

NEWHAM METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1136259

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2010-06-08

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH ARE AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN SINCE THE DATE OF UNION THE ADVANCEMENT OF -(A) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(B) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CONNEXIONAL, DISTRICT, CIRCUIT, LOCAL OR OTHER ORGANISATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(C) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY SOCIETY OR INSTITUTION SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH;(D) ANY PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CHARITY BEING A CHARITY SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH

Activities: Coordinate the activities of 7 local Methodist Churches. This includes worship and community outreach to improve the quality of life in Newham.

Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31		-	-	-
2023-08-31	£167,805	£221,286	-	-
2022-08-31	£309,699	£227,898	-	-
2021-08-31	£217,860	£181,502	-	-
2020-08-31	£290,718	£244,358	-	-
2019-08-31	£252,218	£196,308	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Atto Saah		2015-09-01
DANIEL NANTWI		2013-09-27
Dorothy Greaves		2015-09-01
ERIC WALKER		2015-09-01
Eden Garoy		2016-09-01
Emiola Ogunrinade		2021-07-01
FLORENCE OGUNBISI		2013-09-27
Folashade Omoniwa		2019-09-01
GRACE FALOLU-JAMES		2016-09-01
GWEN HENRY		
GWENETTE EARLE WATSON		2013-09-27
HANDINETI MUTETE		2011-06-28
ISAAC ANKOMAH		2018-09-11
JOHN CALVERT ANDOH		2016-09-01
JONES AGYEMAN		2011-09-01
JOSEPH RALPH SASU		
KAYODE OLUKOYA		2013-09-27
Marion Gaima		2015-09-01
OLAYINKA AINA		2018-09-11
PAUL REGAN		
REV SARA EDITH COGGIN BA HONS		2011-06-28
RICHARD WILLIAM COCKLEY		2011-06-29
ROSETTA PARKINS		2011-06-28
Rev Charity Madenyika		2022-09-01
Rev ELIZABETH OWUSU OSEI		2016-09-01
Rev MICHAEL JOHN ADRIAN LONG		2024-09-01
SORIE IBRAHIM MOHAMED KAMARA		2019-09-01

Name	Role	Appointed
VIOLET MAY WHITE		
VITELLA ABIMBOLA THOMPSON		2011-06-29

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**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(SEPTEMBER 2022 TO AUGUST 2023)**

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER – 1136259



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**FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31ST AUGUST 2023**

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Introduction

Newham Methodist Circuit is a part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain in the London District. There are seven churches and three ordained ministers offering pastoral care and services to their local communities. The Newham Methodist Circuit was registered, as a Charity on 8th June 2010. The Charity was constituted according to Standing Order 610 of the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist church.

This is the twelfth year of our registration as a charity.

Mission Statement of Newham Methodist Circuit

Mission Statement:

To know Christ and to make Him known in diverse communities with love, servitude and acceptance.

Aim:

In the power of the Holy Spirit, to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ amongst diverse communities, enabling and inspiring to work in partnership with others to fulfil 'Our Calling' as Methodists.

Furtherance of the Christian love, faith, and services in accordance with the doctrine of the Methodist Church and any charitable purpose connected with the Methodist church or church organisation. (see Methodist Church Act 1976)

Strategy:

To support, equip, challenge, and encourage local churches and individuals to realise their role in God's mission through worship, services, evangelism, discipleship, learning and caring.

Objectives:

To enable the churches to be the body of Christ in their communities.

To bring our diverse congregations together into one cohesive whole.

To develop and strengthen youth ministry, inspiring young families.

To discern, conquer and encourage in God's purpose for the circuit.

To encourage, promote and develop unique ways of being a church.

To provide training and other relevant resources to enable churches and individuals to meet their various needs in promoting the Christian faith.

To make, nurture and edify disciples in this modern age.

To underpin all we do with love, relevant worship, and bible reflection.

The activities have been:

- a. Planning regular weekly public worship to be held in all Methodist churches in Newham. This includes the recruitment and training of volunteers as local preachers.
- b. The deployment of two ordained members of staff to undertake duties in the seven churches in membership of the Circuit. Encouraging and resourcing churches to respond to local community needs and the use of their buildings, ministerial staff, volunteers, and other resources.
- c. The Trustees are also responsible for the provision and maintenance of the manses where the ministers who serve the Circuit live.
- d. The Circuit is a founding member of TELCO, the East London chapter of Citizens UK. We encourage our members to undertake the free training provided by Citizens UK and to engage in the campaigns, such as the Living Wage campaign, which started in East London in 2001. Through this membership we have strong links with other faiths and educational organisations which work together for the common good.

PUBLIC & COMMUNITY BENEFIT

The circuit comprises churches that seek the worship of God and are open to all. The churches offer wider care to the community beyond their own memberships and in many cases offer community services and/or facilities for public use.

All Trustees have been mindful of the guidance provided by the Charity Commission concerning public benefit as it affects charities for the advancement of religion.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

A Year of Growth and Challenges

This past year has been both demanding and transformative as churches resumed regular in-person worship following the COVID-19 pandemic. Overseeing the seven Methodist churches across various localities has required dedicated leadership amidst these unprecedented challenges. The pandemic significantly increased our workload, requiring us to shift mindsets and embrace a "new normal" rather than clinging to tradition. COVID-19 has taught us difficult yet valuable lessons about adapting to change, whether we welcome it or not.

By God's prevenient grace and through the collaborative efforts of both lay and ordained staff members, we adapted to this new landscape. We facilitated worship for housebound and unwell members by livestreaming church services and providing YouTube links for elderly members, ensuring they could participate from home. Many of our elderly members did not have Facebook accounts, so we extended our outreach to the wider community and nursing homes, offering recorded services for those unable to join live. Pastoral leaders across all churches demonstrated outstanding care and commitment in guiding congregations through this transition. Circuit governance and administration were sustained through a combination of in-person and Zoom staff meetings.

As Superintendent Minister, I ensured that digital services were delivered in a timely manner, compiling recorded videos into cohesive worship experiences aimed at edifying, equipping, and encouraging believers. In addition to my Circuit responsibilities, I serve as the Minister in charge of Forest Gate and Manor Park Methodist Churches. In September 2019, the Newham Circuit Office was relocated to the Manor Park building.

In 2022, **Rev. Charity Madenyika** was appointed as Minister in charge of High Street South Methodist Church, East Ham Methodist Church, and Pilgrims Way Congregational/Methodist LEP. She was provided with a four-bedroom house at 174 Henniker Gardens, East Ham, London E6 3HS. However, her ministry faced challenges in taking deep root. With the support of the District Chair, she was reassigned to Manor Park, Forest Gate, and Keir Hardie churches, while Rev. Asif assumed pastoral care for High Street South Church.

Rev. Elizabeth Osei offers pastoral care to Stratford Methodist Church, Pilgrims Way Congregational/Methodist LEP, and Stratford Newtown Church. She resides at 15 Latimer Road, Forest Gate, E7 0LQ, a property that now legally belongs to the Newham Circuit. The Circuit also owns additional properties, including Central Park Manse and Stratford Manse on Chobham Road, both of which are leased to tenants. Rental income from these properties supports the Circuit's mission and ministry.

Community Engagement and Worship

Ensuring the well-being of Newham's communities remains a top priority. Church buildings host various weekly community projects, all conducted under safeguarding policies. Worship services continue to be led by three ordained ministers, supported by five accredited Local Preachers and four Local Preachers 'on trial.' Together, they faithfully sow the gospel seed, equipping and engaging both Circuit churches and their surrounding communities in faith and unity.

Recognizing the ongoing mental health challenges, loneliness, and anxiety that many senior members face due to the pandemic, churches have strived to maintain outreach efforts.

As we look ahead, if we transition into a two-minister Circuit, we may need to consider appointing a youth worker to support our growing ministry among young people at the Circuit level.

