SALFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1143819

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2011-09-15
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

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

Activities: The advancement and support of the activity of the Methodist Churches within Salford, including worship, pastoral care and service to and within the local community

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- Salford City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£133,926	£222,358	-	-
2024-08-31	£157,394	£105,999	-	-
2023-08-31	£157,771	£167,303	-	-
2022-08-31	£284,095	£203,739	-	-
2021-08-31	£319,047	£179,226	-	-
2020-08-31	£172,494	£150,867	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BERYL KAY EMERY		2011-09-11
Brenda Jeffrey		2022-03-10
CAROLE ALISON BURGESS		2011-09-11
David Emery		2026-03-10
Elaine Buckley-Hall		2022-03-10
Elizabeth Thornley		2022-03-10
Frederick Harrison		2023-03-07
Gordon Allen		2022-03-10
HARRY HUNT		2011-09-11
IAN ROBERT HUDDLESTON		2011-09-11
JOHN EARLAM EATON		2011-09-11
Jane Austin		2022-03-10
Janet Carney		2026-03-10
Jennifer Winnington		2026-03-10
Kimberley Wilcox		2022-03-10
LYNETTE FLORENCE BROCKLEHURST		2011-09-11
MARGARET VAUGHAN		2023-09-12
MAVIS MARJORIE LAMB		2011-09-11
MURIEL ELIZABETH STILES		2011-09-11
Martin Styan		2022-03-10
Mylvia Hunt		2022-03-10
NORMAN BURGESS		2011-09-11
Philip Thornley		2022-03-10
ROBERT BURGESS		2011-09-11
Rev John Palmer		2021-09-01
Ruth Dawson		2022-03-10

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SALFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT

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ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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SALFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

TRUSTEES

Name	Appointed by:
Gordon Allen	Emmanuel
Jane Austin	Circuit Meeting
Lynette Brocklehurst	Circuit Meeting
Michael Brocklehurst	Monton
Elaine Buckley-Hall	Glazebrook
Carole Burgess	Circuit Meeting
Norman Burgess	The Height
Robert Burgess	Circuit Meeting
Ruth Dawson	Monton
John Eaton	St Paul's
Beryl Emery	Circuit Steward
Elaine Harden	Emmanuel
Gordon Hardman	Emmanuel
Frederick Harrison	Wesley
Ian Huddleston	Local Preachers
Harry Hunt	Glazebrook
Mylvia Hunt	Glazebrook
Brenda Jeffrey	Circuit Steward
Barbara Johnson	The Height
Mavis Lamb	St Paul's
Rev John Palmer	Ex-officio
Muriel Stiles	Circuit Meeting
Martin Styan	Circuit Meeting
Elizabeth Thornley	Circuit Meeting
Phil Thornley	Circuit Meeting
Bryan Trevor	St Paul's
Margaret Vaughan	Wesley
Sheila Wakefield	Wesley
Kimberley Wilcox	The Height
Patricia Wilson	Local Preachers

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
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CIRCUIT LEADERSHIP TEAM and Circuit Stewards (all of whom are Trustees)

Rev John Palmer	Superintendent Minister
Mrs J Austin	
Mrs C Burgess	
Mrs B Emery	
Mrs B Jeffrey	
Mr M Styan	
Mrs E Thornley	
Mr P Thornley	

CIRCUIT MINUTE SECRETARY

Mrs Patricia Gondongwe

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INVESTMENT MANAGERS

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REGISTERED CHARITY

1143819

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025.

REPORTING FRAMEWORK

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice' applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019), referred to as the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable Objectives

The Circuit shares the same charitable objectives as the rest of the Methodist Church, which are set out as follows:

"The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of Union the advancement of –
(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;
(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;
(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;
(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church."

Aims

The Circuit seeks to live out the calling of the Methodist Church, which is summarised thus:

"The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship and mission. Inspired by Our Calling, we aim:

- *to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love*
- *to help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care*
- *to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice*
- *to make more followers of Jesus Christ"*

Activities and Public Benefit

The Circuit encourages and supports the Churches within it in the provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the Church and non-members alike; the provision of sacred space for prayer and contemplation; the teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups; pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved; the promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services; the provision of youth clubs, senior citizens' clubs, men's meetings and women's meetings etc with a Christian ethos; promoting the whole mission of the Church (and aiding social cohesion) through activities for older people, parents and toddlers and other specific needs groups; and supporting other charities in the UK and overseas financially and with prayer.

Contribution of Volunteers

The Circuit is heavily dependent upon, and extremely grateful for, the contribution of volunteers as it seeks to carry out its objectives. With the exception of the stipendiary Superintendent Minister, all members of the Circuit Leadership Team and all other Charity trustees are unpaid volunteers.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The Circuit recognises that Church life is an ever-changing picture including the lack of numbers in worship in some churches. The need to fill the vital roles in each Church is in a delicate balance, the number of people able to take on roles has decreased. However, in some parts of the Circuit there is a sense of renewed vision and eager anticipation of moving forward into the future.

We are a one minister Circuit with no supernumeraries living in the Circuit. The Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) continues to meet online with our Superintendent Minister, Rev John Palmer, throughout the year and continues to plan and develop our ministry and mission as well as trying to address the concerns mentioned above. Our Minister continues to be supported by our Circuit Administrator Patricia Gondongwe, a local preacher in the Oldham Circuit, who also offers us occasional services which are both very welcomed and well received. Our Minister is supported in pastoral matters by our Lay Pastoral Assistant Gill Clayton as well as by the pastoral visitors within each church. Gill's work is much valued in the Circuit which includes support for church activities as well individuals with special pastoral needs. The Circuit is also supported exceptionally well by our Circuit Finance Officer Katherine France.

From May - July 2025 John was on sabbatical. During this period the Circuit considered John's request for re-invitation for a further 5 years from August 2026. The very comprehensive process for Reinvitation set out by the Methodist Church was followed and the Circuit Meeting accepted the recommendation of the Circuit Invitation Committee to reinvite John at its meeting on 10 September 2025.

As well as the Circuit once again making a contribution to each church towards energy costs - this year £2500 per church - throughout the year the Circuit continued to make grants to support the churches with various projects all connected to making the churches more welcoming and supporting mission to their local communities. Including the energy grants these totalled £39,542 and are listed in Section 7 of the Notes.

As reported last year, following the difficulties encountered by schools built in the same era as The Height Church (just over 50 years ago) with RAAC being used for flat roofs the church trustees took the responsible decision to have the building surveyed. RAAC having subsequently been identified the church immediately closed in March 2024 Worship for most of the congregation moved to Emmanuel where they were warmly welcomed and made contributions there in stewarding and leading Local Arrangements. Some of The Height's outreach work which were not dependent on the church building continued, namely the Prayer Tree which remained outside the church and continued to be filled by members of the community with their prayers taken each week to Emmanuel. Also continued was the very powerful Shawl Ministry particularly to those in special need facing difficult circumstances. Thanks to the original trustees who oversaw the original quality build and commissioned high grade RAAC to be used with at the time an expected life of 100 years, as well as the regular maintenance of the roof by a few church members there had been no deterioration in the concrete slabs making up the flat roof part of the building, specifically the concourse and corridor. Hence to ensure the continued safety of the building the structural engineer was able to recommend a cost effective solution involving installing steel beams across the skylights, the potentially most vulnerable part of the roof. And the cost of this was reasonable (£9811) and provided by a grant from the Circuit. The church was very fortunate to engage a local builder with RAAC experience who wished to support the church and installed the steel beams at cost. The work was signed off in December 2024 by the structural engineer and the church reopened in January 2025. This allowed the church's other outreach activities to restart as well as being able to offer once more good space at reasonable cost to many community groups. Outreach activities led by a team of dedicated church members include a Toddlers and Carers weekly group, a once a month Seniors' lunch, a Listening Post (a twice weekly opportunity for members of the community to come to talk one to one with folk willing to listen and possibly offer advice or signpost to relevant support services) and a weekly Saturday Coffee morning which is also a time for one of the Listening Post opportunities. The Prayer Tree continues as does the powerful Shawl Ministry. Following the months of worship at Emmanuel when friendships developed between the two congregations it was decided to have more joint services. Generally on the second Sunday of the month the two congregations meet at The Height and on the fourth Sunday at Emmanuel. One exception to this was on 15 June - the third Sunday - when the two congregations celebrated significant anniversaries together at The Height. The Height celebrated 50 years since the first service in the building and Emmanuel celebrated 10 years. The service was led appropriately by Rev Ken Stokes, a minister who had served both congregations and in particular oversaw the building of Emmanuel. Many friends and ministers from The Height's past attended with several other friends and ministers sending cards and letters of greeting. These were incorporated in a large display of old photos and memorabilia from The Height's past and a buffet lunch allowed for a lot of conversation and reminiscences. The church has good ecumenical links and joint activities include special services, a weekly series of lunchtime meetings for Lenten reflections and a shared Christmas card publicising the various Christmas services and activities taking place in the locality. The Height congregation continued to be involved during closure as well as after reopening.

