV M. KEENAN* Date *10/4/25*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Lowestoft and East Suffolk Methodist Circuit

Charity Number 1135624

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lowestoft and East Suffolk Meth Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 1 to 3. As the Circuit'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 Circuit'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.

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Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below*~~) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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I ~~have~~/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner *R Sullivan*
Name of independent examiner *RICHARD SULLIVAN*
Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner *FCA*
Name of firm (where appropriate) *BARNARD SAMPSON LLP*
Address *3a QUAY VIEW ANSWELL PARK BARNARDS WAY*
..... *LOWESTOFT SUFFOLK* Post Code *NR32 2HD*
Date *26/2/25*

* delete or circle as appropriate

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 31 AUGUST 2024

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NAME: LOWESTOFT AND EAST SUFFOLK METHODIST CIRCUIT

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1135624

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS: 8 CORTON ROAD, LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK, NR32 4PL

TRUSTEES: THE NAMES OF THE MANAGING TRUSTEES ARE LISTED ON THE CHARITY COMMISSION WEBSITE OR ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CIRCUIT TREASURER

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

THE MAIN AIMS OF THE CIRCUIT POLICY ARE:

1. TO COMMISSION AND CHALLENGE OUR CHURCHES TO GROW IN FAITH AND UNDERSTANDING OF GOD AND HIS PURPOSE AND TO MAKE NEW DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.
2. TO EXCEL IN LOCAL AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT, AWARENESS AND OUTREACH, AND TO SEE GROWTH ROOTED IN LOCAL CONGREGATIONS.
3. TO CELEBRATE AND DEVELOP ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS.
4. TO ENABLE EVERYONE, STAFF AND MEMBERS ALIKE, TO REALISE, USE AND STRETCH THEIR GOD-GIVEN GRACES AND SKILLS; AND IN PARTICULAR TO DEVELOP A TEAM APPROACH THAT WILL LIBERATE THE MINISTRY TO EXERCISE THEIR GIFTS ACROSS THE CIRCUIT, EVEN THOUGH THEY WILL RETAIN PARTICULAR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SPECIFIC CHURCHES.
5. TO DRAW OUR CHURCHES CLOSER TOGETHER AS A CIRCUIT FAMILY, SO THAT WE CAN GIVE TRUE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO EACH OTHER.
6. THE CIRCUIT LEADERSHIP TEAM, MEETING REGULARLY EXISTS TO ADVISE THE CIRCUIT MEETING ON MATTERS OF POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT, AND TO SEE THAT THE DECISIONS OF THE CIRCUIT MEETING ARE IMPLEMENTED.

THE CIRCUIT HAS EIGHT CHURCHES, AND ONE ADDITIONAL CHURCH PREMISES AND WAS SERVED BY ONE FULL-TIME MINISTER AND ONE FULL-TIME DEACON, WORKING ON A SHARED MINISTRY BASIS SUPPLEMENTED BY ACTIVE SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS AND LAY PREACHERS. THE CIRCUIT ALSO EMPLOYS A LAY WORKER ADMINISTRATOR.

THE CIRCUIT PRODUCES A QUARTERLY PREACHING PLAN TO ENSURE REGULAR ACTS OF WORSHIP TAKE PLACE AT EACH OF THE METHODIST/LEP CHURCHES. THEY ARE OPEN TO ALL PEOPLE WITHOUT CHARGE.

REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

DISCUSSIONS HAVE CONTINUED ACROSS THE CIRCUIT TO ENSURE THAT ALL CHURCHES ARE NOT UNNECESSARILY BURDENED FINANCIALLY WHILE THE CIRCUIT CONTINUES TO WORK TOWARDS ESTABLISHING A BALANCED BUDGET. THE SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER CONTINUES TO EXPLORE FURTHER MISSION POSSIBILITIES AT THE ADDITIONAL PREMISES, WORKING TOWARDS ESTABLISHING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

CHURCH FINANCES STILL HAVE NOT RECOVERED POST-COVID, SO EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO PROMOTE MISSION OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE CIRCUIT, SUPPORTED BY FUNDS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE OF PROPERTIES IN RECENT YEARS, 50% OF WHICH HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED FOR THIS PURPOSE. HOWEVER, WITH AGEING CONGREGATIONS THIS IS A CHALLENGE.

THE CIRCUIT HAS ALSO CONSIDERED FUTURE STAFFING WITH THE UNEXPECTED RETIREMENT OF THE FULL TIME DEACON.

