

NORTH YORKSHIRE COAST METHODIST CIRCUIT

Registered Charity No. 1136165



REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST AUGUST 2024

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st August 2024.

1 ACCOUNTING FRAMEWORK

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024 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 (FRS) 102.

2 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Circuit has a mission statement which is summarised as:

"The North Yorkshire Coast Methodist Circuit exists to fulfil God's vision of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with people of all ages, so that they will become His disciples and grow in faith. We will do this by challenging, encouraging, resourcing and enabling the people and churches of the Circuit to serve their communities and the wider world."

In practical terms, the Circuit operates to:

- provide ministerial oversight and pastoral care of the church communities in the Circuit;
- pay and support a team of ordained presbyters and two lay support workers.
- enable the upkeep of associated manses.

3 ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Circuit covers a wide geographic area, nevertheless the Circuit Leadership Team strives to keep the different church communities connected.

Funds previously agreed for releasing to resource mission in local church communities were paid by way of grants. The fund has been frozen for a year to reassess the criteria.

A bequest to the Circuit from the estate of Miss Joyce Dark is being used to fund a Youth Fund to support young people who wish to participate in events and activities which will enrich their spiritual lives and deepen their discipleship.

The Coldyhill Lane Circuit Manse is being rented and the rental being added into general funds.

4 FINANCIAL REVIEW

4.1 Investment Policy and Performance

To comply with Methodist Standing Orders, monies for long-term investment are lodged with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP). TMCP acts as custodian trustee for all real estate held by Circuits and for all large (over £20,000) bequests and for the proceeds of sale of any property formerly owned by the Circuit. These sums are invested in unitised investments or held on deposit. The investment returns are close to tracking the movements in the FTSE100 index. The deposit income mirrors the deposit rates available elsewhere. Circuit trustees' investment policy is aligned with that of the Central Finance Board (CFB) and the TMCP because these organisations take into consideration the social, environmental and ethical considerations, both negatively and positively, that make investments suitable for the Methodist Church.

There are no benchmarks for the expected returns or appreciation on investments at CFB and TMCP. It is the Circuit's policy to manage the cash and investment resources of the Circuit so that a rate of return on investment – both by way of dividend and capital appreciation – is obtained at least as good as market rate considering the Circuit's low appetite for risk. Investments are currently spread between the CFB Managed Equity Fund, the CFB Managed Mixed Fund and the CFB Deposit Fund.

A donation had been made towards The Connection Pension Fund of £18,750. The Connexion have now said they no longer need the money, and this money plus that given by South Cliff Methodist Church (now closed) has been returned to the Circuit.

4.2 Reserves level and policy

Unrestricted reserves are funding a 5-year appointment until August 2025 of Mr Thomas Clayton and supporting community outreach in the Circuit. This is the last year of a grant of £100,000 to be paid out at £20,000 per year for 5 years has supported mission work in the Driffield Circuit.

It is recognised that regular income is not meeting annual expenditure and that reserves are going to be further drawn upon going forward. Staffing levels are being kept under close review.

Model Trust funds were earlier designated to resource mission in the local church communities, to be made available for approved claims and to be drawn over a maximum of 5 years from the date of approval. £27,558 has been paid out during this financial year, with one unspent grant of £944 being returned by one church.

A target figure for reserves is set at £300,000 which would cover a year's expenditure on the general fund and at 31st August 2024 the unrestricted reserves were £840,252.

4.3 Collaborative arrangements with connected charities

The Circuit's prime source of funding is from voluntary contributions made by the member churches (which in turn is derived largely from the donations of the various church congregations) in order to meet the Circuit's annual General Fund budget. The Circuit Treasurer generally meets annually with the treasurers of the member churches to review the Circuit's finances, to present the Circuit budget and to seek commitments from the churches to making contributions towards meeting the budget.

The Circuit is required to pay an assessment to the Yorkshire North and East District of the Methodist Church, part of which is passed on to The Methodist Church Fund. This assessment is currently based on a formula linked to staffing numbers in the Circuits.

The Circuit pays an annual levy via the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes to the District Advance Fund, based on the value of its balance in the Circuit Model Trust Fund at the start of the Connexional year on 1st September.

5 TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

For each financial year ending on 31st August the Trustees are required to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial activities during the year and its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees must:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently using the accruals method
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- follow applicable accounting standards
- prepare accounts to comply with the Charities SORP.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Circuit and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Circuit and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

6 STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Circuit is an unincorporated association and is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church and was registered with the Charity Commissioners on 2nd June 2010.

6.1 Organisational Structure

Circuits are the coordinating charities for local groups of churches; Circuits pay the stipends of the ministers and employ lay staff to serve the churches of the Circuit; most decisions are made at or ratified by the Circuit Meeting. A district is the coordinating charity for a group of contiguous Circuits and makes its decisions at the half-yearly synods. The Methodist Conference meets once each year as the supreme denominational body for all Methodist Churches.

1. Overall regulatory authority rests with the Methodist Conference.
2. The Connexional Office, alongside the Methodist Council, implements decisions made by the Conference and is also responsible for the stationing of presbyters and deacons (collectively known as ministers) in individual Circuits within the District.
3. Connexional decisions are passed to the Chair of the District and the appropriate Officers of the District for regional implementation.

4. The Districts pass control down to Circuit level for local implementation by the Superintendent Minister, ministerial staff and Circuit Stewards, and authority is delegated to the Circuit Meeting for certain matters.
5. The Circuit Meeting passes regulatory control down to Church Councils for local implementation by the presbyter, the Church Stewards and other officers, and authority is then exercised by Church Councils as Managing Trustees of their charity.
6. The Circuit Superintendent chairs meetings of the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) and the Circuit Meeting, which trustees are expected to attend. Policy decisions are normally taken at the Circuit Meeting. During the time of Covid restrictions the meeting granted devolved powers to the Circuit Leadership Team and has renewed this periodically.
7. The Methodist Connexional year runs from 1st September to 31st August.

6.2 Governance

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, and
- b any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church, and
- c any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution or subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church, and
- d any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary of the Methodist Church.

The Circuit is a group of local churches, some of which are Local Ecumenical Partnerships (LEP's) with other denominations. Circuits combine to form Districts in Great Britain. Although there is some autonomy, all Methodist organisations in Great Britain are governed by statutes determined by the Methodist Conference and which are published in the Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church. Conference is the supreme body within the church; it delegates much of its authority to the Methodist Council. Both Conference and Council consist of lay and clerical members.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the Circuit Meeting, held a minimum of twice a year, gives careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing our objectives as set out above.

During the year the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) – the Circuit Ministerial Staff and Circuit Stewards – meets regularly to keep under review the life of the Circuit and to take forward the decisions of the Circuit Meeting.

The charity trustees have considered the major risks to which the Circuit is exposed and have reviewed those risks and established systems and procedures to manage those risks. The risk management strategy comprises an annual review and a review of non-financial risks as well as the financial risks to the Circuit. Non-financial risk considerations include the health and safety of its residents and its employees, fire safety, property maintenance and a review of insurance cover. A key element of managing financial risk is the setting of a reserves policy and its regular review by the trustees.