The building of Emmanuel Church and Community Centre was difficult and the continuing upkeep of the building has been and continues to be challenging, However thanks to some generous legacies and the very dedicated service of some members at Emmanuel the building is probably in as good shape as it has ever been, together with the continued maintenance of the cleanliness of both the worship space and such a busy community centre. During the past year there has been an increase in the numbers in the congregation including a few families with young families. Two successful social events including supper were arranged with Height members invited. Weekly fellowship meetings were also held in July when some of the 'Being with' course was considered by a group of Emmanuel and Height members. Attendance was encouraging - up to 20 each week - and with the positive feedback received more sessions are planned. There are some weekly church led activities in the Community Centre. This includes the Wednesday coffee morning where refreshments are provided for the users of the food bank based at the church who also appreciate the opportunity to chat as well as to the young families' group who book rooms. And a Craft Group meets weekly when refreshments are also offered. This attracts a good number of church goers and non church goers. A long standing and successful Boys Brigade unit is also led by church members. As well as church based activities the Community Centre provides a home to many much-needed community groups - as well as the Food Bank - for a variety of groups, many of which are for young people.

Worship at Monton Church continues to be very well attended and a small Junior Church is appreciated by the young people. With the church being closest to the centre of the Circuit the fortnightly Circuit Sunday evening services are held there. The church is also used for special Circuit Services throughout the year and regularly hosts the Local Preachers Meeting. Moreover from time to time it is used by the District for training sessions for Safeguarding and EDI. There are regular outreach activities led by church members including a weekly well-established Toddlers Group and the Warm Space initiative when the hall is open for several hours on a Friday offering chat and refreshments. Occasional Coffee Mornings are held to raise money for specific causes eg.Christian Aid. The church has good ecumenical links with occasional joint services throughout the year and a shared Christmas card with the local Anglican Church which is delivered throughout the local neighbourhood. The church also offers space to community groups. Work has begun on making the building more welcoming and quotes have been obtained for some of the work identified, including new entrance doors, signage and notice boards with the intention of applying for grants to help with the costs.

As reported last year following the closures of both Patricroft and soon after Boundary Road churches most of these two congregations joined our Wesley Church. The amalgamation of the three congregations continues to be very successful. The regular joint services between Glazebrook, St Paul's and Wesley strengthen the bonds between the three churches at the west end of the Circuit. As at The Height, St Paul's Shawl Ministry continues to be a much-valued outreach ministry with shawls going as far afield as Ethiopia as well as to Salford Royal Hospital. Glazebrook has good links with the pre-school group that uses the premises and throughout the year short services are led in the church by Rev John Palmer with children, staff and parents supported by members of the congregation.

For a relatively small church Wesley has had a fairly busy calendar with such events as a Harvest Supper and Quiz Night with some attending from the local community as well as from St Paul's and Glazebrook. As well as the regular monthly Saturday Coffee Mornings It held a special and very busy Christmas Fair Coffee Morning with seasonal stalls as well as the usual refreshments from the kitchen, and a Christian Aid Coffee Morning. During Advent a Toy Service was held with gifts going to Wood Street Mission. It hosted an Evergreens' concert and an Andante Concert. For the Easter Day service the cross made from two tree branches was transformed with flowers which was then left outside the church and received positive comments from local people. Activities with Churches Together included a Quiz Night, a series of lunchtime Lenten services and a Songs of Praise service at St Theresa's. All churches sent in their favourite hymns from which a final programme was put together. During the week some outside groups use the church and the Evergreens choir hold their weekly rehearsals there. Work parties during the year both for inside and outside jobs have been well supported. Extensive work on the flat roof took place in February.

Churches continue to lead LAs as filling the Preaching Plan continues to be a challenge although the increased number of joint services has helped. To assist churches with LAs as well as to support local preachers the Circuit continues to fund copies of Roots magazine and also provides a subscription for the Vine resources which include fully scripted services.

Most of our churches do hold regular Coffee Mornings which are well attended and much appreciated both within the churches and local community. For some people, particularly those who live alone, they are very much seen as a lifeline. They very much continue to be a very effective outreach activity.

The new North West District made up of the former Manchester and Stockport, Liverpool, Lancashire, Bolton & Rochdale and Cumbria Districts came into being on 1 September 2024. Some of us have now had opportunities during the year to get to know some of the officers who were unfamiliar previously.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The underlying Circuit Assessment income was £114.4k, which was 9.6% higher than the previous year. The difference between the underlying figure of £114.4k and the reported figure of £76.3k is rebates made to the Churches relating to prior years for the non-recruitment of a second Lay Pastoral Assistant and higher Interest Receipts than budgeted.

Both Liebert Drive and Old River Close continue to be let to good tenants. The rent was increased for Liebert Drive in April 2025, with a further increase due in April 2026. The rent for Old River Close was aligned with market rates when the new tenants moved in in October 2024 and will be reviewed next year.

There has been no turnover in staff. The higher costs in 2024/25 versus 2023/24 reflect that there is now a full time Lay Pastoral Assistant (versus the previous part time one), inflation and higher National Insurance costs for employers.

The Quinquennial costs include the inspection of 8 properties.

With the sales of both Boundary Road and Patricroft in April 2024 and, in August 2024, the return of the Pension Contribution made to Connexion in 2021, the Circuit started the year with higher bank balances than in previous years. This has resulted in higher amounts of Interest Receipts, Interest Charges and District Levy in 2024/25 versus previous years.

As in previous years, the Circuit made a grant of 2.5k to each of the 6 Churches in the Circuit towards rising utility bills. The Circuit also made other grants of £24.5k.

In 2025/26, the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) is expecting a number of grant applications from the churches.

Going forward, the Circuit currently has a healthy cash position. While there will undoubtedly be pressures on Church income and therefore Circuit assessments due to the cost of living pressures and other factors, these funds should allow the Circuit to support its Churches and the objectives of the Methodist Church.

Risk management

The Circuit Meeting continues to develop procedures for identifying and addressing the risks facing the charity. It has already enhanced its financial procedures and, in common with other Churches, has developed robust procedures for safeguarding children, young people, and vulnerable adults.

Principal Funding Sources

Contributions from the Churches by way of Circuit Assessment continue to be the main source of funding, accounting for 66% (2024: 66%; 2023: 77%) of normal unrestricted income. Rental income (from the former manses at Old River Close and Liebert Drive) accounted for 19% (2024: 20%; 2023: 20%) of normal unrestricted income.

Investment Policy and Review

Money held in the Circuit Model Trust Fund (effectively the balance of previous sales of property) is kept as cash; the Circuit continues to be alert to the potential to achieve enhanced income by investing part of this Fund in either equity-based or fixed interest funds operated by the Methodist Central Finance Board, but the imperative to retain good levels of liquidity in recent years justified a more cautious approach. The situation is kept under regular review, but the likelihood of switching out of cash is considered sufficiently remote that the Model Trust Fund balance continues to be classified as a current (as opposed to longer-term) asset.