The Harold Road property was rented to the Applegart Live project. The Circuit faced difficulties in recovering overdue rental arrears, but Applegart Live has since committed to an annual payment of £5,000. The building are also making efforts to pay rent on time. Additionally, one of the Central Park manses was unlawfully occupied by squatters. The case was taken to the High Court, and we await a legal order for possession.

Safeguarding and Property Management

By God's grace, there have been no major safeguarding concerns within the Circuit churches. In 2022, we successfully appointed a Circuit Safeguarding Officer. Our emphasis on fostering a family spirit within the Circuit has played a vital role in ensuring the safety and well-being of all members, young and old. The principle that "if one hurts, we all hurt" continues to be a cornerstone of our community.

Additionally, an Assistant Circuit Property Steward was appointed in 2022-2023 to oversee the strategic and structural management of Circuit properties, provide maintenance guidance, and manage rentals.

Challenges and Financial Risks

Through the dedication of our Treasurer and finance team, we managed to maintain our budget without placing additional financial burdens on the churches. However, the pandemic has significantly impacted church attendance and financial commitments, particularly with the rising cost of living and economic uncertainty. Many volunteers are balancing church responsibilities alongside personal and professional obligations, adding to the strain. COVID-19 has altered lifestyles, increased financial hardship, and challenged the sustainability of many organizations, including our Circuit.

Being a church in London presents unique challenges. Newham is an area of substantial deprivation, with high levels of homelessness, overcrowding, and low wages. Many families struggle to make ends meet, with parents often working multiple jobs. These economic difficulties have affected financial contributions to the Circuit, particularly as rental income was unavailable during lockdown. Nevertheless, with the expertise of our finance team, we reduced assessments during the pandemic to ease the financial burden on churches.

Despite these challenges, we remain steadfast in our commitment to our mission and God's calling. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all trustees and volunteers whose dedication makes the Circuit's ministry possible.

Yours in His vineyard,

Rev. Asif Karam

Superintendent Minister & Chair, Newham Methodist Circuit

The above report was written by Revd Asif Karam, superintendent and chair of the circuit meeting 2022-23. It is with considerable regret that these accounts are submitted so extremely late, and inevitably there has been much change since that financial year. The very necessary change in appointing a new independent examiner has been an additional factor in this delay, but the circuit is keen to submit the late 2023-24 accounts with all speed.

Michael J Long

Revd Michael Long,

Current Superintendent and Chair of the circuit meeting

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER – 1136259

WEBSITE: www.nmc20.org.uk

CIRCUIT OFFICERS

CIRCUIT LEADERSHIP TEAM- CLT FOR 2022-2023

01 Rev Asif Karam	Chairperson
02 Rev Elizabeth Owusu Osei	Minister
03 Marion Gaima	Circuit Steward
04 Sorie Ibrahim Mohamed Kamara	Senior Circuit Steward
05 Daniel Nantwi	2nd Treasurer
06 Isaac Ankomah	Circuit Treasurer
07 Jones Aniclo	Circuit Safeguarding Officer
08 David Mensah	Circuit Property Steward

Registered Address:

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MANAGING TRUSTEES AT ACCOUNTS SIGNING DATE

1. Rev Asif Karam Chairperson (From 01/09/2019 to 31/08/2024)
2. Handineti Mutete (From 28/06/2011 to 31/08/2023)
3. Jones Agyeman (From 01/09/2011)
4. Vitella Abimbola Thompson (From 29/06/2011)
5. Richard William Cockley (From 29/06/2011 to 31/08/2025)
6. Rosetta Parkins (From 28/06/2011)
7. Sam Agyeman-Mensah (From 28/06/2011 to 31/08/2025)
8. Joseph Ralph Sasu (From 12/03/2011)
9. Gwen Henry (From 12/03/2011)
10. Vickey Manyo-Plange (From 12/03/2011 to 31/08/2024)
11. Shirley Violet Clarke (From 12/03/2011 to 31/08/2023)
12. Colin Richard Campbell (From 12/03/2011 to 31/08/2023)
13. Violet May White (From 12/03/2011)
14. Joan Samuel (From 12/03/2011 to 31/08/2023)
15. Delroy Mcdonald (From 12/03/2011 to 31/08/2025)
16. Rev Sara Edith Coggin (From 28/06/2011)
17. Rev Paul Regan (From 12/03/2011)
18. Kayode Olukoya (From 27/09/2013)
19. Florence Ogunbisi (From 27/09/2013)
20. Gwenette Earle Watson (From 27/09/2013)
21. Gillian Striesow (From 02/09/2013)
22. Daniel Nantwi (From 27/09/2013)
23. Marion Gaima (From 01/09/2015)
24. Atto Saah (From 01/09/2015)
25. Michael Danso (From 01/09/2015)
26. Dorothy Greaves (From 01/09/2015)
27. Eric Walker (From 01/09/2015)
28. Rev Elizabeth Owusu Osei (From 01/09/2016)
29. John Calvert Andoh (From 01/09/2016)
30. Grace Falolu-James (From 01/09/2016)
31. Eden Garoy (From 01/09/2016)
32. Isaac Ankomah (From 11/09/2018)
33. Olayinka Aina (From 11/09/2018)
34. Emmanuel Fanimoh (From 01/09/2018)
35. Sorie Ibrahim Mohamed Kamara (From 01/09/2019)

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

Trustee selection methods

Ordained ministers appointed to the Circuit are ex-officio trustees and the Superintendent Minister is the Chair of the Circuit Meetings. All churches in councils’ meetings elect their own representatives to be the circuit’s trustees. The trustees also appoint several officers who are trustees in a leadership team. Some members are approved and proposed by CLT to be appointed by trustees to the circuit offices during their period of appointment.

Methodist Policies and procedures are adopted keenly and carefully. Regular training sessions of the Methodist Church are adopted. To equip, enable and encourage trustees to be skilled and observe the SMART objectives. More attention is being given to the induction of trustees and especially to those who are elected to hold officer’s positions. All trustees are expected to undertake Safeguarding Training and the Officer for this has been appointed earlier this year.

The Charity Trustees have responsibilities to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the situation of the charity. The balance sheet and its incoming resources, application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year will include this information. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees should follow the practice below:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements along with ongoing concerns, unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue that basis

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy. At any time, the financial position of the charity enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charity Law. Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity, hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

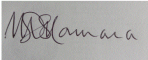
Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Michael J Long

Rev. Michael Long (Superintendent Minister)
 23/12/2025
 Date.....

Isaac Ankomah

Isaac Ankomah (Circuit Treasurer)
 23/12/2025
 Date.....



Sorie Ibrahim Mohamed Kamara

23/12/2025
 Date.....

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEW

RESERVES POLICY

We submit our annual report in accordance with the requirements of the Methodist Conference and the Charity Commission guidance in CC19.

The trustees have established their mission aims taking into account all of the resources available in terms of people, property and money. Mission initiatives/projects have been costed or estimates made of projected future costs which take into account the needs of the buildings and the requirements of the Quinquennial Inspection Reports.

The Trustees wants to maintain of 40% of the operational cost of running the circuit. With the current operational cost of almost £221,286 we therefore need a reserve of £88,515.

Our reserve was as:

Central Finance Board (CFB)	£26,528
Charity Aid Foundation (CAF)	<u>£17,333</u>
	£43,861

We therefore need additional amount of £44,654 We recognise the need to be accountable as charity trustees for all the money, which comes into our hands and will provide further information as required by the Circuit/District/Connexion. The charity did not meet the reserves policy for 2022-23 and the trustees are working on measures to rectify this.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER’S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF NEWHAM METHODIST CIRCUIT

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023 which are set out on page 12 to 18.

