

# THE MIDLANDS GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1138999

## Details

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**Other names** MGP; MIDLANDS MINISTRY TRAINING COURSE (MMTC)

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 2010-11-12

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE TRUSTEES MUST APPLY THE INCOME OF THE CHARITY IN FURTHERING THE FOLLOWING OBJECTS ("THE OBJECTS"), NAMELY FOR THE PUBLIC PROMOTION AND ADVANCEMENT OF EVANGELICAL, PROTESTANT, CHRISTIAN RELIGION AS DEFINED .

**Activities:** The Midlands Gospel Partnership is an organization which exists to promote the advancement of the evangelical Christian religion in the area of the East and West Midlands by supporting local churches, their leaders and their congregations, all of which churches are themselves charitable bodies which advance religion through the conduct of public worship and service of their local communities.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, NATIONAL AND OVERSEAS
- Birmingham City
- Derbyshire
- Gloucestershire
- Herefordshire
- Leicestershire
- Northamptonshire
- Nottinghamshire
- Staffordshire
- Warwickshire
- Worcestershire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£64,854	£62,604	-	-
2024-08-31	£61,467	£61,229	-	-
2023-08-31	£53,999	£64,958	-	-
2022-08-31	£50,032	£54,847	-	-
2021-08-31	£46,098	£36,266	-	-
2020-08-31	£64,521	£52,805	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne Elizabeth Macgregor		2026-04-14
DANIEL RHYS JAMES		2023-02-07
John Leonard Wigram James		2020-09-16
John Mark Russell		2023-09-06
Leo Richard Davison		2026-04-14
Paul Andrew Mallard		2024-01-17
Peter Charles Skerratt		2023-11-15
Richard Paul Lacey		2024-01-17
Stuart Philip Allen		2024-04-10

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# Accounts

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**ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

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## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

<b>Charity Name</b>	The Midlands Gospel Partnership Trust
<b>Status</b>	Trust Registered Charity with effect from 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2010, Registered Charity Number 1138999
<b>Registered Office</b>	Stapleford Baptist Church Albert Street Stapleford NG9 8DB

### **Trustees who served during the year:**

Mr S Allen	
Mr D James	
Mr J James	
Mr R Lacey	
Mr P Mallard	
Mr J Russell	(Co-Chair)
Mr P Skerratt	(Co-Chair)

### **Sub-committees' members:**

#### *Midlands Women's Convention*

Catherine Cottle	
Abi Coward	
Liz Cox	(Chair to Dec 2025)
Adele Guest	
Beth McLaren	
Ruth Selby	
Anna Watkin	(Chair from Jan 2026)
Jess Putt	

#### *Midlands Men's Convention*

Tim Ambrose	
Stephen Baraniak	
Rob Brewis	
Leo Davison	(Chair)
Stuart Dean	
Andrew Miller	
Don Morrison	

***MGP Youth and Children's Team***

Nick Jackman

Hannah Cook

Matt Cook

Helen Buckley

Chris Hammersley

Kathryn Jackson (Chair)

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the Trust and all served without remuneration in their capacity as Trustees.

***Administrator***

Mrs A Deane

***Independent Examiner***

Mr S Adam, 1 Sherroside Close, Allestree, Derby, DE22 2HN

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## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD**

**1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

The trustees are pleased to present this Annual Report and Financial Statements for The Midlands Gospel Partnership (charity number 1138999) for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025.

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### ***Governing Document***

The Trust is a registered charity governed in accord with its Declaration of Trust dated 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010. The Charity Commission granted registered charity status on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

#### ***Organisational structure***

The Trust is governed by a Steering Committee (Trustees) comprising of those involved in the leadership of evangelical churches across the Midlands. They meet monthly to set policy and review the activities of the Trust.

#### ***Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees***

Trustees are elected by nomination and resolution of the existing Trustees. Trustees don't receive remuneration or any other benefits from their work with MGP.

#### ***Trustees Induction and Training***

New Trustees are given training and an induction process that is overseen by the existing Trustees, who may delegate certain elements of the induction process to staff members.

#### ***Risk Management***

The Trustees examine the major strategic and operational risks which the Trust faces regularly at their monthly meetings, and formally before the end of the financial year.

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The Trustees apply the income of the Trust in furthering the following objects, namely for the promotion and the advancement of evangelical, protestant, reformed Christian religion ("the Faith") including in particular but not so as to limit the generality of the foregoing by:-

- i) The support and furtherance of the religious and other charitable work of congregations meeting for religious worship in the counties of Derbyshire, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, West Midlands,

- Worcestershire, and such other counties as the Trustees may from time to time determine.
- ii) The establishment, support and furtherance of new congregations meeting for religious worship in the said or such other counties by way of Church plants and otherwise.
  - iii) The support of presbyters, deacons, youth workers, pastoral workers, teachers, evangelists, musicians, and administrators.
  - iv) The advancement of religious education in accordance with the Faith by means of ministry, children's and youth workers, and other training courses, classes, seminars, lectures, conferences, and other events, and otherwise.
  - v) The holding of public meetings and assemblies.
  - vi) The award of grants to, and otherwise supporting those training for the Ministry, or other religious positions as youth workers, pastoral workers, teachers, evangelists, musicians, and administrators.
  - vii) The production, publication, and dissemination of religious work.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### *Review of activities and impact for Public Benefit*

The Midlands Gospel Partnership is a network of local churches committed to expanding gospel ministry across the Midlands through training in biblical ministry, co-operating in evangelism and partnering in church planting initiatives.

The main activities of the Midlands Gospel Partnership Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 included-

- i) A leaders' conference (the Leaders' Conference), which is open to senior ministers and other leaders. This annually recurring event was designed to support and encourage those involved in Christian leadership, and other church members and to assist them in leading and building up the wider church family.
- ii) A partnership day conference (MGP Partnership Day), which is open to senior ministers of partner churches, bringing one colleague. The day provides a chance for partnership members to get together and see our development in achieving our vision of seeing healthy local churches in every Midlands community.
- iii) An affordable Bible training course, the Midlands Ministry Training Course (MMTC). The course is designed to help church members, including ministry trainees, to better understand how to read and teach the bible.
- iv) Specific MGP Youth and Children's ministry training day courses (Re:Charge, Next Generation Conference). These are designed to support and encourage Christian fellowships across the Midlands and enable them to be more effective in their Christian ministry and their walk with God.

- v) Midlands Women's Convention and Midlands Men's Convention provide a place for men and women to hear God speak through His Word, to sing His praises and to think together what it means to live for Christ in today's world.
- vi) Involvement in national Gospel centred initiatives (AP4L) alongside other Regional Gospel Partnerships.

The Trust aims to continue to deliver services and benefits through the key activities outlined above, and to see growth in the number of partner churches. In the 2024-2025 we welcomed Durbar Avenue Evangelical Church, Grace Church Coventry, Rylands Community Church and Grace Church Tamworth into the partnership. We have also partnered with two organisations; Tyndale House and Biblical Counselling UK.

### **Leaders' Conference 2025**

The conference was held at Monyhull Church in March 2025. Approximately forty church leaders from across the Midlands region gathered, along with the Midlands Ministry Training Course students who attended the conference as part of their course programme. The day explored the theme "Our Unchanging Commission in an Ever-Changing World" and teaching was delivered by Michael Prest from UFM Worldwide, whose ministry focuses on global mission.

Michael's sessions offered a compelling blend of big-picture biblical vision, current mission challenges, and practical steps forward for churches seeking to stay faithful to Christ's commission. Alongside the teaching, the conference provided valuable time for leaders to strengthen relationships, share experiences, and encourage one another in ministry.

The atmosphere throughout the day was warm, positive, and charged with a renewed passion for mission, making it an uplifting gathering for all those who attended.

### **Next Generation Conference**

This conference is designed to equip children's and youth workers for ministry, and it was successfully delivered by the MGP Youth & Children's team in March 2025. This year's theme, "The Worldwide Family of God," explored God's global church and our place within it. The main speaker, Peter Brown from Redeemer Church Nottingham, taught two sessions: a morning session from the book of Genesis and an afternoon session from the book of Revelation.

