

Achievement and Performance (Sep 2019 to Aug 2020)

The Methodist Circuit, working closely with other church partners in Milton Keynes, continues to work with the April 2015 renewed mission plan. This states our purposes from a Methodist point of view as:

- to encourage and support local churches to best work out their mission including evangelism
- to participate with Milton Keynes Mission Partnership in activities related to Milton Keynes and surrounding area as a whole
- to coordinate worship and ministry across the Circuit
- to fulfil the statutory requirements of a Methodist Circuit
- to ensure that our buildings are safe and appropriate for church and community use

Within these purposes our strategy for the next five years, following the Mission Partnership's strategic themes aimed at building capacity for mission, covers leadership, prayer, adult Christian education and discipleship, and community engagement. In determining the strategy, the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The churches individual assessments are currently meeting costs. The circuit continues to honour the Methodist share of the costs of the Mission Partnership's Director of Ecumenical Mission, without which the first two aspects of our purposes would be much harder to fulfil.

The circuit is working closely with the churches to prepare and monitor five year rolling budgets to assist in managing church and circuit resources. This is especially important during the pandemic as around half of the circuit's income is from Church Assessment. The circuit is also liaising with the Mission Partnership to monitor payments from LEPs as these make up the other half of income.

Having undertaken extensive work on the four manses, the circuit will now undertake a programme of regular maintenance aided by the recent appointment of stewards responsible for each manse.

Governing document

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

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 4-6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

MILTON KEYNES

Circuit

ACCRUALS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

NORTHAMPTON

District

Circuit no

23/26

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1137998

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

Rev Nicola Martyn-Beck

Rev Dawn Saunders

Rev Barry Lotz

Rev Nicola Vidamour

Circuit Stewards:

Katy Gillam

Barbara Blyth

Treasurer:

David Harbey

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer  Date 5/2/21

Name and address of treasurer – David Harbey, 38 Boyce Crescent, Old Farm Park, Milton Keynes MK7 8PF

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 will be presented to the Circuit meeting held on 18th March 2021

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ☒ 

Name of the Chair of the meeting ☒ NICOLA MARYN-BECK Date ☒ 13/2/21

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Milton Keynes Methodist Circuit

Charity Number - 1137998

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Milton Keynes Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages 4 to 10. As the Circuit'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 Circuit'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 am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ACCA.

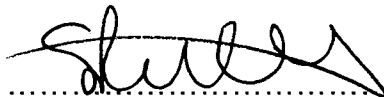
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- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

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Signature of independent examiner



Name of independent examiner

SALLY RILEY

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

ACCA

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address

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Post Code

MK35GH

Date

08/02/2021

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Totals	2018/19	£
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General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2019/20
£	£	£	£	£	£

Notes to the Accounts

1,030,000
0
0
1,030,000

Fixed Assets				
Circuit Manneqs & Equipment		1,365,000		1,365,000
Investment properties		0		0
Investments		0		0
Total fixed assets		1,365,000	0	1,365,000

11,494	0		
161,462		41,431	7,603
			221,990

Current Assets					
Debtors		11,809			11,809
Loans by the Circuit					0
Investments with TMCP			127,622		128,650
Central Finance Board Deposits					
		15,638		3,894	23
Cash at Bank and in hand		32,894		482	33,376
Total current assets		60,341	127,622	482	193,390

	27,042
	0
	27,042
	194,948

Current liabilities					
Creditors (due in under 1 year)					
Grants payable within 2018-19		21,575			21,575
Total current liabilities		21,575	0	0	21,575
Net current assets/liabilities		38,766	127,622	482	171,815

1,224,948

Total assets less current liabilities						
					1,403,768	1,536,815
				127,622		
			482			
					3,894	1,051

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482
1,216,531
7,344
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Funds of the Circuit					
General Fund (Unrestricted)				1,403,766	
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)					
				127,822	
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)					482
Total Unrestricted Funds					1,403,766
Restricted Funds					
Endowment Funds					
					3,894
					1,051
Total Funds				127,822	482
					1,403,766
					1,536,815

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020

Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2019-20 £
Income						
1 Donations and legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 Income from monetary investments	281	1,195	-	-	8	1,484
3 Income from investment properties	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Assessments on Churches	222,214	-	-	-	-	222,214
5 Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 Grants received	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 Other charitable income	1,009	-	-	1,221	-	2,230
8 Total income	223,504	1,195	-	1,221	8	225,928
Expenditure						
9 Grants and donations	8,310	3,812	-	-	40	12,162
10 Salaries and associated costs	151,678	-	-	-	-	151,678
11 Property maintenance	18,905	-	-	-	-	18,905
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy	37,708	4,885	-	-	-	42,593
13 District Assessment & Levy	8,611	-	-	-	-	8,611
14 Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 Office expenses	685	-	-	-	-	685
16 Other outgoings	9,447	321	-	4,672	8	14,448
17 Total charitable expenditure	235,344	9,018	-	4,672	48	249,082
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	-	-	-	-	9	9
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 Net income/(expenditure)	(11,840)	(7,823)	-	(3,451)	(31)	(23,145)
21 Transfers between funds	25,000	(25,000)	-	-	-	-
22 Other gains/(losses) - property revaluation	335,000	-	-	-	9	335,009
23 Net movement in funds	348,160	(32,823)	-	(3,451)	(22)	(23,136)
24 Total funds brought forward	1,055,605	160,444	482	7,344	1,073	1,224,948
25 Total funds carried forward	1,403,766	127,622	482	3,894	1,051	1,536,815