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

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; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a ‘true and fair view’ which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Lorraine Purdy

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Lorraine Catherine Purdy FCCA
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23/12/2025

Date:

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
<u>Income</u>				
Income from Charitable Activities (Note 6)	162,888	-	162,888	308,611
Transfer from TMCP		-		
Investment Income (Bank Interest)	4,917	-	4,917	1,088
Total Income	167,805	-	167,805	309,699
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Expenditure on Charitable Activities (Note 7)	221,286	-	221,286	227,898
Total Expenditure	221,286	-	221,286	277,898
Net Income / (Expenditure)	(53,481)	-	(53,481)	81,801
Gain or loss on Investment Assets (Note 8)	1,766,667	-	1,766,667	-
Net Investment in Fund	1,713,186	-	1,713,186	81,801
Total Funds Brought forward	2,108,724	-	2,108,724	2,026,923
Total Funds Carried forward at the end of the year	3,821,910	-	3,821,910	2,108,724

Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
<u>Tangible & Fixed Assets</u>		
Church Building (Note 8)	<u>3,451,667</u>	<u>1,685,000</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Debtors and Prepayment (Note 9)	463,613	205,089
Central Finance Board (CFB)		
Trustees for Methodist Purpose (TMCP)	83,488	172,191
Cash at bank and in hand	17,333	48,544
Total Current Assets	<u>564,434</u>	<u>425,824</u>
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Other creditors (Note 10)	93,985	2,100
Total Current Assets		
Net Current Assets	<u>470,449</u>	<u>437,724</u>
Total Assets less Current liabilities	<u>3,922,116</u>	<u>2,108,724</u>
Long term Creditor (Note 11)	100,206	-
Total Net Assets / (Liabilities)	<u>3,821,910</u>	<u>2,108,724</u>
Funds and Reserves (Note 12)		
Unrestricted Fund	<u>2,055,243</u>	<u>2,108,724</u>
Revaluation Reserves (non-distributable)	<u>1,766,667</u>	-
	<u>3,821,910</u>	<u>2,108,724</u>

Approved by the Management Committee and signed on its behalf by:

..... *Michael M. Long*
Rev. Michael Long (Superintendent Minister)

23/12/2025

Date.....

..... *Isaac Ankomah*
Isaac Ankomah (Treasurer)

23/12/2025

Date.....

..... *MS Kamara*
Sorie Ibrahim Mohamed Kamara

23/12/2025

Date.....

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounting

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under historical cost convention with items recognised at costs or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to this accounts. Financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charity statement of recommended practices issued in October 2019, the Financial reporting standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the charities Act 2011

The trustees consider that there is no material uncertainty about the trustees' ability to continue as a going concern. The trust constitute a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102

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 no Endowment funds. 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 an accurate and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Incoming Resources

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.

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

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £500. The freehold property was shown in the accounts at 2020 deemed values. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (assuming 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.

Investment Properties

There was revaluation of three Investment properties by £1,766,667.

Investment properties, which are properties held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, are initially measured at cost and subsequently stated at the Trustees' estimates of the fair valuation at the year-end, based on an index of property prices in the relevant areas. Any surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Debtors and Prepayments

The prepayment included in the accounts is in respect of rent owe by Applicative, outstanding payment for church assessment and the amount on Forest Gate Development project.

Creditors

The creditors included the loans taken from churches and payment made on behalf of Forest Gate.

4. Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, and this excludes stipends.

Trustee expenses

	2022/2023	2021/2022
Number of Trustees	6	0
Total amount	£9,119	£0

5. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

There were no capital commitments and contingent liabilities identified at 31 August 2023.

6. Income from Charitable Activities

	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
Assessment of Shares	103,534	-	103,534	163,206
Lettings	54,543	-	54,543	109,147
Donation	790	-	790	-
Other income	4,021	-	4,021	36,258
Total	162,888	-	162,888	308,611

7. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
Stipends, PAYE, NIC & Pension	115,389	-	115,389	74,438
District Assessment	35,096	-	35,096	33,024
Methodist Church Fund		-		-
Ministers Travel, Telephone and Others	9,847	-	9,847	10,168
Ministers Removal		-		-
Repairs to Manses	-	-	-	35,356
Insurance	9,579	-	9,579	9,764
Utilities	17,781	-	17,781	4,773
Repairs and Maintenance of Manses	15,242	-	15,242	21,896
Rent Payment		-		
Support & Governance Cost	8,332	-	8,332	5,830
Youth Project	2,696	-	2,696	-
Bank Charges	978	-	978	527
Forest Gate Expenses		-		27,398
Circuit Office Ex	6,346	-	6,346	4,724
Total	221,286	-	221,286	227,898

There was an increase of number of minister from two in 2022 to three ministers in 2023.

The support and governance cost last year included an independent examiner fee of £1,000.

8. Fixed Assets and Investment Properties

	General Fund Unrestricted B/fwd	Revaluation gains in the year	Total 2022-2023	Total 2021-2022
Manses				
174 Henniker Gardens	316,667	-	316,667	316,667
15 Latimer	735,000	-	735,000	735,000
Total Manse	1,051,667	-	1,051,667	1,051,667
Investment properties				
368 Central Park - Manse	285,000	165,000	450,000	285,000
146 Chobham Road - Stratford	348,333	201,667	550,000	348,333
170 Harold Road	-	1,400,000	1,400,000	-
Total Investment properties	633,333	1,766,667	2,400,000	633,333
Total Fixed Assets	1,685,000	1,766,667	3,451,667	1,685,000

9. Debtors and Prepayment

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total	Unrestricted Fund
DEBTORS AND PRE- PAYMENT	2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023	2021-2022
Forest Gate MC	28,378	-	28,378	38,378
Manor Park MC	19,794	-	19,794	53,793
Pilgrims Way MC	23,210	-	23,210	55,518
Applegate	25,000	-	25,000	30,000
Forest Gate MC	367,231	-	367,231	27,399
Total	463,613	-	463,613	205,088

The amount owed from Forest Gate MC is not expected to be received within one year. It will be repaid following the Forest Gate Development and is connected to the long term loan detailed in note 11.

10. Other Creditors

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total	Unrestricted Fund
OTHER CREDITORS	2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023	2021-2022
Keir Methodist church	10,000	-	10,000	-
High Street Methodist church	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Tenant Rent Advance	1,100	-	1,100	1,100
Loan from Tower Hamlet	14,795	-	14,795	-
Payment on behalf of Forest Gate	67,090	-	67,090	-
	93,985	-	93,985	2,100

11. Long Term Loan

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total	Unrestricted Fund
LONG TERM LOAN	2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023	2021-2022
Long-term loan from Tower Hamlet	100,206	-	100,206	-

This was made up of interest on loan taken from Tower Hamlet Methodist Circuit and consultancy payment made on behalf of Forest Gate Methodist Church development project. Of which £56,118 is being paid over 48 monthly payments, starting from August 2023. The rest of the loan will be paid in one lump sum once the Forest Gate Developments gets underway.

12. Funds and Reserve

	Balance as at 01.09.22	Incoming	Outgoing	Balance as at 31.08.23
General fund (unrestricted)	2,108,724	167,805	(221,286)	2,055,243
Revaluation reserve*	-	1,766,667	-	1,766,667
Total fund	2,108,724	1,934,472	(221,286)	3,821,910

* This relates to revaluation of investment properties, which is not distributable.

NEWHAM METHODIST CIRCUIT

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NEWHAM METHODIST CIRCUIT

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(SEPTEMBER 2021 TO AUGUST 2022)**

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Introduction

Newham Methodist Circuit is a part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain in the London District. There are seven churches and three ordained ministers offering pastoral care and services to their local communities. The Newham Methodist Circuit was registered, as a Charity on 8th June 2010. The Charity was constituted according to Standing Order 610 of the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist church. This is the twelve (12) year of our registration as a charity.

Mission Statement of Newham Methodist Circuit

Mission Statement:

To know Christ and to make Him known in diverse communities with love, servitude and acceptance.

Aim:

In the power of the Holy Spirit, to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ amongst diverse communities, enabling and inspiring to work in partnership with others to fulfil 'Our Calling' as Methodists.

