

THE METHODIST CHURCH

MILTON KEYNES METHODIST CIRCUIT

ACCRUALS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

NORTHAMPTON	District	Circuit no	23/26
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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 Edson Dube
Rev Barry Lotz
Rev Nicola Vidamour

Circuit Stewards:

Katy Gillam
Derek Beaumont
Carol Long
Tendayi Pearce
Jackie Commey

Treasurer:

David Harbey

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 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 - David Harbey

Date 30th May 2024

Name and address of treasurer – David Harbey, 5 Woodward Place, Loughton Lodge, Milton Keynes MK8 9LG

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on ~~14 March~~ 2024
12 June

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: Name of

the Chair of the meeting: Rev. Edson Dube

Date 30th May 2024

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 2023 set out on pages 4 to 11. 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 the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

I have obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signed

Mr. JC Vowles FCA

JVCA Ltd, Chartered Accountants

114 High Street

Cranfield

MK43 0DG

30th May 2024

Fixed Assets

Current Assets

Current liabilities

Total assets less current liabilities		1,416,459	122,207	0	0	820	1,538,486	1,540,043
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Funds of the Circuit

Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,415,459				1,415,459	1,417,382
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			122,207			122,207	121,879
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0		0	
Total Unrestricted Funds						1,537,666	1,539,061
Restricted Funds					0	0	100
Endowment Funds						820	822
Total Funds		1,415,459	122,207	0	0	820	1,540,043

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
Income							
1 Donations and legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 Income from monetary investments	1,497	3,815	-	-	17	5,329	746
3 Income from investment properties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Assessments on Churches	243,974	-	-	-	-	243,974	249,610
5 Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 Grants received	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 Other charitable income	2,400	-	-	2,024	-	4,424	2,665
8 Total income	247,871	3,815	-	2,024	17	253,727	253,021
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations	2,000	-	-	-	-	2,000	3,250
10 Salaries and associated costs	171,996	-	-	-	-	171,996	158,825
11 Property maintenance	25,536	-	-	-	-	25,536	24,520
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy	35,024	-	-	-	-	35,024	35,898
13 District Assessment & Levy	7,302	2,940	-	-	-	10,242	10,172
14 Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 Office expenses	507	-	-	-	-	507	323
16 Other outgoings	7,443	347	-	2,124	2	9,916	7,051
17 Total charitable expenditure	249,808	3,287	-	2,124	2	255,221	240,042
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	-	-	-	-	(62)	(62)	(150)
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 Net income/(expenditure)	(1,937)	528	-	(100)	(47)	(1556)	12,829
21 Transfers between funds	14	-	-	-	(14)	-	-
22 Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds	(1,923)	528	-	(100)	(61)	(1556)	12,829
24 Total funds brought forward	1,417,393	121,679	-	100	882	1,540,043	1,527,224
25 Total funds carried forward	1,415,470	122,207	-	0	821	1,538,487	1,540,053

Name of Circuit: Milton Keynes

Circuit No: 23/26

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2022 £
Income						
1 Donations and legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 Income from monetary investments	167	570	-	-	9	746
3 Income from investment properties	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Assessments on Churches	249610	-	-	-	-	249,610
5 Capital Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 Grants received	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 Other charitable income	2,315	-	-	350	-	2,665
8 Total income	252,092	570	-	350	9	253,021
Expenditure						
9 Grants and donations	3,250	-	-	-	-	3,250
10 Salaries and associated costs	158,828	-	-	-	-	158,828
11 Property maintenance	24,520	-	-	-	-	24,520
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy	35,898	-	-	-	-	35,898
13 District Assessment & Levy	7,087	3,085	-	-	-	10,172
14 Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 Office expenses	323	-	-	-	-	323
16 Other outgoings	6443	355	-	250	3	7,051
17 Total charitable expenditure	236,349	3,440	-	250	3	240,042
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	-	-	-	-	(150)	(150)
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 Net income/(expenditure)	15743	(2870)	-	100	(144)	12829
21 Transfers between funds	260	-	-	(254)	(6)	-
22 Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds	16,003	(2870)	-	(154)	(150)	12829
24 Total funds brought forward	1,401,390	121549	-	254	1,032	1,527,224
25 Total funds carried forward	1,417,393	121679	-	100	882	1,540,053

Milton Keynes Methodist Circuit
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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 2023.

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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

	2022/23	2021/22
Number of Trustees	50	48
Total amount	£0	£0

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and computing costs

5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£763	£720
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:

	2022/23	2021/22
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£ 15086	8,667
Employer's National Insurance costs	£ 44	0
Pension costs	£ 0	0
Total staff costs	£ 15100	8,667

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

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7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

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

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2022.

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

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Balance brought forward from last year	0	0
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	0	0
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	0	0
Balance carried forward.	0	0

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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		1,365,000				1,365,000
Additions						
Revaluations (+/-)						
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		1,365,000				1,365,000
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 £42,326 was paid to the Northampton Methodist District, a circuit in which a Trustee of the Milton Keynes Circuit is also a Trustee (2020/21: £42,985).

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13 Restricted Funds

	B/Fwd	Receipts in Advance	Income	Expended	Transfers	C/Fwd
	1 Sep 2022					31 Aug 2023
Mission in Britain	0		0			0
World Mission	0		92	92		0
Fund for Property	100		650	750		0
Fund for Presbyters and Deacons	0					0
All We Can	0		124	124		0
Other	0		1158	1158		0
	100		2024	2024		0

The Circuit maintains the following funds:

Restricted Funds

- Mission in Britain, Overseas Mission, Fund for Property, Fund for Presbyters and Deacons, All We Can - Monies collected from churches for onward transmission to specific funds operated by the Methodist Church at connexional level.
- Other represents GAYE payments received on behalf of circuit churches and the leaving gift for a retiring minister.
- 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

14 Governing document

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

Milton Keynes Methodist Circuit

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Achievement and Performance Report

The Milton Keynes Methodist Circuit has continued to work closely with other ecumenical partners in the area through Churches Together in Milton Keynes (CTMK). The Methodist Circuit is revising its Mission Plan (2022) to take these new structures into account.

The purpose of the Circuit Remain:

- To encourage and support local churches to best work out their mission including evangelism.
- To participate with ecumenical partners in activities related to Milton Keynes and surrounding area.
- To coordinate worship and ministry across the Circuit
- To fulfil the statutory requirements of the 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 includes growth, justice seeking, inclusiveness and community engagement. In determining the strategy, the Trustees have had to regard the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefits.

The Circuit continues to work closely with the churches to prepare and monitor multi -year rolling budgets to assist in managing church and Circuit resources. The churches' individual Assessments are currently meeting costs. This has been especially important during the latter stages of the pandemic as around half of the Circuit 's income is from Church Assessment. The Circuit is also working closely with the Local Ecumenical Partnerships who fund the other half of the income.

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