Safeguarding

The Circuit follows the Connexional policy on safeguarding as detailed in *Creating Safer Space*. Each church has a safeguarding representative and there is a Safeguarding Officer in the Circuit to ensure the adoption of safe practice amongst children and vulnerable adults. The Circuit also follows the Connexional policy on safer recruitment, as detailed in *Safer Recruitment Policy, Procedures and Guidance*.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. Specifically:

- many churches make their premises available to other organisations that need somewhere to meet
- uniformed organisations (Scouting, Girlguiding, Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade) are affiliated to many of our churches and meet on church premises
- provision of breakfasts and luncheon clubs for the elderly and disadvantaged
- other activities to the benefit of the public including outreach activities
- raising money for local, national and overseas charities and activities.

7 ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

7.1 Name of the charity

North Yorkshire Coast Methodist Circuit

7.2 Charity registration number

1136165, registered in England and Wales

7.3 Registered address

Circuit Office, Westborough Methodist Church,
Westborough, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, YO11 1TS.
Telephone (01723) 355129 email: nycmcircuit@gmail.com

7.4 Superintendent Minister

Revd Graham R Morgan

7.5 Circuit Support Manager and Secretary to the Circuit Meeting

Miss Fiona Kemp

7.6 Circuit Treasurer

Mrs Carol Evans

7.7 Names of Trustees

The following people served as trustees throughout all or part of the financial year or were trustees at the time of this report being approved:

Mr Colin Adamson (Circuit Steward and representing Westborough Methodist Church, Scarborough)

Mrs Rita Alden (representing Snainton Methodist Church) – resigned 04/01/24

Mrs Claire Alexander (representing Robin Hood's Bay Methodist Church)

Mr Ian Alexander (representing Robin Hood's Bay Methodist Church)

Mrs Barbara Beadle (representing Snainton Methodist Church)

Mrs Marilyn Bellinger (representing Snainton Methodist Church)

Mrs Jean Brown (representing Sherburn Methodist Church)

Mr Peter Brown (Circuit Steward)

Mrs Eileen Burn (representing Seamer Methodist Church)

Mr Christopher Cade (representing Sherburn Methodist Church)

Miss Angela Cammish (representing Cross Hill Methodist Church, Hunmanby) until 31/08/24

Mrs Kathleen Charter (representing Fylingthorpe Methodist Church)

Mr Thomas Clayton (Local Preachers Secretary)

Mrs Susan Clubley (representing Emmanuel St. John's Methodist/URC Church, Scarborough)

Dr Lesley Coote (representing Emmanuel St. John's Methodist/URC Church, Scarborough)

Mrs Karen Cranston (representing Cayton Methodist Church)

Mrs Ruth Dale (Circuit MHA Chaplain)

Mrs Georgette Donoghue (representing Burniston Methodist Church)

Mr John Earnshaw (representing Seamer Methodist Church)

Mrs Carol Evans (Circuit Steward)

Mr David Evans (representing Queen Street Methodist Church, Scarborough)

Mr Peter Evans (Circuit Steward)

Mrs Hazel Green (representing Littlebeck Methodist Church)

Mrs Patricia Henny (representing Cayton Methodist Church)

Mrs Christine Herbert (representing Scalby Methodist Church)

Mr John Herbert (representing Scalby Methodist Church)

Rev Christine Hey (Supernumerary) – from 01/09/23 until 31/08/24

Mrs Helen Higgs (representing Ayton Methodist Church)

Mr Keith Higgs (representing Ayton Methodist Church)

Mrs Christine Imeson (representing Filey Methodist Church)

Mr Robert Jackman (representing Seamer Methodist Church)

Miss Fiona Kemp (Circuit Support Manager)

Mrs Gill Kirby (representing Wreyfield Drive Methodist Church)

Mrs Anne Kirkman (Methodist Women in Britain representative)

Ms Margaret Light (representing Seamer Methodist Church)

Mrs Anne Lofts (representing Wreyfield Drive Methodist Church, Scarborough) – until 31/08/24
 Mr Kenneth Marsden (representing Burniston Methodist Church and Connexional Funds Treasurer)
Miss Ann Maynard (representing Northstead Methodist Church, Scarborough) – resigned 10/04/24
 Revd Emma Morgan (Presbyter)
 Revd Graham Morgan (Superintendent Minister)
 Mr Neil Mould (representing Westborough Methodist Church, Scarborough)
 Mrs Jan Nicholson (representing Northstead Methodist Church)
 Rev Gareth Phillips (Presbyter) – from 01/09/23
 Mrs Isabel Plewes (representing Westborough Methodist Church, Scarborough) – from 01/01/2024
 Mr Thomas Robertson (representing Queen Street Methodist Church, Scarborough)
Mrs Diane Robinson (Synod representative) – until 31/08/24
 Mr David Rowland (representing Hawsker Methodist Church)
Revd Bruce Russell (Supernumerary Minister) – until 31/08/24
 Mrs Lynne Sadler (representing Queen Street Methodist Church, Scarborough)
 Mr Ian Smith (representing Burniston Methodist Church)
 Mrs Elizabeth Somerville (representing Northstead Methodist Church, Scarborough)
Rev Harold Stuteley (Presbyter) – until 31/08/24
Mr Melvyn Sykes (representing Filey Methodist Church) – RIP 08/09/24
 Mrs Janet Tebb (representing Sherburn Methodist Church)
 Mrs Jane Thompson (representing Filey Methodist Church)
 Miss Daphne Tindale (representing Hawsker Methodist Church)
 Mr Martin Usher (representing Westborough Methodist Church)
 Mrs Judith Ventress (representing Littlebeck Methodist Church)
 Mr Robert Ventress (representing Littlebeck Methodist Church)
 Revd Pam Ward (supernumerary minister)
 Mrs Janet White (representing Fylingthorpe Methodist Church)
 Mr Peter White (representing Fylingthorpe Methodist Church)
 Ms Sandra Williams (representing Wreyfield Drive Methodist Church, Scarborough)
 XX – Trustee with dispensation

7.8 Bankers

National Westminster Bank plc, 3 Westborough, Scarborough, YO11 1UH

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

7.9 Investment managers and custodian trustees

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

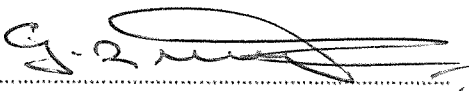
7.10 Independent Examiner

Fortus Limited, Accountants & Business Advisors
 5&6 Manor Court, Manor Garth, Scarborough, YO11 3TU

Approvals

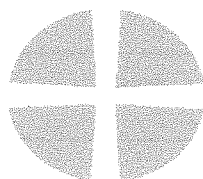
The Financial Statements and the Report of the Trustees were approved by the Circuit Meeting on 2nd October 2024.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees, as authorised



 Revd G R Morgan, Superintendent Minister

Date: 19th March 2025



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (accruals basis) **for the year ended 31 August 2024**