Reserves

The Circuit seeks to use all its assets for its charitable purposes, whilst continuing to secure and maintain the Circuit's financial viability. It seeks to set a balanced revenue budget, in order that the ongoing normal costs of ministry, mission and management are met from investment income, grants and donations, and Circuit Assessment. An ongoing programme of rationalisation of the Circuit's property portfolio was linked with the development of a medium term plan, which continues to seek to identify future requirements of management and ministry and to use part of the sale proceeds in supporting those requirements and developing more innovative schemes of mission and ministry.

In order to meet its ongoing financial obligations - including the payment of stipends and of District and Connexional assessments quarterly in advance - and to meet unforeseen circumstances, the Circuit needs to maintain sufficient free reserves. These reserves would enable the Circuit to maintain its mission and ministry in the short term if, for whatever reason, any individual Churches encounter difficulties in paying their assessments. Free reserves are defined as unrestricted reserves less the investment in tangible fixed assets. Having previously determined that free reserves should be equivalent to between 3 and 4 months of normal revenue operating costs, the impact of the pandemic on Church finances prompted the decision to hold an amount equivalent to 6 months of normal costs, equating to between £75,000 and £80,000. At the end of the year, the free reserves stood at circa £502k. The Circuit remains committed to utilising these to support the mission and ministry of the Church over the coming years.

Current Needs and Future Plans

Within the context of the calling of the Methodist Church (as set out above), the Circuit plans to:

- continue to support and encourage each local congregation in mission and ministry;
- establish and develop a training culture within the Circuit, encouraging lay preachers in their development, supporting probationers and facilitating the development of presbyters in training;
- continue to review and actively manage the Circuit's investments in its financial and property resources, seeking to selectively release resources for mission, ministry and outreach;
- work through the Methodist Church stationing procedures to secure the appointment of new ministerial staff as vacancies are identified;
- continue to work ecumenically, especially in supporting and developing established and new Local Ecumenical Partnerships and with particular focus on the Anglican-Methodist Covenant;
- develop both at Circuit and local level medium term plans for strategic development

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the circumstances of the Circuit and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund its activities for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are therefore of the view that the charity is a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Salford Methodist Circuit is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. The managing trustees operate within the Methodist Church Connexion and as such, their governing document is the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church. The document is available for inspection by appointment at 15 Sunflower Meadow, Irlam, Manchester M44 6TD.

Salford Methodist Circuit is registered as a separate charity, number 1143819.

Connected Charities

The Churches forming the Circuit are themselves charities and, as they are responsible for their own financial affairs, they are not reported in these statements.

Appointment of Trustees

All ministers, presbyteral and diaconal, stationed in the Circuit by the Conference or deemed to be resident in the Circuit are members of the Circuit Meeting.

The following are *ex officio* members of the Circuit Meeting:

Circuit Stewards	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Circuit Meeting Secretary	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Representatives to District Synod	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Local Preachers Secretary	appointed by the Local Preachers' Meeting

Each Church is represented by a Church Steward, the Church Treasurer and representatives appointed by the Church Council in relation to the number of Church members (one representative for every 50 members). The Circuit Meeting has the power to co-opt other members as necessary. As at 31 August 2025 there were 30 members of the Circuit Meeting.

Trustee recruitment, induction and training

As outlined above, the appointment of the majority of the members of the Circuit Meeting is outside the control of the Meeting. In appointing the Circuit Leadership Team and other officers, the Meeting has regard to the balance of skills and gifts that are needed to further the work of the Church. New members of the Leadership Team are inducted by the Leadership Team.

Organisation

The Circuit Meeting is convened twice a year. The Circuit Leadership Team, appointed by the Circuit Meeting, is responsible for acting on behalf of the Circuit Meeting at other times. The Leadership Team meets at least six times per year. The Circuit Meeting retains responsibility for setting the mission priorities of the Circuit, the overall strategy to deliver those priorities, the invitation of ministers, the oversight of local churches, the admission of people to the office of Local Preacher, and decisions on formal explorations of calls to ministry and candidates for the ordained ministry.

The Leadership Team is assisted in the task of financial oversight by the Circuit Finance Officer.

The Methodist Church appoints a minister to be the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit, whose duties are set out in the Standing Orders of the Church.

Pay and Remuneration

Stipends and allowances for presbyters and deacons (collectively ministers) are set annually by the Methodist Conference, and the Circuit is responsible for meeting those costs for all ministers appointed by the Conference to the Circuit. Fuller disclosure is contained in Note 20 to the accounts.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Circuit Meeting to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Circuit Meeting has:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis

The Circuit Meeting is responsible for keeping records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable regulations. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF CIRCUIT MEETING



REV JOHN PALMER - TRUSTEE Date: 10·3·26

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES SALFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025 which are set out on pages 9 to 21.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I a member of the ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Peter Smith.

Peter Smith BA FCA DChA

For and on behalf of:
Peter Smith Accountancy Services
Chartered Accountants

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Chorlton
Manchester M21 9NR

Date: 19/4/26

SALFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Incoming resources from generated funds:						
Donations	2	76,281	-	-	**76,281**	*104,366*
Rental income	3	33,500	-	-	**33,500**	*31,520*
Investment income - bank interest	4	24,145	-	-	**24,145**	*17,096*
Other income (funds transferred in)	5	-		-	**-**	*4,412*
TOTAL INCOME		133,926	-	-	**133,926**	*157,394*
EXPENDITURE						
Costs of generating funds	6	3,924	-	-	**3,924**	*3,964*
Expenditure on charitable activities	7	218,434	-	-	**218,434**	*102,035*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		222,358	-	-	**222,358**	*105,999*
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS	8	(88,432)	-	-	**(88,432)**	*51,395*
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS & (LOSSES)						
Realised gain on sale of current investment asset		-	-	-	**-**	*96,632*
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	14	(88,432)	-	-	**(88,432)**	*148,027*
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	14	1,208,679	2,879	672	**1,212,229**	*1,064,203*
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	14	1,120,246	2,879	672	**1,123,797**	*1,212,229*

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

SALFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	2025	2025	2024	2024
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	10		**617,655**		*623,845*
Investments	11		**672**		*672*
			618,327		*624,517*
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	**11,798**		*11,601*	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		**522,644**		*607,597*	
		534,442		*619,198*	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in one year	13	**28,972**		*31,485*	
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)			**505,470**		*587,713*
NET ASSETS			**1,123,797**		*1,212,230*
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	14		**1,120,246**		*1,208,679*
Restricted	14		**2,879**		*2,879*
Endowment	14		**672**		*672*
TOTAL FUNDS			**1,123,797**		*1,212,229*

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Circuit Meeting and authorised for issue on:

And signed on their behalf by:

10/3/26

REV JOHN PALMER - TRUSTEE

THE METHODIST CHURCH – THE SALFORD CIRCUIT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
Cash used in operating activities	19	(109,097)	*35,864*
Cashflows from investing activities			
Interest and dividends		24,145	*17,096*
Proceeds of sale of investments		-	373,032
Purchase of investments		-	*(10)*
Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		24,145	*390,118*
Cashflows from financing activities			
Repayment of borrowing		-	-
Cash used in financing activities		-	-
Increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents in the year		(84,953)	*425,981*
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		607,597	*181,616*
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		522,644	*607,597*
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:			
Cash at bank and in hand		522,644	*607,597*
		522,644	*607,597*

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items, which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

Scope of the financial statements

The financial statements relate solely to Salford Methodist Circuit.

Basis of preparation
The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Income
Total Incoming Resources as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities represents the net amounts from all sources.

Income is recognised in the accounting period in which it is receivable, except in the following circumstances, when the income is deferred and included in creditors:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and the charity is not contractually entitled to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded.

Income includes grants in respect of revenue and capital items.

Income recognition
All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably. The following applies to particular types of income:

Grants, whether of a capital or revenue nature, are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met and it is probable that the income will be received.

General donations from individuals and other bodies (not being of the nature of a grant) are recognised when receivable.

Church Assessments are recognised in the period for which they have been given and any advance payments are deferred in line with the policy below.

Deferred income
Income is only deferred and included in creditors when:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and there is no contractual entitlement to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded

Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT
Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Costs of raising funds	including those associated with fundraising activities and investment management cost.
Charitable activities	costs of undertaking the work of the charity.