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2019

Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total	2018-19 £
Income							
1 Donations and legacies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Income from monetary investments	404	1,404	-	4	12	1,824	1,824
3 Income from investment properties	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
4 Assessments on Churches	186,573	-	-	-	-	186,573	186,573
5 Capital Receipts	-	4,766	-	-	-	4,766	4,766
6 Grants received	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
7 Other charitable income	1,308	-	-	1,844	-	3,152	3,152
8 Total income	188,285	6,170	-	1,848	12	196,315	196,315
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations	10,407	-	-	1,823	104	12,334	12,334
10 Salaries and associated costs	115,823	-	-	-	-	115,823	115,823
11 Property maintenance	84,867	-	-	-	-	84,867	84,867
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy	38,696	953	-	-	-	39,649	39,649
13 District Assessment & Levy	7,669	7,948	-	-	-	15,617	15,617
14 Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
15 Office expenses	1,202	-	-	-	-	1,202	1,202
16 Other outgoings	14,987	443	-	-	2	15,432	15,432
17 Total charitable expenditure	273,651	9,344	0	1,823	106	284,924	284,924
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	-	-	-	-	56	56	56
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
20 Net income/(expenditure)	-85,366	-3,174	0	25	-38	-88,553	-88,553
21 Transfers between funds	61,795	58,000	-	3,795	-	123,590	123,590
22 Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
23 Net movement in funds	-23,571	-61,174	0	-3,770	-38	-88,553	-88,553
24 Total funds brought forward	1,079,176	221,618	482	11,114	1,111	1,313,501	1,313,501
25 Total funds carried forward	1,055,605	160,444	482	7,344	1,073	1,224,948	1,224,948

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

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

2 Funds

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

3 Accounting policies

Basis

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

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 is shown in the accounts at 2020 deemed values –

47 Buckingham Road	£355,000
23 White Horse Drive	£410,000
5 Plowman Close	£250,000
5 Longfellow Drive	£350,000

No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investment Properties

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

Investments

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

Debtors and Prepayments

The prepayment included in the accounts is in stipends for ministers for September 2020.

Creditors

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

4 Payment to Trustees

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

Trustee expenses

	2019/20	2018/19
Number of Trustees	12	12
Total amount	£0	£0

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and computing costs

5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2019/20 £	2018/19 £
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£960	£900
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	NIL	NIL

6 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind
Employer's National Insurance costs
Pension costs
Total staff costs

	2018/19	2017/18
£	8,320	7,269
£	0	0
£	0	0
£	8,320	7,269

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:

0.4	0.4
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7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2020 there are no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2020.

8 For information only, Money received and passed on to External Organisations

	2019/20 £	2018/19 £
Balance brought forward from last year	0	0
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	0	516
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	0	516
Balance carried forward	0	0

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Land £	Manse £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward		1,030,000				1,030,000
Additions						
Revaluations (+/-)		335,000				335,000
Disposals (-)						
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward		1,365,000				1,365,000

Accumulated depreciation

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

Net book value

Brought forward		1,030,000				1,030,000
Carried forward		1,365,000				1,365,000

10 Investment assets

The circuit has no Investment properties

The circuit has no common investment fund holdings

11 Loans

The Circuit currently has no loans

12 Related party transactions

During the year £46,318 was paid to the Northampton Methodist District, a circuit in which a Trustee of the Milton Keynes Circuit is also a Trustee, (2018/19: £46,365).

13 Restricted Funds

	B/Fwd	Receipts in Advance	Income	Expended	Transfers	C/Fwd
	1 Sep 2019					31 Aug 2020
Benevolence Fund	1,754			1,500		254
Mission in Britain	200		150	350		0
World Mission	465		50	515		0
Fund for Property	820		480	1,300		0
Fund for Presbyters and Deacons	360		220	580		0
All We Can	0		321	321		0
Wesley Premises	3,640					3,640
One World Week	106			106		0
	7,345		1,221	4,672		3,894

Historically it has been the policy of the Circuit to maintain the following designated and restricted funds:

Designated Funds

- Education & Youth Fund - Reserve to be used for work with young people when appropriate

Restricted Funds

- Benevolence Fund - Monies collected from churches and individuals to be used for charitable purposes at the Superintendent Ministers' discretion
- Mission in Britain, Overseas Mission, Fund for Property, Fund for Presbyters and Deacons - Monies collected from churches for onward transmission to specific funds operated by the Methodist Church at connexional level
- Wesley Premises - Balances accrued in connection with the operation or maintenance of premises at 4 Church Street Wolverton no longer used as a place of worship
- One World Week - Balance of grants received from the MK Racial Equality Council and the MK Community Foundation in 2005 and 2006 towards the cost of One World Week events, held to defray costs of similar future events
- Local Preachers Travel - Funds held (part endowed) to assist preachers with travel expenses or further training expenses

Unrestricted

- Circuit Model Trust Fund - Capital balances accrued from sale of Methodist premises, which can be applied only as directed by the Methodist Conference

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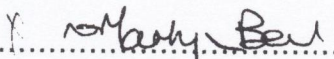
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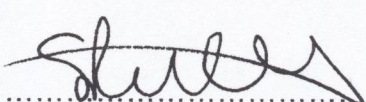
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Name of firm (where appropriate)

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