

MID LINCOLNSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1136058

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2010-05-21

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

Address 13 Woodland View
Spilsby
PE23 5GD

Phone 01790754056

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: The Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of worship take place at each of the 9 Methodist Churches in its area. These are open to all people, without charge. The Churches also run a range of social and fellowship activities. We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£278,921	£120,667	-	-
2024-08-31	£315,922	£217,613	-	-
2023-08-31	£0	£236,803	£926,755	2
2022-08-31	£115,181	£167,195	-	-
2021-08-31	£243,612	£160,460	-	-
2020-08-31	£206,699	£470,836	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
HELEN MARIE CLOUGH		

Accounts

MID-LINCOLNSHIRE METHODIST

CIRCUIT TRUSTEES ANNUAL

REPORT

For the year ended 31ST AUGUST 2025

Introduction

The Trustees are pleased to present the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Mid-Lincolnshire Methodist Circuit (hereinafter referred to as "The circuit") for the year ended 31st August 2025. There were no ministers stationed in the circuit during that year and Rev Graham Miles and Rev Richard Mottershead shared the responsibilities for pastoral care.

The circuit has now been disbanded and the Churches transferred into the Lincoln and East Lincolnshire Circuits.

Aims and Organisation

The Governing Document of the Charity was the Deed of Union of the Methodist Church 1932 and the Methodist Church Act 1976.

Brief financial review of the year

The main source of income was the assessments paid by the churches within the Circuit area. In the year to 31st August 2025, the assessments totalled **£42,956** (2024: £41,750). The main expenditure related to contributions to the District, and to the Methodist Church Fund **£54,316** (2024: £27,555). Other costs include the stipends of presbyters, together with related employment costs, including the provision of manses, and the reimbursement of travelling and other costs, totalled **£25,209** (2024; £86,710).

As of 31 August 2025, the net current, unrestricted, assets of the Circuit were **£619,920** (2024: £473,853), compared with total expenditure for the year of **£120,697** (2024: £217,613). These assets have been distributed between the Lincoln and East Lincolnshire Circuits.

Plans for 2025/26

The circuit ceased to exist on 31st August 2025.

Legal and Administrative

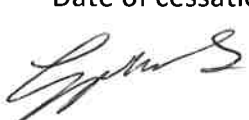
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Full Name of Charity: Mid-Lincolnshire Methodist Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1136058

Date of registration: 21st May 2010

Date of cessation: 31st August 2025

 Superintendent Mid Lines Circuit
 Meeting Secretary

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

MID LINCOLNSHIRE	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025**

LINCOLNSHIRE	District	Circuit no	17. / 04.
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Ministers:

Circuit Stewards:

Treasurer:

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		42,956			42,956	41,750
a3	Capital receipts			213,712		213,712	235,977
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,854	16,457	1,519	20,830	18,906
a5	Grants						8,000
a6	Other receipts		1,057		367	1,423	11,289
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		46,866	230,169	1,886	278,921 (a8)	315,922

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		11,977			11,977	81,211
b3	Manse Costs		13,233			13,233	5,499
b4	Administration etc		43	1,173	104	1,320	14,447
b5	District Assessment		36,000	18,318		54,318	27,555
b6	Grants & donations		35,645			35,645	
b7							
b8	Other payments		4,175			4,175	88,901
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		101,073	19,490	104	120,667 (b9)	217,613

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(54,207)	210,679	1,782	158,254	98,309
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		105,799	356,729	12,145	474,673 (c6)	376,364
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	51,592	567,408	13,927	632,928	474,673
c4	Transfers and adjustments		920		(920)		
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	52,512	567,408	13,008	632,928 (c8)	474,673 (c6)

SECTION D				
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (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			
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)			

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

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds				(e11)	(e12)
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)					
	278,921 (a8)	120,667 (b9)	158,254	(c7)	474,673 (c6)	632,928 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT					
	278,921	120,667	158,254		474,673 (x)	632,928 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward						
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		TOTAL PAYMENTS			

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	16,459	8,726
f3	472	
f4	88,869	43,786
f5	368,873	580,416
f6		
f7	474,673 (c6)	632,928 (c8)
f8	(e11)	(e12)
f9	474,673 (x)	632,928 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1	72615	73,687
g2	479,688	
g3	1,446	
g4		
g5	(480)	

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Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 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~~ *Lincoln Advisor* Date: 14/01/2026
Name and address of ~~treasurer~~ *Lincoln Advisor*
MICHAEL MAY
9 LINKS CRISSENT SILKENWICK Post Code: *PE25 3AF*

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

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Signature of the Chair of the meeting
Name of the Chair of the meeting *Graham P Miles* Date *11/03/2026*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Mid Lincolnshire Circuit

Charity Number: 1136058

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Mid Lincolnshire Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages ... to 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: Mid Lincolnshire Circuit No: 17/04

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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 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



Name of independent examiner : Tristran James Russell

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner : FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) : Dexter & Sharpe

Address : 20-22 Bridge Street, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.