The charity is not registered for VAT and cannot recover any input tax charged. Costs are stated inclusive of VAT were charged.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Taxation
Salford Methodist Circuit is exempt from Corporation Tax by reason of its charitable status. Income tax suffered on deeds of covenant and gift aid or investment income is reclaimed in full.

Fixed assets and depreciation
The Circuit has capitalised the freehold and long leasehold properties for which it acts as the Managing Trustees at the Trustees' valuation in 2009 or at subsequent purchase price. Depreciation has been provided since the year ending 31 August 2015 on the long leasehold properties at the rate of 1% of the Trustees' valuation per annum, and at the rate of 0.67% per annum on the freehold property.

Single assets purchases, not forming part of a related serious of transactions, costing less than £300 are not capitalised, but are written off as a revenue expense in the year of acquisition. Depreciation, on assets other than the long leasehold property, is provided to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Property Improvements	-	10% per annum on cost
Furniture and fittings	-	25% per annum on cost

Investments, gains and losses
Fixed asset investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recorded at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The SoFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and on disposals throughout the year.

Gains and losses on are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the opening carrying value or cost, if acquired during the year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated on the difference between opening and closing fair values.

Financial instruments
The charity has only basic financial instruments which are initially recorded at cost, and with the exception of investments (as set out above) subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund
The Circuit is a member of the Connexional pension scheme (MMPS) which covers presbyters and deacons of the Methodist Church. The contribution rates are set each year by the Methodist Conference, and for the year under review the employer contributions were 20.0% of stipend (2026: 26.9%).

The MMPS is a multi-employer scheme, and in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, the Circuit accounts for those contributions as if it were a defined contribution scheme. It has done so because it is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities on a consistent and reasonable basis. Contributions are charged to the SoFA in the period in which they are payable.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

	2025			2024		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
2 DONATIONS	£	£	£	£	£	£
Church assessments	76,281	-	**76,281**	*104,366*	-	***104,366***
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
	76,281	-	**76,281**	*104,366*	-	***104,366***
3 OTHER TRADING INCOME						
Rental income	33,500	-	**33,500**	*31,520*	-	***31,520***
	33,500	-	**33,500**	*31,520*	-	***31,520***
4 INVESTMENT INCOME						
Income from fixed asset investments	19,882	-	**19,882**	*13,717*	*12*	***13,729***
Bank interest	4,262	-	**4,262**	*3,367*	-	***3,367***
	24,145	-	**24,145**	*17,084*	*12*	***17,096***
5 FUNDS TRANSFERRED IN						
From closure of Boundary Road	-	-	-	*4,412*	-	***4,412***
	-	-	-	*4,412*	-	***4,412***
6 COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS						
Agents fees re rental income	3,924	-	**3,924**	*3,964*	-	***3,964***
	3,924	-	**3,924**	*3,964*	-	***3,964***

7 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	2024 Total £
Direct costs						
Stipends, salaries & expenses	89,081	-	**89,081**	*74,178*	-	***74,178***
Grants to Circuit Churches	39,542	-	**39,542**	*13,985*	-	***13,985***
Grants to others bodies	-	-	**-**	*(53,685)*	-	***(53,685)***
Manse costs (including depreciation)	15,489	-	**15,489**	*21,849*	-	***21,849***
District & Connexional assessments	25,937	-	**25,937**	*24,532*	-	***24,532***
District Advance Fund levy	26,762	-	**26,762**	*1,939*	-	***1,939***
Support costs & governance						
Office, communications & other costs	3,052	-	**3,052**	*10,432*	-	***10,432***
Interest and charges	1,670	-	**1,670**	*339*	-	***339***
Accountancy & legal fees	16,900	-	**16,900**	*8,467*	-	***8,467***
	218,434	-	**218,434**	*102,035*	-	***102,035***

Grants to Circuit Churches are analysed as:		
All Churches in Salford Circuit - towards energy costs	15,000	***12,000***
Monton Methodist Church - hall refurbishment	6,731	-
The Height Methodist Church - flat roof / skylights	9,811	***1,115***
The Height Methodist Church - towards waterproofing asphalt roof	5,000	-
Emmanuel Church LEP - towards craft and chat group	3,000	-
Emmanuel Church LEP - towards signage	-	***870***
	39,542	13,985

Grants to other bodies are analysed as:		
Methodist Church Pension Reserve Fund (refund)	-	***(53,785)***
Other	-	***100***
	-	- 53,685

8 NET INCOMING RESOURCES AFTER TRANSFERS	2025	2024
This is stated after charging/(crediting):	£	£
Accountant/Independent examiner's fees		
Report	700	700
Depreciation	6,190	6,190

9 STAFF INFORMATION	2025	2024
	£	£
a Staff costs		
Stipends and salaries	70,529	56,002
Employer's Pension contributions	6,743	8,316
Employer's NI contributions	6,059	4,057
	83,331	68,375

No staff member was paid more than £60,000 p.a. in either year.

b Key management personnel

The key management of the charity comprise the trustees, which includes the ordained members of staff who are *ex officio* members of the Circuit Meeting but do not receive any payment specifically for acting as trustees.

The other trustees do not receive any remuneration for their services.

	£	£
The total remuneration benefits of the key management		
Stipends	44,317	43,130

c Average staff numbers

The average number of members of staff was as follows:-

	2025 Average number	2024 Average number
Ordained staff (office holders not employees)	1	1
Lay employees	2	2
	3	3

10 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land & buildings	Long leasehold Properties	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at September 1 2024	200,000	485,745	**685,745**
As at August 31 2025	200,000	485,745	**685,745**
Depreciation			
As at September 1 2024	13,330	48,570	**61,900**
Charge for the year	1,333	4,857	**6,190**
As at August 31 2025	14,663	53,427	**68,090**
Net book value			
As at August 31 2025	185,337	432,318	**617,655**
As at August 31 2024	*186,670*	*437,175*	*623,845*

11 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Market value brought forward	**672**	*662*
Income distributed	**-**	*10*
Market value carried forward	**672**	672
Investments at fair value comprise:		
Cash held within investment portfolio	**672**	*662*
	672	*662*

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Endowment funds	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Market value brought forward	-	-	-	-	**672**	*662*
Income distributed	-	-	-	-	-	*10*
Additions at cost	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals at carrying value	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reclassification as Current Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Market value carried forward	-	-	-	-	**672**	*672*

12 DEBTORS	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments & other debtors	11,798	11,601
	11,798	11,601

13 CREDITORS falling due within one year	2025 £	2024 £
Assessments in advance	22,216	24,291
Other creditors	5,000	5,000
Creditors & accruals	1,756	2,195
	28,972	31,485

Assessments brought forward were released in the year. The amounts relating to subsequent accounting periods are deferred in line with the accounting policy.

Funds in trust are monies collected by Circuit Churches for Methodist funds and not remitted at the year end. They are analysed as follows:

	World Mission £	other £	Total 2025 £	World Mission £	other £	Total 2024 £
Brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	-
Received in the year	200	650	850	404	580	984
Paid over	(200)	(650)	(850)	(404)	(580)	(984)
Carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-

15 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	2023/24				b/f and c/f	2024/5			
	01/09/2023	Income	Expenditure	Gains & losses	31/08/2024 01/09/2024	Income	Expenditure	Gains & losses	31/08/2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:									
General fund	*1,060,664*	*157,382*	*(105,999)*	*96,632*	*1,208,679*	133,926	(222,358)	-	**1,120,246**
Total unrestricted funds	*1,060,664*	*157,382*	*(105,999)*	*96,632*	*1,208,679*	133,926	(222,358)	-	**1,120,246**
Restricted Funds:									
Benevolence fund	*2,625*	-	-	-	*2,625*	-	-	-	**2,625**
Donations	-	*2*	-	-	*2*	-	-	-	**2**
Local Preachers	*219*	-	-	-	*219*	-	-	-	**219**
Music	*33*	-	-	-	*33*	-	-	-	**33**
Total restricted funds	*2,877*	*2*	-	-	*2,879*	-	-	-	**2,879**
Endowments									
Endowment	*662*	*10*	-	-	*672*	-	-	-	**672**
Total endowment funds	*662*	*10*	-	-	*672*	-			**672**
	1,064,203	*157,394*	*(105,999)*	*96,632*	*1,212,229*	133,926	(222,358)	-	**1,123,797**

Restricted and endowment funds

Benevolence fund	To meet cases of need - will be utilised as needs arise
Local Preachers	To support the work of local preachers and will be utilised as required.
Music	To support the provision of music in the Circuit - to be used as required.
Endowment	Income available for general purposes of the charity.