LOWESTOFT AND EAST SUFFOLK METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1135624

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Lowestoft and East Suffolk Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2023

East Anglia	District	Circuit no	14/7
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Registered Charly - Charity Registration number 1135624

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**
 (The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status
 Ministers:

Rev Martin Keenan
Deacon Linda Kinchenton

Circuit Stewards:

Rev R Soanes

Treasurer:
Rev R Soanes

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Name of Circuit

Lowestoft and East Suffolk

Circuit No
14-07

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

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Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2022/23	Totals 2021/22
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

Fixed Assets

Circuit Manses & Equipment	660,636					660,636	821,789
Investment properties	1,405,380					1,405,380	1,426,121
Investments						0	
Total fixed assets	2,066,016	0	0	0	0	2,066,016	2,247,910

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Current Assets

Debtors						0	
Loans by the Circuit	3,292					3,292	4,073
Investments with TMCP		475,193		130,112		605,305	317,262
Central Finance Board Deposits	60,559					60,559	26,397
Cash at Bank and in hand	30,098					30,098	49,429
Total current assets	93,949	475,193	0	130,112	0	699,254	397,161

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Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)						0	
Grants payable within 2022-23						0	
Total current liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net current assets/liabilities	93,949	475,193	0	130,112	0	699,254	397,161

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Total assets less current liabilities	2,159,965	475,193	0	130,112	0	2,765,270	2,645,071
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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2022-23						0	
Loans to the Circuit						0	
						0	
Net assets	2,159,965	475,193	0	130,112	0	2,765,270	2,645,071

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Funds of the Circuit

General Fund (Unrestricted)	2,159,965					2,159,965	2,327,809
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		475,193				475,193	190,204
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			0			0	
Total Unrestricted Funds						2,635,158	2,518,013
Restricted Funds				130,112		130,112	127,058
Endowment Funds					0	0	
Total Funds	2,159,965	475,193	0	130,112	0	2,765,270	2,645,071

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Circuit Treasurer

Rev A. Soames

Name of Circuit

Lowestoft and East Suffolk

Circuit No

14-07

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022-23
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1	Donations and legacies						0
2	Income from monetary Investments	1,625	9,427		4,072		15,123
3	Income from Investment properties	9,072					9,072
4	Assessments on Churches	116,926					116,926
5	Capital Receipts		442,723				442,723
6	Grants received						0
7	Other charitable income	10,289					10,289
8	Total Income	137,911	452,150	-	4,072	-	594,133
Expenditure							
9	Grants and donations	2,079					2,079
10	Salaries and associated costs	86,850					86,850
11	Property maintenance	6,044					6,044
12	Connexional assessment & model trust levy		136,642		362		137,003
13	District Assessment & Levy	29,396					29,396
14	Depreciation						0
15	Office expenses	3,170					3,170
16	Other outgoings	26,865					26,865
17	Total charitable expenditure	154,404	136,642	0	362	0	291,407
18	Gains/(losses) on monetary Investments						0
19	Gains/(losses) on Investment properties						
20	Net Income/(expenditure)	-16,493	315,508	0	3,710	0	302,726
21	Transfers between funds	31,324	30,519		657		148
22	Other gains/(losses)						
23	Net movement in funds	14,831	284,989	0	3,054	0	302,874
24	Total funds brought forward	75,826	190,203		127,058		393,087
25	Total funds carried forward	90,657	475,192	-	130,112	-	695,962

Name of Circuit ...Lowestoft and East Suffolk No.....14/07.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer  Date... 26.10.23

Name and address of treasurer ...Rev Robert Soanes
7 Dene Rd Lowestoft Suffolk.....
Post Code.....NR32 4QE.....

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 will * be presented to the Circuit meeting held on: ...March 21st 2024.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: 

Name of the Chair of the meeting: REV M. KEENAN Date 21/3/24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Lowestoft And East Suffolk Methodist Circuit

Charity Number ...1135624.....

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ...Lowestoft and East Suffolk Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 1 to 4 .
As the Circuit'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 Circuit'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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of CircuitLowestoft and East Suffolk Methodist Circuit No 14/07....

Independent Examiner's Statement

[The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND (insert name of applicable listed body)]. Delete [] if not applicable. AND WALS

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- 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
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

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.

