

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

(Charity Registration No. 1136126)

Circuit No. 28/08

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year ended 31 August 2021

**CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Introduction

The Cannock Chase Circuit was made up of twenty churches on and around the geographical area in South Staffordshire known as Cannock Chase.

These churches are used primarily to provide places of Christian worship, education and fellowship for the people around those places. The buildings are also used to provide rooms for a variety of community activities.

Aims and organisation

The Circuit exists to worship God, serve our communities and grow our churches.

Review of the year

The world has seen unprecedented events this year because of the Covid-19 pandemic and Cannock Chase Methodist Church has been no exception. When the Government introduced a total lockdown from the 23rd March 2020 all our churches closed their doors for worship and all activities. Several of our churches offered worship by Zoom, a video conferencing service, or by YouTube or by telephone conference service. Most of our churches returned to worship in the buildings in August 2021.

The Rev Edward Sakwe left the Circuit in August 2020 and he was replaced by the Rev Christopher Ambler. Therefore from the 1st September 2020 the ministers are Rev Nigel Young (Superintendent), Rev Christopher Ambler, Deacon Susan Culver, Rev Jacob Donkoh, and Rev Margaret Eales.

To assist the ministers with their work the Circuit employs 4 Lay Pastoral Assistants and 1 Circuit Administrator.

The Circuit had thirty four fully accredited local preachers on the Plan of which twenty one are active and there are two local preachers on trial, none on note and there are twenty-three worship leaders.

Under normal circumstances there is, across the Circuit, on average approximately 312 Sunday services each quarter. These services are, in the main, conducted by the Ministerial Staff, Supernumerary Ministers, Local Preachers and some visiting preachers. On occasions when there are insufficient preachers available then local arrangements have to be made.

In addition to Sunday Services several of the churches in the circuit hold midweek services which are seen as relaxed and informal and in many cases attract a wider congregation from across the denominations.

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Many of our churches are on occasions using other forms of service than the "traditional" style, e.g. "Messy Church", "Cafe Church". These alternative styles attract people from a wider section of the local communities.

Most of our churches have mid-week activities such as Women's meetings, Men's groups, Bible study groups, Prayer meetings or House groups.

Youth work is maintained in many of our churches with Youth Clubs and uniformed organisations such as Boys Brigades, Girls Brigade, Brownies, Guides, St John Ambulance Cadets.

During the year Miss Elyn Cruxton was employed as Church and Community Lay Worker for St Paul's and Handsacre churches. The total cost of this is being met by those two churches.

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. The Assessments for the year 2020/21 were the same amounts as for 2019/20. All but two of the churches paid their assessment in full.

The manse at Dundalk Lane continues to be let and provides rental income to the circuit.

Expenditure trends

Stipends are increased each financial year in line with increases approved by the Methodist Conference. Stipends, national insurance and pension contributions were 52.65% of all expenditure.

19.0% of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

£9,477 was spent on repairs and maintenance of the six manses

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2021 the net current assets of the Circuit were £160,747, giving approximately 6 months cover for expenditure.

Plans for 2021/22

With the uncertainty of the impact of the Covid-19 lockdown upon the churches and the Circuit as whole, the assessments have not been changed. It is hoped that by early 2022 we will have a clearer picture of the future and a more accurate budget can be made for the year 2022/23.

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Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRSSE) 2015

Full Name of Charity:	Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit
Registration Charity Number:	1136126
Date of registration:	1st June 2010
Main communication address:	Mr Keith Rothery, 64 Thorpe Street, Burntwood, Staffordshire. WS7 1NJ

The members of the Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers	Rev Nigel J. Young Deacon Susan Culver Rev Jacob Donkoh Rev Margaret Eales Rev Christopher Ambler (from 1st September 2020)
Circuit Lay Workers	Mrs Karen Lowther Miss Ellyn Cruxton Mr Mark Timothy Ms Rosemary Bryant Mrs Melody Jones
Circuit Stewards	Mr Graham Lowther Mr Neil Embrey Mrs Kate Chapman Mrs Barbara Brooks
Administrator	Mrs June Scrimgeour
Treasurer	Mr Keith Rothery who acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year.
Independent Examiner	Elaine Glover A.C.M.A. Haywood Accounting Solutions Ltd 4 Coppenhall Mews Coppenhall Staffordshire. ST18 9BA
Investment Bankers	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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Aims and organisation

Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around the Cannock Chase for the Methodist Church:

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and 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

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.