15 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fund balances at August 31 2025 are represented by:-	**Unrestricted Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Endowment Funds**	**Total**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Tangible fixed assets	617,655	-	-	**617,655**
Fixed asset investments	0	-	672	**672**
Net current assets	502,591	2,879	-	**505,470**
	1,120,246	2,879	672	**1,123,797**
Fund balances at August 31 2024 are represented by:-				
Tangible fixed assets	*623,845*	-	-	***623,845***
Fixed asset investments	*0*	-	*672*	***672***
Net current assets	*584,834*	*2,879*	-	***587,713***
	1,208,679	*2,879*	*672*	***1,212,230***

16 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying amounts for each category of financial instrument is as follows:

	2025 £	**2024 £**
Financial assets		
that are investments measured at fair value	**672**	672
that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	**534,442**	*619,198*
Financial liabilities		
measured at amortised cost	**(28,972)**	*(31,485)*

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise: cash at bank and in hand; income receivable and other debtors; and prepayments.
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise: trade creditors; other taxes and social security; accruals; and deferred income.

17 TAXATION

The Circuit is a registered charity and is entitled to claim annual exemption from UK corporation tax.

18 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments authorised and contacted for at the end of the year (2024 £Nil).

19 RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASHFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2025 £	**2024 £**
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers	**(88,432)**	*148,027*
Deduct/(add) gains/(losses) on sale of investments	**-**	*(96,632)*
Add back depreciation on fixed assets	**6,190**	*6,190*
Deduct interest income shown in investing activities	**(24,145)**	*(17,096)*
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	**(197)**	*5,266*
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**(2,513)**	*(9,892)*
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	**(109,097)**	*35,864*

20 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Stipends and allowances for presbyters and deacons (collectively known as ministers) are set out annually by the Methodist Conference, and the Circuit is responsible for meeting those costs for all Ministers appointed annually by the Conference to serve the Circuit.

The Rev J Palmer Minister received the basic stipend £31,020 (2023/24 - £29,040) , the Conexionally agreed additional Superintendent's allowance of £3,102 (2023/24 - £2,904), the computer allowance £207 (2023/24 - £194) and was provided with living accommodation in 2024/25 and 2023/24.

SALFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1143819

Accounts

SALFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT

Registered Charity No 1143819

ANNUAL REPORT

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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SALFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

TRUSTEES

Name	Appointed by:
Gordon Allen	Emmanuel
Jane Austin	Circuit Meeting
Lynette Brocklehurst	Circuit Meeting
Michael Brocklehurst	Monton
Elaine Buckley-Hall	Glazebrook
Carole Burgess	Circuit Meeting
Norman Burgess	The Height
Robert Burgess	Circuit Meeting
Ruth Dawson	Monton
John Eaton	St Paul's
Beryl Emery	Circuit Steward
Elaine Harden	Emmanuel
Gordon Hardman	Emmanuel
Frederick Harrison	Wesley
Ian Huddleston	Local Preachers
Harry Hunt	Glazebrook
Mylvia Hunt	Glazebrook
Brenda Jeffrey	Circuit Steward
Barbara Johnson	The Height
Mavis Lamb	St Paul's
Rev John Palmer	Ex-officio
Muriel Stiles	Circuit Meeting
Martin Styan	Circuit Meeting
Elizabeth Thornley	Circuit Meeting
Phil Thornley	Circuit Meeting
Bryan Trevor	St Paul's
Margaret Vaughan	Wesley
Sheila Wakefield	Wesley
Kimberley Wilcox	The Height
Patricia Wilson	Local Preachers

SALFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

CIRCUIT LEADERSHIP TEAM and Circuit Stewards (all of whom are Trustees)

Rev John Palmer	Superintendent Minister
Mrs J Austin	
Mrs C Burgess	
Mrs B Emery	
Mrs B Jeffrey	
Mr M Styan	
Mrs E Thornley	
Mr P Thornley	

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REGISTERED CHARITY

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SALFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

REPORTING FRAMEWORK

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice' applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019), referred to as the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable Objectives

The Circuit shares the same charitable objectives as the rest of the Methodist Church, which are set out as follows:

"The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of Union the advancement of –
(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;
(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;
(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;
(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church."

Aims

The Circuit seeks to live out the calling of the Methodist Church, which is summarised thus:

"The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship and mission. Inspired by Our Calling, we aim:

- *to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love*
- *to help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care*
- *to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice*
- *to make more followers of Jesus Christ"*

Activities and Public Benefit

The Circuit encourages and supports the Churches within it in the provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the Church and non-members alike; the provision of sacred space for prayer and contemplation; the teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups; pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved; the promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services; the provision of youth clubs, senior citizens' clubs, men's meetings and women's meetings etc with a Christian ethos; promoting the whole mission of the Church (and aiding social cohesion) through activities for older people, parents and toddlers and other specific needs groups; and supporting other charities in the UK and overseas financially and with prayer.

Contribution of Volunteers

The Circuit is heavily dependent upon, and extremely grateful for, the contribution of volunteers as it seeks to carry out its objectives. With the exception of the stipendiary Superintendent Minister, all members of the Circuit Leadership Team and all other Charity trustees are unpaid volunteers.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The Circuit recognises that Church life is an ever-changing picture including the lack of numbers in worship in some churches. The need to fill the vital roles in each Church is in a delicate balance, the number of people able to take on roles has decreased. However, in some parts of the Circuit there is a sense of renewed vision and eager anticipation of moving forward into the future.

The Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) continues to meet online throughout the year and continues to plan and develop our ministry and mission as well as trying to address the concerns mentioned above. In the course of the year our Lay Pastoral Assistant Anne Huddleston who was employed part time retired following much appreciated service by both the congregations at the Irlam & Cadishead end of the Circuit and our Superintendent Minister. We welcomed Gill Clayton as her successor who is serving the whole Circuit on a full-time basis.

The former church buildings at Patricroft and Boundary Road were sold. A lot of time and effort went into selling these buildings with several challenges having to be overcome.

Throughout the year the Circuit continued to make grants to support the churches including to the Height towards a media projector to enhance worship, to Emmanuel towards signage and £2k to each church towards utility costs. A contribution towards the Circuit's retirement gift to Rev Dr Andrew Lunn was also made.

The Height was built 50 years ago and part of the building has a flat roof. Following the difficulties encountered by schools built in the same era with RAAC used for flat roofs the church trustees took the responsible decision to have the building surveyed. RAAC having subsequently been identified the church closed in March 2024. Worship for most of the congregation moved to Emmanuel where they have been warmly welcomed and have made contributions there in stewarding and leading Local Arrangements. Some of their outreach work continued, namely the Prayer Tree which has remained outside the church and continues to be filled by members of the community with their prayers taken each week to Emmanuel. Also continuing has been the very powerful Shawl Ministry particularly to those in special need facing difficult circumstances. Thanks to the original trustees who oversaw the original quality build and commissioned high grade RAAC to be used with at the time an expected life of 100 years, there has been no deterioration so far in the concrete slabs making up the flat roof part of the building, specifically the concourse and corridor. Hence to ensure the continued safety of the building the structural engineer was able to recommend a cost-effective solution involving installing steel beams across the skylights, the potentially most vulnerable part of the roof. The cost of this was provided by a grant from the Circuit. The church was very fortunate to engage a local builder with RAAC experience who wished to support the church and has installed the steel beams at cost. The work has been signed off (December 2024) by the structural engineer and the church congregation looks forward to reopening in January 2025. This will allow the church's other outreach activities which are dependent on the building being open to restart as well as offering once more good space at reasonable cost to many community groups. The church has good ecumenical links and joint activities include special services, a weekly series of lunchtime meetings for Lenten reflections and a joint Christmas card designed competitively by a child from a local primary school to advertise services over the season. The Height congregation have continued to be involved during the closure.