Post Code : LN9 5HZ

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Accounts

MID-LINCOLNSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31ST AUGUST 2024

Introduction

The Trustees are pleased to present the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Mid-Lincolnshire Methodist Circuit (hereinafter referred to as "The Circuit") for the year ended 31st August 2024. On 31st August 2024, Rev Gordon Davis and Deacon Jane Paine retired as ministers. From 1st September 2024 there were no ministers stationed in the circuit and Rev Graham Miles and Rev Richard Mottershead shared the responsibilities for pastoral care in the circuit.

Aims and organisation

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There are 9 places of worship in the area covered by the Circuit, and they are all open to anyone who may wish to visit them without any charge. The Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure that regular acts of worship take place at all the churches and chapels in its geographical area and that the following activities take place to further the objectives set out above:-

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses, and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services where appropriate.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Brief financial review of the year

The main source of income in this and every year is the assessments paid by the churches within the Circuit area. In the year to 31st August 2024, the assessments totalled £41,750 (2023: £78,050). A District Mission Grant of £8,000 per annum was received for a Deacon, which has now ceased. The main expenditure relates to the stipends of presbyters, together with related employment costs, including the provision of manses, and the reimbursement of travelling and other costs, totalling £86,710 (2023: £89,649). Other costs include the contributions to the District, and to the Methodist Church Fund £27,555 (2023: £22,800). Stipends have increased annually in line with conference approved percentages and lay employees are paid, in accordance with Methodist Standing Orders, no less than the hourly rates set by the Living Wage Foundation.

As of 31 August 2024, the net current, unrestricted, assets of the Circuit were £473,853 (2023: £375,544), compared with total expenditure for the year of £217,613 (2023: £236,803).

Plans for 2024/2025

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that the reduction in staffing changes have occurred. There is no Ministerial cover from September 2024. The sale of the Old Bolingbroke Chapel was completed before the end of August 2024. The year will see the future of the circuit decided in the absence of stationing of ministers.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976). Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD). Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team (comprising the ministers and Circuit Stewards) and the Local Preachers meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance is produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit, including the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church'.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Lincolnshire District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. 9 Churches are linked to the Circuit and are listed in Appendix A to this Report.

Risk Management

Major risks, both physical and financial, are identified and recorded and professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

1. the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
2. the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
3. the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
4. The Circuit will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
5. The Circuit will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
6. The Circuit will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
7. The Circuit will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
8. The Circuit will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person, or vulnerable adult.
9. In all these principles the Circuit will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance, and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold approximately six month's average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of the failure of churches to meet their quarterly assessment liabilities in full.

Legal and Administrative

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Full Name of Charity: Mid-Lincolnshire Methodist Circuit

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Date of registration: 21st May 2010

Main communication address: 13 Woodland View, Spilsby, Lincs, PE23 5GD

The members of the Circuit meeting are the Managing Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches shown in Appendix B to this Report

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers: Rev Gordon Davis (Superintendent)
Deacon Jane Paine

Circuit Stewards: Mrs Julie Close-Mitchell
Mr Ian Brown
Mrs Kate O'Flynn
Mrs Pauline Brown – Treasurer

Mrs Pauline Brown acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Circuit during the year.

Independent Examiner: Tristran Russell BA Hons FCCA
c/o Dexter & Sharpe Chartered Accountants Rolleston House, Bridge Street,
Horncastle, LN9 5HZ

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church Trustees for Methodist
Church Purposes.

Bankers: HSBC, Market Place, Horncastle

APPENDIX A

LIST OF CHURCHES IN THE CIRCUIT

Halton Hologate

Horncastle

Raithby

Spilsby

UMC at Coningsby

Woodhall Spa

Wragby

Bardney (Class of Wragby)

Bardney Dairies (Class of Wragby)

APPENDIX B

LIST OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Gordon Davis	to 31/8/24
Deacon Jane Paine	to 31/8/24
Helen Clough	Circuit Meeting Secretary
Ian Brown	Circuit Steward
Pauline Brown	Circuit Steward
Julie Close-Mitchell	Circuit Steward
Kate O'Flynn	Circuit Steward
Marion Ambrose	
Lynne Mowbray	
Lawrie Lambert	
Susan Johnson	
Bunty Martin	
Josephine Towle	
Bronwyn Wallis	
Keith Stephenson	
Margaret Wikeley	
David Wikeley	
Ivan Clough	
Carol Clough	
Sue MacFall	
Jacqui Walton	
Irene Heap	
Mo Fricke	to 31/8/24
Anne Keene	
David Turner	to 31/8/24
Wendy Turner	
Eileen Kelsey	
Rev. Geoff Boxer	Supernumerary
Rev. Cecil Mundy	Supernumerary
Rev. David Lawton	Supernumerary

