

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
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**THE METHODIST CHURCH
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Lincolnshire	District	Circuit no	17/04
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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	
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	Other Assets	747,840
	Total Cash Funds	160711
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		748,998
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Name of Circuit MID-LINCOLNSHIRE METHODIST No. 17/04

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment 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 Laurie M. Brown Date 1.10.2022

Name and address of treasurer Laurie M. Brown, 2 Tor-o-More Green, Woodgate, LA, Lincolnshire Post Code LN10 6PX

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

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Signature of the Chair of the meeting: [Signature]

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