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 to the local university and other institutions.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

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 along with the Local Preachers meeting, the Circuit Finance and Property Committee and the Circuit Policy Committee.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following 20 Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit:

Bethel, Bridgtown	Bourne, Heath Hayes	Brereton
Burntwood	Cannock Wood	Chadsmoor
Chase Terrace	Chasetown	Featherstone
Florence St. Hednesford	Great Wyrley	Handsacre
Mill Street, Cannock	Penkridge	Salem, Cheslyn Hay
St Paul's, Rugeley	St Stephen's, Cannock	Trinity, Hednesford
Trinity, Norton Canes	Upper Landywood	

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Finance and Property Committee with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis 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:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We 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.
- We 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.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We 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.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Cannock Chase 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 Cannock Chase 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 a minimum sum equivalent to six months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manse and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

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 £	Total 2019-20 £
Income								
1 Donations and legacies	4	4,450					4,450	680
2 Income from monetary investments	5	92	404		33		529	1,501
3 Income from investment properties	6	8,207					8,207	8,394
4 Assessments on Churches	7	311,545					311,545	315,540
5 Capital Receipts							0	0
6 Grants received							0	0
7 Other charitable income							0	0
8 Total income		324,294	404	0	33	0	324,731	326,115
Expenditure								
9 Grants and donations	8	600					600	9,300
10 Salaries and associated costs	9	225,901					225,901	203,406
11 Property maintenance		25,645					25,645	30,417
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy							0	0
13 District Assessment & Levy	10	63,320	3,887				67,207	67,415
14 Depreciation							0	0
15 Office expenses	11	7,988					7,988	5,381
16 Other outgoings	12	10,501	256				10,757	14,250
17 Total charitable expenditure		333,955	4,143	0	0	0	338,098	330,169
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0	0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties								
20 Net income/(expenditure)		(9,661)	(3,739)	0	33	0	(13,367)	(4,054)
21 Transfers between funds		30,000	(30,000)				0	0
22 Other gains/(losses)								
23 Net movement in funds		20,339	(33,739)	0	33	0	(13,367)	(4,054)
24 Total funds brought forward		681,939	127,744	0	38,211	0	847,894	851,948
25 Total funds carried forward		702,278	94,005	0	38,244	0	834,527	847,894

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

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

Fixed Assets

Circuit Manses & Equipment	15	673,780				673,780	673,780
Investment properties						0	0
Investments	16					0	0
Total fixed assets		673,780	0	0	0	673,780	673,780

Current Assets

Debtors	17	18,473				18,473	19,460
Loans by the Circuit		0				0	0
Investments with TMCP		2,412	94,005			96,417	130,156
Central Finance Board Deposits		32,340		38,244		70,584	39,272
Cash at Bank and in hand	17	47,354				47,354	49,355
Total current assets		100,579	94,005	0	38,244	232,828	238,243

Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)	18	72,081				72,081	64,129
Grants payable within 2019-20						0	0
Total current liabilities		72,081	0	0	0	72,081	64,129
Net current assets/liabilities		28,498	94,005	0	38,244	160,747	174,114

Total assets less current liabilities		702,278	94,005	0	38,244	0	834,527	847,894
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Long term liabilities								
Grants payable after 2019-20							0	
Loans to the Circuit	20						0	
							0	
Net assets		702,278	94,005	0	38,244	0	834,527	847,894

Funds of the Circuit

Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)	21	702,278					702,278	681,939
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	21		94,005				94,005	127,744
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0			0	0
Total Unrestricted Funds							796,283	809,683
Restricted Funds	21				38,244		38,244	38,211
Endowment Funds						0	0	0
Total Funds		702,278	94,005	0	38,244	0	834,527	847,894

Signed



Circuit Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Income Recognition

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors relate to the payment of the September stipend in August.

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the 1st quarter assessment received in August.

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4. Donations and legacies	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£		£	£	£
Donations	4,450			4,450	680
Legacies	0			0	
Total	4,450	0	0	4,450	680

5. Investment income	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£		£	£	£
Central Finance Board	7		33	40	288
TMCP	8	404		412	1,116
Other	77			77	97
Total	92	404	33	529	1,501

6. Income from investment properties.	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£

Rent received from the letting of the empty manse at 53 Dundalk Lane	8,207	8,394
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7. Assessments	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£
Bethel, Bridgtown	5,800	5,800
Bourne	8,130	10,840
Brereton	7,040	7,040
Burntwood	23,680	23,680
Cannock Wood	4,520	4,520
Chadsmoor	29,160	29,160
Chase Terrace	6,640	6,640
Chasetown	23,600	23,600
Featherstone	7,520	7,520
Florence Street	5,915	7,200
Great Wyrley	15,440	15,440
Handsacre	9,360	9,360
Mill Street	4,360	4,360
Penkridge	28,340	28,340
Salem, Cheslyn Hay	25,980	25,980
St. Paul's	29,600	29,600
St. Stephen's	34,060	34,060
Trinity, Hednesford	24,040	24,040
Trinity, Norton Canes	11,200	11,200
Upper Landywood	7,160	7,160
Total	311,545	315,540

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8. Grants and Donations	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£		£	£	£
Bourne, Heath Hayes	0			0	3,500
Featherstone	0			0	5,000
Handsacre	500			500	0
Methodist Homes	100			100	0
Leaving Gifts	0			0	800
Total	600	0	0	600	9,300