From 1/9/24

Rev Graham Miles

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THE METHODIST CHURCH
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Ian Brown
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Kate O'Flynn

Treasurer:

Pauline Brown

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2024

Mid Lincolnshire Methodist
Circuit

Circuit

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a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
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a3	Capital receipts			235,977		235,977	404,311
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		4,492	12,896	1,518	18,906	6,239
a5	Grants		8,000			8,000	8,000
a6	Other receipts		11,289			11,289	7,050
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b3	Manse Costs		5,499				5,499	7,751
b4	Administration etc		34	14,328	85		14,447	8,034
b5	District Assessment		27,555				27,555	22,800
b6	Grants & donations							4,000
b7								
b8	Other payments		18,510	70,391			88,901	112,320
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		132,809	84,719	85		217,613 (b9)	236,803

SECTION C								
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c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		82,968	292,576		375,544	(c6)	108,697
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	15,690	456,730	1,433	473,853		375,544
c4	Transfers and adjustments		101,433	(100,000)	(1,433)		(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	117,123	356,730		473,853	(c8)	375,544 (c6)

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e1						
e2						
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e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
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e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	315,922	217,613	98,309		375,544 (x)	473,853 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024

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f4 Central Finance Board	58,788	88,869
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f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	375,544 (c6)	473,853 (c8)
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SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
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g3 Other Assets	1,446	1,446
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities	(480)	(480)

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

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Cash Funds

Total Funds

551,211

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Name of Circuit MID LINCOLNSHIRE CIRCUIT No. 17/04

Declarations and Scrutiny

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Signature of treasurer Pauline M Brown Date 9.12.2024

Name and address of treasurer PAULINE M BROWN 2 TOR O MOOR GARDENS
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Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Graham P Mills Date 09-12-2024

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Signature of independent examiner Tristan J Russell

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Address Rougemont House, 20-22 Bridge Street, Horncastle

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THE METHODIST CHURCH
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024

Lincolnshire	District	Circuit no	17 / 04
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Accounts

MID-LINCOLNSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31ST AUGUST 2023

Introduction

The Trustees are pleased to present the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Mid-Lincolnshire Methodist Circuit (hereinafter referred to as "The Circuit") for the year ended 31st August 2023

Aims and organisation

The Governing Document of the Charity is the Deed of Union of the Methodist Church 1932 and the Methodist Church Act 1976. 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 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

There are 8 places of worship in the area covered by the Circuit, and they are all open to anyone who may wish to visit them without any charge. The Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure that regular acts of worship take place at all the churches and chapels in its geographical area and that the following activities take place to further the objectives set out above:-

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses, and small groups. The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved. Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services. Provision of chaplaincy services where appropriate.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Brief financial review of the year

The main source of income in this and every year is the assessment paid by the churches within the Circuit area. In the year to 31st August 2023, the assessments totalled £78,050(2022: £102,995). A District Mission Grant of £8,000 per annum is received for a Deacon. The main expenditure relates to the stipends of presbyters, together with related employment costs, including the provision of manses, and the reimbursement of travelling and other costs, totalling £81898(2022; £110,091). Other costs include the contributions to the District, and to the Methodist Church Fund £22,800(2022: £32,969) Stipends have increased annually in line with conference approved percentages and lay employees are paid, in accordance with Methodist Standing Orders, no less than the hourly rates set by the Living Wage Foundation.

As of 31 August 2022, the net current, unrestricted, assets of the Circuit were £375,544 (2022: £108,697), compared with total expenditure for the year of £236,803 (2022: £167,195).

Plans for 2023/2024

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there will be a change in the staffing levels of ministers. There will be no Ministerial cover from September 2024. The sale of the Old Bolingbroke Chapel will bring further financial security for the Circuit. Conversations with surrounding Circuits to provide pastoral and Ministerial cover once the Superintendent Minister and Deacon leave in August 2024.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976). Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD). Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team (comprising the ministers and Circuit Stewards) and the Local Preachers meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance is produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit, including the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church'.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Lincolnshire District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. 8 Churches are linked to the Circuit and are listed in Appendix B to this Report.

Risk Management

Major risks, both physical and financial, are identified and recorded and professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded. Income and Expenditure is monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

1. the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
2. the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
3. the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is

informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.