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

		Unrestricted Funds				
	Notes	General Fund	Model Trust Funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023-24	2022-23
Income and Endowments						
Donations and legacies	3	£3,400			£3,400	£9,271
Income from monetary investments		£1,640	£19,676		£21,316	£16,503
Income from investment property						
Income from charitable activities						
Contributions from churches	4	£216,564			£216,564	£210,881
Capital receipts	5		£175,781			
Grants						
Other charitable activities						
Total from charitable activities		£221,604	£195,457	£0	£241,280	£236,655
Other charitable income	6	£17,796	£34,693		£52,490	£6,000
Total charitable income		£239,401	£230,150	£0	£293,770	£242,655
Other income						
Total income and endowments		£239,401	£230,150	£0	£469,551	£242,655
Expenditure						
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Grants and donations	7		£27,558		£27,558	£58,376
Salaries and associated costs	8	£197,518	£37,084		£234,603	£197,280
Property	9	£29,548	£661		£30,209	£35,273
District assessment and levies	10	£60,208	£48,111		£108,319	£71,631
Other outgoings	11	£25,714	£1,057		£26,771	£32,272
Total charitable expenditure		£312,988	£114,471	£0	£427,460	£394,832
Net income before investment gains/(losses)		-£73,588	£115,679	£0	£42,091	-£152,177
Net gains/(losses) on monetary investments	12		£24,369		£24,369	-£12,865
Net gains/(losses) on property disposals / revaluations	13					£0
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		-£73,588	£140,048	£0	£66,460	-£165,042
Transfers between funds	14	£65,000	-£65,000			
Reclassification of funds						
Other gains/(losses)						
Net movement in funds						
		-£8,588	£75,048	£0	£66,460	-£165,042
Total funds brought forward		£848,840	£379,341	£0	£1,228,181	£1,393,223
Less: Future instalments of grant						
Grant instalments provisions released						
Total funds carried forward						
		£840,252	£454,389	£0	£1,294,641	£1,228,181

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Totals 2024	Totals 2023
Fixed Assets						
Tangible fixed assets	BS1	£714,850			£714,850	£714,850
Investment properties						£0
Investments (TMCP Managed Funds)	BS2		£246,213		£246,213	£296,262
Total fixed assets		£714,850	£246,213	£0	£961,063	£1,011,112
Current Assets						
Debtors and Prepayments	BS3	£23,642			£23,642	£16,737
Deposit Funds (TMCP)	BS4		£179,076		£179,076	£74,715
Central Finance Board Deposits		£92,331			£92,331	£26,487
Cash at Bank and in hand		£58,908	£29,100		£88,008	£134,893
Total current assets		£174,880	£208,176	£0	£383,057	£252,832
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	BS5	£49,479			£49,479	£35,763
Grants payable within 1 year						
Total current liabilities		£49,479			£49,479	£35,763
Net current assets/liabilities		£125,402	£208,176	£0	£333,578	£217,069
Total assets less current liabilities		£840,252	£454,389	£0	£1,294,641	£1,228,181
Long-term liabilities (falling due beyond 1 year):						
Net assets		£840,252	£454,389	£0	£1,294,641	£1,228,181
Funds of the Circuit						
Unrestricted:						
General Fund		£840,252			£840,252	£848,840
Model Trust Funds			£454,389		£454,389	£379,341
Total Unrestricted Funds		£840,252	£454,389	£0	£1,294,641	£1,228,181
Restricted Funds				£0	£0	£0
Total Funds		£840,252	£454,389	£0	£1,294,641	£1,228,181

NORTH YORKSHIRE COAST METHODIST CIRCUIT
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31 August 2024

1. Basis of accounting and accounting policies

i) Accounting standard

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)* applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

ii) Public benefit entity

North Yorkshire Coast Methodist Circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

iii) 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. The accruals basis has been used and trustees present accounts that show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

iv) Content

The financial information presented is relevant, reliable, comparable and complete. Where estimates are used these are based on experience, research and judgement. The accounts are presented in Esterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

v) FRS 102 SORP2015

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable charity law in England, this being the Charities Act 2011 and SI 2008/629 (Charities Accounting and Reporting Regulations) and, pending the making of replacement Regulations specific to SORP 2015 in accordance with Reg.8(4)(d) of SI 2008/629, the charity trustees have departed from the requirement of Reg.8(5) by following SORP (FRS102) instead of SORP 2005 to the extent necessary to give a true and fair view in the circumstances.

vi) Going concern

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31 August 2024, the trustees believe that the Circuit is a going concern.

vii) Consolidation

The Circuit has *denominational regulatory oversight* in respect of the work of Churches within the Circuit but has no legal or operational control of those Churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances. For this reason, the financial statements of Churches within the Circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

viii) Income recognition

Income is brought into account when there is an entitlement and the amount is reasonable measurable once it is more than likely than not that the economic benefit of the income will be forthcoming.

The Circuit acts as agent in two matters:

- the collection from Churches and payment over of their contributions to various Funds controlled and administered by The Methodist Church - "Connexional Funds".
- the administration (application, collection and disbursement) of grants requested by Churches within the Circuit from, but not limited to, the District and Connexion.

In all these matters the transactions are not reflected in the SOFA because they are the income of either the Connexion or Churches as appropriate. Instead the transactions are disclosed in the Notes to the Accounts as required by SORP(FRS102), module 19.12.

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102), the time of volunteers is not recognised.

ix) Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, where the amount is reliably measurable and it is considered more likely than not that there will be an outflow of economic benefit.

x) Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement to make a grant, where the actual cost is determinable. Where the grant to be accrued is recurrent over more than one year, the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the balance sheet.

xi) VAT

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

xii) Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £250.

The freehold residential property is shown in the accounts at estimated net realisable value (after deduction of the Connexional Levy and legal and agent's fees that would be payable on the sale value).

From time to time the Circuit may be required to assume responsibility for Church premises following closure and cessation of worship. This results in the Circuit becoming Managing Trustees for the property. At that time the property is recognised as an asset at its anticipated net sale price as determined by a professional valuation and after taking into consideration the levy to be charged by the Connexion. Any expenditure on such assets, if held for reinvestment of the proceeds, as the trustees determine, that is likely to enhance sale value is capitalised at the time the expenditure is incurred. Where the proceeds are intended to be spent on activities, the property is included in current assets at the lower of cost or realisable value.

xiii(a) Monetary Investments

The Circuit's investments are in monetary assets classified as basic financial instruments under FRS102 and are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP. The unrealised gains/losses arising on investments at the end of the year are shown in the SOFA and in Note 12 below.

xiii(b) Investment Property

From time to time the Circuit may hold residential property (formerly manse) which is surplus to its normal staffing requirements. When this is the case and it is anticipated that the property is unlikely to be used as a manse within a period of two years, the property is classified as Investment Property (whether let out or not) and any lets are at market rates unless there is a compelling reason not to do so in furtherance of the Circuit's charitable objectives.

xiv Receivables and Payables; Bank and Cash (Basic Financial Instruments)

Debtors are stated at the amounts owed to the Circuit or prepaid. Creditors are recognised at settlement amount or the amount advanced to the Circuit.

xv Methodist Connexional Funds

The Methodist Church Connexion raises assessments against Circuits and these are paid quarterly to their Districts. The Circuit receives contributions from the Churches in the Circuit. The District quarterly remits to The Methodist Church Fund most of the sum received from Circuits. A small sum is retained by the District to meet its own costs. The Circuit may act as agent for ad hoc collections for various funds controlled and administered by The Methodist Church.

xvi Funds

The trustees have adopted a policy for all unrestricted reserves which is detailed in the Trustees' Report.

xvii Endowment funds

Where the Circuit holds money that may not be spent and must be retained (as capital) to generate an income the money or assets to be retained are classified as an Endowment Fund. The capital will be shown in the balance sheet in a column for endowment funds. The income may be restricted depending upon the terms of the endowment. (The Circuit does not currently have any endowment funds.)

xix Ministers' manse costs

The Circuit is required to provide accommodation for each minister in the Circuit and their families and this is seen as a benefit to the Circuit. Ministers are normally expected to occupy the manse provided for them, although the Circuit currently has one part-time minister who is living in their own accommodation. The Circuit bears the cost of repairs, maintenance, buildings insurance, Council Tax and water charges. These figures are not separately disclosed as benefits-in-kind for ministers as HMRC does not seek to tax these receipts in the hands of ministers.