Alongside the keynote addresses, the conference offered five practical workshops, each repeated in both the morning and afternoon. Topics included:

- Creche babysitting service or significant spiritual opportunity? J Watkins
- Raising Mission Minded Children – William and Rosalind Brown from UFM
- Welcoming Youth and Children from other cultures – Dave and Janet Brown

- You are in charge (classroom management) – Helen Buckley and Tom Bryant
- Getting the message across – Kathryn Jackson

The conference was a great success, drawing 170 delegates from a wide range of Midlands churches to Cornerstone Church, Nottingham. Cornerstone Church was a fantastic host, and the venue buzzed with conversation and encouragement during every break. The Good Book Company provided an excellent selection of resources, adding to the lively atmosphere throughout the day.

### **Re:Charge**

Re:Charge remains a termly event aimed at inspiring excellence among those involved in full-time children's ministry. Three events were held at St Stephen's Church Birmingham in October '24, February '25, and June '25. These sessions continued to provide wise and practical training to a small but committed group, with a strong core attending regularly.

Each day ran from 10am to 3pm, beginning with Bible meditation, prayer, and open discussion, providing a safe space for participants to raise questions and share challenges or concerns. A highlight of the day is lunch together at a local pub, offering relaxed time to connect and encourage one another. The afternoon typically included discussion around a book, podcast, or helpful resource, with opportunities for participants to share insights that supported and inspired one another. Re:Charge consistently left attendees refreshed, equipped, and strengthened in both ministry and fellowship.

### **MWC Report: 2024/25, Liz Cox**

The Midlands Women's Convention in 2024 took place in the East midlands on Saturday 5th October 2024 at Cornerstone Church Nottingham with around 503 women attending and in the West midlands on Saturday 19th October 2024 at the Renewal Centre Birmingham with 383 women attending.

Each day ran the same programme starting at 10 and finishing at 3:30 pm. Tickets were £18 for adults and £15 concessions (those on benefits, pensions and full time students).

Three main Bible talks were given by Carrie Sandom on Job with the Title. "Light in the Darkness". The feedback was very positive with women enjoying the talks and finding them all very helpful. A bookstall from 10 of those ran at both conventions.

Our return to the Renewal centre was excellent - we provided our own refreshments which was tricky to manage but next time the Renewal Centre has offered us a package which is very economical and better than this year. We had excess funds after all expenses and

were able to donate to Cornerstone Church for their generous allowing us to use their church facilities.

The committee which organised the conventions this year Included Catherine Cottle, Abi Coward, Liz Cox (chair), Adele Guest, Beth McLaren, Jess Putt, Ruth Selby and Anna Watkin.

### **MMC Report: 2024/25, Leo Davison**

The Midlands Men's Convention hosts two annual conventions, one in Birmingham in May and the other in Nottingham in November with the aim of encouraging men across the midlands to live wholeheartedly for Christ.

In November 2024 over 450 men gathered at Cornerstone Church, Nottingham, to consider how we might be 'Talking Men'. Steve Midgley from BCUK helped us in the two main sessions to consider the importance of words and how we might use our conversations to serve Christ. There were also a selection of workshops applying this practically in our friendships, marriages and in church. There was also a Youth Stream aiming to equip teenagers to grow as disciples of Christ.

In May 2025 we saw around 230 men at Monyhull Church, Birmingham, as Matt Fuller helped us think about how we might 'Reclaim Masculinity'. In the main sessions Matt helped us think biblically about what it means to be a man, as those who lovingly lead in the service of others. There were also workshops developing these ideas as well one helping lay leaders stay refreshed as they serve and another specifically for teenagers as part of our youth stream.

### **The Evangelism Conference 2024 – Keeping Hearts on Fire**

The conference focused on the theme "Keeping the Church on Mission." Designed to inspire and equip churches to remain outward-looking, the event brought together leaders, evangelists, and anyone with a heart for sharing the gospel. The main speaker, Dave Jensen, an Australian evangelist, delivered challenging and encouraging messages to help churches stay mission-focused with hearts on fire for reaching their communities.

The event was delivered via livestream from London, with the Midlands Gospel Partnership hosting regional hubs, one in Derby and the other in Birmingham, alongside various other regional hubs across the country.

## **Music Ministry Conference 2024 – The Irreplaceable Joy of Singing God’s Word**

We have facilitated our first conference aimed specifically at musicians, service leaders, AV teams and youth and children’s leaders. The main sessions explored the theme of the day, supported by seminars addressing practical topics such as:

- Playing in a band
- Leading in a small context
- Getting youth to sing
- Singing with kids

## **Single-Minded: exploring singleness in the world & the church**

This half-day conference, designed for all church members, focused on the subject of singleness. The event was held at Cornerstone Church and featured Australian author and theological researcher Danielle Treweek as the keynote speaker.

## **MMTC Report: 2024-25, Paul Hancock**

In God’s kindness we returned this year to running MMTC in both Birmingham and Nottingham, with Paul Mallard generously shouldering the leadership in the West. With the option again of the two venues nearly forty students were able to join us, including six second-years in the East, and we continued to strive to ‘train gospel people, with the gospel word, for the sake of gospel growth’ across the region.

Once again there have been many encouragements, with individuals across the board growing in biblical understanding and convictions, and vitally in Christlike character. Morning sessions in Romans and Biblical Theology have been the dominant teaching series, and our afternoon workshop groups have continued to allow students to ‘have a go’ at teaching God’s word in a sympathetic setting. Our termly ‘Book in a Day’ events again proved popular with both students and visitors – with one guest even making the trip up from London to join us for the Isaiah day in June! It has also been another happy year across both sites, with the godly camaraderie among students and leaders a constant highlight week by week. This is of course a testimony to our fellowship in the Lord Jesus, without which the paths of many of us would surely not have crossed.

Just before Easter the MGP trustees announced a new approach to training for 2025-26 and beyond. MMTC West will continue under Paul Mallard’s oversight. MMTC East has finished at the end of this academic year, with a new initiative, MGP Training East, due to take its place from September. May the Lord be pleased to bless greatly these initiatives, as we seek to train and equip more believers in word ministry. For myself, it has been a privilege to serve as Director of Training for the last nine years; thank you everyone for your friendship and partnership in the work.

## **MMTC Outlook**

During the year, the trustees reviewed the financial sustainability of our training provision. Despite the dedication and hard work invested in the course, enrolment levels had remained too low to cover its operational costs, and the programme was no longer financially viable for the charity to continue in its current format. After carefully considering all available options, the trustees made the difficult decision to make the Director of Training role redundant from the end of July 2025. All proper processes were followed, and support was provided to the staff member affected. The trustees also expressed their heartfelt thanks to the outgoing Director of Training for their faithful service, commitment, and significant contribution to the ministry over the last nine years of service. Although this was a hard decision, it was necessary to ensure the responsible use of the charity's resources and the long-term stability of our wider ministry.

## ***Public Benefit***

In accordance with our stated objectives, we exist for the benefit of individuals, primarily within the Midlands region of England, through the promotion and advancement of the evangelical protestant Christian religion.

The Trustees wish to express their sincere gratitude for the contributions made by our volunteers and supporters, whose dedication complements the work of our staff. We affirm our conviction that it is the gospel of Jesus Christ that brings about true and lasting transformation, drawing individuals into relationship with Him. From this foundational and life-changing relationship flows the generous support of many, which enables and sustains the ministry of the Midlands Gospel Partnership.

We remain committed to ensuring that our courses and events are offered at an affordable cost. We continue to provide additional concessions where necessary, to ensure these opportunities remain accessible to all.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

In view of the size and turnover of the Trust, the financial statements for the year were prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, on a receipts and payments basis and should be viewed alongside this Trustee's Report.