4. The Circuit will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line

with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration

with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.

5. The Circuit will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child

or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any

investigation.

6. The Circuit will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an

appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.

7. The Circuit will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.

8. The Circuit will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the

proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a

child, young person, or vulnerable adult.

9. In all these principles the Circuit will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance, and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold approximately six month's average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of the failure of churches to meet their quarterly assessment liabilities in full.

Legal and Administrative

The Circuit's financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2018 have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis permitted for charities whose gross income does not exceed £250,000.

Full Name of Charity: Mid-Lincolnshire Methodist Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1136058

Date of registration: 21st May 2010

Main communication address: 84 Curtis Drive, Coningsby, Lincolnshire, LN4 4DU

(Until 1st August 2024)

The members of the Circuit meeting are the Managing Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches shown in Appendix A to this Report

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers

Rev Gordon Davis (Superintendent)

Deacon Jane Paine

Circuit Stewards

Mrs Julie Close-Mitchell

Mr Ian Brown

Mrs Kate O'Flynn

Mrs Pauline Brown – Treasurer

Mrs Pauline Brown acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Circuit during the year.

A full list of Trustees is

Helen Clough

Ian Brown

Rev. Gordon Davis

Deacon Jane Paine

Marion Ambrose

Lynne Mowbray

Lawrie Lambert

Julie Close-Mitchell

Susan Johnson

Bunty Martin

Josephine Towle

Ann Loveley

Bronwyn Wallis

Keith Stephenson

Margaret Wikeley

David Wikeley

Pauline Brown

Les Robinson

Ivan Clough

Carol Clough

Sue MacFall

Kate O'Flynn

Jacquie Walton

Irene Heap

Mo Fricke

Anne Keene

David Turner

Wendy Turner

Eileen **Kelsey**
Rev. Geoff **Boxer**
Rev. Cecil **Mundy**
Rev. David **Lawton**

APPENDIX A

LIST OF TRUSTEES

Independent Examiner

Tristran Russell BA Hons FCCA
c/o Dexter & Sharpe Chartered Accountants
Rollestone House, Bridge Street, Horncastle, LN9 5HZ

Investment Bankers

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
HSBC, Market Place, Horncastle

APPENDIX B

LIST OF CHURCHES IN THE CIRCUIT

Halton Holegate
Horncastle
Raithby
Spilsby
UMC at Coningsby
Woodhall Spa
Wragby (Bardney and Bardney Dairies – Class of Wragby)

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b5	District Assessment		22,800			22,800	32,969
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e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	503,650		236,803		266,847			108,697	(x)		375,544	(y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		TOTAL RECEIPTS		TOTAL PAYMENTS									

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	7,966	12,926
f3	467	472
f4	50,140	58,788
f5	50,124	303,358
f6		
f7	108,697 (c6)	375,544 (c8)
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SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1	71868	70557
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Signature of treasurer Pauline M. Mann Date 15.11.2023

Name and address of treasurer Pauline M. Mann, 2 Tol. O-Moor Passages,
Woolston, Sls, Lincolnshire Post Code LN10 6EX

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 7.11.2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting G. H. Davis

Name of the Chair of the meeting G. H. Davis Date 15/11/23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... Circuit

Charity Number

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Name of independent examiner TRISTRAN JAMES RUSSELL

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) Dexter + Sharpe

Address 20-22 BRIDGE STREET, HORNCASTLE, LINCOLNSHIRE

Post Code LN9 5HZ

Date 13 November 2023

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Form reviewed

May-23

Accounts

MID-LINCOLNSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31ST AUGUST 2022

Introduction

The Trustees are pleased to present the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Mid-Lincolnshire Methodist Circuit (hereinafter referred to as "The Circuit") for the year ended 31st August 2022

Aims and organisation

The Governing Document of the Charity is the Deed of Union of the Methodist Church 1932 and the Methodist Church Act 1976. 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 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

There are 11 places of worship in the area covered by the Circuit and they are all open to anyone who may wish to visit them without any charge. The Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure that regular acts of worship take place at all the churches and chapels in its geographical area and that the following activities take place to further the objectives set out above:-

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses, and small groups. The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved. Taking religious assemblies in local schools. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services. Provision of chaplaincy services where appropriate.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Brief financial review of the year

The main source of income in this and every year is the assessment paid by the churches within the Circuit area. In the year to 31st August 2022, the assessments totalled £102,995(2021: £81,102). A District Mission Grant of £8,000 per annum is received for a Deacon. The main expenditure relates to the stipends of presbyters, together with related employment costs, including the provision of manses, and the reimbursement of travelling and other costs, totalling £110,091(2021: £112,062). Other costs include the contributions to the District, and to the Methodist Church Fund £32,969(2021: £28,110) Stipends have increased annually in line with conference approved percentages and lay employees are paid, in accordance with Methodist Standing Orders, no less than the hourly rates set by the Living Wage Foundation.