Furtherance of the Christian love, faith, and services in accordance with the doctrine of the Methodist Church and any charitable purpose connected with the Methodist church or church organisation. (see Methodist Church Act 1976)

Strategy:

To support, equip, challenge, and encourage local churches and individuals to realise their role in God's mission through worship, services, evangelism, discipleship, learning and caring.

Objectives:

To enable the churches to be the body of Christ in their communities.
To bring our diverse congregations together into one cohesive whole.
To develop and strengthen youth ministry, inspiring young families.
To discern, conquer and encourage in God's purpose for the circuit.
To encourage, promote and develop unique ways of being a church.
To provide training and other relevant resources to enable churches and individuals to meet their various needs in promoting the Christian faith.
To make, nurture and edify disciples in this modern age.
To underpin all we do with love, relevant worship, and bible reflection.

The main activities have been dispensed like CDE;

- a) **Collaboration** with the team of others lay and ordained, offering missional oversight, care, and kindness by being sensitive to the context. Endowing leadership, governance, and supervision.
- b) **Delegating**, trusting, and organising comprehensively and conducting regular weekly public worship. Worship to be held in the circuit churches and reaching out to the surrounding communities with love and care.
- c) **Encouraging**, empowering, and resourcing all churches to own and respond to local community needs with the use of Circuit church buildings, ministerial staff, volunteers, and other resources.

The Trustees are also responsible for the manses where the ministers who serve the Circuit live peacefully and feel at home.

The activities have been:

- a. Planning regular weekly public worship to be held in all Methodist churches in Newham. This includes the recruitment and training of volunteers as local preachers.
- b. The deployment of two ordained members of staff to undertake duties in the four churches in membership of the Circuit. Encouraging and resourcing churches to respond to local community needs and the use of their buildings, ministerial staff, volunteers, and other resources.
- c. The Trustees are also responsible for the provision and maintenance of the manses where the ministers who serve the Circuit live.
- d. The ministers of the Circuit engage with other agencies and the local authorities to provide chaplaincy and other services for those in various types of need such as the homeless.
- e. The Circuit has leased one of its buildings (Harold Road Centre, 170 Harold Road E13 0SE) to Applecourt Arts, a local story telling charity, which engages local people in developing skills in theatre, filmmaking and other art forms.
- f. The Circuit is a founding member of TELCO, the East London chapter of Citizens UK. We encourage our members to undertake the free training provided by Citizens UK and to engage in the campaigns, such as the Living Wage campaign, which started in East London in 2001. Through this membership we have strong links with other faiths and educational organisations which work together for the common good.

PUBLIC & COMMUNITY BENEFIT

Newham Methodist Circuit strongly believes that a church is a group of people called from the community, for the community. Therefore, all our worship is public and open to all, anyone can drop in with any background, from any community; we embrace all in Christ's love, care, and kindness. We offer baptism, marriage and funeral services to families who request. Our buildings offer important community spaces and can be rented by agencies who provide services to local groups and communities. Our staff liaise with the Local Authority and other public bodies in providing information and assistance as appropriate.

All Trustees have been mindful of the guidance provided by the Charity

Commission concerning public benefit as it affects charities for the advancement of religion.

REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

With the help of the ordained staff; 5 local preachers and 4 local preachers on trial, the communal worship was offered. Local preachers 'on trial' are making good progress in their training. Ecumenical work is progressing.

Sadly, in March 2020 Covid-19 infected and affected the Newham area along with the rest of the world. Communal worship shifted over to Zoom and YouTube to strengthen, comfort and encourage churches and communities that we are not alone in these tumultuous times. During lockdown, churches and communities were encouraged that His heaven is not closed

down on us in these difficult and different times. In the last five decades we have seen extensive technological advancements, yet technology has done little to defy the problems of loneliness and emptiness. All church members were housebound, and all churches were provided weekly worship and work sheets and the member's mental wellbeing was seriously addressed. That was supported by making phone calls, post cards and by regular fervent prayers and communication.

Rev. Elizabeth was accommodated at 15 Latimer House and the loan of Tower Hamlet was fully reimbursed in one go. The Stratford manse was put to let. Mr. David Mensah, the New Circuit Property Steward and Mr. Jones Aniclo, the circuit Safeguarding Officer were appointed. The governing and administration structure is being improved to be standardised, transparent, and simple for a common trustee to comprehend.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

This year of Covid has been a demanding and challenging year to oversight the 7 churches and offering leadership in these tumultuous and harrowing times, Covid added the workload but by God's prevenient grace and with the collaboration of all lay and ordained, We did our best to offer Online united Circuit Zoom services and recorded services who were unable to join and have access over Zoom, all churches pastoral leaders brilliantly offered the pastoral care in this period. The circuit governance and administration was done by weekly staff meetings over Zoom. As a Superintendent Minister I was making sure the digital services are offered timely and collecting recorded videos and combining them together to make a one services that will edify, equip and enable viewers and worshipers to stay strong, safe and grow in Christian hope. I am also given the responsibility to be a Minister in charge of the Forest Gate and the Manor Park Methodist church. Newham Circuit Office moved into the Manor Park building in September 2019.

Revd Elizabeth Osei is offering pastoral care to Stratford Methodist Church, Keir Hardie and Stratford Newtown Church. She lives in 15 Latimer Road Forest Gate E7 0LQ, this property now legally belongs to the Newham Circuit. Circuit has other properties like Central Park Manse and the Stratford manse at Chobham Road both are occupied by a suitable tenant and the received income helps to carry the mission and ministry in the circuit effectively.

Wellbeing of the Newham Communities is being offered by opening up church buildings for all for various weekly projects, Worship services are continued and conducted by three ordained ministers with the help of five accredited Local Preachers and four Local Preachers 'on trial'. They are sowing the gospel seed, equipping, engaging, and enabling circuit churches and the surrounding communities to become one family, living and loving and ensuring that we all grow in faith and friendship.

The trustees have approved to appoint a part time circuit administrator in 2020, as we come out of this lockdown, this appointment will be made, this will be assisting the superintendent and the CLT.

The whole circuit was affected and infected by the Covid-19 along with rest of the world and church services were shifted during lockdown from physical services to virtual. Many of our senior circuit members are experiencing mental illness, loneliness, and anxiety. They are still suffering by the unkind impacts of this virus. Harold Road property was rented to the Applecart Live project and circuit struggles to

retrieve the overdue arrears which is now paid £5000 pa by the Applecart Live.

We successfully appointed the Circuit Safeguarding Officer in 2020. By God's grace there are not such major safeguarding issues in the Circuit churches, the reason because our emphasis over that we are one family and lets take good care of each other and consider we are brothers and sisters and God has His divine purpose to call us from different counties, different families to be one as a circuit a family, this is evident to witness if one hurts we all hurt. This Spirit has protected and safeguarded all our young and old members in the circuit. It is extremely essential to infuse and instil the family-spirit, that unites and safeguards the circuit from all evil.

We also appointed the Circuit Property Steward in 2020 to offer strategic and structural care to all circuit properties, offering help and advice on property maintenance; hiring and rental management. The buildings were secured and fumigated to ensure, there are less chances of the spread of Covid and when people get back to these buildings, they are calean, sanitised and safer places

A description of the principal risks facing the charity

Both Covid and Recovering the pending debt has oscillated weakening in church attendance and the commitment over giving due to cost of living and uncertainty has caused serious deterioration in all spheres of life and ministry of the circuit. The pool of talent available for the volunteering roles in the work of the Circuit is perplexing. This is not an encouraging result. Somehow, this has put pressure on those who are available in balancing their work and family commitments alongside their church duties and devotion. Covid-19 has changed and challenged the lifestyle. Many organizations plateaued or lost momentum this year, budgets are constricted, the future seems unclear, but our desire is to have successful ministry and fulfil God's call in our lives. The pandemic has created chaos and caused much uncertainty. The world has turned upside down, our normal has become chaotic, our faith is being tested. We are ready to embrace new normal, not just spinning the wheels however, to be successful and sanctified.