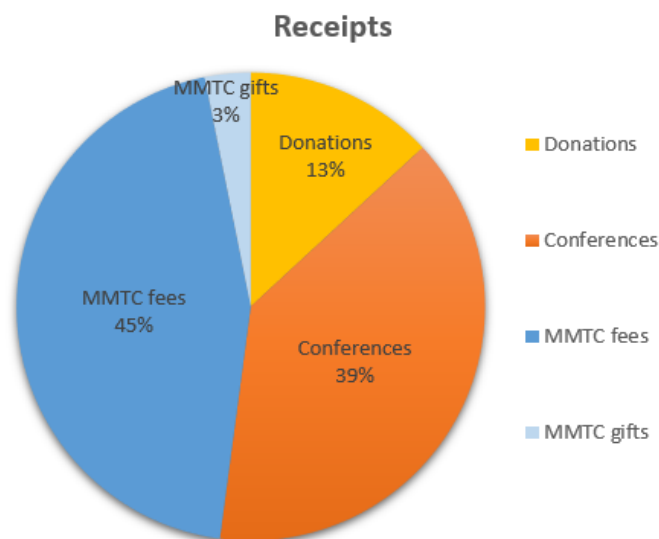
### Overview

The Trust's financial position remained stable during the year ended 31 August 2025, with income and expenditure broadly in line with budget expectations. We continued to deliver our core activities while managing resources carefully.

December 2024 budget projections were more optimistic than the actual year-end results, but, overall, the charity ended the year in surplus position of £2,249.70, a significant improvement on the previous year surplus of £237.13.

This is due to an increase in training course fee income which ran in two locations, growth in one-off donations toward the training course and lower conference net costs. Overall, total income increased by 5.5% while total payments increased by only 3.67%. The trustees considered the charity's financial position to be strengthened and all funds have been applied to further the charity's purposes.

### Receipts



For the year ending 31 August 2025, the Trust's receipts totalled £64,853.75.

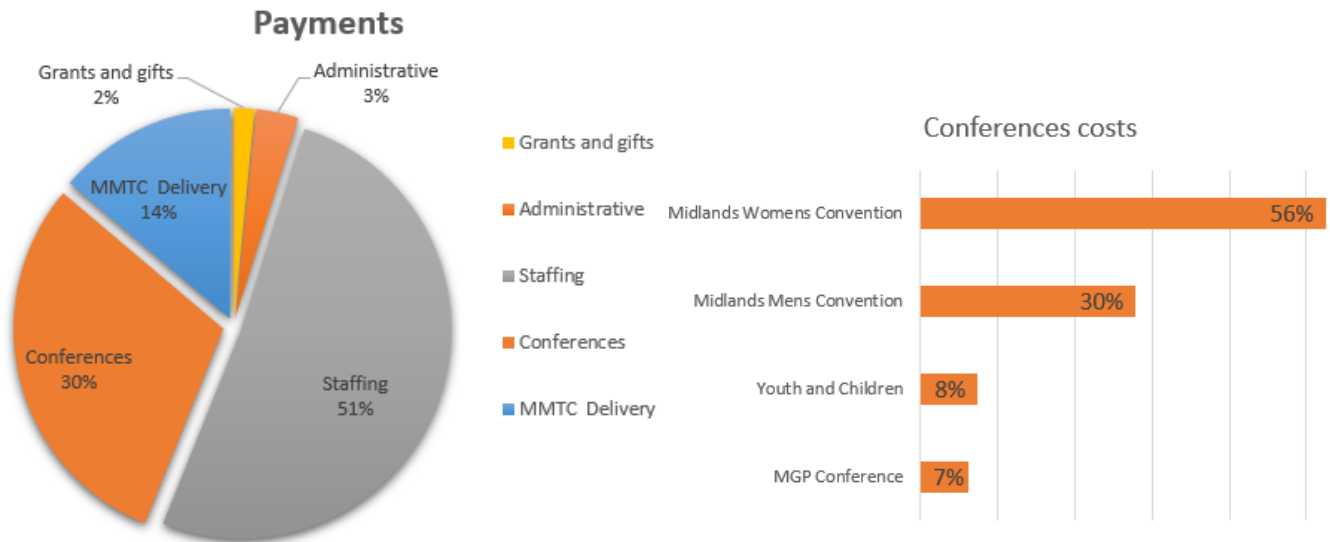
The majority of this income, about 84%, came from two main sources: training course fees and events. The growth in income from the training course fee was largely due to restarting operations to West delivery location.

While donations from partner churches declined compared to the prior year, this reduction was offset by an increase in individual gifts and contributions.

## Payments

MGP's total payments for the year ended 31 August 2025 were £62,604.05.

Expenditure covered the full range of charity's charitable activities with the largest area of spending being staffing costs. These included salaries, pension contributions, payroll administration, and staff expense claims.



Charitable activities costs related to organising and hosting training courses, conferences and events, as well as supporting broader initiatives aimed at assisting churches and individuals throughout the Midlands region. Governing and administrative costs remained proportionate.

While the Trust's intention was for all events to be self-funding, the Trustees remained willing to subsidise activities from partner church donations and other donor funds where this served the charitable purpose of advancing the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ across the region.

The Trust also remained committed to ensuring access for individuals who might otherwise have been unable to participate due to financial constraints. Accordingly, MMTC training course fees were offered at a reduced rate where appropriate.

## Funds, Assets and Liabilities

The Trust held no designated funds. Its only significant assets were cash at bank and in hand totalling £30,100.66. The Trust held no material fixed assets and had no significant or other liabilities at the year-end 2025.

### ***Reserves Policy***

The Trustees were committed to maintaining reserves for General Funds equivalent to three months of operational costs, provided sufficient funding was available to achieve this, without hindering the ongoing development of the Trust's ministry.

This reserve was intended to ensure the charity could continue to operate its essential services, remunerate its employees, and meet necessary expenses in the event of an unforeseen reduction in donations or unexpected expenditure. On 31 August 2025, the reserves totalled £27,851 which the trustees considered to be above target.

### ***Going Concern and Financial Outlook***

The trustees considered the Trust to be financially sustainable and able to continue its activities for the foreseeable future. There were no material uncertainties affecting the Trust's ability to operate as a going concern.

The trustees were encouraged by the improvement in the Trust's financial position during the year and remained committed to the careful stewardship of its resources. They recognised that the surplus achieved had been supported by the successful delivery of training courses in two locations, and they continued to monitor income streams and expenditure closely.

During the year, the trustees also reviewed the financial viability of the Trust's training provision and, following this review, made the difficult decision to make the Director of Training role redundant. All appropriate processes were followed, and support was provided to the staff member affected.

The charity's objectives—equipping, supporting, and connecting churches and individuals across the Midlands in the proclamation of the gospel—remained central to all financial decisions.

The trustees planned for a range of future scenarios to ensure the charity remained resilient and able to respond to opportunities and challenges, and they continued to review financial performance to ensure activities remained aligned with the charity's purposes.

### ***Thank you.***

The Trustees wish to express their sincere appreciation to all who contributed financially to the work of the Trust.

## DECLARATION

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above

Signed on behalf of the trustees	<b>Signed copy held on file</b>	Date	01/06/26
	_____		_____
	Co-Chair of Trustees		

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
RECEIPTS				
Gifts, donations, legacies and other	8,511		8,511	9,507
MGP conferences income	704		704	1,332
MGP YC conferences income	2,155		2,155	2,822
Midlands Men's Convention income	11,907		11,907	6,449
Midlands Women's Convention income	10,519		10,519	10,516
MMTC fees	29,008		29,008	19,892
MMTC gifts	2,050		2,050	949
MMTC subsidy -internal transfer	-		-	10,000
<i>Sub total</i>	64,854		64,854	61,467
Asset and investment sales	-		-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>64,854</b>		<b>64,854</b>	<b>61,467</b>
PAYMENTS				
Grants and gifts	1000		1000	1,165
Managements and administration	2,050		2,050	1,230
Staff costs (salary, pensions, expenses)	12,140		12,140	6,270
MGP conferences costs	1,252		1,252	1,091
MGP YC conferences costs	1,483		1,483	2,288
Midlands Men's Convention costs	5,580		5,580	5,841
Midlands Women's Convention costs	10,509		10,509	5,767
MMTC subsidy -internal transfer	-		-	10,000
<i>Sub total</i>	34,015		34,015	33,652
MMTC Hire costs	6,000		6,000	2,900
MMTC Speakers costs	2,348		2,348	1,763
MMTC Publicity costs	-		-	-
MMTC Printing, stationery, catering	307		307	189
MMTC Staff costs (director, admin)	19,934		19,934	22,725
<i>Sub total</i>	28,589		28,589	61,229
Asset and investment purchases	-		-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>62,604</b>		<b>62,604</b>	<b>61,229</b>
Net receipts / (payment)	<b>2,250</b>		<b>2,250</b>	<b>238</b>

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<b>Transfer between funds</b>	-		-	-
Cash funds last year end	27,851		27,851	27,614
Cash funds this year end	30,101		30,101	27,851
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Lloyds TSB Bank plc				
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>30,101</b>		<b>30,101</b>	<b>27,851</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Investment assets</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
Laptop (x1) estimated value based on straight line depreciation method over 5 years	<b>337</b>		<b>337</b>	<b>973</b>
	-		-	-
<b>Liabilities</b>	-	-	-	-

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Signed copy held on file  
Co-Chair of Trustees

Date

01/06/26

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MIDLANDS GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP TRUST**



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts**

**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	Midlands Gospel Partnership		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2025	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1138999
	<b>Set out on pages</b> 1-8		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2025**


**Responsibilities and basis of report** As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

**Independent examiner's statement** I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and 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.