2 Glossary of terms

CFB: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church manages a Common Deposit Fund and a series of pooled Investment funds for Methodist entities in Great Britain and provides investment advice to those entities.

Church: a group of members from fewer than 10 to more than 300

Circuit: a group of Methodist Churches near each other, typically between 10 and 30

Circuit Meeting: The trustees of the Circuit, most of whom are appointed by their local Churches and others by virtue of a role they undertake for the Circuit and/or their local Churches.

CLT (Circuit Leadership Team): A group of Circuit trustees responsible for the day-to-day administration and policy formulation of the Circuit. Generally the CLT comprises the Presbyters and Deacons stationed within the Circuit and the Circuit Stewards and Circuit Treasurer.

CMTF: Circuit Model Trust Fund

Connexion: The Methodist Church in Great Britain which includes the Head Office at Methodist Church House, all Methodist Districts, Circuits and Churches in Great Britain.

Connexional Funds: The Designated and/or Restricted Funds held and administered by the Connexion in furtherance of its charitable and mission objectives.

District: a group of contiguous Circuits, usually between 15 and 30.

DAF: District Advance Fund

FRS: Financial Reporting Standard

HMRC: His Majesty's Revenue and Customs

MMPS: Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme

Presbyters (including Superintendent): Probationer or Ordained Ministers and/or Deacons who have pastoral and administrative responsibility for Churches within the Circuit

SOFA: Statement of Financial Activities

SORP: Statement of Recommended Practice

TMCP: Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds

Note 3 Donations and legacies

Personal donations and Gift Aid

Legacy from Elizabeth Long

South Cliff Thursday Friends

General Fund	Model Trust funds	Restricted funds	2024	2023
£600			£600	£600
£2,000			£2,000	£0
£800			£800	£8,671
£3,400	£0	£0	£3,400	£9,271

Note 4 Contributions from churches

The Circuit now comprises 19 churches and, knowing the Circuit's budget in advance and having been given an indication of what each church might be expected to contribute by using a formula which takes into account membership and lettings income, each church offers what it feels able to give. Contributions are made either monthly or quarterly in advance and are treated as prepayments on a receivable basis.

Churches in the Circuit are:

Ayton Methodist Church

Briggswath & Sleights Methodist Church

Burniston Methodist Church

Cayton Methodist Church

Cross Hill Methodist Church (Hunmanby)

Emmanuel St. Johns Methodist/URC Local Ecumenical Partnership (Scarborough)

Filey Methodist Church

Fylingthorpe Methodist Church

Hawsker Methodist Church

Littlebeck Methodist Church

Northstead Methodist Church (Scarborough)

Queen Street Methodist Church (Scarborough)

Robin Hood's Bay Methodist Church

Scalby Methodist Church

Seamer Methodist Church

Sherburn Methodist Church

Snainton Methodist Church

Westborough Methodist Church (Scarborough)

Wreyfield Drive Methodist Church (Scarborough)

Note 5 Capital receipts

Closed church (net of CFP Levy) South Cliff

General Fund	Model Trust funds	Restricted funds	2024	2023
£0	£175,781		£175,781	£0
£0	£175,781	£0	£175,781	£0

Note 6 Other income

Rents received (gross)

Access to Work Grant

Burniston - Return of RRFM Grant Not Used

Return of Pension Fund Contributions

Total

General Fund	Model Trust funds	Total	2023
£14,400		£14,400	£6,000
£3,396		£3,396	£0
	£943	£943	£0
	£33,750	£33,750	£0
£17,796	£34,693	£52,490	£6,000

Rents received relates to the letting of one Manse

Note 7 Grants and donations

Releasing Resources for Mission

Queen Street - Updating of AV/AS to Full Digital System

Hope for Xmas Magazines & Happylands Story Booklets

Driffild Layworker

Fylingthorpe - Purchase of Audio/Visual Equipment

Cayton - New Noticeboard and Xmas Cards

Flourish Discount Codes

Queen Street - Lighting Upgrade

Easter Cracked Project

Scalby Banners and Mugs

Ayton - Lego Church

Robin Hood's Bay - Solar Panels

Burniston - Eco Grants for Windows

Burniston - Light Party

Sherburn - IT Facilities

TOTAL

Model Trust funds	2023
£0	£1,056
£0	£886
£20,000	£20,000
£7,558	£0
£0	£410
£0	£470
£0	£15,986
£0	£2,500
£0	£447
£0	£750
£0	£7,907
£0	£5,477
£0	£174
£0	£2,314
£27,558	£58,376

Note 8 Salaries and associated costs**Stipends**

Stipends were paid to 3 full-time Presbyters and 3 part time.

	General Fund	Model Trust funds	Total	2023
Stipends & Allowances	£122,454	£30,503	£152,957	£131,142
National Insurance Contributions	£10,242	£2,954	£13,196	£11,602
Pension Fund contributions	£23,435	£1,830	£25,266	£16,244
Apprenticeship Levy *	£1,542	£0	£1,542	£829
Telephone/Broadband	£5,545	£120	£5,665	£3,878
Travel	£9,285	£1,677	£10,962	£9,418
Training and relocation expenses	£3,494	£0	£3,494	£2,120
Total	£175,997	£37,084	£213,081	£175,233

* For HMRC purposes The Methodist Church is a connected body. This means that all Methodist employing bodies are subject to the Apprenticeship Levy and The Methodist Church is entitled to receive just one allowance of £15,000.

Administration staff

Salary
National Insurance Contributions
Pension Fund contributions
Total

General Fund	2023
£19,013	£19,755
£1,368	£1,262
£1,141	£1,030
£21,522	£22,047

Total Salaries and associated costs

£234,603	£197,280
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No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000. All staff are paid at or above the Living Wage.

Pensions

Most ordained presbyters and deacons are members of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (MMPS). This is a defined benefits scheme. The Supreme Court held in 2014 that Methodist ministers (which term includes presbyters and deacons) are not employees of the Church. For simplicity, however, when dealing with National Insurance contributions and pension contributions, the terms 'employer' and 'employee' are used as they would be in an employing body.

On the other hand, lay employees are contractually employed and have the option of joining a defined benefit pension scheme arranged by the Circuit, subject to meeting the qualifying conditions of the scheme.

The Connexion accounts for both pension schemes and shows the figures in the annual Methodist Church in Great Britain accounts. The MMPS is in deficit but a plan for removal of the deficit is being implemented.

Note 8a Cost of Superintendent, Presbyters, Deacon and Trustees

Each Minister is entitled to a 3 month sabbatical every 7 years and the expenses incurred are met by the Connexion, with the Circuit continuing to pay the stipend. The Circuit does not accrue for holiday pay cover as the remaining staff cover the holidays as needed and without extra pay.