As at The Height, St Paul's Shawl Ministry continues to be a much-valued outreach ministry. Glazebrook has good links with the pre-school group that uses the premises and throughout the year short services are led in the church by Rev John Palmer with children, staff and parents supported by members of the congregation.

After the closures of both Patricroft and soon after Boundary Road most of those two congregations joined our Wesley church. The amalgamation of the three congregations has been very successful resulting in one united church. They are actively engaged in seeking opportunities for outreach. The regular joint services between Glazebrook, St Paul's and Wesley strengthen the bond between these churches. St Paul's and latterly Wesley have shared some special services ecumenically mainly around week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Lent, Easter and Christmas.

Monton Church has good ecumenical links with occasional joint services throughout the year including a joint Christmas card with the local Anglican Church which is delivered in the local neighbourhood. Worship is well attended and fortnightly holds an evening service which has fairly good attendance and appreciated by members from across the Circuit. Monton is often used as a base for special Circuit Services and regularly hosts the Local Preachers meeting. Two years ago, Monton welcomed two Hong Kong families whose children enjoy Junior Church which is very well run. Monton Toddler Group is a well-established group and run by a dedicated team of Church members. Monton is a Stewardship Church with an emphasis on gifts as well as financially being used for God, so does no Church fundraising except occasional coffee mornings for Christian Aid etc.
Monton Church offers space to community groups and there are weekly outreach activities led by members including the continuation of their Warm Space initiative when the hall is open for several hours on a Friday offering chat and refreshments. During the course of the year the hall was refurbished as a lovely community space with better storage facilities. Also, some windows were replaced with a grant from the Circuit. The premises are not just used by Church groups and outside groups but by the District for training sessions i.e. Safeguarding and EDI courses. As a Church Monton is being encouraged by the superintendent to ensure that the premises are in a good state of repair with better noticeboards. In early 2025 it is hoped to have a Mission and Outreach Meeting to explore better signage outside the Church then moving this forward with an achievable Mission Plan for the next few years.

The building of Emmanuel Church and Community Centre was difficult and the continuing upkeep of the building has been and continues to be challenging. However, thanks to some very dedicated service of some members at Emmanuel and with regular lettings the building is probably in as good shape as it has ever been, together with the continued maintenance of the cleanliness of both the worship space and such a busy community centre. There are some weekly church led activities there including Brew and Chat and a Craft Group and a thriving Boys' Brigade. And it continues to offer a home to many much-needed community groups as well as a Food Bank and Salford Food Parcels.

Across the Circuit many of our churches hold regular Coffee Mornings which are very well attended and much appreciated both within the churches and local community. For some people they are very much seen as a lifeline.

Churches continue to lead LAs as filling the Preaching Plan becomes increasingly difficult. The Circuit continues to fund copies of Roots magazine to all churches and also provides a subscription for the Vine resources which include fully scripted services.

Our new Pastoral Assistant Gill Clayton serves the whole Circuit and is offering great support to members as well as to our Superintendent Minister in this aspect of his work. She has also begun to offer and support activities such as Messy Church and short meetings of reflections at key times in the Church year. Our Circuit Administrator, Patricia Gondongwe, and our Circuit Finance Officer, Katherine France, both continue to offer excellent support for the smooth running of Circuit affairs,

The new North West District made up of the former Manchester and Stockport, Liverpool, Lancashire, Bolton & Rochdale and Cumbria Districts came into being on 1 September 2024. We await to see how this will impact our churches and District particularly in the area of mission and outreach.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Circuit Assessment income was 3% lower than the previous year. This reduction was offset by increased rental income from Liebert Drive and Old River Close.

Liebert Drive continues to be let to good tenants and the new tenants of Old River Close are working out well. While the latter was between tenants in September 2023, the Circuit took the opportunity to refurbish the property.

Both Boundary Road and Patricroft sold at auction, and the sales were completed a month later in April 2024.

The proceeds from Boundary Road were £148.4k, which is in line with the original expectation.

The proceeds from Patricroft were £224.6k. Since Patricroft ceased to worship in 2020, the expected proceeds have fluctuated significantly. In the 2022/23 Accounts, £198k of the Unrealised Loss on Revaluation relates to Patricroft. On completion of the sale, £93k of the Realised Gain relates to Patricroft.

In 2023/24, Boundary Road transferred £4.4k of Unrestricted funds to the Circuit. In 2022/23, Patricroft had transferred £6.7k of Unrestricted Funds and £11k of Restricted Funds to the Circuit.

As in the previous year, the Circuit made a grant of 2k to each of the 6 Churches in the Circuit towards rising utility bills. The Circuit also made other grants of £2.1k.

In 2021, the Methodist Church appealed for contributions to the Pension Fund. The Circuit sent £53.8k. This year, Connexion returned the full amount plus interest of £4,604.

In 2024/25, the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) is expecting a number of grant applications from the churches.

Going forward, the Circuit currently has a healthy cash position. While there will undoubtedly be pressures on Church income and therefore Circuit assessments due to the cost of living pressures and other factors, these funds should allow the Circuit to support its Churches and the objectives of the Methodist Church.

Risk management

The Circuit Meeting continues to develop procedures for identifying and addressing the risks facing the charity. It has already enhanced its financial procedures and, in common with other Churches, has developed robust procedures for safeguarding children, young people, and vulnerable adults.

Principal Funding Sources

Contributions from the Churches by way of Circuit Assessment continue to be the main source of funding, accounting for 66% (2023: 77%; 2022: 86%) of normal unrestricted income. The Circuit Assessment itself was only 3% lower than the previous year, and so the reduction in it as a percentage of normal unrestricted income is due to increased Investment income. Rental income (from the former manses at Old River Close and Liebert Drive) accounted for 20% (2023: 20%; 2022: 13%) of normal unrestricted income.

Investment Policy and Review

Money held in the Circuit Model Trust Fund (effectively the balance of previous sales of property) is kept as cash; the Circuit continues to be alert to the potential to achieve enhanced income by investing part of this Fund in either equity-based or fixed interest funds operated by the Methodist Central Finance Board, but the imperative to retain good levels of liquidity in recent years justified a more cautious approach. The situation is kept under regular review, but the likelihood of switching out of cash is considered sufficiently remote that the Model Trust Fund balance continues to be classified as a current (as opposed to longer-term) asset.

Reserves

The Circuit seeks to use all its assets for its charitable purposes, whilst continuing to secure and maintain the Circuit's financial viability. It seeks to set a balanced revenue budget, in order that the ongoing normal costs of ministry, mission and management are met from investment income, grants and donations, and Circuit Assessment. An ongoing programme of rationalisation of the Circuit's property portfolio was linked with the development of a medium term plan, which continues to seek to identify future requirements of management and ministry and to use part of the sale proceeds in supporting those requirements and developing more innovative schemes of mission and ministry.

In order to meet its ongoing financial obligations - including the payment of stipends and of District and Connexional assessments quarterly in advance - and to meet unforeseen circumstances, the Circuit needs to maintain sufficient free reserves. These reserves would enable the Circuit to maintain its mission and ministry in the short term if, for whatever reason, any individual Churches encounter difficulties in paying their assessments. Free reserves are defined as unrestricted reserves less the investment in tangible fixed assets. Having previously determined that free reserves should be equivalent to between 3 and 4 months of normal revenue operating costs, the impact of the pandemic on Church finances prompted the decision to hold an amount equivalent to 6 months of normal costs, equating to between £75,000 and £80,000. At the end of the year, the free reserves stood at circa £585k. The Circuit remains committed to utilising these to support the mission and ministry of the Church over the coming years.