**Signed:**  **Date:** 18/05/2026

**Name:** S.H.Adam

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):** B.Admin, C.A

**Address:** I Sherroside Close, Allestree  
Derby  
DE22 2HN

**Section B Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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<b>Status</b>	Trust Registered Charity with effect from 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2010 Registered Charity Number 1138999
<b>Registered Office</b>	Stapleford Baptist Church Albert Street Stapleford NG9 8DB

### **Trustees**

Trustees who served during the year are set out below: -

Mr S Allen	
Rev C Hobbs	(Co-Chair, resigned 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2024)
Mr D James	
Mr J James	
Mr R Lacey	
Mr P Mallard	
Mr J Russell	(Co-Chair)
Mr P Skerratt	(Co-Chair)

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the Trust and all served without remuneration in their capacity as Trustees.

### **Administrator**

A Deane

### **Independent Examiner**

Mr S Adam  
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- v) The holding of public meetings and assemblies.
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- vii) The production, publication, and dissemination of religious work.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### *Review of activities and impact for Public Benefit*

The Midlands Gospel Partnership is a network of local churches committed to expanding gospel ministry across the Midlands through training in biblical ministry, co-operating in evangelism and partnering in church planting initiatives.

The main activities of the Midlands Gospel Partnership Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 included-

- i) A leaders' conference (the Leaders' Conference), which is open to senior ministers and other leaders. This annually recurring event was designed to support and encourage those involved in Christian leadership, and other church members and to assist them in leading and building up the wider church family.
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- v) Midlands Women's Convention and Midlands Men's Convention provide a place for men and women to hear God speak through His Word, to sing His praises and to think together what it means to live for Christ in today's world.
- vi) Involvement in national Gospel centred initiatives alongside other Regional Gospel Partnerships.

The Trust aims to continue to deliver services and benefits through the key activities outlined above, and to see growth in the number of partner churches. In the 2023-2024 we welcomed one new church into the partnership.

The **Partnership Day** was held in October 2023 at Holy Trinity Church, Hinckley. Approximately 40 delegates, representing 24 partner churches across 8 regions, attended the event. It provided an important opportunity to gather and reflect on our vision for training and the role of MGP within it.

Part of the day was dedicated to small group discussions, which were marked by a high level of engagement and lively conversations.

The **Leaders' Conference** 2024 centred on spending the day together as a partnership, refocusing on our mission. The event, titled *Evangelism: How the Whole Church Speaks of Jesus*, challenged us as a network of gospel churches across the Midlands to consider: How might God use us to reap a harvest for his glory?

Nick McQuaker, Director of Passion for Life, was the main speaker. He was joined by several guest speakers who led seminars aimed at helping us cultivate a deeper evangelistic heart within our churches. Each seminar addressed a different aspect of evangelism:

- Mobilising Your Church for Evangelism – Dan James and Richard Lacey
- Evangelising My Muslim Neighbour – Peter Jolly
- Evangelism MOT – Andrew Harris
- Evangelism after Christendom – Nick McQuaker

Hosted at Knighton Church, the conference welcomed 60 attendees from across the Midlands, making it a valuable time of learning, encouragement, and shared vision.

In 2023-2024 the **MMTC course** reverted to just the one course, for both 1st and 2nd year students, in the East (Nottingham), as we sought to establish the ministry in a viable form going forward. However, our ethos of 'training gospel people, with the gospel word, for the sake of gospel growth' remained the same.

Besides welcoming students from the Nottingham and Derby area, we were glad that several people who would more naturally have attended the West course made the cross-country trip, such that overall 29 students were enrolled. Once again, we rejoiced in our social and ethnic diversity in Christ, which is such a testimony to his gracious work in and among us. A single location also enabled the return each term of the previously popular 'Book in a Day', with guest speakers leading us through 1-2 Kings, Proverbs and Revelation.

Our re-named 'Workshop' groups were as ever a priority, giving students themselves the opportunity to learn how to give Bible talks in a small and sympathetic setting. The year concluded with an excellent social at a local café, as we sent each other on rejoicing to different parts of the region and indeed the country, to the good works God has already prepared for us to walk in.

Due to ongoing financial difficulties within the MMTC course, a subsidy of £10,000 was transferred from the MGP fund to ensure the program's continued operation and stability. This support reflects our commitment to our objectives and activities, investing in gospel training and ensuring that future students can benefit from this ministry.

The **Next Generation Conference**, designed to equip children's and youth workers for ministry, was successfully delivered by the MGP Youth & Children's team in March 2024. This year's theme, *The Father Heart of God*, was explored through a keynote address by **Paul Mallard**, FIEC's Director for the West Midlands.

In addition to the keynote sessions, the conference featured five practical workshops, each running twice—once in the morning and again in the afternoon. These workshops covered key topics, including:

- Developing an intergenerational church culture
- Integrating and loving adopted and looked-after children and young people well
- Integrating and loving children and young people with additional needs well
- Teaching children to pray to their Heavenly Father
- Welcoming and supporting young people questioning or deconstructing their faith

The conference was a great success, with **210 delegates from 30 Midlands churches** gathering at **Cornerstone Church, Nottingham**.

Big Day Out was rebranded as **Re:Charge**. It remains a termly event which aims to inspire and encourage excellence among those involved in fulltime children's ministry. These all-day training and encouragement sessions, held at St Stephen's Church Birmingham in November '23, January '24, June '24, have continued to faithfully deliver wise, practical, and worthwhile teachings to a small group of interested participants.

The **Midlands Youth Convention (MYC)**, titled *Confident – How God's Goodness Helps Us Deal with Suffering, Doubts, and Fears*, was held in February 2024 at Woodlands Church, Allestree. The event is a day of teaching and worship designed for youth groups and their leaders, and this year it attracted approximately 70 young people along with their leaders.

**Midlands Women's Convention** was held in 2023 in Nottingham on Saturday, 7th October at Cornerstone Church, and in the West in Birmingham on Saturday, 21st October at The Ruddock Performing Arts Centre. Clare Heath-Whyte spoke on John Chapters 3 & 4 with the title "God so Loved" This year's seminars were:

- Listening Well to God's Word - Abi Coward
- The Amazing Life of Elizabeth Fry: Witnessing through words and works to princes, prisoners and everyone in between - Clare Heath-Whyte
- Navigating Gender Identity - Susan Marriott
- Youth stream East - Debs Hunt, West - Chloe Harrison.

438 women attended in the East and 350 in the West for a total of 788. The Ruddock Centre was a lovely venue but the capacity of the areas surrounding the main auditorium made it unsuitable for future conventions of our size and format. The Convention was very well received by all who attended. The income and expenses should be reflected in the financial statements.

The **Midlands Men's Convention** aims to encourage men across the Midlands to live wholeheartedly for Christ. It hosts two conventions each year - one in Nottingham in November and the other in Birmingham in May. These were attended by over 450 and 230 men, respectively.

At the East convention, Graham Beynon encouraged us to live in light of the future. Workshops explored topics such as our emotions, fatherhood, and talking about death.

At the West convention in May, Steve Midgley helped us consider how we could use our conversations for Christ. Workshops focused particularly on how to do this within our marriages and friendships.

At both conventions, it was encouraging to see a growing number attending the Youth Stream, which seeks to equip teenagers to grow as disciples of Christ.