Payments to trustees

Apart from the Presbyters, Circuit Support Manager and Community Layworker, no member of the Circuit Meeting or CLT was in receipt of any payment for work undertaken on behalf of the Circuit, although certain travel and administration costs were reimbursed.

One Trustee, who is the Circuit Meeting Secretary, is in receipt of a salary and pension contributions in respect of her role and has incurred travel costs and home working expenses during the year. The travel costs of Presbyters who attend CLT and Circuit meetings is included within their overall travel and is not separately determined.

Note 9 Property

Repairs and maintenance
Council Tax
Insurance
Water
Energy costs

General Fund	Model Trust funds	Total	2023
£14,836	£2,138	£16,974	£9,662
£8,181	£0	£8,181	£6,848
£5,911	(£2,008)	£3,903	£11,758
£620	£164	£784	£1,275
£0	£367	£367	£5,730
£29,548	£661	£30,209	£35,273

Note 10 District/Connexional Assessment and Levies

District Expenses
 Methodist Church Fund
 Connexional Priority Fund levy on South Cliff Sale
 Connexional levy on Model Trust Fund opening balance

General Fund	Model Trust funds	Total	2023
£9,776		£9,776	£10,182
£50,432		£50,432	£52,358
	£46,312	£46,312	
	£1,799	£1,799	£9,091
£60,208	£48,111	£108,319	£71,631

Note 11 Other outgoings

Contribution for use of office
 Independent Examination fee
 Outsourced finance support
 Learning and development
 Stationery, printing, postage and other office expenses
 Other
 Rental property letting fees
 Bank Charges
 Joyce Dark and Saturday Breakfast expenses
 Gift re Wreyfield Drive
 Supernumerary preachers
 TMCP Admin charges

General Fund	Model Trust funds	Designated funds	Total	2023
£1,000			£1,000	£0
£720			£720	£660
£7,476			£7,476	£8,160
£440			£440	£815
£1,366			£1,366	£1,019
£2,573			£2,573	£2,905
£2,052			£2,052	£1,212
£412			£412	£442
		£913	£913	£770
				£5,937
£8,762			£8,762	£8,355
	£1,057		£1,057	£1,997
£24,801	£1,057	£913	£26,771	£32,272

Note 12 Net gains/(losses) on monetary investments

TMCP Managed Mixed Fund units - revaluation (gain)
 TMCP Managed Equity Fund units - revaluation (gain)

Model Trust funds	2023
£12,463	-£14,280
£11,905	£1,415
£24,369	-£12,865

Note 13 Manse revaluations

88 Coach Road, YO22 5EQ
 155 Coldyhill Lane, YO12 6SD
 59 Lady Edith's Avenue, YO12 5RA
 1 St. John's Avenue, YO14 9AZ

Carrying value b/f	Revalued (NRV)	Gain/(Loss)	2023
£159,700	£159,700	£0	£0
£180,175	£180,175	£0	£0
£180,175	£180,175	£0	£0
£194,800	£194,800	£0	£0
£714,850	£714,850	£0	£0

Total

£0	£0
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Properties are valued at the net of estimated current sale value less the Connexional Priority Fund Levy (20% on the first £100,000 and 40% on the excess) and estimated selling fees.

The revaluation figures were last reviewed in 2018 based on Estate Agent's advice and there have been no major changes to market since that time.

Note 14 Transfer between funds

The transfer between funds represents a transfer from TMCP to cover the projected deficit for the year.

Note BS1 Tangible Fixed Assets

Net Realisable Value of manses, as shown in Note 13.

2024	2023
£714,850	£714,850

Note BS2 Investments with TMCP

Trust 864
 Trust 12241
 Trust 21704
 Total Valuation

Managed Mixed Fund			Managed Equity Fund			Total	2023
Units	Closing Unit Valuation	Closing Valuation	Units	Closing Unit Valuation	Closing Valuation		
1170	£5.417	£6,338				£6,338	£5,883
30605	£5.417	£165,787	2347	£31.567	£74,088	£239,875	£219,600
						£0	£70,779
		£165,787			£74,088	£246,213	£296,262

Note BS3 Debtors and Prepayments

Council Tax
 Stipends & associated costs paid in advance
 Insurance
 Contributions from churches

General Fund	Model Trust funds	Designated funds	Total	2023
£5,161			£5,161	£642
£13,865			£13,865	£12,311
£3,116			£3,116	£3,034
£1,500			£1,500	£750
£23,642	£0	£0	£23,642	£16,737

Note BS4 Current Assets - Deposit Funds with TMCP

Trustees' Interest Fund

Trust 864
 Trust 12241
 Trust 17299
 Trust 21704
 Trust 22048

Model Trust funds	2023
£1,006	£802
£36,838	£29,730
£0	£212
£79,966	£1,179
£61,266	£42,792
£179,076	£74,715

Note BS5 Creditors and Accruals

Contributions from churches received in advance
 Independent Examination fee
 Outsourced finance support
 Recharges
 Net rent received in advance
 Trade creditors

General Fund	Model Trust funds	Designated funds	Total	2023
£34,203			£34,203	£34,157
£720			£720	£660
£0			£0	£660
£193			£193	£286
£1,020			£1,020	£0
£13,343			£13,343	£0
£49,479	£0	£0	£49,479	£35,763

Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

(NRV)	Manses etc	Investment properties	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
Balance brought forward	£714,850					£714,850
Additions						£0
Revaluations (+/-)	£0					£0
Disposals (-)	£0					£0
Transfers * (+/-)						£0
Balance carried forward	£714,850	£0	£0	£0	£0	£714,850

Accumulated depreciation

**Basis	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB
** Rate					

Balance brought forward						£0
Depreciation charge for year (-)						£0
Revaluations (+/-)						£0
Disposals (-)						£0
Transfers* (+/-)						£0
Balance carried forward	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0

Net book value

Brought forward	£714,850	£0				£714,850
Carried forward	£714,850	£0				£714,850

Investment assets:

Investment properties

Financial assets

Market value at year end

£0
£246,213

Analysis of investments

Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange or held in common investment funds, open ended investment companies, unit trusts or other collective investment schemes	£246,213
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange	
Cash held as part of the investment portfolio	
Other investments	
Total	£246,213

Change in investment values

Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	£296,262
Add: additions to investments at cost	£0
Less: disposals at carrying value	-£74,418
Add/(deduct): net gain/(loss) on revaluation	£24,369
Carrying (market) value at end of year	£246,213

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



Date

19/3/25

Name

Carol Evans

Address

Westborough Methodist Church, Westborough, Scarborough, YO11 1TS

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

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

19/3/25

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting

Revd Graham Morgan

Date

19/3/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the
North Yorkshire Coast Methodist Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

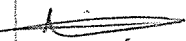
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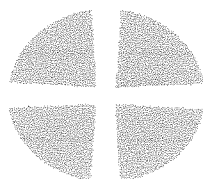
Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act, or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

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Date	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">30/05/2025</div>



NORTH YORKSHIRE COAST METHODIST CIRCUIT

Registered Charity No. 1136165

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (accruals basis) **for the year ended 31 August 2024**