Current Needs and Future Plans

Within the context of the calling of the Methodist Church (as set out above), the Circuit plans to:

- continue to support and encourage each local congregation in mission and ministry;
- establish and develop a training culture within the Circuit, encouraging lay preachers in their development, supporting probationers and facilitating the development of presbyters in training;
- continue to review and actively manage the Circuit's investments in its financial and property resources, seeking to selectively release resources for mission, ministry and outreach;
- work through the Methodist Church stationing procedures to secure the appointment of new ministerial staff as vacancies are identified;
- continue to work ecumenically, especially in supporting and developing established and new Local Ecumenical Partnerships and with particular focus on the Anglican-Methodist Covenant;
- develop both at Circuit and local level medium term plans for strategic development

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the circumstances of the Circuit and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund its activities for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are therefore of the view that the charity is a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Salford Methodist Circuit is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. The managing trustees operate within the Methodist Church Connexion and as such, their governing document is the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church. The document is available for inspection by appointment at 15 Sunflower Meadow, Irlam, Manchester M44 6TD.

Salford Methodist Circuit is registered as a separate charity, number 1143819.

Connected Charities

The Churches forming the Circuit are themselves charities and, as they are responsible for their own financial affairs, they are not reported in these statements.

Appointment of Trustees

All ministers, presbyteral and diaconal, stationed in the Circuit by the Conference or deemed to be resident in the Circuit are members of the Circuit Meeting.

The following are *ex officio* members of the Circuit Meeting:

Circuit Stewards	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Circuit Meeting Secretary	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Representatives to District Synod	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Local Preachers Secretary	appointed by the Local Preachers' Meeting

Each Church is represented by a Church Steward, the Church Treasurer and representatives appointed by the Church Council in relation to the number of Church members (one representative for every 50 members). The Circuit Meeting has the power to co-opt other members as necessary. As at 31 August 2024 there were 30 members of the Circuit Meeting.

Trustee recruitment, induction and training

As outlined above, the appointment of the majority of the members of the Circuit Meeting is outside the control of the Meeting. In appointing the Circuit Leadership Team and other officers, the Meeting has regard to the balance of skills and gifts that are needed to further the work of the Church. New members of the Leadership Team are inducted by the Leadership Team.

Organisation

The Circuit Meeting is convened three times a year. The Circuit Leadership Team, appointed by the Circuit Meeting, is responsible for acting on behalf of the Circuit Meeting at other times. The Leadership Team meets at least six times per year. The Circuit Meeting retains responsibility for setting the mission priorities of the Circuit, the overall strategy to deliver those priorities, the invitation of ministers, the oversight of local churches, the admission of people to the office of Local Preacher, and decisions on formal explorations of calls to ministry and candidates for the ordained ministry.

The Leadership Team is assisted in the task of financial oversight by the Circuit Finance Officer.

The Methodist Church appoints a minister to be the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit, whose duties are set out in the Standing Orders of the Church.

Pay and Remuneration

Stipends and allowances for presbyters and deacons (collectively ministers) are set annually by the Methodist Conference, and the Circuit is responsible for meeting those costs for all ministers appointed by the Conference to the Circuit. Fuller disclosure is contained in Note 21 to the accounts.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Circuit Meeting to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Circuit Meeting has:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis

The Circuit Meeting is responsible for keeping records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable regulations. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF CIRCUIT MEETING

REV JOHN PALMER - TRUSTEE Date: 11.3.25

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES SALFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024 which are set out on pages 9 to 21.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I a member of the ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Peter Smith BA FCA DChA

For and on behalf of:
Peter Smith Accountancy Services
Chartered Accountants

9 Polruan Road
Chorlton
Manchester M21 9NR

Date: March 19 2025

SALFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Incoming resources from generated funds:						
Donations	2	104,366	-	-	**104,366**	*107,873*
Rental income	3	31,520	-	-	**31,520**	*27,700*
Investment income - bank interest	4	17,084	2	10	**17,096**	*4,510*
Other income (funds transferred in)	5	4,412	-	-	**4,412**	*17,688*
TOTAL INCOME		157,382	2	10	**157,394**	*157,771*
EXPENDITURE						
Costs of generating funds	6	3,964	-	-	**3,964**	*2,716*
Expenditure on charitable activities	7	102,035	-	-	**102,035**	*164,587*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		105,999	-	-	**105,999**	*167,303*
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS	8	51,383	2	10	**51,395**	*(9,532)*
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS & (LOSSES)						
Realised gain on sale of current investment asset		96,632	-	-	**96,632**	-
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of current investment assets	13	-	-	-	-	*(202,500)*
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	14	148,015	2	10	**148,027**	*(212,032)*
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	14	1,060,664	2,877	662	**1,064,203**	*1,276,235*
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	14	1,208,679	2,879	672	**1,212,229**	*1,064,203*

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

SALFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	2024	2024	2023	2023
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	10		623,845		630,035
Investments	11		672		662
			624,517		630,697
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	11,601		16,867	
Investments	13	-		276,400	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		607,597		181,616	
		619,198		474,883	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in one year	14	31,485		41,377	
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)			587,713		433,506
NET ASSETS			1,212,230		1,064,203
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	15		1,208,679		1,060,664
Restricted	15		2,879		2,877
Endowment	15		672		662
TOTAL FUNDS			1,212,229		1,064,203

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Circuit Meeting and authorised for issue on:

And signed on their behalf by:

JB Palmer 11.3.25

REV JOHN PALMER - TRUSTEE

THE METHODIST CHURCH – THE SALFORD CIRCUIT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash used in operating activities	20	35,864	*(244)*
Cashflows from investing activities			
Interest and dividends		17,096	*4,510*
Proceeds of sale of investments		373,032	-
Purchase of investments		(10)	-
Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		390,118	*4,510*
Cashflows from financing activities			
Repayment of borrowing		-	-
Cash used in financing activities		-	-
Increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents in the year		425,981	*4,266*
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		181,616	*177,350*
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		607,597	*181,616*
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:			
Cash at bank and in hand		607,597	*181,616*
		607,597	*181,616*

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items, which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

Scope of the financial statements

The financial statements relate solely to Salford Methodist Circuit.

Basis of preparation
The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Income
Total Incoming Resources as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities represents the net amounts from all sources.

Income is recognised in the accounting period in which it is receivable, except in the following circumstances, when the income is deferred and included in creditors:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and the charity is not contractually entitled to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded.

Income includes grants in respect of revenue and capital items.

Income recognition
All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably. The following applies to particular types of income:

Grants, whether of a capital or revenue nature, are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met and it is probable that the income will be received.

General donations from individuals and other bodies (not being of the nature of a grant) are recognised when receivable.

Church Assessments are recognised in the period for which they have been given and any advance payments are deferred in line with the policy below.

Deferred income
Income is only deferred and included in creditors when:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and there is no contractual entitlement to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded

Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT
Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Costs of raising funds	including those associated with fundraising activities and investment management cost.
Charitable activities	costs of undertaking the work of the charity.

The charity is not registered for VAT and cannot recover any input tax charged. Costs are stated inclusive of VAT were charged.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Taxation
Salford Methodist Circuit is exempt from Corporation Tax by reason of its charitable status. Income tax suffered on deeds of covenant and gift aid or investment income is reclaimed in full.

Fixed assets and depreciation
The Circuit has capitalised the freehold and long leasehold properties for which it acts as the Managing Trustees at the Trustees' valuation in 2009 or at subsequent purchase price. Depreciation has been provided since the year ending 31 August 2015 on the long leasehold properties at the rate of 1% of the Trustees' valuation per annum, and at the rate of 0.67% per annum on the freehold property.

Single assets purchases, not forming part of a related serious of transactions, costing less than £300 are not capitalised, but are written off as a revenue expense in the year of acquisition. Depreciation, on assets other than the long leasehold property, is provided to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Property Improvements	-	10% per annum on cost
Furniture and fittings	-	25% per annum on cost

Investments, gains and losses
Fixed asset investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recorded at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The SoFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and on disposals throughout the year.

Gains and losses on are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the opening carrying value or cost, if acquired during the year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated on the difference between opening and closing fair values.