9. Salaries & associated costs	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£
Ministers - Stipends	131,688	128,151
Pension Contribution	34,330	33,426
National Insurance	12,006	11,615
Lay Workers - Wages	47,877	30,214
Total	225,901	203,406

Average number of staff employed during the year were: 10 8

10. District Assessment & Levy	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£
Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District	60,520	60,667
URC Assessment	2,800	2,700
District Advance Fund	3,887	4,048
Total	67,207	67,415

11. Office Expenses	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£
Telephone and Internet	3,695	3,435
Printing, Postage and Stationery	4,293	1,946
	7,988	5,381

12 Other outgoings	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£
Travel Expenses - Ministers	1,662	4,892
Travel Expenses - Lay Workers	1,981	2,164
Supernumerary Preaching Allowances	225	2,016
Removal Expenses	0	1,710
Quinquennial Inspections	5,472	0
Miscellaneous	1,417	3,468
	10,757	14,250

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13. Payment to Trustees

	This year	Last year
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting	£ None	None
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	6	6
Nature of the expenses	Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and computing costs	
Total amount paid	£ 1,981	2,164

14. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£ 235	225
Other fees (e.g.: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£ None	None

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15 Tangible Fixed Assets

Detail of assets held, State number of manses, specifically reference other buildings managed by the circuit and separately identify property treated as investment property. Provided summary information in respect of other categories and specific reference should be made in respect of any assets under construction	
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Cost or valuation	Residential Land £	Other Land £	Six Manses £	Other buildings £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward			673,780					673,780
Additions								
Revaluations (+/-)								
Disposals (-)								
Transfers * (+/-)								
Balance carried forward			673,780					673,780

Accumulated depreciation

	**Basis		SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	
	** Rate						
Balance brought forward							
Depreciation charge for year (-)							
Revaluations (+/-)							
Disposals (-)							
Transfers * (+/-)							
Balance carried forward							
Net book value							
Brought forward	-	-	673,780	-	-	-	673,780
Carried forward	-	-	673,780	-	-	-	673,780

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.
 ** Indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line, depreciation is based on the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, a percentage annual deduction is made each year.

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16 Investments

NONE

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Manses Fund are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements

		This year	Last Year
Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange			
Investments held in common investment funds,			
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange			
Other investments			
	Total		

Change in investment values

Carrying (market) value at beginning of year			
Add: additions to investments at cost			
Less: disposals at carrying value			
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation			
Carrying (market) value at end of year			

17. Analysis of current assets**Debtors and prepayments**

Pre paid Stipends

Accrued income

Other debtors

Total debtors and prepayments**This year****Last year****£****£**

14,931	14,716
3,542	4,744
18,473	19,460

Analysis of cash at bank

Bank balance held in HSBC Bank plc

Bank balance held in Methodist Chapel Aid

Bank balance held in (Name of bank)

Total Cash and Bank

47,354	36,378
	12,977
47,354	49,355

18. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Trade Creditors

Other Creditors (Assessments received in advance)

Total Current Liabilities

£	11,046	11,819
£	61,035	52,310
£	72,081	64,129

19. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2021 the Circuit has no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2021.

20. Loans

NONE

Source	Purpose of loan	Amount brought forward	New borrowings	Loan interest	Repayable in the year	Balance at year end
Totals						

Repayment due

Due within 12 months	31/08/2022							
Due between 1 and 5 years	31/08/2023		31/08/2024		31/08/2025		31/08/2026	
Due later than 5 years								

Note: the two totals X and Y must agree

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21. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
General	681,939	324,294	333,955	30,000	702,278	
Circuit Advance Fund	127,744	404	4,143	-30,000	94,005	
Totals	809,683	324,698	338,098		796,283	

Restricted Funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Running Expenses	28,553	25			28,578	For reserve policy
Mission & Outreach	5,955	5			5,960	
Education Fund	3,703	3			3,706	
Totals	38,211	33			38,244	

Endowment Name	How the capital is invested	The current value of the capital	Annual Income	What the income was used for
Totals				

The reasons for the transfers between funds were as follows:

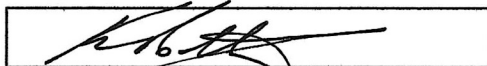
To replace funds expended on major repairs and refurbishment of three manse over the last two years

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 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

28 October 2021

Name of Treasurer

Keith Rothery

Address

64 Thorpe Street, Burntwood, Staffordshire. WS7 1NJ

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on *15th March 2022*

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting

Revd Nigel Young

Date

*16 June 2022***Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the**

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This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2021

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Circuit's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31st August 2021 present a true and fair view of the Circuit's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary 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.



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Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning 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. My 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 as 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.

(3) 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, via sight of bank statements and fund statements.

Name of independent examiner

Elaine Glover

Signature of independent examiner



Relevant Professional qualification of independent examiner

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