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

		Unrestricted Funds				
	Notes	General Fund	Model Trust Funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023-24	2022-23
Income and Endowments						
Donations and legacies	3	£3,400			£3,400	£9,271
Income from monetary investments		£1,640	£19,676		£21,316	£16,503
Income from investment property						
Income from charitable activities						
Contributions from churches	4	£216,564			£216,564	£210,881
Capital receipts	5		£175,781			
Grants						
Other charitable activities						
Total from charitable activities		£221,604	£195,457	£0	£241,280	£236,655
Other charitable income	6	£17,796	£34,693		£52,490	£6,000
Total charitable income		£239,401	£230,150	£0	£293,770	£242,655
Other income						
Total income and endowments		£239,401	£230,150	£0	£469,551	£242,655
Expenditure						
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Grants and donations	7		£27,558		£27,558	£58,376
Salaries and associated costs	8	£197,518	£37,084		£234,603	£197,280
Property	9	£29,548	£661		£30,209	£35,273
District assessment and levies	10	£60,208	£48,111		£108,319	£71,631
Other outgoings	11	£25,714	£1,057		£26,771	£32,272
Total charitable expenditure		£312,988	£114,471	£0	£427,460	£394,832
Net income before investment gains/(losses)		-£73,588	£115,679	£0	£42,091	-£152,177
Net gains/(losses) on monetary investments	12		£24,369		£24,369	-£12,865
Net gains/(losses) on property disposals / revaluations	13					£0
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		-£73,588	£140,048	£0	£66,460	-£165,042
Transfers between funds	14	£65,000	-£65,000			
Reclassification of funds						
Other gains/(losses)						
Net movement in funds						
		-£8,588	£75,048	£0	£66,460	-£165,042
Total funds brought forward		£848,840	£379,341	£0	£1,228,181	£1,393,223
Less: Future instalments of grant						
Grant instalments provisions released						
Total funds carried forward						
		£840,252	£454,389	£0	£1,294,641	£1,228,181

North Yorkshire Coast Methodist Circuit

Circuit
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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Totals 2024	Totals 2023
Fixed Assets						
Tangible fixed assets	BS1	£714,850			£714,850	£714,850
Investment properties						£0
Investments (TMCP Managed Funds)	BS2		£246,213		£246,213	£296,262
Total fixed assets		£714,850	£246,213	£0	£961,063	£1,011,112
Current Assets						
Debtors and Prepayments	BS3	£23,642			£23,642	£16,737
Deposit Funds (TMCP)	BS4		£179,076		£179,076	£74,715
Central Finance Board Deposits		£92,331			£92,331	£26,487
Cash at Bank and in hand		£58,908	£29,100		£88,008	£134,893
Total current assets		£174,880	£208,176	£0	£383,057	£252,832
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	BS5	£49,479			£49,479	£35,763
Grants payable within 1 year						
Total current liabilities		£49,479			£49,479	£35,763
Net current assets/liabilities		£125,402	£208,176	£0	£333,578	£217,069
Total assets less current liabilities		£840,252	£454,389	£0	£1,294,641	£1,228,181
Long-term liabilities (falling due beyond 1 year):						
Net assets		£840,252	£454,389	£0	£1,294,641	£1,228,181
Funds of the Circuit						
Unrestricted:						
General Fund		£840,252			£840,252	£848,840
Model Trust Funds			£454,389		£454,389	£379,341
Total Unrestricted Funds		£840,252	£454,389	£0	£1,294,641	£1,228,181
Restricted Funds				£0	£0	£0
Total Funds		£840,252	£454,389	£0	£1,294,641	£1,228,181

NORTH YORKSHIRE COAST METHODIST CIRCUIT
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31 August 2024

1. Basis of accounting and accounting policies

i) Accounting standard

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)* applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

ii) Public benefit entity

North Yorkshire Coast Methodist Circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

iii) 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. The accruals basis has been used and trustees present accounts that show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

iv) Content

The financial information presented is relevant, reliable, comparable and complete. Where estimates are used these are based on experience, research and judgement. The accounts are presented in Esterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

v) FRS 102 SORP2015

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable charity law in England, this being the Charities Act 2011 and SI 2008/629 (Charities Accounting and Reporting Regulations) and, pending the making of replacement Regulations specific to SORP 2015 in accordance with Reg.8(4)(d) of SI 2008/629, the charity trustees have departed from the requirement of Reg.8(5) by following SORP (FRS102) instead of SORP 2005 to the extent necessary to give a true and fair view in the circumstances.

vi) Going concern

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31 August 2024, the trustees believe that the Circuit is a going concern.

vii) Consolidation

The Circuit has *denominational regulatory oversight* in respect of the work of Churches within the Circuit but has no legal or operational control of those Churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances. For this reason, the financial statements of Churches within the Circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

viii) Income recognition

Income is brought into account when there is an entitlement and the amount is reasonable measurable once it is more than likely than not that the economic benefit of the income will be forthcoming.

The Circuit acts as agent in two matters:

- the collection from Churches and payment over of their contributions to various Funds controlled and administered by The Methodist Church - "Connexional Funds".
- the administration (application, collection and disbursement) of grants requested by Churches within the Circuit from, but not limited to, the District and Connexion.

In all these matters the transactions are not reflected in the SOFA because they are the income of either the Connexion or Churches as appropriate. Instead the transactions are disclosed in the Notes to the Accounts as required by SORP(FRS102), module 19.12.

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102), the time of volunteers is not recognised.

ix) Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, where the amount is reliably measurable and it is considered more likely than not that there will be an outflow of economic benefit.

x) Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement to make a grant, where the actual cost is determinable. Where the grant to be accrued is recurrent over more than one year, the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the balance sheet.

xi) VAT

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

xii) Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £250.

The freehold residential property is shown in the accounts at estimated net realisable value (after deduction of the Connexional Levy and legal and agent's fees that would be payable on the sale value).

From time to time the Circuit may be required to assume responsibility for Church premises following closure and cessation of worship. This results in the Circuit becoming Managing Trustees for the property. At that time the property is recognised as an asset at its anticipated net sale price as determined by a professional valuation and after taking into consideration the levy to be charged by the Connexion. Any expenditure on such assets, if held for reinvestment of the proceeds, as the trustees determine, that is likely to enhance sale value is capitalised at the time the expenditure is incurred. Where the proceeds are intended to be spent on activities, the property is included in current assets at the lower of cost or realisable value.

xiii(a) Monetary Investments

The Circuit's investments are in monetary assets classified as basic financial instruments under FRS102 and are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP. The unrealised gains/losses arising on investments at the end of the year are shown in the SOFA and in Note 12 below.

xiii(b) Investment Property

From time to time the Circuit may hold residential property (formerly manse) which is surplus to its normal staffing requirements. When this is the case and it is anticipated that the property is unlikely to be used as a manse within a period of two years, the property is classified as Investment Property (whether let out or not) and any lets are at market rates unless there is a compelling reason not to do so in furtherance of the Circuit's charitable objectives.

xiv Receivables and Payables; Bank and Cash (Basic Financial Instruments)

Debtors are stated at the amounts owed to the Circuit or prepaid. Creditors are recognised at settlement amount or the amount advanced to the Circuit.

