

STOCKTON METHODIST CIRCUIT

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

BASIS OF PREPARATION AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Full Name of Charity:	Stockton Methodist Circuit
Registration Charity Number:	1137263
Date of Registration:	4 August 2010
Main Communication Address:	4 Fritillary Place Stockton-on-Tees TS21 3LZ

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

Full membership is shown at Appendix A of this report.

CIRCUIT MINISTERS AND OFFICERS

Active Circuit Ministers	Rev. Peter Catford Rev. Suva Catford Rev. Sarah Ramsden Rev. Martin Ramsden
Circuit Stewards:	Mrs. Liz Mason Dr. Peter Dodd Dr. Roger Taylor Mr. John Moore Mrs. Margaret Walton (property) Mrs. Jean Jones – appointed September 2019
Administrator:	Mr. C. Hutchinson – retired September 2019 Ms. J. Prior – appointed September 2019

Mr. J.G. Moore acted as the principal officer overseeing the day-to-day financial management and accounting for the Circuit during the year.

Independent Examiner:	D.F. Adams FCA Baines Jewitt Limited Barrington House 41-45 Yarm Lane Stockton-on-Tees TS18 3EA
Investment Bankers:	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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AIMS AND ORGANISATION

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

- (a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- (b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- (c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- (d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

The charity's objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Stockton-on-Tees for the Methodist Church. To do this we will engage with the community, share with one another and share Jesus Christ. Our activities include:

- The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike;
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups;
- The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved;
- Taking religious assemblies in local schools;
- Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services;
- Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

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

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

TRUSTEE TRAINING

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

RELATED PARTIES

See note 20 to the accounts.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Circuit Mission Statement

ENGAGE WITH COMMUNITY [Local and global]

CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER

SHARE JESUS CHRIST

1 Peter 3;15 *Be ready at all times to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have in you. (Good News Bible).*

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR - *Continued*

Significant Developments during the Year

Over this year the Circuit, with support from the Darlington District, has continued to seek to engage more intentionally with the families and the Methodist Churches that are celebrating baptism. This has been difficult over the year with the pandemic and has led to only 10 baptisms being celebrated over the year. However, we tried to remain in contact with families who had children baptised using a new website, familytime.uk paid for by the Circuit, and through social media and telephone contacts. This was not as successful as we had hoped and a review of the current policy on baptism is being undertaken resourced by a full report from the Baptismal Support Worker who resigned her post in August 2020 to train for presbyteral ministry.

We have maintained contact with the Methodists who have joined the Anglican church at St. Paul's in Newtown. They are moving into a major refurbishment project and it is encouraging for the Circuit to hear how this letting go has created potential for growth.

We integrated a new member of staff into the team during the year who was returning after a period of illness. The change in pastoral oversight was well received and the staff team has a deepening relationship that is supportive of one another.

Two members of staff had sabbaticals during the year. With the support of the Circuit this was a time of renewal for the staff and opportunity to share ministry between lay and ordained in a new way especially during the time of pandemic.

Along with the churches we continue to struggle to find volunteers to fill roles at a Circuit level and to keep these covered. This is causing a rethink in the way the Circuit is structured.

Achievements during the Year

Achievements included the celebration of special services of baptism as above and also weddings and funerals where members of the community have received ministry from presbyters and from local church communities, as we have hosted wedding and funeral services.

There has been work across the Circuit in partnership with local schools and this has continued during the pandemic using Zoom and recording material to be used for assemblies.

Godly play was still being used in some local Care Homes in Billingham whilst that was possible, although in the current circumstances, future development of this is on hold.

Work in the community has developed at St. Andrew's as there was an initiative to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the estate and the church, which was cancelled in August due to the pandemic. The Foodbank has continued to seek to serve the community in the pandemic. Local support groups have not met but been supported by the Community Worker. The Circuit has supported the church as it reviewed the future development of its building which, after due consideration, it has chosen not to pursue.

In Port Clarence, the Circuit continues to support the work of BELP (Billingham Environmental Link Programme) by providing a chaplain on the allotment on a monthly basis and the community action over the summer.

The Yarm Road church has continued to develop support of the Asylum Seeker project. The pandemic has meant they are no longer meeting, however the space is being used for storage and contact is being maintained.

Worship takes place across the Circuit and we have continued to seek to find ways to encourage variety. We accredited a local preacher this year and have one other in training. The Circuit also supported a local preacher as she candidated for presbyteral ministry for which she was accepted.

This year saw the setting up and developing of Circuit online services.

Circuit Meaningful Ageing was handed on to the District and other local Circuits and is running successfully.