As of 31 August 2022 the net current, unrestricted, assets of the Circuit were £108,697 (2021: £160,711), compared with total expenditure for the year of £167,195 (2021: £160,460).

Plans for 2022/2023

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there will be a change in the staffing levels of ministers, reducing to two ministers with anticipated cost of living stipend increases combined with an increase in the assessments paid to the District and Connexion. Further sale of the

Chapel at Scamblesby and the proposed closure and sale of Old Bolingbroke Chapel will bring further financial security for the Circuit.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976). Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD). Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team (comprising the ministers and Circuit Stewards) and the Local Preachers meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance is produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit, including the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church'.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Lincolnshire District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. 8 Churches are linked to the Circuit and are listed in Appendix B to this Report.

Risk Management

Major risks, both physical and financial, are identified and recorded and professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded. Income and Expenditure is monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

1. the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
2. the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
3. the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is

informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.

4. The Circuit will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
5. The Circuit will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
6. The Circuit will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.

7. The Circuit will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
8. The Circuit will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

9. In all these principles the Circuit will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold approximately six month's average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of the failure of churches to meet their quarterly assessment liabilities in full.

Legal and Administrative

The Circuit's financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2018 have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis permitted for charities whose gross income does not exceed £250,000.

Full Name of Charity: Mid-Lincolnshire Methodist Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1136058

Date of registration: 21st May 2010

Main communication address: Riversmeet, Cagthorpe, Horncastle, Lincs., LN9 2DZ

(Until 31st August 2022)

The members of the Circuit meeting are the Managing Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches shown in Appendix A to this Report

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers Rev Susan Wilkins (Superintendent)

Rev Gordon Davis

Deacon Jane Paine

Circuit Stewards

Mrs Julie Close-Mitchell

Mr Lawrie Lambert

Mr Ian Brown

Mrs Pauline Brown – Treasurer

Mrs Pauline Brown acted as the principle officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Circuit during the year.

A full list of Trustees is

Helen **Clough**

Ian **Brown**

Rev. Susan **Wilkins** – Superintendent Minister

Rev. Gordon **Davis**

Deacon Jane **Paine**

Marion **Ambrose**

Lynne **Mowbray**

Lawrie **Lambert**

Julie **Close-Mitchell**

Susan **Johnson**

Bunty **Martin**

Josephine **Towle**

Ann **Loveley**

Bronwyn **Wallis**

Keith **Stephenson**

Margaret **Wikeley**

David **Wikeley**

Pauline **Brown**

Les **Robinson**

Ivan **Clough**

Carol **Clough**

Sue **MacFall**

Kate **O'Flynn**

Jacque **Walton**

Irene **Heap**

Mo **Fricke**

Anne **Keene**

David **Turner**

Wendy **Turner**

Eileen **Kelsey**

Lydia **Strawson**

Rev. Geoff **Boxer**

Rev. Cecil **Mundy**

APPENDIX A

LIST OF TRUSTEES

Independent Examiner

Tristan Russell BA Hons FCCA

c/o Dexter & Sharpe Chartered Accountants

Rollestone House, Bridge Street, Horncastle, LN9 5HZ

Investment Bankers

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

HSBC, Market Place, Horncastle

APPENDIX B

LIST OF CHURCHES IN THE CIRCUIT

Halton Holegate

Horncastle

Raithby

Scamblesby

Spilsby

UMC at Coningsby (Old Bolingbroke -Class of UMC)

Woodhall Spa

Wragby (Bardney and Bardney Dairies – Class of Wragby)

**CIRCUIT
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Mid Lincolnshire Methodist	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2022**

Lincolnshire	District	Circuit no	17/04
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Rev Gordon Davies
Deacon Jane Paine

Circuit Stewards:

Lawrie Lambert
Julie Close-Mitchell
Ian Brown
Pauline Brown

Treasurer:

Pauline Brown

20 ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Mid Lincolnshire Methodist

Circuit

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		102,995		102,995	81,102
a3	Capital receipts					149,301
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		214	484	1,482	2,707
a5	Grants		8,000		8,000	8,000
a6	Other receipts		2,704		2,704	2,502
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		113,913	484	115,181 (a8)	243,612