In the Capital city, it is speculative and unpredictable to be assertive on growth and loss. The gradual growth and loss especially in this pandemic and lockdown have built a pronounced pressure on the finances of the local churches and businesses.

The Circuit mainly collects and receives much of her pledged income from churches and some through renting (renting has not been available through covid period). Online income during Covid has challenged the Circuit and with the help of professionals and an able finance team the circuit reduced the assessments during Covid not burdening churches. I personally feel being Church in the Capital city, Newham is an area of substantial deprivation with high levels of homelessness, overcrowding and workers who earn less than the real living wage. This means that a very high proportion of children are living in poverty through no fault of their parents. Parents sometimes have to keep more than one job in order to make ends meet. Beyond, all these turbulent circumstances we as circuit family are striving, determined and endeavouring to stick with the circuit mission statement which is in the power of the Holy Spirit to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ among all diverse communities enabling and inspiring to work in partnership with one another to fulfil our Calling as Methodists.

I praise and thank God for all trustees and volunteers in all churches who make the Circuit mission and ministry possible.

Yours in His vineyard,

Asif Karam

Rev. Asif Karam | superintendent
Chair, Newham Methodist Circuit.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER – 1136259

WEBSITE: www.nmc20.org.uk

CIRCUIT OFFICERS

CIRCUIT LEADERSHIP TEAM- CLT

01 Rev Asif Karam	Chairperson
02 Rev Elizabeth Owusu Osei	Minister
03 Marion Gaima	Circuit Steward
04 Sorie Ibrahim Mohamed Kamara	Senior Circuit Steward
05 Daniel Nantwi	2nd Treasurer
06 Isaac Ankomah	Circuit Treasurer
07 Jones Aniclo	Circuit Safeguarding Officer
08 David Mensah	Circuit Property Steward

Registered Address:

Newham Methodist Circuit Office
C/O. Manor Park Methodist Church
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London E12 6AY

Bankers:

CFB Deposit Fund

9 Bonhil Street
London
EC2A 4PE

CAF BANK

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Kings Hill,
West Malling Kent
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Glory Community Accounting Services
318 Barking Road
Plaistow London E13 8HL

MANAGING TRUSTEES

01	Rev Asif Karam Chairperson	Appointed 01/09/2019
02	Handineti Mutete	Appointed 28/06/2011
03	Jones Agyeman	Appointed 01/09/2011
04	Vitella Abimbola Thompson	Appointed 29/06/2011
05	Richard William Cockley	Appointed 29/06/2011
06	Rosetta Parkins	Appointed 28/06/2011
07	Sam Agyeman-Mensah	Appointed 28/06/2011
08	Joseph Ralph Sasu	Appointed 12/03/2011
09	Gwen Henry	Appointed 12/03/2011
10	Vickey Manyo-Plange	Appointed 12/03/2011
11	Shirley Violet Clarke	Appointed 12/03/2011
12	Colin Richard Campbell	Appointed 12/03/2011
13	Violet May White	Appointed 12/03/2011
14	Joan Samuel	Appointed 12/03/2011
15	Delroy Mcdonald	Appointed 12/03/2011
16	Rev Sara Edith Coggin	Appointed 28/06/2011
17	Rev Paul Regan	Appointed 12/03/2011
18	Kayode Olukoya	Appointed 27/09/2013
19	Florence Ogunbisi	Appointed 27/09/2013
20	Gwenette Earle Watson	Appointed 27/09/2013
21	Gillian Striesow	Appointed 02/09/2013
22	Daniel Nantwi	Appointed 27/09/2013
23	Marion Gaima	Appointed 01/09/2015
24	Atto Saah	Appointed 01/09/2015
25	Michael Danso	Appointed 01/09/2015
26	Dorothy Greaves	Appointed 01/09/2015
27	Eric Walker	Appointed 01/09/2015
28	Rev Elizabeth Owusu Osei	Appointed 01/09/2016
29	John Calvert Andoh	Appointed 01/09/2016
30	Grace Falolu-James	Appointed 01/09/2016
31	Eden Garoy	Appointed 01/09/2016
32	Isaac Ankomah	Appointed 11/09/2018
33	Olayinka Aina	Appointed 11/09/2018
34	Emmanuel Fanimoh	Appointed 01/09/2018
35	Sorie Ibrahim Mohamed Kamara	Appointed 01/09/2019

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

Trustee selection methods

Ordained ministers appointed to the Circuit are ex-officio trustees and the Superintendent Minister is the Chair of the Circuit Meetings. All churches in councils' meetings elect their own representatives to be the circuit's trustees. The trustees also appoint several officers who are trustees in a leadership team. Some members are approved and proposed by CLT to be appointed by trustees to the circuit offices during their period of appointment.

Methodist Policies and procedures are adopted keenly and carefully. Regular training sessions of the Methodist Church are adopted. To equip, enable and encourage trustees to be skilled and observe the SMART objectives. More attention is being given to the induction of trustees and especially to those who are elected to hold officer's positions. All trustees are expected to undertake Safeguarding Training and the Officer for this has been appointed earlier this year.

The Charity Trustees have responsibilities to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the situation of the charity. The balance sheet and its incoming resources, application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year will include this information. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees should follow the practice below:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements along with ongoing concerns, unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue that basis

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy. At any time, the financial position of the charity enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charity Law. Trustees are also

responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity, hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Asif Karam

Rev. Asif Karam (Superintendent Minister)

Date... 21-7-2024

Isaac Ankomah

Isaac Ankomah (Circuit Treasurer)

Date... 21-07-2024

Sorie Ibrahim Mohamed Kamara

Sorie Ibrahim Mohamed Kamara

Date... 21-07-2024

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEW

RESERVES POLICY

We submit our annual report in accordance with the requirements of the Methodist Conference and the Charity Commission guidance in CC19.

The trustees have established their mission aims taking into account all of the resources available in terms of people, property and money. Mission initiatives/projects have been costed or estimates made of projected future costs which take into account the needs of the buildings and the requirements of the Quinquennial Inspection Reports.

The Trustees wants to maintain of 60% of the operational cost of running the circuit. With the current operational cost of almost £227,898 we therefore need a reserve of £136,739

Our reserve was as:

Central Finance Board (CFB) £48,544

Charity Aid Foundation (CAF) £45810

£94,354

We therefore need additional amount of £42,384 We recognise the need to be accountable as charity trustees for all the money, which comes into our hands and will provide further information as required by the Circuit/District/Connexion

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the attached Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2022, which are set on pages 12 to 16 and have been prepared on an accrual basis.

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement: In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention, which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records
I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Hasina Jahan (M Com, DFT, MAAT, MBA)
Glory Community Accounting Services
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Date... 21-07-24

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
<u>Income</u>				
Income from Charitable Activities (Note 7)	308,611	-	308,611	209,728
Transfer from TMCP		-		
Investment Income (Bank Interest)	1,088	-	1,088	8,132
Total Income	309,699	-	309,699	217,860
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Expenditure on Charitable Activities (Note 8)	227,898	-	227,898	181,502
Total Expenditure	227,898	-	227,898	181,502
Net Income / (Expenditure)	81,801	-	81,801	36,358
Gain or loss on Investment				
Total Funds Brought forward	2,026,923	-	2,026,923	1,990,565
Total Funds Carried forward	2,108,724		2,108,724	2,026,923

Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
<u>Tangible & Fixed Assets</u>		
Church Building (Note 6)	<u>1,685,000</u>	<u>1,685,000</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Debtors and Prepayment (Note 10)	205,089	158,134
Central Finance Board (CFB)		28,088
Trustees for Methodist Purpose (TMCP)	172,191	130,247
Cash at bank and in hand	48,544	28,554
Total Current Assets	<u>425,824</u>	<u>345,023</u>
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Other creditors	(2,100)	(1,000)
Total Current Assets		
Net Current Assets	<u>423,724</u>	<u>344,023</u>
Total Assets less Current liabilities	<u>2,108,724</u>	<u>2,029,023</u>
Long term Creditor		(2,100)
Total Net Assets / (Liabilities)	<u>2,108,724</u>	<u>2,026,923</u>
Funds and Reserves		
Unrestricted Fund	2,108,724	2,026,923
	<u>2,108,724</u>	<u>2,026,923</u>

Approved by the Management Committee and signed on its behalf by:

Asif Karam
Rev. Asif Karam (Superintendent Minister)

Isaac Ankomah
Isaac Ankomah (Treasurer)

Date... 21-7-2024

Date... 21/7/2024

Sorie Ibrahim Mohamed Kamara
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Date... 21-7-2024

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to the accounts. The statement is prepared in accordance with the second edition of the charity statement of recommended practice issued in October 2019, the financial reporting standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

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 no Endowment funds. 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 an accurate and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Incoming Resources

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

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £500.