We continue to implement Methodist Safeguarding policy through training and oversight of local congregation practices.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income Trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the Circuit churches. The Circuit is mindful that a number of the churches have suffered a reduction in income due to limitation of their activities brought about by the government restrictions introduced to fight the spread of the coronavirus. However, all churches have been able to meet their commitments in the year to 31 August 2020 and it is anticipated all will be able to pay the full amount in 2020/2021.

Expenditure Trends

Stipend expenditure has increased by 2.8% in line with conference approved increases and the assessment paid to the District and Connexion in the year to 31 August 2020 was increased by 4.5% from the previous year.

Fund Balances

As at 31 August 2020, the net current assets of the Circuit were £445,000 giving approximately 24 months cover for unrestricted expenditure. However, the Circuit currently has two presbyters who are married so sharing the same manse. These presbyters will be leaving in August 2021. It is intended to replace both presbyters through the stationing process, but it is anticipated the new presbyters will not be related to each other. Therefore, the Circuit needs to hold funds to enable it to purchase a further manse in the correct geographical area.

Plans for 2020/2021

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there will be three full-time ordained staff and one part-time lay staff with a 2.7% cost of living stipend increase, but there will be a 2% reduction in the assessment paid to the District and Connexion. There will be no assessment increase for the churches as we continue to see reduced membership in the Circuit churches. However, it is anticipated that, despite reductions in income due to coronavirus restrictions, all churches will be able to continue to pay assessments at the current level.

RESERVES POLICY

General

It is the trustees' policy to maintain a balance of unrestricted funds equivalent to six months unrestricted expenditure. However, in the current uncertain financial climate, it is not seen as unreasonable if reserves are above this level until there is more clarity about the future situation. In particular, the Circuit has entered the stationing process for two replacement presbyters and must ensure it has the income/reserves to cover the stipendiary and accommodation costs of these presbyters for the five years of the appointment.

In addition, the Circuit needs to hold sufficient funds to be able to buy a new manse as the existing husband and wife presbyters are leaving and are expected to be replaced by two ministers unrelated to each other. The Circuit is also holding sufficient funds to meet a mission challenge in the Stockton area.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The major risks associated with the Circuit have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Finance and Property Committee with professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded. Income and expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

SAFEGUARDING

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults;
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable;
- The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse;

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SAFEGUARDING - *Continued*

- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes;
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation;
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care;
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust;
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult;
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

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

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

APPROVAL

This report has been approved by Managing Trustees and will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval at the 23 March 2021 Circuit Meeting.

Approved on behalf of the Charity's Trustees on 23 March 2021
and signed on their behalf by:

REV P. CATFORD

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Superintendent Minister

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CIRCUIT MEETING MEMBERSHIP

Superintendent	Rev. Peter Catford
Ministers	Rev. Suva Catford Rev. Sarah Ramsden Rev. Martin Ramsden
Circuit Stewards	Mrs. Liz Mason Dr. Peter Dodd Dr. Roger Taylor Mrs. Margaret Walton (property) Mrs. Jean Jones – appointed September 2019
Circuit Treasurer	Mr. John Moore
Supernumerary Minister	Rev. Richard Bielby – retired March 2020
Secretary of the Circuit Meeting	Position currently vacant
Secretary of Local Preachers' Meeting	Miss Rebecca Catford – retired September 2019 (position currently vacant)
Local Preacher Representative	Mrs. Sheila Hargreaves
Additional Members appointed by the Circuit Meeting	Mr. Edwin Doidge – became a Yarm Road representative September 2020 Mrs. Jane Jones – died October 2019 Mr. Ian Fyfe Mr. Mike Leason – died December 2020 Mr. John Monkhouse Mr. David Parkin Mrs. Delysia Parkin Mrs. Valerie Wootton
Lay Property Secretary	Mr. Vic Bowmer
Lay Mission Support Group Secretary	Mrs. Kathleen Mee
Lay Youth Forum Secretary	Mrs. Margaret Murray
MWiB Representative	Miss Margaret Rose
Methodist Homes Representative	Position currently vacant
Safeguarding	Mrs. Liz Foulger – retired August 2020 Dr. Roger Taylor – appointed October 2020

MEETING – SEPTEMBER 2020

From each Church: Steward, Treasurer and Elected Representatives:

Carlton:	Joan Burn, Charlton Peters
Greens Lane:	Caroline Noble, David Smart, Judy Morrison, <i>Jim Bruce</i> (died December 2020) Margaret Schofield
Maltby:	Joan Tarren, Stephen Smith, Ken Davison
North Billingham:	Rhona Ball, Cynthia Dent, Jackie Pitt, Maureen Gowland
Norton:	Guan Lim, Kay Dodsworth, Howard Gill, Judith Lloyd
St. Andrew's:	Doreen Sharp, Gill Carr, <i>Marjorie Dunn</i> - transferred from Carlton September 2019
Thornaby:	Judith Powell, Ken Davison, Edith Appleby, Eileen Middleton
Trinity Eaglescliffe:	Robert Woodman, Ralph Barton
Yarm:	<i>Chris Robinson</i> – retired September 2020, Joan Rivers, <i>Iain Baird</i> – retired September 2019, Brian Bainbridge, Mark Hall, Chris Kendrew, Graham Clarke, Roz Matthews
Yarm Road:	Alison Tonkinson, <i>Paula Clark</i> – retired September 2019, Jim Dale, <i>Jean Jones</i> – became circuit steward September 2019, <i>Jess Dale</i> – appointed September 2019, <i>Edwin Doidge</i> – was an additional member until September 2020

STOCKTON METHODIST CIRCUIT**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2020 which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

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 as 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 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 accounting requirements concerning the form and content of the 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.



D.F. Adams, FCA
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41-45 Yarm Lane
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9 April 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SOFA) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019-2020 £	Total 2018-2019 £
Income						
Donations and legacies	4	-	-	-	-	16,791
Income from monetary investments	5	1,702	1,807	-	3,509	3,797
Income from investment properties	6	-	-	5,238	5,238	5,313
Assessments on churches		209,700	-	-	209,700	213,825
Capital receipts	7	-	-	-	-	130,159
Grants received		-	-	17,100	17,100	15,600
Other income	8	13,662	-	-	13,662	76,893
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Total Income		225,064	1,807	22,338	249,209	462,378
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Expenditure						
Grants and donations	9	6,242	-	-	6,242	11,053
Salaries and associated costs	10	125,763	443	17,100	143,306	149,092
Property maintenance	11	19,519	9,213	964	29,696	22,923
Connexional assessment and model trust levy	12	-	-	-	-	32,064
District assessment and levy	13	58,916	8,577	-	67,493	65,383
Office expenses		3,499	-	-	3,499	5,180
Other outgoings		1,996	-	-	1,996	2,000
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Total Charitable Expenditure		215,935	18,233	18,064	252,232	287,695
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Net Income/(Expenditure)		9,129	(16,426)	4,274	(3,023)	174,683
Transfers between funds	19	4,274	-	4,274	-	-
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Net Movement in Funds		13,403	(16,426)	-	(3,023)	174,683
Total funds brought forward		1,177,017	221,541	90,000	1,488,558	1,313,875
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Total Funds Carried Forward	19	1,190,420	205,115	90,000	1,485,535	1,488,558
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The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these accounts

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SOFA) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2018-2019 £	Total 2017-2018 £
Income						
Donations and legacies	4	16,791	-	-	16,791	-
Income from monetary investments	5	1,468	2,329	-	3,797	2,315
Income from investment properties	6	-	-	5,313	5,313	5,367
Assessments on churches		213,825	-	-	213,825	225,500
Capital receipts	7	-	130,159	-	130,159	-
Grants received		-	-	15,600	15,600	10,500
Other income	8	17,953	58,940	-	76,893	14,687
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Total Income		250,037	191,428	20,913	462,378	258,369
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Expenditure						
Grants and donations	9	11,053	-	-	11,053	20,947
Salaries and associated costs	10	133,032	460	15,600	149,092	157,120
Property maintenance	11	21,959	-	964	22,923	19,702
Connexional assessment and model trust levy	12	-	32,064	-	32,064	-
District assessment and levy	13	56,380	9,003	-	65,383	66,528
Office expenses		5,180	-	-	5,180	5,092
Other outgoings		2,000	-	-	2,000	2,810
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Total Charitable Expenditure		229,604	41,527	16,564	287,695	272,199
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Net Income/(Expenditure)		20,433	149,901	4,349	174,683	(13,830)
Transfers between funds	19	162,771	(158,422)	(4,349)	-	-
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Net Movement in Funds		183,204	(8,521)	-	174,683	(13,830)
Total funds brought forward		993,813	230,062	90,000	1,313,875	1,327,705
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Total Funds Carried Forward	19	1,177,017	221,541	90,000	1,488,558	1,313,875
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Totals 2020 £	Totals 2019 £
Fixed Assets						
Circuit Manses and equipment	15	949,942	-	-	949,942	949,942
Investment properties	15	-	-	90,000	90,000	90,000
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Total Fixed Assets		949,942	-	90,000	1,039,942	1,039,942
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Current Assets						
Debtors	16	8,917	-	-	8,917	8,680
Investments with TMCP	17	-	205,115	-	205,115	221,541
Central Finance Board deposits		264,219	-	-	264,219	261,598
Cash at bank and in hand		22,114	-	-	22,114	29,695
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Total Current Assets		295,250	205,115	-	500,365	521,514
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Current Liabilities						
Creditors: due in less than one year	18	54,772	-	-	54,772	72,898
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Total Current Liabilities		54,772	-	-	54,772	72,898
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Net Current Assets/Liabilities		240,478	205,115	-	445,593	448,616
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Total Assets less Current Liabilities		1,190,420	205,115	90,000	1,485,535	1,488,558
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Net Assets		1,190,420	205,115	90,000	1,485,535	1,488,558
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Funds of the Circuit						
General fund (unrestricted)	19	1,190,420	-	-	1,190,420	1,177,017
Circuit Model Trust Fund (unrestricted)	19	-	205,115	-	205,115	221,541
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Total Unrestricted Funds		1,190,420	205,115	-	1,395,535	1,398,558
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Restricted funds	19	-	-	90,000	90,000	90,000
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Total Funds	19	1,190,420	205,115	90,000	1,485,535	1,488,558
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These financial statements were approved on behalf of the Charity's Trustees on 23 March 2021 and are signed on their behalf by:

REV P. CATFORD

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(Superintendent Minister)

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these accounts

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

1. CHARITY INFORMATION

The charity (registered number 1137263) is a public benefit entity, established in the UK and governed by The Methodist Church Act 1976. The address of the principal office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operation and principal activity is the advancement of the Christian faith.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Basis of Preparation and Assessment of Going Concern

The charity constitutes a public entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Charities Act 2011. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) 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 and any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

(b) 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.

(c) 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.

(d) 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.

(e) VAT

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

(f) Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the Circuit

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost more than £500. The freehold property purchased pre 2015 is shown in the accounts at 2015, deemed values resulting from a valuation in 2005. Freehold property purchased since 2015 is shown at cost. The land component is deemed to be a third. No depreciation is provided because the trustees consider the current residual value of the property in its present condition to be not less than its current valuation and, in the absence of any evidence or impairment, any depreciation provision for the buildings component of the property would be immaterial.

(g) Investment Properties

These are properties held for the long term and are included in the financial statements at fair value. Depreciation is not provided on investment property.

(h) Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

4. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Fund £	Restricted £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
South Billingham Church	-	-	-	-	9,323
Newtown Church	-	-	-	-	7,468
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	-	-	-	-	16,791
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5. INCOME FROM MONETARY INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Fund £	Restricted £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Central Finance Board					
Deposits	1,702	-	-	1,702	1,468
Investments with TMCP	-	1,807	-	1,807	2,329
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	1,702	1,807	-	3,509	3,797
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6. INCOME FROM INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Fund £	Restricted £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Lettings income:					
Alpine Way	-	-	5,238	5,238	5,313
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Total	-	-	5,238	5,238	5,313
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7. CAPITAL RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Fund £	Restricted £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Sales proceeds from sale of					
South Billingham Methodist					
Church	-	-	-	-	137,500
Legal fees	-	-	-	-	(2,797)
Reclaimed grants	-	-	-	-	(4,544)
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	-	-	-	-	130,159
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8. OTHER CHARITABLE INCOME

	Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Fund £	Restricted £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Lettings income:					
2 Wallington Road	6,900	-	-	6,900	6,900
Donations for Connexional					
Funds	6,242	-	-	6,242	11,053
Gain on sale of 625 Yarm Road,					
Eaglescliffe	-	-	-	-	58,940
Sale of manuals	520	-	-	520	-
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Total	13,662	-	-	13,662	76,893
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One of the Circuit manses is currently let on a short-term basis. It is anticipated that it will be again required to house a Minister.

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9. GRANTS AND DONATIONS

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Connexional Funds	6,242	-	-	6,242	11,053
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10. SALARIES AND ASSOCIATED COSTS

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	87,305	-	17,100	104,405	108,070
Pension costs	21,668	-	-	21,668	21,873
Employer's national insurance costs	8,586	-	-	8,586	9,117
Apprenticeship levy	489	-	-	489	-
Telephone	2,027	-	-	2,027	1,520
Travelling	2,858	-	-	2,858	6,908
Administration	480	443	-	923	1,604
Relocation costs	2,350	-	-	2,350	-
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Total	125,763	443	17,100	143,306	149,092
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The average number of staff engaged during the year was 5 (2019: 5). No employees received employee benefits that totalled more than £60,000.