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		110,091		110,091	112,062
b3	Manse Costs		9,011		9,011	9,641
b4	Administration etc		7,204	439	7,727	8,341
b5	District Assessment		27,764	5,205	32,969	28,110
b6	Grants & donations					
b7						
b8	Other payments		7,397		7,397	2,306
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		161,467	5,644	167,195 (b9)	160,460

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(47,554)	(5,160)	700	(52,014)	83,152
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		10,928	149,783		160,711 (c6)	77,559
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	(36,626)	144,623	700	108,697	160,711
c4	Transfers and adjustments		105,700	(105,000)	(700)	(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	69,074	39,623		108,697 (c8)	160,711 (c6)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (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					
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					

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

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds				(e11)	(e12)
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)					
	115,181 (a8)	167,195 (b9)	(52,014)	(c7)	160,711 (c6)	108,697 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT					
	115,181	167,195	(52,014)		160,711 (x)	108,697 (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 2022		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	3,961	7,966
f3	Bank Deposit Account	467	467
f4	Central Finance Board	5,341	50,140
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	160,278	50,124
f6	Other funds	(9,336)	
f7	SUB TOTAL	160,711 (c6)	108,697 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	160,711 (x)	108,697 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	72710	71858
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	674,164	674,164
g3	Other Assets	1,446	1,446
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities	(480)	(480)
		Other Assets	748,998
		Total Cash Funds	160,711
		Total Funds	908,551
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			108,697
			855,695

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Signature of treasurer Laurie M. Brown Date 1.10.2022

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Presentation to the Circuit meeting

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presented to the Circuit meeting held on 26.9.22

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: [Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting: [Name] Date [Date]

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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Signature of independent examiner [Signature]

Name of independent examiner TRISTAN JAMES RUSSELL

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) DEXTER & SUTHERLAND

Address Rollastone House 20-22 Broad Street HORNCASTLE
LINCOLNSHIRE Post Code LN9 5HZ

Date 24/01/2023

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Signature of the Chair of the meeting: [Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting: [Signature] Date [Signature]

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

MID-LINCOLNSHIRE METHODIST Circuit

Charity Number 1136058

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the MID-LINCOLNSHIRE METHODIST Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit Mid - LINCOLNSHIRE METHODIST No 17/04

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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Signature of independent examiner [Signature]

Name of independent examiner TRISTAN JAMES RUSSELL

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) DEXTER - SELLERS

Address Rollastone House 20-22 Broad Street HORNCASTLE
LINCOLNSHIRE Post Code LN9 5HZ

Date 24/01/2023

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THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Mid Lincolnshire	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2021**

Lincolnshire	District	Circuit no	17 / 04
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1136058

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 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 Sue Wilkins
Rev Gordon Davis
Deacon Jane Paine

Circuit Stewards:

Lawrie Lambert
Julie Close-Mitchell

Treasurer:

Lawrie Lambert

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Assessment/Share	81,102			81,102	97,874
a3	Capital receipts		149,301		149,301	94,501
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	83	175	2,449	2,707	1,706
a5	Grants	8,000			8,000	8,000
a6	Other receipts	2,318		184	2,502	4,618
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	91,503	149,476	2,633	243,612 (a8)	206,699

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	112,062			112,062	112,205
b3	Manse Costs	9,641			9,641	23,754
b4	Administration etc	8,196	8	137	8,341	8,478
b5	District Assessment	28,008	102		28,110	30,764
b6	Grants & donations					
b7	Purchase of Manse					284,300
b8	Other payments	2,306			2,306	11,335
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	160,213	110	137	160,460 (b9)	470,836

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(68,710)	149,366	2,496	83,152	(264,137)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		77,142	417		77,559 (c6)	341,696
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	8,432	149,783	2,496	160,711	77,559
c4	Transfers and adjustments		2,496		(2,496)		(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	10,928	149,783		160,711 (c8)	77,559 (c6)

SECTION D				
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (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			
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)			

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 2021 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						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	243,612 (a8)	160,460 (b9)	83,152	(c7)	77,559 (c6)	160,711 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	243,612	160,460	83,152		77,559 (x)	160,711 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	2,384	3,961
f3 Bank Deposit Account	463	467
f4 Central Finance Board	24,030	5,341
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	50,682	160,278
f6 Other funds		(9,336)
f7 SUB TOTAL	77,559 (c6)	160,711 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	77,559 (x)	160,711 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	66174	72710
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	919,357	674,164
g3 Other Assets	1,446	1,446
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities	(480)	(480)

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)

Total other Assets 986,497
Total Cash funds 77,559
Total Funds 1,064,056

986,497
160,711
908,551

Name of Circuit MID LINCOLNSHIRE No 17/04

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment 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 Pauline M. Brown Date 17/11/21
Name and address of treasurer Pauline M. Brown 2 Tolbooth Lane
Woolman St Lincolnshire Post Code LN10 6EX