xv Methodist Connexional Funds

The Methodist Church Connexion raises assessments against Circuits and these are paid quarterly to their Districts. The Circuit receives contributions from the Churches in the Circuit. The District quarterly remits to The Methodist Church Fund most of the sum received from Circuits. A small sum is retained by the District to meet its own costs. The Circuit may act as agent for ad hoc collections for various funds controlled and administered by The Methodist Church.

xvi Funds

The trustees have adopted a policy for all unrestricted reserves which is detailed in the Trustees' Report.

xvii Endowment funds

Where the Circuit holds money that may not be spent and must be retained (as capital) to generate an income the money or assets to be retained are classified as an Endowment Fund. The capital will be shown in the balance sheet in a column for endowment funds. The income may be restricted depending upon the terms of the endowment. (The Circuit does not currently have any endowment funds.)

xix Ministers' manse costs

The Circuit is required to provide accommodation for each minister in the Circuit and their families and this is seen as a benefit to the Circuit. Ministers are normally expected to occupy the manse provided for them, although the Circuit currently has one part-time minister who is living in their own accommodation. The Circuit bears the cost of repairs, maintenance, buildings insurance, Council Tax and water charges. These figures are not separately disclosed as benefits-in-kind for ministers as HMRC does not seek to tax these receipts in the hands of ministers.

2 Glossary of terms

CFB: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church manages a Common Deposit Fund and a series of pooled Investment funds for Methodist entities in Great Britain and provides investment advice to those entities.

Church: a group of members from fewer than 10 to more than 300

Circuit: a group of Methodist Churches near each other, typically between 10 and 30

Circuit Meeting: The trustees of the Circuit, most of whom are appointed by their local Churches and others by virtue of a role they undertake for the Circuit and/or their local Churches.

CLT (Circuit Leadership Team): A group of Circuit trustees responsible for the day-to-day administration and policy formulation of the Circuit. Generally the CLT comprises the Presbyters and Deacons stationed within the Circuit and the Circuit Stewards and Circuit Treasurer.

CMTF: Circuit Model Trust Fund

Connexion: The Methodist Church in Great Britain which includes the Head Office at Methodist Church House, all Methodist Districts, Circuits and Churches in Great Britain.

Connexional Funds: The Designated and/or Restricted Funds held and administered by the Connexion in furtherance of its charitable and mission objectives.

District: a group of contiguous Circuits, usually between 15 and 30.

DAF: District Advance Fund

FRS: Financial Reporting Standard

HMRC: His Majesty's Revenue and Customs

MMPS: Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme

Presbyters (including Superintendent): Probationer or Ordained Ministers and/or Deacons who have pastoral and administrative responsibility for Churches within the Circuit

SOFA: Statement of Financial Activities

SORP: Statement of Recommended Practice

TMCP: Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds

Note 3 Donations and legacies

Personal donations and Gift Aid

Legacy from Elizabeth Long

South Cliff Thursday Friends

General Fund	Model Trust funds	Restricted funds	2024	2023
£600			£600	£600
£2,000			£2,000	£0
£800			£800	£8,671
£3,400	£0	£0	£3,400	£9,271

Note 4 Contributions from churches

The Circuit now comprises 19 churches and, knowing the Circuit's budget in advance and having been given an indication of what each church might be expected to contribute by using a formula which takes into account membership and lettings income, each church offers what it feels able to give. Contributions are made either monthly or quarterly in advance and are treated as prepayments on a receivable basis.

Churches in the Circuit are:

Ayton Methodist Church

Briggswath & Sleights Methodist Church

Burniston Methodist Church

Cayton Methodist Church

Cross Hill Methodist Church (Hunmanby)

Emmanuel St. Johns Methodist/URC Local Ecumenical Partnership (Scarborough)

Filey Methodist Church

Fylingthorpe Methodist Church

Hawsker Methodist Church

Littlebeck Methodist Church

Northstead Methodist Church (Scarborough)

Queen Street Methodist Church (Scarborough)

Robin Hood's Bay Methodist Church

Scalby Methodist Church

Seamer Methodist Church

Sherburn Methodist Church

Snainton Methodist Church

Westborough Methodist Church (Scarborough)

Wreyfield Drive Methodist Church (Scarborough)

Note 5 Capital receipts

Closed church (net of CFP Levy) South Cliff

General Fund	Model Trust funds	Restricted funds	2024	2023
£0	£175,781		£175,781	£0
£0	£175,781	£0	£175,781	£0

Note 6 Other income

Rents received (gross)

Access to Work Grant

Burniston - Return of RRFM Grant Not Used

Return of Pension Fund Contributions

Total

General Fund	Model Trust funds	Total	2023
£14,400		£14,400	£6,000
£3,396		£3,396	£0
	£943	£943	£0
	£33,750	£33,750	£0
£17,796	£34,693	£52,490	£6,000

Rents received relates to the letting of one Manse

Note 7 Grants and donations

Releasing Resources for Mission

Queen Street - Updating of AV/AS to Full Digital System

Hope for Xmas Magazines & Happylands Story Booklets

Driffild Layworker

Fylingthorpe - Purchase of Audio/Visual Equipment

Cayton - New Noticeboard and Xmas Cards

Flourish Discount Codes

Queen Street - Lighting Upgrade

Easter Cracked Project

Scalby Banners and Mugs

Ayton - Lego Church

Robin Hood's Bay - Solar Panels

Burniston - Eco Grants for Windows

Burniston - Light Party

Sherburn - IT Facilities

TOTAL

Model Trust funds	2023
£0	£1,056
£0	£886
£20,000	£20,000
£7,558	£0
£0	£410
£0	£470
£0	£15,986
£0	£2,500
£0	£447
£0	£750
£0	£7,907
£0	£5,477
£0	£174
£0	£2,314
£27,558	£58,376

Note 8 Salaries and associated costs**Stipends**

Stipends were paid to 3 full-time Presbyters and 3 part time.

	General Fund	Model Trust funds	Total	2023
Stipends & Allowances	£122,454	£30,503	£152,957	£131,142
National Insurance Contributions	£10,242	£2,954	£13,196	£11,602
Pension Fund contributions	£23,435	£1,830	£25,266	£16,244
Apprenticeship Levy *	£1,542	£0	£1,542	£829
Telephone/Broadband	£5,545	£120	£5,665	£3,878
Travel	£9,285	£1,677	£10,962	£9,418
Training and relocation expenses	£3,494	£0	£3,494	£2,120
Total	£175,997	£37,084	£213,081	£175,233

* For HMRC purposes The Methodist Church is a connected body. This means that all Methodist employing bodies are subject to the Apprenticeship Levy and The Methodist Church is entitled to receive just one allowance of £15,000.

Administration staff

Salary
National Insurance Contributions
Pension Fund contributions
Total

General Fund	2023
£19,013	£19,755
£1,368	£1,262
£1,141	£1,030
£21,522	£22,047

Total Salaries and associated costs

£234,603	£197,280
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No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000. All staff are paid at or above the Living Wage.

Pensions

Most ordained presbyters and deacons are members of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (MMPS). This is a defined benefit scheme. The Supreme Court held in 2014 that Methodist ministers (which term includes presbyters and deacons) are not employees of the Church. For simplicity, however, when dealing with National Insurance contributions and pension contributions, the terms 'employer' and 'employee' are used as they would be in an employing body.

On the other hand, lay employees are contractually employed and have the option of joining a defined benefit pension scheme arranged by the Circuit, subject to meeting the qualifying conditions of the scheme.