I ~~have~~/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner *R M*

Name of independent examiner: *RICHARD SULLIVAN*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: *FCA*

Name of firm (where appropriate): *BARNARD JAMPSON LLP*

Address: *32 QUAY VIEW BUSINESS PARK, BARNARDS WAY,*

..... *LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK* Post Code: *NR32 2HD*

Date: *8/12/2023*

* delete or circle as appropriate

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2022 TO 31 AUGUST 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NAME: LOWESTOFT AND EAST SUFFOLK METHODIST CIRCUIT

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1135624

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS: 8 CORTON ROAD, LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK, NR32 4PL

TRUSTEES: THE NAMES OF THE MANAGING TRUSTEES ARE LISTED ON THE CHARITY COMMISSION WEBSITE OR ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CIRCUIT TREASURER

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

THE MAIN AIMS OF THE CIRCUIT POLICY ARE:

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6. THE CIRCUIT LEADERSHIP TEAM, MEETING REGULARLY EXISTS TO ADVISE THE CIRCUIT MEETING ON MATTERS OF POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT, AND TO SEE THAT THE DECISIONS OF THE CIRCUIT MEETING ARE IMPLEMENTED.

THE CIRCUIT NOW HAS EIGHT CHURCHES, AND ONE CLOSED CHURCH AND WAS SERVED BY ONE FULL-TIME MINISTER AND ONE FULL-TIME DEACON, WHO WERE WELCOMED INTO POST THIS YEAR, WORKING ON A SHARED MINISTRY BASIS SUPPLEMENTED BY ACTIVE SUPERNUMARY MINISTERS AND LAY PREACHERS. THE CIRCUIT ALSO EMPLOYS A LAY WORKER ADMINISTRATOR.

THE CIRCUIT PRODUCES A QUARTERLY PREACHING PLAN TO ENSURE REGULAR ACTS OF WORSHIP TAKE PLACE AT EACH OF THE METHODIST/LEP CHURCHES. THEY ARE OPEN TO ALL PEOPLE WITHOUT CHARGE.

REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

DISCUSSIONS HAVE CONTINUED ACROSS THE CIRCUIT, AND DECISIONS MADE TO ENSURE THAT ALL CHURCHES ARE NOT UNNECESSARILY BURDENED FINANCIALLY WHILE THE CIRCUIT CONTINUES TO WORK TOWARDS ESTABLISHING A BALANCED BUDGET.

THE NEW MINISTER HAS EXPLORED MISSION POSSIBILITIES AT THE CLOSED PREMISES, AND IS WORKING TOWARDS ESTABLISHING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, FOLLOWING ON FROM COVID, INPERSON ACTIVITIES HAVE STARTED TO REBUILD, BUT CONTINUE TO HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON CHURCH FINANCES. CIRCUIT RESERVES HAVE BEEN BOOSTED BY THE SALE OF A MANSE AND A REDUNDANT CHURCH, FIFTY PER CENT OF WHICH HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED FOR MISSION PROJECTS ACROSS THE CIRCUIT.

LOWESTOFT AND EAST SUFFOLK METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1135624

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Lowestoft and East Suffolk

Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2022

East Anglia

District

Circuit no

14/7

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1135624

If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status)

Ministers:

Rev Peter Rayson

Rev Louise Morrissey

Circuit Stewards:

Rev R Soanes

Mrs M Jackson

Treasurer:

Rev R Soanes

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021-22
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1	Donations and legacies				126,857		126,857
2	Income from monetary investments	163	892		202		1,257
3	Income from investment properties						0
4	Assessments on Churches	133,244					133,244
5	Capital Receipts						0
6	Grants received						0
7	Other charitable income	7,876					7,876
8	Total income	141,283	892	-	127,059	-	269,234
Expenditure							
9	Grants and donations						0
10	Salaries and associated costs	83,421					83,421
11	Property maintenance	19,924					19,924
12	Connexional assessment & model trust levy		7,924				7,924
13	District Assessment & Levy	31,609					31,609
14	Depreciation						0
15	Office expenses	2,650					2,650
16	Other outgoings	28,086					28,086
17	Total charitable expenditure	165,690	7,924	0	0	0	173,614
18	Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19	Gains/(losses) on investment properties						0
20	Net income/(expenditure)	-24,407	-7,032	0	127,059	0	95,620
21	Transfers between funds						0
22	Other gains/(losses)						0
23	Net movement in funds	-24,407	-7,032	0	127,059	0	95,620
24	Total funds brought forward	100,233	197,235				297,468
25	Total funds carried forward	75,826	190,203	-	127,059	-	393,088

This account is not prepared on a accruals basis.