#### *Public Benefit*

In accordance with our stated objectives, we exist for the benefit of individuals, primarily within the Midlands region of England, through the promotion and advancement of the evangelical protestant Christian religion.

The Trustees wish to express their sincere gratitude for the contributions made by our volunteers and supporters, whose dedication complements the work of our staff members. We affirm our conviction that it is the **gospel** of Jesus Christ that brings about true and lasting transformation, drawing individuals into relationship with Him. From this foundational and life-changing relationship flows the generous support of many, which enables and sustains the ministry of the Midlands Gospel Partnership.

We remain committed to ensuring that our courses and events are offered at an affordable cost. We continue to provide additional concessions where necessary, in order to make these opportunities accessible to all.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Having regard to the size and turnover of the Trust, the financial statements for the year have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis and should be viewed in conjunction with this Trustee's Report.

The Trust's income is derived primarily from event and training course fees, as well as donations from partner churches and individual supporters. The Trustees wish to express their sincere appreciation to all who contribute financially to the work of the Trust.

MGP's total receipts in the year ended 31 August 2024 were £61,466.61 and its total payments were £61,229.48, resulting in net surplus of £237.13. The Trustees are carefully monitoring the financial situation and planning for various future scenarios.

Expenditure for the year included staff salaries, costs associated with organising events, and expenditure on wider initiatives designed to support and encourage churches and individuals across the Midlands. We seek to make all events self-funding. However, we are prepared to subsidise events using funds received from partner churches and other donors, when doing so serves to advance the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ across the region. We also aim to ensure access for individuals who would otherwise be unable to participate due to financial constraints.

## RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees are committed to maintaining reserves for General Funds equivalent to three months of operational costs, provided sufficient funding is available to achieve this, without hindering the ongoing development of the Trust's ministry.

This reserve is intended to ensure the charity can continue to operate its essential services, remunerate its employees, and meet necessary expenses in the event of an unforeseen reduction in donations or unexpected expenditure.

On 31 August 2024, the reserves totalled £27,851.

## DECLARATION

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above

Signed on behalf of the trustees P SKERRATT  Date 17/6/25  
Co-Chair of Trustees

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
RECEIPTS				
Gifts, donations, legacies and other	9,507		9,507	8,626
MGP conferences income	1,332		1,332	1,444
MGP YC conferences income	2,822		2,822	2,542
Midlands Men's Convention income	6,449		6,449	5,626
Midlands Women's Convention income	10,516		10,516	7,056
MMTC fees	19,892		19,892	26,535
MMTC gifts	949		949	2,170
MMTC subsidy -internal transfer	10,000		10,000	-
<i>Sub total</i>	61,467		61,467	53,999
Asset and investment sales	-		-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>61,467</b>		<b>61,467</b>	<b>53,999</b>
PAYMENTS				
Grants and gifts	1,165		1,165	1,300
Managements and administration	1,230		1,230	1,679
Staff costs (salary, pensions, expenses)	6,270		6,270	7,435
MGP conferences costs	1,091		1,091	1,848
MGP YC conferences costs	2,288		2,288	2,426
Midlands Men's Convention costs	5,841		5,841	4,597
Midlands Women's Convention costs	5,767		5,767	5,802
MMTC subsidy -internal transfer	10,000		10,000	-
<i>Sub total</i>	33,652		33,652	25,086
MMTC Hire costs	2,900		2,900	6,720
MMTC Speakers costs	1,763		1,763	1,808
MMTC Publicity costs	-		-	110
MMTC Printing, stationery, catering	189		189	123
MMTC Staff costs (director, admin)	22,725		22,725	29,894
<i>Sub total</i>	<b>61,229</b>		<b>61,229</b>	<b>63,742</b>
Asset and investment purchases	-		-	1,216
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>61,229</b>		<b>61,229</b>	<b>64,958</b>
Net receipts / (payment)	<b>238</b>		<b>238</b>	<b>(10,959)</b>

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
<b>Transfer between funds</b>	-		-	-
Cash funds last year end	27,614		27,614	38,572
Cash funds this year end	27,851		27,851	27,614
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Lloyds TSB Bank plc				
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>27,851</b>		<b>27,851</b>	<b>27,614</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Investment assets</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
Laptop (x2) estimated value based on straight line depreciation method over 5 years	<b>973</b>		<b>973</b>	<b>1,216</b>
Data projectors (x2)	-		-	-
<b>Liabilities</b>	-	-	-	-

Signed on behalf of the trustees

P SKERRATT   
Co-Chair of Trustees

Date

17/6/25

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MIDLANDS GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP TRUST



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts**

### Section A Independent Examiner's Report

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	Midlands Gospel Partnership		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2024	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1138999
	<b>Set out on pages</b> 1-8		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2024**

**Responsibilities and basis of report** As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and 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.

**Signed:**  **Date:** 12/06/2025

**Name:** S.H.Adam

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):** B.Admin. C.A

**Address:** 1 Sherroside Close, Allestree  
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### Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

None

**THE MIDLANDS GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1138999

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# Accounts

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The MIDLANDS GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP TRUST

**ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

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## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Status</b>	Trust Registered Charity with effect from 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2010 Registered Charity Number 1138999
<b>Registered Office</b>	Stapleford Baptist Church Albert Street Stapleford NG9 8DB

### **Trustees**

Trustees who served during the year are set out below: -

Rev C Hobbs	
Rev R Hopkins	(Chair)
Mr J James	
Mr J Russell	
Mr P Sweeting	(resigned March 31, 2023)
Mr A Upton	(resigned January 1, 2023)

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the Trust and all served without remuneration in their capacity as Trustees.

### **Administrator**

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The Trust aims to continue to deliver services and benefits through the key activities outlined above, and to see growth in the number of partner churches. In the 2022-2023 we welcomed four new churches into the partnership, and we have also partnered with three organisations.

**The Partnership Day** was held in October 2022 at Holy Trinity Church, Hinckley. About 30 different partner churches were represented by 60 delegates. The speaker was Ed Stetzer, Wheaton College (USA) professor, speaker and an author of hundreds of articles and a dozen books. Ed's topic was titled *Renewing our Mission*.

**The Leaders' Conference's** 2023 aimed to look closely at the reasons we serve and even more closely at the Saviour who came to serve us. John Hindley from BroadGrace Church in Norfolk spoke on topic *Serving without sinking; How to serve Christ and keep your joy.*

The day conference also included seminars with the same "serving" theme (Serving and those experiencing anxiety; Serving and our fellow leaders; Serving and our time). The evening event was a free event and John Hindley delivered shorter versions of his morning talks to those serving in a voluntary capacity in local churches who could not attend during the day due to various other commitments. In total, the conference which was held at Monyhull Church was attended by 137 people from across the Midlands region.

**The MMTC course** 2022-23, was held both on Wednesdays in Birmingham (MMTC West) and Thursdays in Nottingham (MMTC East). There was a 1<sup>st</sup> year group in Birmingham and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year groups in Nottingham. Students delved into studying the Bible, learning how to understand it and getting practice in teaching it to others. Sadly, student numbers were again lower than in previous years but the cohort in both places was pleasingly diverse: church apprentices, volunteer workers and congregation members (both working and retired) of a range of ages and backgrounds joined us from different churches and organisations.

In February 2023 it was announced to partner churches that MMTC 2023-24 would be held only in Nottingham, mainly due to the reduced number of students and increased costs of running the course. A short survey was sent out to MGP partner churches who have previously sent people on the course, asking for their input to find the best way forward in a reboot of MMTC. MGP remains committed to running MMTC and serving local churches in this way.

**The Next Generation Conference** which strives to equip children and youth workers to serve, was successfully delivered by the MGP Youth & Children's team in March 2023. *Telling the Story* was the theme for 2023, and Tim Thornborough from The Good Book Company served as the keynote speaker. The conference also featured five different practical workshop sessions that explored how to use and appropriately adapt a story to teach children and youth of various ages. The conference was very popular, 165 delegates from across the Midlands attended the day at Cornerstone Church, Nottingham.

**Big Day Out**, a termly event which aims to inspire and encourage excellence for those in or involved in fulltime children's ministry. These all-day training and encouragement events, held at St Stephen's Church Birmingham in October '22, March '23, June '23, continued faithfully deliver wise, practical, and worthwhile teachings to a small group of interested participants.