The freehold property was shown in the accounts at 2020 deemed values. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (assuming 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.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed not to 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

The prepayment included in the accounts is in respect of rent owe by Applicative, outstanding payment for church assessment and the amount to be received from sale of prayer books

Creditors

The amount owe to the independent examiner for two year and for the deposit from the tenant for renting 368 Central Park Road

4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, and this excludes stipends.

Trustee expenses

	2020/2021	2021/2022
Number of Trustees	0	0
Total amount	£0	£0

5 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

On the 31st August 2022 there are no capital commitments.

There was Contingent liabilities relating to the interest on loan from the district was identified at 31st August 2022 the amount is yet to be agreed.

6 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Land £	Manses £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward		1,685,000				1,685,000

7. Income from Charitable Activities

	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
Assessment of Shares	163,206	-	163,206	166,528
Lettings	109,147	-	109,147	43,200
Donation		-		
Other income	36,258	-	36,258	
Total	308,611		308,611	209,728

8. Expenditure on Charitable Activities:

	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
Stipends, PAYE, NIC & Pension	74,438	-	74,438	108,111
District Assessment	33,024	-	33,024	33,024
Methodist Church Fund		-		-
Ministers Travel, Telephone and Others	10,168	-	10,168	6,043
Ministers Removal		-		-
Property Expenses	35,356	-	35,356	-
Insurance	9,764	-	9,764	2,463
Utilities	4,773	-	4,773	3,937
Repairs and Maintenance of Manses	21,896	-	21,896	15,146
Rent Payment		-		4,883
Support & Governance Cost (Note 9)		-	5,830	1,000
Youth Project		-		1,000
Bank Charges	527	-	527	2,047
Forest Gate Expenses	27,398	-	27,398	3,848
TMCP Expenses		-		-
Circuit Office Ex	4,724		4,724	
Total	227,898	-	227,898	181,502

There was an additional minister for 2022 making three ministers in the circuit.

9. Support & Governance Cost

	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
Accountancy fee	1,000		1,000	1000
Total	1,000		1,000	1,000

10. Debtors and Prepayments

	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
Churches	147,690		147,690	98,134
Applicative	30,000	-	30,000	60,000
Others	-	-	-	-
Forest Gate Church	27,399	-	27,399	-
Total	205,089	-	205,089	158,134

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Trustee selection methods

Ordained ministers appointed to the Circuit are ex-officio trustees and the Superintendent Minister is the Chair of the Circuit Meetings. All churches in councils' meetings elect their own representatives to be the circuit's trustees. The trustees also appoint several officers who are trustees in a leadership team. Some members are approved and proposed by CLT to be appointed by trustees to the circuit offices during their period of appointment.

Methodist Policies and procedures are adopted keenly and carefully. Regular training sessions of the Methodist Church are adopted. To equip, enable and encourage trustees to be skilled and observe the SMART objectives. More attention is being given to the induction of trustees and especially to those who are elected to hold officer's positions. All trustees are expected to undertake Safeguarding Training and the Officer for this has been appointed earlier this year.

The Charity Trustees have responsibilities to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the situation of the charity. The balance sheet and its incoming resources, application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year will include this information. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees should follow the practice below:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements along with ongoing concerns, unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue that basis

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEW

RESERVES POLICY

We submit our annual report in accordance with the requirements of the Methodist Conference and the Charity Commission guidance in CC19.

The trustees have established their mission aims taking into account all of the resources available in terms of people, property and money. Mission initiatives/projects have been costed or estimates made of projected future costs which take into account the needs of the buildings and the requirements of the Quinquennial Inspection Reports.

The Trustees wants to maintain of 60% of the operational cost of running the circuit. With the current operational cost of almost £200,000 we therefore need a reserve of £120,000

Our reserve was as:

Central Finance Board (CFB) £28,088

Charity Aid Foundation (CAF) £28,554

£56,642

We therefore need additional amount of £63,458 We recognise the need to be accountable as charity trustees for all the money, which comes into our hands and will provide further information as required by the Circuit/District/Connexion

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the attached Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2021, which are set on pages 15 to 20 and have been prepared on an accrual basis.

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement: In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention, which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

.....*H. Jahan*.....

Hasina Jahan (M Com, DFT, MAAT, MBA)

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st August 2021

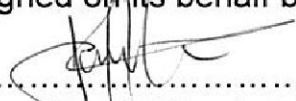
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
<u>Income</u>				
Income from Charitable Activities (Note 7)	209,728	-	209,728	227,537
Transfer from TMCP		-		55,000
Investment Income (Bank Interest)	8,132	-	8,132	8,181
Total Income	217,860	-	217,860	290,718
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Expenditure on Charitable Activities (Note 8)	181,502	-	181,502	224,358
Total Expenditure	181,502	-	181,502	224,358
Net Income / (Expenditure)	36,358	-	36,358	46,360
Gain or loss on Investment				40,602
Total Funds Brought forward	1,990,565	-	1,990,565	1,903,603
Total Funds Carried forward	2,026,923	-	2,026,923	1,990,565

Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
<u>Tangible & Fixed Assets</u>		
Church Building (Note 6)	1,685,000	1,685,000
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Debtors and Prepayment (Note 10)	158,134	117,246
Central Finance Board (CFB)	28,088	4,434
Trustees for Methodist Purpose (TMCP)	130,247	123,166
Cash at bank and in hand	28,554	64,919
Total Current Assets	<u>345,023</u>	<u>309,765</u>
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Other creditors	(1,000)	(3,100)
Total Current Assets	-	
Net Current Assets	<u>344,023</u>	<u>306,665</u>
Total Assets less Current liabilities	<u>2,029,023</u>	<u>1,991,665</u>
Long term Creditor	(2,100)	(1,100)
Total Net Assets / (Liabilities)	<u>2,026,923</u>	<u>1,990,565</u>
Funds and Reserves		
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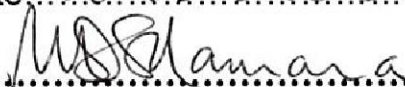
Approved by the Management Committee and signed on its behalf by:

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Asif Karam
Rev. Asif Karam (Superintendent Minister)

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Daniel Nantwi (Treasurer)

Date 06-06-2023.....

Date 6th June 2023.....

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Sorie Ibrahim Mohamed Kamara
 Date 6th June 2023.....

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting 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 no Endowment funds. 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 an accurate and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Incoming Resources

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

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £500.

The freehold property was shown in the accounts at 2020 deemed values. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (assuming 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.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed not to 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 yearend are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

The prepayment included in the accounts is in respect of rent owe by Applicative, outstanding payment for church assessment and the amount to be received from sale of prayer books

Creditors

The amount owe to the independent examiner for two year and for the deposit from the tenant for renting 368 Central Park Road

4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, and this excludes stipends.

Trustee expenses

	2020/21	2019/2020
Number of Trustees	0	0
Total amount	£0	£0

5 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

On the 31st August 2021 there are no capital commitments.