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2021/22	Totals 2020/21
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

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Fixed Assets

Circuit Manses & Equipment	821,789					821,789	757,401
Investment properties	1,426,121					1,426,121	160,000
Investments						0	
Total fixed assets	2,247,910	0	0	0	0	2,247,910	917,401

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Current Assets

Debtors	0					0	0
Loans by the Circuit	4,073					4,073	4,073
Investments with TMCP		190,204		127,058		317,262	197,236
Central Finance Board Deposits	26,397					26,397	47,564
Cash at Bank and in hand	49,429					49,429	52,669
Total current assets	79,899	190,204	0	127,058	0	397,161	301,542

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Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)	0					0	0
Grants payable within 2021/22						0	
Total current liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net current assets/liabilities	79,899	190,204	0	127,058	0	397,161	301,542

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Total assets less current liabilities	2,327,809	190,204	0	127,058	0	2,645,071	1,218,943
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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2022						0	
Loans to the Circuit						0	
Net assets	2,327,809	190,204	0	127,058	0	2,645,071	1,218,943

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Funds of the Circuit

General Fund (Unrestricted)	2,327,809					2,327,809	
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		190,204				190,204	
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			0			0	
Total Unrestricted Funds						2,518,013	0
Restricted Funds				127,058		127,058	
Endowment Funds					0	0	
Total Funds	2,327,809	190,204	0	127,058	0	2,645,071	0

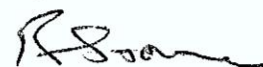
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General Fund unrestricted includes

Values of manses	821789
Sale value of Vacant building	160000
Value of Southwold church	1266121
Loans	4073
Cash assets	75826
Total funds	2327809

Circuit Treasurer



Name of CircuitLowestoft and East Suffolk..... No...14/7.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer R. Soanes Date 7.11.22

Name and address of treasurerRev Robert Soanes ,
7 Dene Rd, Lowestoft, Suffolk . NR32 4QE.....

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on ...February 23rd 2023 (or a rearranged date in March)

Signature of the Chair of the meeting M L Keenan

Name of the Chair of the meeting M L Keenan Date 30/03/23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Lowestoft and east Suffolk Methodist Circuit Charity Number 14/7

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lowestoft and East Suffolk Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages ... 1 to 4.... As the Circuit'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 Circuit'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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit Lowestoft and East Suffolk No14/7.....

Independent Examiner's Statement

[The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of (~~insert name of applicable listed body~~). ~~Delete [] if not applicable.~~
The Chartered Association of Certified Accountants

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below*~~) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- 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 ~~Delete if not applicable ie all R&P accounts~~
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts ~~Delete if not applicable ie all R&P accounts.~~

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.

I ~~have~~/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner *SA*

Name of independent examiner *STEWART BUCH*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner *FCCA*

Name of firm (where appropriate) *TUBBS LAW CAREY & CO LTD*

Address *18 COLSON ROAD LOWESTOFT*

..... *SUFFOLK* Post Code *IP32 1NL*

Date *30-11-2022*

* delete or circle as appropriate

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2021 TO 31 AUGUST 2022

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NAME: LOWESTOFT AND EAST SUFFOLK METHODIST CIRCUIT

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1135624

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS: 38 ASHBURNHAM WAY, CARLTON COLVILLE, LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK, NR33 8SJ

TRUSTEES: THE NAMES OF THE MANAGING TRUSTEES ARE LISTED ON THE CHARITY COMMISSION WEBSITE OR ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CIRCUIT TREASURER

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

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5. TO DRAW OUR CHURCHES CLOSER TOGETHER AS A CIRCUIT FAMILY, SO THAT WE CAN GIVE TRUE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO EACH OTHER. GUARDING AGAINST THE DANGER OF GEOGRAPHICAL ISOLATION, THE STAFF MEET REGULARLY FOR FELLOWSHIP AND SUPPORT.
6. THE CIRCUIT LEADERSHIP TEAM, MEETING REGULARLY EXISTS TO ADVISE THE CIRCUIT MEETING ON MATTERS OF POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT, AND TO SEE THAT THE DECISIONS OF THE CIRCUIT MEETING ARE IMPLEMENTED.