**The Midlands Youth Convention (MYC)**, titled Good News, was held in July 2023 at Cornerstone Church, Nottingham. It is a day of teaching and worship for youth groups and their leaders and this year it attracted 67 young people and their leaders.

**Midlands Women's Convention** in 2023 took place in the East Midlands on Saturday 7th October at Cornerstone Church Nottingham with around 450 women attending and in the West Midlands on Saturday 21st October 2023 at the Ruddock Centre Birmingham with 350 women attending. Each day ran the same programme starting at 10 and finishing at 3:30 pm. Two main Bible talks were given by Clare Heath-Whyte on John Chapters 3 & 4 with the Title. "God So Loved"  
We also had a seminar session including

- A Youth seminar led by Debs Hunt in the East and Chloe Harrison in the west with around 10 young women attending each.
  - Navigating Gender Identity led by Susan Marriott
  - Listening Well to God's Word led by Abi Coward
  - The amazing life of Elizabeth Fry led by Clare Heath Whyte.
- A bookstall from 10ofThose ran at both conventions. The feedback was very positive with women enjoying the talks and seminars and finding them all very helpful.

**Midlands Men's Convention (MMC)** hosts two conventions, one in Birmingham in May and the other in Nottingham in November. These were attended by over 200 and 300 men, respectively. The same programme was run at both conventions. In 2023 we had Graham Beynon encouraging us to live in light of the future. We also had workshops exploring the topics of our emotions, being a father and talking about death. It was encouraging to see a good number attend the Youth Stream as we seek to equip teenagers to grow as disciples of Christ. The MMC exists to encourage men across the Midlands to live for Christ.

### *Public Benefit*

As set out in our objectives, we exist for the benefit of individuals primarily in the Midlands region of England through the promotion and advancement of the evangelical protestant Christian religion.

The Trustees are once again grateful for the immense amount of work done by our volunteers and supporters alongside our staff members. We recognise that it is the gospel that truly changes people and brings them into relationship with Jesus Christ and from this life-changing relationship flows the generosity of so many which supports and sustains the ministry of the MGP.

We seek to make our courses and events affordable and make further concessions to ensure the courses are accessible to all.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Having regard to the size and turnover of the Trust, the financial statements for the year have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis and should be viewed in conjunction with this Trustee Report.

Income is derived primarily from charges for events and the training course and through donations from partner churches and individuals. We are grateful to these organisations and people for their financial support.

MGP's total receipts in the year ended 31 August 2023 were £53,999 and its total payments were £64,958, resulting in net deficit of £10,959. The Trustees are carefully monitoring the financial situation and planning for various future scenarios.

Expenditure includes salaries, cost for running events, and the costs of general initiatives to support and encourage interested churches and individuals across the Midlands. We seek to make all events

self-funding but will consider running events at a loss (supported by partner church and other donations) if it furthers the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ across the region or makes courses accessible to those who could not ordinarily afford to attend.

### **RESERVES POLICY**

The Trustees are committed to establishing a level of reserves for General Funds that will cover three months of operational costs, subject to sufficient funding being available to achieve this, while not hampering the ongoing development of the ministry of the Trust.

This is designed to enable the charity to continue to operate its essential services, remunerate its employees and pay its necessary expenses in the event of an unanticipated reduction in donations or unforeseen expenditure.

On 31 August 2023, the reserves totalled £27,614.

### **DECLARATION**

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above

Signed on their behalf by:

*Chris Hobbs*

20 June 2024

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rev C Hobbs, Co-Chair of Trustees

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Gifts, donations, legacies and other	8,626		8,626	7,948
MGP conferences income	1,444		1,444	970
MGP YC conferences income	2,542		2,542	2,919
Midlands Men's Convention income	5,626		5,626	5,451
Midlands Women's Convention income	7,056		7,056	2,274
MMTC fees	26,535		26,535	26,950
MMTC gifts	2,170		2,170	3,020
<i>Sub total</i>	53,999		53,999	50,032
Asset and investment sales	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>53,999</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,999</b>	<b>50,032</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Grants and gifts	1,300		1,300	1,600
Managements and administration	1,679		1,679	1,099
Staff costs (salary, pensions, expenses)	7,435		7,435	6,134
MGP conferences costs	1,848		1,848	1,310
MGP YC conferences costs	2,426		2,426	1,554
Midlands Men's Convention costs	4,597		4,597	5,805
Midlands Women's Convention costs	5,802		5,802	1,229
<i>Sub total</i>	25,086		25,086	18,731
MMTC Hire costs	6,720		6,720	4,790
MMTC Speakers costs	1,808		1,808	2,056
MMTC Publicity costs	110		110	254
MMTC Printing, stationery, catering	123		123	125
MMTC Staff costs (director, admin)	29,894		29,894	28,891
<i>Sub total</i>	<b>63,742</b>		<b>63,742</b>	<b>54,847</b>
Asset and investment purchases	1,216	-	1,216	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>64,958</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>64,958</b>	<b>54,847</b>
Net receipts / (payment)	<b>(10,959)</b>		<b>(10,959)</b>	<b>(4,815)</b>

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
<b>Transfer between funds</b>	-		-	-
Cash Funds last year end	38,572		38,572	43,387
Cash Funds this year end	27,614		27,614	38,572
<b>Cash Funds</b>				
Lloyds TSB Bank plc				
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>27,614</b>		<b>27,614</b>	<b>38,572</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Investment assets</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
Data projectors (x2)		-		<b>805</b>
Laptop (x2)	<b>1,216</b>		<b>1,216</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	-	-	-	-

Signed on behalf of the trustees



Rev C Hobbs  
Co-Chair of Trustees

Date 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MIDLANDS GOSPEL  
PARTNERSHIP TRUST**

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**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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:

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Name: Mr Stephen Henry Adam

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Date: 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2024

**THE MIDLANDS GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1138999

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The MIDLANDS GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP TRUST

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## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Status</b>	Trust Registered Charity with effect from 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2010 Registered Charity Number 1138999
<b>Registered Office</b>	Stapleford Baptist Church Albert Street Stapleford NG9 8DB

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Trustees who served during the year are set out below: -

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Rev R Hopkins (Chair)  
Mr J James  
Mr J Russell  
Mr P Sweeting  
Mr A Upton

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the Trust and all served without remuneration in their capacity as Trustees.

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The Trustees apply the income of the Trust in furthering the following objects, namely for the promotion and the advancement of evangelical, protestant, reformed Christian religion ("the Faith") including in particular but not so as to limit the generality of the foregoing by:-

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### *Review of activities and impact for Public Benefit*

The Midlands Gospel Partnership is a network of local churches committed to expanding gospel ministry across the Midlands through training in biblical ministry, co-operating in evangelism and partnering in church planting initiatives.

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- vi) Groups looking at areas like church planting and finding ways to encourage new congregations in areas where additional congregations may further the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- vii) Involvement in national Gospel centred initiatives alongside other Regional Gospel Partnerships.

The Trust aims to continue to deliver services and benefits through the key activities outlined above, and to see growth in the number of partner churches. In the 2021-2022 we welcomed two new churches into the partnership, and we have also partnered with seven organisations.

**The Partnership Day** was the first in-person MGP conference after the lifting of pandemic controls and was titled *Journeying Into Life*. The day, which included a light buffet lunch, took place in Holy Trinity Hinckley and the speaker was Rico Tice.

**The Leaders' Conference** was attended by about fifty people from across twenty partner churches who gathered to open the Bibles together and listen to Nick Tucker speak on the topic *Jesus the Good Shepherd*. The reminder of who Jesus is, of his power and authority and the unique way he exercises this power was a great encouragement to all present.

**The MMTC course**, again, took place in Nottingham (MMTC East) and in Birmingham (MMTC West). Two year groups delved into studying the Bible, learning how to understand it and teach it to others. As in previous year, we saw lower number of students attending, the West course in particular. The numbers were just above ten students for West and low twenties in East. Students were made of individuals from different churches, ages, backgrounds, who can be either church apprentices, student workers or home group leaders or church members taking time off work, or who are retired.