There was Contingent liabilities relating to the interest on loan from the District was identified at 31st August 2021 the amount is yet to be agreed.

6 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Land £	Manses £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward		1,685,000				1,685,000

7. Income from Charitable Activities

	2021	2021	2021	2020
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
Assessment of Shares	166,528	-	166,528	166,528
Lettings	43,200	-	43,200	42,400
Donation		-		4,000
Other income		-		11,609
Total	209,728		209,728	227,537

8. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	2021	2021	2021	2020
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
Stipends, PAYE, NIC & Pension	108,111	-	108,111	116,749
District Assessment	33,024	-	33,024	33,184
Methodist Church Fund		-		-
Ministers Travel, Telephone and Others	6,043	-	6,043	11,110
Ministers Removal		-		-
Loan Payment		-		-
Insurance	2,463	-	2,463	7,685
Utilities	3,937	-	3,937	6,311
Repairs and Maintenance of Manses	15,146	-	15,146	10,973
Rent Payment	4,883	-	4,883	-
Support & Governance Cost (Note 9)	1,000	-	1,000	2,000
Youth Project	1,000	-	1,000	-
Bank Charges	2,047	-	2,047	-
Other Expenses	3,848	-	3,848	1,346
TMCP Expenses		-		-
Legal Fee	-		-	55,000
Total	181,502	-	181,502	224,358

There was an additional minister for 2021 making three ministers in the circuit.

9. Support & Governance Cost

	2021 Unrestricted Funds	2021 Restricted Funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
Accountancy fee	1,000		1,000	2000
Total	1,000		1,000	2,000

10. Debtors and Prepayments

	2021 Unrestricted Funds	2021 Restricted Funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
Churches	98,134		98,134	77,246
Applicative	60,000	-	60,000	40,000
Others	-	-	-	-
Prayer Book	-	-	-	-
Total	158,134	-	158,134	117,246

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Introduction

Newham Methodist Circuit is a part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain in the London District. There are seven churches and three ordained ministers offering pastoral care and services to their local communities. The Newham Methodist Circuit was registered, as a Charity on 8th June 2010. The Charity was constituted according to Standing Order 610 of the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist church.

This is the nine (10) year of our registration as a charity.

Mission Statement of Newham Methodist Circuit

Mission Statement:

To know Christ and to make Him known in diverse communities with love, servitude, and acceptance.

Aim:

In the power of the Holy Spirit, to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ amongst diverse communities, enabling and inspiring to work in partnership with others to fulfil 'Our Calling' as Methodists.

Furtherance of the Christian love, faith, and services in accordance with the doctrine of the Methodist Church and any charitable purpose connected with the Methodist church or church organisation. (see Methodist Church Act 1976)

Strategy:

To support, equip, challenge, and encourage local churches and individuals to realise their role in God's mission through worship, services, evangelism, discipleship, learning and caring.

Objectives:

To enable the churches to be the body of Christ in their communities.
To bring our diverse congregations together into one cohesive whole.
To develop and strengthen youth ministry, inspiring young families.
To discern, conquer and encourage in God's purpose for the circuit.
To encourage, promote and develop unique ways of being a church.
To provide training and other relevant resources to enable churches and individuals to meet their various needs in promoting the Christian faith.
To make, nurture and edify disciples in this modern age.
To underpin all we do with love, relevant worship, and bible reflection.

The main activities have been dispensed like CDE;

- a) **Collaboration** with the team of others lay and ordained, offering missional oversight, care, and kindness by being sensitive to the context. Endowing leadership, governance, and supervision.
- b) **Delegating**, trusting, and organising comprehensively and conducting regular weekly public worship. Worship to be held in the circuit churches and reaching out to the surrounding communities with love and care.
- c) **Encouraging**, empowering, and resourcing all churches to own and respond to local community needs with the use of Circuit church buildings, ministerial staff, volunteers, and other resources.

The Trustees are also responsible for the manses where the ministers who serve the Circuit live peacefully and feel at home.

The activities have been:

- a. Planning regular weekly public worship to be held in all Methodist churches in Newham. This includes the recruitment and training of volunteers as local preachers.
- b. The deployment of two ordained members of staff to undertake duties in the four churches in membership of the Circuit. Encouraging and resourcing churches to respond to local community needs and the use of their buildings, ministerial staff, volunteers, and other resources.
- c. The Trustees are also responsible for the provision and maintenance of the manses where the ministers who serve the Circuit live.
- d. The ministers of the Circuit engage with other agencies and the local authorities to provide chaplaincy and other services for those in various types of need such as the homeless.
- e. The Circuit has leased one of its buildings (Harold Road Centre, 170 Harold Road E13 0SE) to Applecourt Arts, a local story telling charity, which engages local people in developing skills in theatre, filmmaking, and other art forms.
- f. The Circuit is a founding member of TELCO, the East London chapter of Citizens UK. We encourage our members to undertake the free training provided by Citizens UK and to engage in the campaigns, such as the Living Wage campaign, which started in East London in 1991. Through this membership we have strong links with other faiths and educational organisations which work together for the common good.

PUBLIC & COMMUNITY BENEFIT

Newham Methodist Circuit strongly believes that a church is a group of people called *from* the community, for the community. Therefore, all our worship is public and open to all, anyone can drop in with any background, from any community; we embrace all in Christ's love, care, and kindness. We offer baptism, marriage and funeral services to families who request. Our buildings offer important community spaces and can be rented by agencies who provide services to local groups and communities. Our staff liaise with the Local Authority and other public bodies in providing information and assistance as appropriate.

All Trustees have been mindful of the guidance provided by the Charity

Commission concerning public benefit as it affects charities for the advancement of religion.

REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

With the help of the ordained staff, 5 local preachers and 4 local preachers on trial, the communal worship was offered. Local preachers 'on trial' are making good progress in their training. Ecumenical work is progressing.

Sadly, in March 2020 Covid-19 infected and affected the Newham area along with the rest of the world. Communal worship shifted over to Zoom and YouTube to strengthen, comfort and encourage churches and communities that we are not alone in these tumultuous times. During lockdown, churches and communities were encouraged that His heaven is not closed down on us in these difficult and different times. In the last five decades we have seen extensive technological advancements, yet technology has done little to defy the problems of loneliness and emptiness. All church members were housebound, and all churches were provided weekly worship and work sheets and the member's mental wellbeing was seriously addressed. That was supported by making phone calls, post cards and by regular fervent prayers and communication.

Rev. Elizabeth was accommodated at 15 Latimer House and the loan of Tower Hamlet was fully reimbursed in one go. The Stratford manse was put to let. **Mr. David Mensah**, the New Circuit Property Steward and **Mr. Jones Aniclo**, the circuit Safeguarding Officer were appointed. The governing and administration structure is being improved to be standardised, transparent, and simple for a common trustee to comprehend.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Rev. Asif Karam commenced his Circuit ministry in 2019 by oversighting and offering leadership in collaboration with a team of others lay and ordained. Offering the pastoral care, circuit governance, and administration as a Superintendent Minister. He is also given the responsibility to be a Minister in charge of the Forest Gate and the Manor Park Methodist church.

Newham Circuit Office moved into the Manor Park building in September 2019.

Rev. Nigel Lindsay from a Congregational Federation was also appointed by the circuit in 2019 to be responsible as Minister in charge at High Street South Methodist church at East Ham church and at Pilgrims Way Congregational / Methodist LEP.

Revd Elizabeth Osei lives now in the New Latimer Road manse and we no longer have any expense of paying out her rent to Tower Hamlet Circuit. 15 Latimer Road Forest Gate E7 0LQ, this property now belongs to the Circuit. Central Park Manse and the Stratford manse at Chobham Road is occupied by a suitable tenant.

Worship services are continued and conducted by three ordained ministers with the help of five accredited Local Preachers and four Local Preachers 'on trial'. They are sowing the gospel seed, equipping, engaging, and enabling circuit churches to become one family and ensuring that we all grow in faith and friendship.