The Connexion accounts for both pension schemes and shows the figures in the annual Methodist Church in Great Britain accounts. The MMPS is in deficit but a plan for removal of the deficit is being implemented.

Note 8a Cost of Superintendent, Presbyters, Deacon and Trustees

Each Minister is entitled to a 3 month sabbatical every 7 years and the expenses incurred are met by the Connexion, with the Circuit continuing to pay the stipend. The Circuit does not accrue for holiday pay cover as the remaining staff cover the holidays as needed and without extra pay.

Payments to trustees

Apart from the Presbyters, Circuit Support Manager and Community Layworker, no member of the Circuit Meeting or CLT was in receipt of any payment for work undertaken on behalf of the Circuit, although certain travel and administration costs were reimbursed.

One Trustee, who is the Circuit Meeting Secretary, is in receipt of a salary and pension contributions in respect of her role and has incurred travel costs and home working expenses during the year. The travel costs of Presbyters who attend CLT and Circuit meetings is included within their overall travel and is not separately determined.

Note 9 Property

Repairs and maintenance
Council Tax
Insurance
Water
Energy costs

General Fund	Model Trust funds	Total	2023
£14,836	£2,138	£16,974	£9,662
£8,181	£0	£8,181	£6,848
£5,911	(£2,008)	£3,903	£11,758
£620	£164	£784	£1,275
£0	£367	£367	£5,730
£29,548	£661	£30,209	£35,273

Note 10 District/Connexional Assessment and Levies

District Expenses
Methodist Church Fund
Connexional Priority Fund levy on South Cliff Sale
Connexional levy on Model Trust Fund opening balance

General Fund	Model Trust funds	Total	2023
£9,776		£9,776	£10,182
£50,432		£50,432	£52,358
	£46,312	£46,312	
	£1,799	£1,799	£9,091
£60,208	£48,111	£108,319	£71,631

Note 11 Other outgoings

Contribution for use of office
Independent Examination fee
Outsourced finance support
Learning and development
Stationery, printing, postage and other office expenses
Other
Rental property letting fees
Bank Charges
Joyce Dark and Saturday Breakfast expenses
Gift re Wreyfield Drive
Supernumerary preachers
TMCP Admin charges

General Fund	Model Trust funds	Designated funds	Total	2023
£1,000			£1,000	£0
£720			£720	£660
£7,476			£7,476	£8,160
£440			£440	£815
£1,366			£1,366	£1,019
£2,573			£2,573	£2,905
£2,052			£2,052	£1,212
£412			£412	£442
		£913	£913	£770
				£5,937
£8,762			£8,762	£8,355
	£1,057		£1,057	£1,997
£24,801	£1,057	£913	£26,771	£32,272

Note 12 Net gains/(losses) on monetary investments

TMCP Managed Mixed Fund units - revaluation (gain)
TMCP Managed Equity Fund units - revaluation (gain)

Model Trust funds	2023
£12,463	-£14,280
£11,905	£1,415
£24,369	-£12,865

Note 13 Manse revaluations

88 Coach Road, YO22 5EQ
155 Coldyhill Lane, YO12 6SD
59 Lady Edith's Avenue, YO12 5RA
1 St. John's Avenue, YO14 9AZ

Carrying value b/f	Revalued (NRV)	Gain/(Loss)	2023
£159,700	£159,700	£0	£0
£180,175	£180,175	£0	£0
£180,175	£180,175	£0	£0
£194,800	£194,800	£0	£0
£714,850	£714,850	£0	£0

Total

£0	£0
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Properties are valued at the net of estimated current sale value less the Connexional Priority Fund Levy (20% on the first £100,000 and 40% on the excess) and estimated selling fees.

The revaluation figures were last reviewed in 2018 based on Estate Agent's advice and there have been no major changes to market since that time.

Note 14 Transfer between funds

The transfer between funds represents a transfer from TMCP to cover the projected deficit for the year.

Note BS1 Tangible Fixed Assets

Net Realisable Value of manses, as shown in Note 13.

2024	2023
£714,850	£714,850

Note BS2 Investments with TMCP

Trust 864
Trust 12241
Trust 21704
Total Valuation

Managed Mixed Fund			Managed Equity Fund			Total	2023
Units	Closing Unit Valuation	Closing Valuation	Units	Closing Unit Valuation	Closing Valuation		
1170	£5.417	£6,338				£6,338	£5,883
30605	£5.417	£165,787	2347	£31.567	£74,088	£239,875	£219,600
						£0	£70,779
		£165,787			£74,088	£246,213	£296,262

Note BS3 Debtors and Prepayments

Council Tax
 Stipends & associated costs paid in advance
 Insurance
 Contributions from churches

General Fund	Model Trust funds	Designated funds	Total	2023
£5,161			£5,161	£642
£13,865			£13,865	£12,311
£3,116			£3,116	£3,034
£1,500			£1,500	£750
£23,642	£0	£0	£23,642	£16,737

Note BS4 Current Assets - Deposit Funds with TMCP

Trustees' Interest Fund

Trust 864
 Trust 12241
 Trust 17299
 Trust 21704
 Trust 22048

Model Trust funds	2023
£1,006	£802
£36,838	£29,730
£0	£212
£79,966	£1,179
£61,266	£42,792
£179,076	£74,715

Note BS5 Creditors and Accruals

Contributions from churches received in advance
 Independent Examination fee
 Outsourced finance support
 Recharges
 Net rent received in advance
 Trade creditors

General Fund	Model Trust funds	Designated funds	Total	2023
£34,203			£34,203	£34,157
£720			£720	£660
£0			£0	£660
£193			£193	£286
£1,020			£1,020	£0
£13,343			£13,343	£0
£49,479	£0	£0	£49,479	£35,763

Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

(NRV)	Manses etc	Investment properties	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
Balance brought forward	£714,850					£714,850
Additions						£0
Revaluations (+/-)	£0					£0
Disposals (-)	£0					£0
Transfers * (+/-)						£0
Balance carried forward	£714,850	£0	£0	£0	£0	£714,850

Accumulated depreciation

**Basis	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB
** Rate					

Balance brought forward						£0
Depreciation charge for year (-)						£0
Revaluations (+/-)						£0
Disposals (-)						£0
Transfers* (+/-)						£0
Balance carried forward	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0

Net book value

Brought forward	£714,850	£0				£714,850
Carried forward	£714,850	£0				£714,850

Investment assets:

Investment properties

Financial assets

Market value at year end

Investment properties	£0
Financial assets	£246,213

Analysis of investments

Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange or held in common investment funds, open ended investment companies, unit trusts or other collective investment schemes	£246,213
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange	
Cash held as part of the investment portfolio	
Other investments	
Total	£246,213

Change in investment values

Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	£296,262
Add: additions to investments at cost	£0
Less: disposals at carrying value	-£74,418
Add/(deduct): net gain/(loss) on revaluation	£24,369
Carrying (market) value at end of year	£246,213

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



Date

19/3/25

Name

Carol Evans

Address

Westborough Methodist Church, Westborough, Scarborough, YO11 1TS

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

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

19/3/25

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting

Revd Graham Morgan

Date

19/3/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the
North Yorkshire Coast Methodist Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

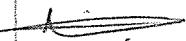
Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act, or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

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