**The Next Generation Conference (formerly known as Growing Young Disciples)** was successfully organised and delivered by the MGP Youth & Children's team, is a day conference for those involved in Youth & Children's work – in paid or volunteer capacity - in the Midlands. The topic for 2022 was *Identity* which proved to be immensely popular and saw falling shy of 200 delegates from across the Midlands. Ed Drew, Director of Faith in Kids, delivered a captivating and engaging teaching on an apt topic.

**Big Day Out** a termly event which aims to inspire and encourage excellence for those in or involved in fulltime children's ministry resumed its faithful teaching to a handful persons.

**The Midlands Youth Convention (MYC)** had its first run in July 2022 after a cancelled event in 2021. MYC is a day of teaching and worship for youth groups and their leaders and in its first year attracted 120 souls.

**Midlands Women's Convention** was held in the East on Saturday 1st October 2022 when 300 women met at Cornerstone Church Nottingham and in the West on Saturday 15th October 2022 when tickets sold out as 300 women attended at Monyhull Church Birmingham. Each convention followed the same programme from 10 am until 3 pm in which we enjoyed 3 Bible talks on 1 Peter given by Grace Holt with the title "Stand Firm in the True Grace of God". 10 of those provided an extensive bookstall at each convention, and we were treated to music provided by bands at each venue put together by Ben Shaw from Fulwood Church in the East and Woodgreen Church in the West.

**Midlands Men's Convention (MMC)** exists to encourage men across the Midlands to live for Christ. On 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 224 men gathered at Cornerstone Church in Nottingham and 106 at Monyhull Church in Birmingham, as well 17 smaller gatherings across the region watching the livestream. Rupert Bentley-Taylor opened up the story of Hezekiah in 2 Kings to encourage us to stand firm in our day as *Men who Make a Difference*. There were also workshops on topics such as, Godliness & Mental Health, Godliness and Getting Older, Understanding a Godless World, Godliness in a Digital Age, The Great Gain of Godliness and Godliness and God's Word. There was also a dedicated Youth Stream for those aged 11-18.

On 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022 we held our first full West MMC Convention at Monyhull Church in Birmingham. 117 men attended from across the West Midlands as well as further afield. Raymond Brown was our main speaker encouraging us from 1 Timothy to be men of mission and prayer. There were also workshops

on Race & Church in the UK, Thinking Global while Serving Local and Growing as Men Who Pray. We also ran a dedicated Youth Stream again.

### *Public Benefit*

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. As set out in our objectives, we exist for the benefit of individuals primarily in the Midlands region of England through the promotion and advancement of the evangelical protestant Christian religion.

The Trustees are once again grateful for the immense amount of work done by our volunteers and Supporters alongside our staff members. We recognise that it is the gospel that truly changes people and brings them into relationship with Jesus Christ and from this life-changing relationship flows the generosity of so many which supports and sustains the ministry of the MGP.

We seek to make our courses and events affordable and make further concessions to ensure the courses are accessible to all.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Having regard to the size and turnover of the Trust, the financial statements for the year have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis and should be viewed in conjunction with this Trustee Report.

Income is derived primarily from charges for events and the training course and through donations from partner churches and individuals. We are grateful to these organisations and people for their financial support.

MGP's total receipts in the year ended 31 August 2022 were £50,032 and its total payments were £54,847, resulting in net deficit of £4,815.

Expenditure includes salaries, cost for running events, and the costs of general initiatives to support and encourage interested churches and individuals across the Midlands. We seek to make all events self-funding but will consider running events at a loss (supported by partner church and other donations) if it furthers the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ across the region or makes courses accessible to those who could not ordinarily afford to attend.

## RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees are committed to establishing a level of reserves for General Funds that will cover three months of operational costs, subject to sufficient funding being available to achieve this, while not hampering the ongoing development of the ministry of the Trust.

This is designed to enable the charity to continue to operate its essential services, remunerate its employees and pay its necessary expenses in the event of an unanticipated reduction in donations or unforeseen expenditure.

On 31 August 2022, the reserves totalled £38,572.

## DECLARATION

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above

Signed on their behalf by:

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date 21st June 2023  
Rev C Hobbs, acting Chair of Trustees

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS


	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Gifts, donations, legacies and other	7,448	500	7,948	9,800
MGP conferences income	970		970	-
MGP YC conferences income	2,919		2,919	1099
Midlands Men's Convention income	5,451		5,451	987
Midlands Women's Convention income	2,274		2,274	-
MMTC fees	26,950		26,950	30,833
MMTC gifts	3,020		3,020	3,379
<i>Sub total</i>	49,532	500	50,032	46,098
Asset and investment sales	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>49,532</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>50,032</b>	<b>46,098</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Grants and gifts	1,100	500	1,600	2,000
Managements and administration	1,099		1,099	868
Staff costs (salary, pensions, expenses)	6,134		6,134	2,918
MGP conferences costs	1,310		1,310	348
MGP YC conferences costs	1,554		1,554	476
Midlands Men's Convention costs	5,805		5,805	450
Midlands Women's Convention costs	1,229		1,229	815
<i>Sub total</i>	18,231	500	18,731	7,875
MMTC Hire costs	4,790		4,790	-
MMTC Speakers costs	2,056		2,056	319
MMTC Publicity costs	254		254	-
MMTC Printing, stationery, catering	125		125	302
MMTC Staff costs (director, admin)	28,891		28,891	27,770
<i>Sub total</i>	<b>54,347</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>54,847</b>	<b>36,266</b>
Asset and investment purchases	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>54,347</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>54,847</b>	<b>36,266</b>
Net receipts / (payment)	<b>(4,815)</b>		<b>(4,815)</b>	<b>9,832</b>

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
<b>Transfer between funds</b>	-	-	-	-
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Cash Funds this year end	38,572	-	38,572	43,387
<b>Cash Funds</b>				
Lloyds TSB Bank plc				
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<b>Investment assets</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
Data projectors (x2)	-	-	<b>805</b>	<b>805</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	-	-	-	-

Signed on behalf of the trustees

  
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Rev C Hobbs  
acting Chair of Trustees

Date 21st June 2023

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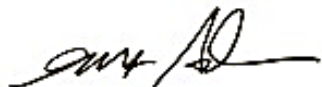
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Rev C Hobbs	
Rev R Hopkins	(Chair)
Mr J James	(appointed 16-9-2020)
Mr J Russell	
Mr P Selby	(appointed 11-3-2021)
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The Leaders' Conference and MGP Partnership Day were well attended and were held online. The Partnership Day focused on raising the awareness of the upcoming A Passion For Life event, planned to take place nationally Easter 2022. Nick McQuaker was the speaker, and the topic was

## Churches Partnering Together.

The Leader's Conference, held online in March 2021, was exploring the subject of what it means to be thriving and healthy leader. Marcus Honeysett from Living Leadership was the speaker.

The MMTC course saw continuing delivery of MMTC East in Nottingham and MMTC West in Birmingham, albeit being held online. This, most likely, led to lower student numbers, in Birmingham particularly, than in previous years which reflected the global tricky situation.

The MGP Youth & Children's team organised and successfully delivered online the 'Growing Young Disciples' conference (a day conference for those involved in Youth & Children's work in the Midlands). The topic for 2021 was *Jesus and Anxiety, supporting children and youth in anxious times*, Helen Thorney from Biblical Counselling UK was the speaker. Big Day Out events and Midlands Youth Convention were cancelled.

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## RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees are committed to establishing a level of reserves for General Funds that will cover three months of operational costs, subject to sufficient funding being available to achieve this, while not hampering the ongoing development of the ministry of the Trust.

This is designed to enable the charity to continue to operate its essential services, remunerate its employees and pay its necessary expenses in the event of an unanticipated reduction in donations or unforeseen expenditure.

At 31 August 2020-21, the reserves totalled £43,387.