The Superintendent of the Circuit and the other Presbyters and the remaining members of the Circuit Leadership Team are considered as key Management Personnel. The members of the Circuit meeting are the trustees of the Circuit. The stipends, employer's NIC, apprenticeship levy and employer's pension contributions and other expenses of the Presbyters of the Circuit are paid by the Circuit.

Payments to Trustees

Apart from the Presbyters, no member of the Circuit meeting received any payment for work undertaken on behalf of the Circuit.

Included in these accounts is £5,296 (2019: £3,922) in respect of reimbursed expenses for three trustees.

11. PROPERTY

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Council tax	4,542	-	-	4,542	4,093
Water supply	1,191	-	-	1,191	949
Energy supply	356	-	-	356	339
Repairs and maintenance	7,807	9,213	81	17,101	7,222
Insurance	3,633	-	-	3,633	3,401
Letting expenses	1,230	-	883	2,113	2,044
Valuation fees	280	-	-	280	1,200
Quinquennial reports	480	-	-	480	2,250
South Billingham church running costs prior to sale	-	-	-	-	1,425
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Total	19,519	9,213	964	29,696	22,923
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12. CONNEXIONAL ASSESSMENT AND MODEL TRUST LEVY

	Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Fund £	Restricted £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Levy on sale of South Billingham church	-	-	-	-	32,064
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Total	-	-	-		32,064
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13. DISTRICT ASSESSMENT AND LEVY

	Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Fund £	Restricted £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
District expenses and Methodist Church funds	58,916	-	-	58,916	56,380
Levy on CMTF funds	-	8,577	-	8,577	9,003
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Total	58,916	8,577	-	67,493	65,383
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14. NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR

This is stated after charging:

	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Independent Examiner's Fees:		
Independent examination – 2020	1,998	2,000
Less: Overprovision re 2019	(2)	-
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	1,996	2,000
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15. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Circuit Manse £	Investment Property £	Total £
Cost or Valuation			
Balance brought forward as at 1 September 2019	949,942	90,000	1,039,942
Depreciation			
At 31 August 2019 and 31 August 2020	-	-	-
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Balance carried forward as at 31 August 2020	949,942	90,000	1,039,942
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The Manses comprise four manses for use by the Circuit staff.

The investment property is one property which is held for the long term. In the opinion of the trustees, £90,000 is a reasonable estimate of the market value as at 31 August 2020.

16. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Stipends paid in advance	8,917	8,680
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17. INVESTMENTS WITH TRUSTEES FOR METHODIST CHURCH PURPOSES

This is an investment receiving body within the Methodist Church and pay interest at market rates.

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18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Assessments received in advance	52,425	52,425
Grants received in advance	-	17,100
Other creditors and accruals	2,347	3,373
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	54,772	72,898
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19. SUMMARY OF FUND MOVEMENTS

	At 01.09.19 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31.08.20 £
General fund	1,177,017	225,064	215,935	4,274	1,190,420
Circuit Model Trust fund	221,541	1,807	18,233	-	205,115
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Total Unrestricted Funds	1,398,558	226,871	234,168	4,274	1,395,535
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Tees Valley Housing Fund	90,000	5,238	964	4,274	90,000
Baptismal Worker Fund	-	17,100	17,100	-	-
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Total Restricted Funds	90,000	22,338	18,064	4,274	90,000
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TOTAL ALL FUNDS	1,488,558	249,209	252,232	-	1,485,535
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	At 01.09.18 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31.08.19 £
General fund	993,813	250,037	229,604	162,771	1,177,017
Circuit Model Trust fund	230,062	191,428	41,527	(158,422)	221,541
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Total Unrestricted Funds	1,223,875	441,465	271,131	4,349	1,398,558
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Restricted Housing Fund	90,000	5,313	964	4,349	90,000
Baptismal Worker Fund	-	15,600	15,600	-	-
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Total Restricted Funds	90,000	20,913	16,564	4,349	90,000
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TOTAL ALL FUNDS	1,313,875	462,378	287,695	-	1,488,558
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General Fund - this fund is used for general purposes.

Circuit Model Trust Fund - This fund has wide purposes as defined in the standing orders of the Methodist Church.

Tees Valley Housing Fund - This fund is to be used to benefit homeless families.

Baptismal Worker Fund - This fund is used towards the costs of employing a baptismal worker.

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20. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Churches which form the Stockton Methodist Circuit whose assessments provide the principal income for the Circuit are:

Carlton
Greens Lane
Maltby
North Billingham
Norton
St. Andrew's
Thornaby
Trinity Eaglescliffe
Yarm
Yarm Road

The Circuit paid an assessment and levy to Darlington Methodist District as detailed in note 13 to these accounts.