The trustees have approved to appoint a part time circuit administrator in 2020, as we come out of this lockdown, this appointment will be made, this will be assisting the superintendent and the CLT.

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33 Olayinka Aina	Appointed 11/09/2018
34 Emmanuel Fanimoh	Appointed 01/09/2018
35 Sorie Ibrahim Mohamed Kamara	Appointed 01/09/2019
36 Rev. Nigel Lindsay	Appointed 01/09/2019

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

Trustee selection methods

Ordained ministers appointed to the Circuit are ex-officio trustees and the Superintendent Minister is the Chairperson of the Circuit Meetings. All churches in councils' meetings elect their own representatives to be the circuit's trustees. The trustees also appoint several officers who are trustees in a leadership team. Some members are approved and proposed by CLT to be appointed by trustees to the circuit offices during their period of appointment.

Methodist Policies and procedures are adopted keenly and carefully. Regular training sessions of the Methodist Church are adopted. To equip, enable and encourage trustees to be skilled and observe the SMART objectives. More attention is being given to the induction of trustees and especially to those who are elected to hold officer's positions. All trustees are expected to undertake Safeguarding Training and the Officer for this has been appointed earlier this year.

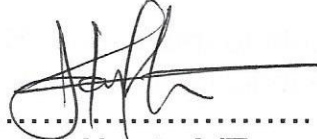
The Charity Trustees have responsibilities to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the situation of the charity. The balance sheet and its incoming resources, application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year will include this information. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees should follow the practice below:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements along with ongoing concerns, unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue that basis

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy. At any time, the financial position of the charity enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charity Law. Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity, hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Asif Karam



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Rev. Asif Karam (Superintendent Minister) Daniel Nantwi (Treasurer)

Date...18-4-2021.....

Date...18-4-2021.....

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEW

RESERVES POLICY

We submit our annual report in accordance with the requirements of the Methodist Conference and the Charity Commission guidance in CC19.

The trustees have established their mission aims taking into account all of the resources available in terms of people, property and money. Mission initiatives/projects have been costed or estimates made of projected future costs which take into account the needs of the buildings and the requirements of the Quinquennial Inspection Reports.

The Trustees wants to maintain of 60% of the operational cost of running the circuit. With the current operational cost of almost £200,000 we therefore need a reserve of £120,000

Our reserve were as:

Central Finance Board (CFB)	£ 4,435
Charity Aid Foundation (CAF)	<u>£64,919</u>
	<u>£79,354</u>

We therefore need additional amount of £40,646. We recognise the need to be accountable as charity trustees for all the money, which comes into our hands and will provide further information as required by the Circuit/District/Connexion

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the attached Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2020, which are set on pages 14 to 19 and have been prepared on an accrual basis.

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement: In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention, which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

.....*H. Jahan*.....

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

	2020	2020	2020	2019
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
<u>Income</u>				
Income from Charitable Activities (Note 7)	227,537	-	227,537	207,690
Transfer from TMCP	55,000	-	55,000	40,000
Investment Income (Bank Interest)	8,181	-	8,181	4,528
Total Income	290,718	-	290,718	252,218
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Expenditure on Charitable Activities (Note 8)	244,358	-	244,358	196,308
Total Expenditure	244,358	-	244,358	196,308
Net Income / (Expenditure)	46,360	-	46,360	55,911
Gain or loss on Investment	40,602	-	40,602	(48,585)
Total Funds Brought forward	1,903,603	-	1,903,603	1,896,277
Total Funds Carried forward	1,990,565	-	1,990,565	1,903,603

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Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
<u>Tangible & Fixed Assets</u>		
Church Building (Note 6)	1,685,000	1,685,000
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Debtors and Prepayment (Note 10)	117,246	21,475
Central Finance Board (CFB)	4,434	19,867
Trustees for Methodist Purpose (TMCP)	123,166	717,592
Cash at bank and in hand	64,919	68,903
Total Current Assets	<u>309,765</u>	<u>827,836</u>
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Creditors and accruals - Loan (due in under 1 year) (Note 11)	-	600,000
Other creditors	<u>3,100</u>	<u>8,133</u>
Net Current Assets	306,665	<u>219,703</u>
Total Assets less Current liabilities	<u>1,991,665</u>	<u>1,904,703</u>
Long term Creditor	(1,100)	(1,100)
Total Net Assets / (Liabilities)	<u>1,990,565</u>	<u>1,903,603</u>
Funds and Reserves		
Unrestricted Fund	1,990,565	1,903,603
	<u>1,990,565</u>	<u>1,903,603</u>

Approved by the Management Committee and signed on its behalf by:

Asif Karam

Rev. Asif Karam (Superintendent Minister)

[Signature]

Daniel Nantwi (Treasurer)

Date... *18-4-2021*

Date... *18-4-2021*

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting 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 no Endowment funds. 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 those investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show an accurate and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Incoming Resources

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

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £500.

The freehold property was shown in the accounts in 2020 deemed values. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (assuming 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.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed not to 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 yearend are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

The prepayment included in the accounts is in respect of rent owe by Applicative, outstanding payment for church assessment and the amount to be received from sale of prayer books

Creditors

The amount owe to the independent examiner for two year and for the deposit from the tenant for renting 368 Central Park Road

4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, and this excludes stipends.

Trustee expenses

	2019/20	2018/2019
Number of Trustees	0	0
Total amount	£0	£0

5 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

On the 31st of August 2020 there are no capital commitments.

There was Contingent liabilities relating to the interest on loan from the District was identified at 31st August 2020 the amount is yet to be agreed.

6 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Land £	Manses £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward		1,685,000				1,685,000

7. Income from Charitable Activities

	2020	2020	2020	2019
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
Assessment of Shares	166,528	-	166,528	149,012
Lettings	45,400	-	45,400	42,600
Donation	4,000	-	4,000	-
Other income	11,609	-	11,609	16,078
Total	227,537		227,537	207,690

8. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	2020	2020	2020	2019
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
Stipends, PAYE, NIC & Pension	116,749	-	116,749	68,330
District Assessment	33,184	-	33,184	26,908
Methodist Church Fund	-	-	-	4,749
Ministers Travel, Telephone and Others	11,110	-	11,110	5,677
Ministers Removal	-	-	-	5,721
Loan Payment	-	-	-	10,000
Insurance	7,685	-	7,685	3,024
Utilities	6,311	-	6,311	4,635
Repairs and Maintenance of Manses	10,973	-	10,973	16,591
Rent Payment	-	-	-	34,798
Support & Governance Cost (Note 9)	2,000	-	2,000	600
Youth Project	-	-	-	770
Expense of Sale of Property	-	-	-	9,929
Other Expenses	1,346	-	1,346	1,222
TMCP Expenses	-	-	-	3,354
Grant and Donation	-	-	-	-
Legal Fee	55,000	-	55,000	-
Total	244,358	-	244,358	196,308

There was an additional minister for 2020 making three ministers in the circuit. No rent was paid as the circuit purchased a new manses to accommodate the minister at Lamiter Road. There was a legal fee of £55,000.00 towards the sales of one manse.

9. Support & Governance Cost

	2020 Unrestricted Funds	2020 Restricted Funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
Accountancy fee	2,000	-	2,000	600
Total	2,000	-	2,000	600

The fee was for years :2019 and 2020

10. Debtors and Prepayments

	2020 Unrestricted Funds	2020 Restricted Funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
Churches	77,246	-	77,246	10,124
Applicative	40,000	-	40,000	10,000
Others	-	-	-	-
Prayer Book	-	-	-	1,351
Total	117,246	-	117,246	21,475

Five (5) out of the seven (7) churches could pay their assessment for the year which is more than 40% of the assessment for the year

11. Short term loan

	2020 Unrestricted Funds	2020 Restricted Funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
District Office Loan	-	-	-	600,000
Total	-	-	-	600,000

The loan of £600,000 to District officer has been paid