## DECLARATION

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above

Signed on their behalf by :

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Rev R Hopkins, Chair of Trustees

Date 09/06/2022

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations, legacies and other similar receipts	13,180	-	13,180	11,623
Operating activities to further the charities objectives	32,918	-	32,918	52,898
Operating activities to generate funds	-	-	-	-
Interest received	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>46,098</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,098</b>	<b>64,521</b>
 <b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>				
	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>46,098</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,098</b>	<b>64,521</b>
 <b>Payments</b>				
Grants paid	2,000	-	2,000	-
Payments for generating funds	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	2,696	-	2,696	12,001
Salaries and other costs incurred in supporting charitable activities	30,037	-	30,038	37,902
Management and administration	1,533	-	1,533	2,903
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>36,266</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,266</b>	<b>52,805</b>
 Asset and investment purchases, etc.				
	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>36,266</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,266</b>	<b>52,805</b>
 <b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	 <b>9,832</b>	 <b>-</b>	 <b>9,832</b>	 <b>11,716</b>
 <b>Transfers between funds</b>	 <b>-</b>	 <b>-</b>	 <b>-</b>	 <b>-</b>
 <b>Cash funds last year end</b>		 <b>-</b>	 <b>33,555</b>	 <b>21,840</b>
 <b>Cash funds this year end</b>	 <b>43,387</b>	 <b>-</b>	 <b>43,387</b>	 <b>33,555</b>
 <b>Cash funds</b>				
Lloyds TSB Bank plc		-	43,387	33,555
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>43,387</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,387</b>	<b>33,555</b>
 <b>Other monetary assets</b>	 N/a			
 <b>Investment assets</b>	 N/a			
 <b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
Data projectors (x2)	-	-	805	805
 <b>Liabilities</b>	 N/a			

Signed on behalf of the trustees

  
Rev R Hopkins, Chair of Trustees

Date

09/06/2022

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MIDLANDS GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP TRUST

### **Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of the Midlands Gospel Partnership Trust**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Midlands Gospel Partnership Trust (the Trust) for the period ended 31 August 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 6.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



Name: Mr Stephen Henry Adam

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):  
Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (ICAS)

Address: 1 Sherroside Close  
Allestree  
Derby  
DE22 2HN

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

**THE MIDLANDS GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1138999

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# Accounts

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The MIDLANDS GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP TRUST

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020

**THE MIDLANDS GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP TRUST**

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**THE MIDLANDS GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP TRUST**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Charity Name** The Midlands Gospel Partnership Trust

**Status** Trust  
Registered Charity with effect from 12<sup>th</sup> November 2010  
Registered Charity Number 1138999

**Registered Office** Stapleford Baptist Church  
Albert Street  
Stapleford  
NG9 8DB

**Trustees**

Trustees who served during the year are set out below:-

Rev L Davison  
Rev C Hobbs  
Rev R Hopkins (Chair)  
Rev N Powell (resigned 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020)  
Mr J Russell  
Mr A Upton

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the Trust and all served without remuneration in their capacity as Trustees.

**Administrator** A Deane

**Independent Examiner**

Mr S Adam  
1 Sherroside Close,  
Allestree,  
Derby  
DE22 2HN

**Bankers**

Lloyds TSB Bank plc - Commercial Banking  
P O Box 10000  
Bexhill BX1 1LT

**THE MIDLANDS GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP TRUST**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

*Governing Document*

The Trust is a registered charity governed in accord with its Declaration of Trust dated 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

The Charity Commission granted registered charity status on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

*Organisational structure*

The Trust is governed by a Steering Committee (Trustees) comprising of senior ministers of evangelical churches across the Midlands. They meet on a quarterly basis to set policy and review the activities of the Trust.

*Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees*

Trustees are elected by nomination and resolution of the existing Trustees.

*Trustees Induction and Training*

New Trustees are given training and an induction process that is overseen by the existing Trustees, who may delegate certain elements of the induction process to staff members.

*Risk Management*

The Trustees examine the major strategic and operational risks which the Trust faces at each of their quarterly meetings.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The Trustees apply the income of the Trust in furthering the following objects, namely for the promotion and the advancement of evangelical, protestant, reformed Christian religion (“the Faith”) including in particular but not so as to limit the generality of the foregoing by:-

- i) The support and furtherance of the religious and other charitable work of congregations meeting for religious worship in the counties of Derbyshire, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, West Midlands, Worcestershire, and such other counties as the Trustees may from time to time determine;
- ii) The establishment, support and furtherance of new congregations meeting for religious worship in the said or such other counties by way of Church plants and otherwise;
- iii) The support of presbyters, deacons, youth workers, pastoral workers, teachers, evangelists, musicians, and administrators;
- iv) The advancement of religious education in accordance with the Faith by means of ministry, children’s and youth workers, and other training courses, classes, seminars, lectures, conferences, and other events, and otherwise;
- v) The holding of public meetings and assemblies;

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- vi) The award of grants to, and otherwise supporting those training for the Ministry, or other religious positions as youth workers, pastoral workers, teachers, evangelists, musicians, and administrators;
- vii) The production, publication, and dissemination of religious work.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

#### *Review of activities and impact for Public Benefit*

The Midlands Gospel Partnership is a network of local churches committed to expanding gospel ministry across the Midlands through training in biblical ministry, co-operating in evangelism and partnering in church planting initiatives.

The main activities of the Midlands Gospel Partnership Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 included-

- i) A leaders' conference held in January (the Leaders' Conference), which was open to all who wished to attend. This annually recurring event was designed to support and encourage those involved in Christian leadership and other church members and to assist them in leading and building up the wider church family.
- ii) A partnership day conference held in October (MGP Partnership Day), which was open to senior ministers of partner churches, bringing one colleague. The day provides a chance for partnership members to get together and see our development in achieving our vision of seeing healthy local churches in every Midlands community.
- iii) An affordable Bible training course, the Midlands Ministry Training Course (MMTC). The course is designed to help church members, including ministry trainees, to better understand how to read and teach the bible.
- iv) Specific MGP Youth and Children's ministry training day courses (Big Day Out, Growing Young Disciples) as well as an annual event for young people and their youth group leaders (Midlands Youth Convention). These are designed to support and encourage Christian fellowships across the Midlands and enable them to be more effective in their Christian ministry and their walk with God.
- v) Groups looking at areas like church planting and finding ways to encourage new congregations in areas where additional congregations may further the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- vi) Involvement in national Gospel centred initiatives alongside other Regional Gospel Partnerships.

The Trust aims to continue to deliver services and benefits through the key activities outlined above, and to see growth in the number of partner churches.

The Leaders' Conference and MGP Partnership Day were well attended and were held in Nottingham and Hinckley, respectively.

The MMTC saw continuing delivery of MMTC East in Nottingham and MMTC West in Birmingham. There was only a small decrease in students' numbers following a move to bring MMTC online for the summer term.

The MGP Youth & Children's team organised the successful delivery of 'Growing Young Disciples' (a day conference for those involved in Youth & Children's work in the Midlands); and continued its

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series of 'Big Day Out' day training / networking / encouragement conferences for Youth & Children's workers in the Region. Junior Camp at The Gaines Christian Centre as well as Midlands Youth Convention were both cancelled.

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. As set out in our objectives, we exist for the benefit of individuals primarily in the Midlands region of England through the promotion and advancement of the evangelical protestant Christian religion.

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### **DECLARATION**

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above

Signed on their behalf by :

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rev R Hopkins, Chair of Trustees

Date \_\_\_\_\_

THE MIDLANDS GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP TRUST

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations, legacies and other similar receipts	11,623	-	11,623	10,320
Operating activities to further the charities objectives	52,898	-	52,898	41,700
Operating activities to generate funds	-	-	-	-
Interest received	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>64,521</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>64,521</b>	<b>52,020</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>64,521</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>64,521</b>	<b>52,020</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Grants paid	-	-	-	417
Payments for generating funds	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	12,001	-	12,001	10,750
Salaries and other costs incurred in supporting charitable activities	37,902	-	37,902	35,517
Management and administration	2,903	-	2,903	6,163
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>52,805</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,805</b>	<b>52,847</b>
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>52,805</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,805</b>	<b>52,847</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>11,716</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,716</b>	<b>( 827)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>21,840</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,840</b>	<b>22,667</b>
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Lloyds TSB Bank plc	33,555	-	33,555	21,840
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<b>Other monetary assets</b>	N/a			
<b>Investment assets</b>	N/a			
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
Data projectors (x2)	-	-	-	805
<b>Liabilities</b>	N/a			

Signed on behalf of the trustees \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date \_\_\_\_\_

**THE MIDLANDS GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP TRUST**

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