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 17/11/21

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Susan Wilkins
Name of the Chair of the meeting REVEREND SUSAN WILKINS Date 17/11/21

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

MID LINCOLNSHIRE Circuit

Charity Number 1136058

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the MID LINCOLNSHIRE Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 2 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit ... MID LINCOLNSHIRE ... No 17/04

Independent Examiner's Statement

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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner TRISTRAN JAMES RUSSELL

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) DEXTER + SHARPE

Address ROLLASTONE HOUSE BRIDGE STREET HOARCASTLE

LINCOLNSHIRE Post Code LN9 5HZ

Date 21/02/2022

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MID-LINCOLNSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31ST AUGUST 2020

Introduction

The Trustees are pleased to present the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Mid-Lincolnshire Methodist Circuit (hereinafter referred to as "The Circuit") for the year ended 31st August 2020.

Aims and organisation

The Governing Document of the Charity is the Deed of Union of the Methodist Church 1932 and the Methodist Church Act 1976. 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 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

There are 11 places of worship in the area covered by the Circuit and they are all open to anyone who may wish to visit them without any charge. The Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure that regular acts of worship take place at all the churches and chapels in its geographical area and that the following activities take place to further the objectives set out above:-

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services where appropriate.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Brief financial review of the year

The main source of income in this and every year is the assessment paid by the churches within the Circuit area. In the year to 31st August 2020, the assessments totalled £97,874 (2019 £94,436). A District Mission Grant of £8,000 per annum for an initial period of 3 years, is received towards the cost of the Deacon. The main expenditure relates to the stipends of 2 presbyters and a Deacon with effect from 1st September 2019, together with related employment costs, including the provision of manses, and the reimbursement of travelling and other costs, totalling £135,959 (2019 £94,268). Other costs include the contributions to the MCF and District, totalling £30,764 (2019 £24,480). Stipends have increased annually in line with conference approved percentages and lay employees are paid, in accordance with Methodist Standing Orders, no less than the hourly rates set by the Living Wage Foundation.

At 31 August 2020 the net current, unrestricted, assets of the Circuit were £77,559 (2019 £341,696). The total expenditure for the year of £ 470,836 (2019 £147,730). The expenditure for the year ended 31st August 2020 included the purchase of an additional Manse.

Plans for 2020/2021

The Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis of reduced Circuit income due to the lockdown and closure of churches due to the Covid Pandemic, the sale of two redundant properties and the appointment of a Circuit Administrator / Book keeper.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD). Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team comprising the 2 Presbyters, 1 Deacon, Circuit Stewards and the Local Preachers meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance is produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit, including the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church'.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Lincolnshire District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. 11 Churches are linked to the Circuit and are listed in Appendix B to this Report.

Risk Management

Major risks, both physical and financial, are identified and recorded and professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

1. The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
2. The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
3. The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
4. The Circuit will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
5. The Circuit will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
6. The Circuit will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
7. The Circuit will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
8. The Circuit will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
9. In all these principles the Circuit will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold approximately six month's average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of the failure of churches to meet their quarterly assessment liabilities in full.

Legal and Administrative

The Circuit's financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis permitted for charities whose gross income does not exceed £250,000.

Full Name of Charity:	Mid-Lincolnshire Methodist Circuit
Registration Charity Number:	1136058
Date of registration	21 st May 2010

Main communication address Riversmeet, Cagthorpe, Horncastle, Lincs LN9 2DZ

The members of the Circuit meeting are the Managing Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches. A full list of Trustees is shown in Appendix A to this Report

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers

Rev Susan Wilkins (Superintendent)

Rev Gordon Davis

Deacon Jane Paine

Circuit Stewards

Mr Lawrie Lambert

Mrs Julie Close-Mitchell

Mr Stuart Hurst

Mrs Lynne Mowbray acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Circuit during the year. Since 31st August 2020 Mrs Corinna Langridge has taken responsibility for overseeing the day to day financial management of the Circuit accounts.