THE CIRCUIT NOW HAS EIGHT CHURCHES, AFTER SEEING ONE CLOSE DURING THE YEAR, AND WAS SERVED BY TWO FULL-TIME MINISTERS WORKING ON A SHARED MINISTRY BASIS SUPPLEMENTED BY ACTIVE SUPERNUMARY MINISTERS AND LAY PREACHERS. THE CIRCUIT ALSO EMPLOYS A LAY WORKER ADMINISTRATOR. THE CIRCUIT PRODUCES A QUARTERLY PREACHING PLAN TO ENSURE REGULAR ACTS OF WORSHIP TAKE PLACE AT EACH OF THE METHODIST/LEP CHURCHES. THEY ARE OPEN TO ALL PEOPLE WITHOUT CHARGE.

REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

DISCUSSIONS HAVE CONTINUED ACROSS THE CIRCUIT, AND DECISIONS MADE TO ENSURE THAT ALL CHURCHES ARE NOT UNNECESSARILY BURDENED FINANCIALLY.

COVID 19 HAS CONTINUED TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE CIRCUIT AND IT'S CHURCHES FINANCES. THREE CHURCHES CONTINUE TO ARRANGE SERVICES WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR OTHER MEMBERS TO ALSO JOIN. INPERSON ACTIVITIES HAVE SLOWLY RESTARTED BUT CONTINUE TO HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON FINANCES. THE CIRCUIT SAID GOODBYE TO IT'S EXISTING STAFF AND WELCOMED NEW STAFF ON SEPTEMBER 1ST. FINANCES ARE LIMITED BUT SUFFICIENT IS AVAILABLE FROM RESERVES TO SUPPORT THE CIRCUIT OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS, WHILE CONTINUING TO WORK TOWARDS ESTABLISHING A BALANCED BUDGET.

LOWESTOFT AND EAST SUFFOLK METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1135624

Accounts

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2020 TO 31 AUGUST 2021

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NAME: LOWESTOFT AND EAST SUFFOLK METHODIST CIRCUIT

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1135624

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS: 38 ASHBURNHAM WAY, CARLTON COLVILLE, LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK, NR33 8SJ

TRUSTEES: THE NAMES OF THE MANAGING TRUSTEES ARE LISTED ON THE CHARITY COMMISSION WEBSITE OR ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CIRCUIT TREASURER

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

THE MAIN AIMS OF THE CIRCUIT POLICY ARE:

1. TO COMMISSION AND CHALLENGE OUR CHURCHES TO GROW IN FAITH AND UNDERSTANDING OF GOD AND HIS PURPOSE AND TO MAKE NEW DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.
2. TO EXCEL IN LOCAL AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT, AWARENESS AND OUTREACH, AND TO SEE GROWTH ROOTED IN LOCAL CONGREGATIONS.
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THE CIRCUIT PRODUCES A QUARTERLY PREACHING PLAN TO ENSURE REGULAR ACTS OF WORSHIP TAKE PLACE AT EACH OF THE METHODIST/LEP CHURCHES. THEY ARE OPEN TO ALL PEOPLE WITHOUT CHARGE.

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COVID 19 HAS HAD A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE CIRCUIT AND IT'S CHURCHES FINANCES, BUT WITH THE USE OF ZOOM MEETINGS AND SERVICES, THIS HAS ENABLED BOTH LEADERSHIP MEETINGS AND CIRCUIT MEETINGS TO CONTINUE, WITH TWO CHURCHES ALSO ARRANGING SERVICES WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR OTHER MEMBERS TO ALSO JOIN. HOWEVER THE LACK OF INPERSON ACTIVITIES HAS HAD A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON FINANCES. THE CIRCUIT HAS DISPOSED OF A REDUNDANT BUILDING WHICH HAS ENSURED THAT THERE ARE FINANCES AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT THE CIRCUIT, WHILE CONTINUING TO WORK TOWARDS ESTABLISHING A BALANCED BUDGET

21/10/2021.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Lowestoft and East Suffolk

Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2021

East Anglia

District

Circuit no

14/7

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1135624

If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status

Ministers:

Rev Peter Rayson

Rev Louise Morrissey

Circuit Stewards:

Mr D Howlett

Mrs M Jackson

Mr C Reynolds

Treasurer:

Rev R Soanes

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020-21
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1 Donations and legacies							0
2 Income from monetary investments		42	434				476
3 Income from investment properties							0
4 Assessments on Churches		124,558					124,558
5 Capital Receipts			141,125				141,125
6 Grants received							0
7 Other charitable income		1,924					1,924
8 Total income		126,524	141,559	-	-	-	268,083
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		2,688					2,688
10 Salaries and associated costs		80,584					80,584
11 Property maintenance		2,536					2,536
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			40,238				40,238
13 District Assessment & Levy		33,988					33,988
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses		978					978
16 Other outgoings		27,197					27,197
17 Total charitable expenditure		147,971	40,238	0	0	0	188,209
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties							0
20 Net income/(expenditure)		-21,447	101,322	0	0	0	79,875
21 Transfers between funds		25,000	- 25,000				0
22 Other gains/(losses)							0
23 Net movement in funds		3,553	76,322	0	0	0	79,875
24 Total funds brought forward		96,680	120,914				217,594
25 Total funds carried forward		100,233	197,236	-	-	-	297,469

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

Notes to the account s	Circuit Model Designated					Total 2019-20 £
	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Trust (Unrestricted) £	Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	
Income						
1 Donations and legacies	3,700					3,700
2 Income from monetary investments	343	1,325				1,668
3 Income from investment properties						0
4 Assessments on Churches	124,948					124,948
5 Capital Receipts						0
6 Grants received						0
7 Other charitable income	11,455					
8 Total income	140,446	1,325	-	-	-	141,771
Expenditure						
9 Grants and donations	9,093					9,093
10 Salaries and associated costs	115,793					115,793
11 Property maintenance	6,353					6,353
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		7,214				7,214
13 District Assessment & Levy	34,643					34,643
14 Depreciation						0
15 Office expenses	1,818					1,818
16 Other outgoings	30,137					30,137
17 Total charitable expenditure	197,837	7,214	0	0	0	205,051
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						0
20 Net income/(expenditure)	-57,391	-5,889	0	0	0	-63,280
21 Transfers between funds	60,000	- 60,000				0
22 Other gains/(losses)						
23 Net movement in funds	2,609	-65,889	0	0	0	-63,280
24 Total funds brought forward	94,071	186,803				280,874
25 Total funds carried forward	96,680	120,914	-	-	-	217,594

Name of Circuit

Lowestoft and East Suffolk

Circuit No 14/7
14/07/21

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

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Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2020/21 £	Totals 2019/20 £
Fixed Assets							
Circuit Manses & Equipment	757,401					757,401	958,014
Investment properties	160,000					160,000	1,204,991
Investments						0	
Total fixed assets	917,401	0	0	0	0	917,401	2,163,005
Current Assets							
Debtors	0					0	0
Loans by the Circuit	4,173					4,173	3,573
Investments with TMCP		197,236				197,236	120,915
Central Finance Board	47,564					47,564	32,866
Cash at Bank and in hand	52,669					52,669	63,814
Total current assets	104,406	197,236	0	0	0	301,642	221,168
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1	0					0	0
Grants payable within 2021/22						0	
Total current liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net current assets/liabilities	104,406	197,236	0	0	0	301,642	221,168
Total assets less current	1,021,807	197,236	0	0	0	1,219,043	2,384,173

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Name of CircuitLowestoft and East Suffolk..... No...14/7.....

Declarations and Scrutiny


I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer  Date... 20/10/21

Name and address of treasurerRev Robert Soanes ,
7 Dene Rd, Lowestoft, Suffolk . NR32 4QE.....

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on ...February 17th 2022.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting ... Rev Peter Rayson Date ... 17/2/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Lowestoft and east Suffolk Methodist Circuit Charity Number 14/7

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lowestoft and East Suffolk Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages ... 1 to 4.... As the Circuit'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 Circuit'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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit Lowestoft and East Suffolk No14/7.....

Independent Examiner's Statement

[The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of (~~insert name of applicable listed body~~)]. ~~Delete [] if not applicable.~~

THE ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below*~~) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- 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 ~~Delete if not applicable ie all R&P accounts~~
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts ~~Delete if not applicable ie all R&P accounts.~~

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.

I have ~~have~~ not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner *SA*

Name of independent examiner *STEWART BLOCH*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner *FCCA*

Name of firm (where appropriate) *TUSS & CO LTD*

Address *18 Goran Road*

..... *Lowestoft Suffolk* Post Code *NR32 1VL*

Date *01/11/2021*

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