Independent examiner

Tristan Russell BA Hons FCCA

c/o Dexter & Sharpe Chartered Accountants

Rollestone House, Bridge Street, Horncastle, LN9 5HZ

Investment Bankers

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Bankers HSBC, Market Place, Horncastle

APPENDIX A

LIST OF TRUSTEES

Mrs Marion Ambrose

Mr Ian Brown

Mrs Pauline Brown

Mrs Julie Close-Mitchell

Circuit Steward

Miss Helen Clough

Circuit Meeting Secretary

Mrs Carol Clough

Mr Ivan Clough

Rev Gordon Davis

Presbyter

Mrs Irene Heap

Mr John Holmes

Mr Stuart Hurst

Circuit Steward

Mrs Sue Johnson

Mrs Pam Knight

Mr Lawrie Lambert

Senior Circuit Steward

Mrs Dorothy Loasby

Mrs Joan Lovatt

Mrs Ann Lovely

Mrs Sue MacFall

Mrs Kathleen Martin

Mrs Lynne Mowbray

Rev Cecil Mundy

Mrs Kate O'Flynn

Mr Fenton O'Flynn

Mrs. Mo Fricke

Deacon Jane Paine

Deacon

Mr Les Robinson

Mr Keith Stephenson

Mr James Stott

Mrs Lydia Strawson
Mrs Josie Towle
Mr Dave Turner
Mrs Bronwyn Wallis
Mrs Jacqui Walton
Mr David Wikeley
Mrs Margaret Wikeley
Rev Susan Wilkins

Superintendent Minister

APPENDIX B

LIST OF CHURCHES IN THE CIRCUIT

Bardney
Bardney Dairies
Halton Holegate
Horncastle
Old Bolingbroke
Raithby
Scamblesby
Spilsby
UMC at Coningsby
Woodhall Spa
Wragby

Signed on behalf of the Circuit Trustees
...Corinna Langridge.....(signed)
Mrs Corinna Langridge
Circuit Administrator and Book-keeper

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Mid Lincolnshire	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2020**

Lincolnshire	District	Circuit no	17/ 04
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Ministers:

Rev. Sue Wilkins
~~Rev. Eleanor Smith~~ GORDON DAVIS
DEACON JANE PAINE

Circuit Stewards:

Irene Heap
Lawrie Lambert
Sue MacFall
JULIE CROSS-MITCHELL

Treasurer:

Lawrie Lambert

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Assessment/Share	97,874			97,874	94,436
a3	Capital receipts			94,501	94,501	
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,482	224		1,706	4,430
a5	Grants	8,000			8,000	
a6	Other receipts	4,618			4,618	8,153
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	111,974	224	94,501	206,699 (a8)	107,019

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	112,205			112,205	78,219
b3	Manse Costs	23,754			23,754	16,049
b4	Administration etc	8,478			8,478	5,535
b5	District Assessment	25,000	5,764		30,764	24,480
b6	Grants & donations					3,166
	Purchase of Manse	2,662	170,638	111,000	284,300	
b7	Contributions to the District Advance Funds					6,005
b8	Other payments	11,335			11,335	13,916
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	183,434	176,402	111,000	470,836 (b9)	147,370

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(71,460)	(176,178)	(16,499)	(264,137)	(40,351)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		180,121	161,575		341,696 (c6)	382,047
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	108,661	(14,603)	(16,499)	77,559	341,696
c4	Transfers and adjustments		(31,519)	15,020	16,499	(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	77,142	417		77,559 (c8)	341,696 (c6)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£	£
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (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					
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					

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

SECTION E

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Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 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						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	206,699 (a8)	470,836 (b9)	(264,137)	(c7)	341,696 (c6)	77,559 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	206,699	470,836	(264,137)		341,696 (x)	77,559 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2020

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	13,416	2,847
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	53,319	24,030
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	274,961	50,682
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	341,696 (c6)	77,559 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	341,696 (x)	77,559 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	65942	62529
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	715,765	919,357
g3 Other Assets	1,923	1,446
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities	(492)	(480)

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)

Total Other Assets

Total Cash Funds

Total Funds

783,139

341,696

1,124,835

982,852

77,559

1,060,411

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit

Signature of Treasurer

L Lambert

Date

6.7.21

Name

Laurie Lambert

Address

C/o Horncastle Methodist Church Office, 18b Queen Street,
Horncastle, Lincolnshire, LN9 6BD

Presentation to the *Circuit Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Circuit Meeting on
and were approved.

7/7/21

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

S Wilkins

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev. Susan Wilkins

Date

7/7/21

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Mid Lincolnshire

Circuit

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

2020

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply appropriate*

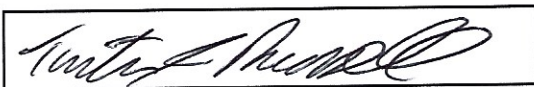
- (3) I have/~~have not~~* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP") or held in other Trusts, Bank balances and Funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church ("CFB"), which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand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

** Please circle as appropriate*

Name

Tristan Russell BA Hons FCCA

Signature



Relevant Professional qualification or body

FCCA

Address

C/o Dexter & Sharpe, Rolleston House,
Bridge Street, Horncastle, Lincolnshire, LN9
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Date

07/07/2024