Financial instruments
The charity has only basic financial instruments which are initially recorded at cost, and with the exception of investments (as set out above) subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund
The Circuit is a member of the Connexional pension scheme (MMPS) which covers presbyters and deacons of the Methodist Church. The contribution rates are set each year by the Methodist Conference, and for the year under review the employer contributions were 26.9% of stipend (2022: 26.9%).

The MMPS is a multi-employer scheme, and in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, the Circuit accounts for those contributions as if it were a defined contribution scheme. It has done so because it is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities on a consistent and reasonable basis. Contributions are charged to the SoFA in the period in which they are payable.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
2 DONATIONS	£	£	£	£	£	£
Church assessments	104,366	-	**104,366**	*107,873*	-	*107,873*
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
	104,366	-	**104,366**	*107,873*	-	*107,873*
3 OTHER TRADING INCOME						
Rental income	31,520	-	**31,520**	*27,700*	-	*27,700*
	31,520	-	**31,520**	*27,700*	-	*27,700*
4 INVESTMENT INCOME						
Income from fixed asset investments	13,717	12	**13,729**	*2,772*	*195*	*2,967*
Bank interest	3,367	-	**3,367**	*1,543*	-	*1,543*
	17,084	12	**17,096**	*4,315*	*195*	*4,510*
5 FUNDS TRANSFERRED IN						
From closure of Patricroft	-	-	-	6,733	10,955	*17,688*
From closure of Boundary Road	4,412	-	**4,412**	-	-	-
	4,412	-	**4,412**	*6,733*	*10,955*	*17,688*
6 COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS						
Agents fees re rental income	3,964	-	**3,964**	*2,716*	-	*2,716*
	3,964	-	**3,964**	*2,716*	-	*2,716*

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
7 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE	£	£	£	£	£	£
Direct costs						
Stipends, salaries & expenses	74,178	-	**74,178**	*59,353*	-	***59,353***
Grants to Circuit Churches	13,985	-	**13,985**	*24,850*	*11,150*	***36,000***
Grants to others bodies	(53,685)	-	**(53,685)**	-	-	-
Manse costs (including depreciation)	21,849	-	**21,849**	*16,284*	-	***16,284***
District & Connexional assessments	24,532	-	**24,532**	*26,651*	-	***26,651***
District Advance Fund levy	1,939	-	**1,939**	*2,630*	-	***2,630***
Benevolent fund payments	-	-	-	-	*32*	***32***
Support costs & governance						
Office, communications & other costs	10,432	-	**10,432**	*13,790*	-	***13,790***
Interest and charges	339	-	339	*432*	-	***432***
Accountancy & legal fees	8,467	-	**8,467**	*9,415*	-	***9,415***
	102,035	-	**102,035**	*153,405*	*11,182*	***164,587***

Grants to Circuit Churches are analysed as:		
All Churches in Salford Circuit - towards energy costs	12,000	***12,000***
Wesley Methodist Church - refurbishment	-	***10,000***
Monton Methodist Church - hall refurbishment	-	***8,000***
Monton Methodist Church - warm spaces	-	***2,000***
The Height Methodist Church - towards media projector	1,115	***2,000***
Emmanuel Church LEP - towards craft and chat group	-	***2,000***
Emmanuel Church LEP - towards signage	870	-
	13,985	36,000
Grants to other bodies are analysed as:		
Methodist Church Pension Reserve Fund (refund)	- 53,785	-
Other	100	-
	- 53,685	-

8 NET INCOMING RESOURCES AFTER TRANSFERS	2024	2023
This is stated after charging/(crediting):	£	£
Accountant/Independent examiner's fees		
Report	700	*700*
Depreciation	6,190	*6,190*

9 STAFF INFORMATION	2024	2023
	£	£
a Staff costs		
Stipends and salaries	56,002	*42,586*
Employer's Pension contributions	8,316	*7,322*
Employer's NI contributions	4,057	*3,389*
	68,375	*53,297*

No staff member was paid more than £60,000 p.a. in either year.

b Key management personnel

The key management of the charity comprise the trustees, which includes the ordained members of staff who are *ex officio* members of the Circuit Meeting but do not receive any payment specifically for acting as trustees.

The other trustees do not receive any remuneration for their services.

	£	£
The total remuneration benefits of the key management		
Stipends	43,130	39,963

c Average staff numbers

The average number of members of staff was as follows:-

	2024 Average number	2023 Average number
Ordained staff (office holders not employees)	1	*1*
Lay employees	2	*2*
	3	*3*

10 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land & buildings	Long leasehold Properties	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at September 1 2023	200,000	485,745	**685,745**
As at August 31 2024	200,000	485,745	**685,745**
Depreciation			
As at September 1 2023	11,997	43,713	**55,710**
Charge for the year	1,333	4,857	**6,190**
As at August 31 2024	13,330	48,570	**61,900**
Net book value			
As at August 31 2024	186,670	437,175	**623,845**
As at August 31 2023	*188,003*	*442,032*	*630,035*

11 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Market value brought forward	**662**	*662*
Income distributed	**10**	-
Market value carried forward	**672**	*662*
Investments at fair value comprise:		
Cash held within investment portfolio	**672**	*662*
	672	*662*

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Endowment funds	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Market value brought forward	-	-	-	-	662	*662*
Income distributed	-	-	-	-	10	-
Additions at cost	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals at carrying value	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reclassification as Current Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Market value carried forward	-	-	-	-	672	*662*

12 DEBTORS	2024 £	2023 £
Income receivable	-	1,716
Prepayments & other debtors	11,601	15,151
	11,601	16,867

13 CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS	2024 £	2023 £
Property transferred from other Managing Trustees	-	478,900
Unrealised gain on revaluation	-	(202,500)
Property held for resale	-	276,400

14 CREDITORS falling due within one year	2024 £	2023 £
Assessments in advance	24,291	20,622
Other creditors	5,000	17,705
Creditors & accruals	2,195	3,050
	31,485	41,377

Assessments brought forward were released in the year. The amounts relating to subsequent accounting periods are deferred in line with the accounting policy.

Funds in trust are monies collected by Circuit Churches for Methodist funds and not remitted at the year end. They are analysed as follows:

	World Mission £	other £	Total 2024 £	World Mission £	other £	Total 2023 £
Brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	-
Received in the year	404	580	984	381	791	1,173
Paid over	(404)	(580)	(984)	(381)	(791)	(1,173)
Carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-

15 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	2022/23				b/f and c/f	2023/24			
	01/09/2022	Income	Expenditure	Gains & losses	31/08/2023 01/09/2023	Income	Expenditure	Gains & losses	31/08/2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:									
General fund	1,272,664	146,621	(156,121)	(202,500)	1,060,664	157,382	(105,999)	96,632	1,208,679
Total unrestricted funds	1,272,664	146,621	(156,121)	(202,500)	1,060,664	157,382	(105,999)	96,632	1,208,679
Restricted Funds:									
Benevolence fund	2,657	-	(32)	-	2,625	-	-	-	2,625
Donations	-	11,150	(11,150)	-	-	2	-	-	2
Local Preachers	219	-	-	-	219	-	-	-	219
Music	33	-	-	-	33	-	-	-	33
Total restricted funds	2,909	11,150	(11,182)	-	2,877	2	-	-	2,879
Endowments									
Endowment	662	-	-	-	662	10	-	-	672
Total endowment funds	662	-	-	-	662	10			672
	1,276,235	157,771	(167,303)	(202,500)	1,064,203	157,394	(105,999)	96,632	1,212,229

Restricted and endowment funds

Benevolence fund	To meet cases of need - will be utilised as needs arise
Local Preachers	To support the work of local preachers and will be utilised as required.
Music	To support the provision of music in the Circuit - to be used as required.
Endowment	Income available for general purposes of the charity.

16 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fund balances at August 31 2024 are represented by:-	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	623,845	-	-	**623,845**
Fixed asset investments	0	-	672	**672**
Net current assets	584,834	2,879	-	**587,713**
	1,208,679	2,879	672	**1,212,230**
Fund balances at August 31 2023 are represented by:-				
Tangible fixed assets	*630,035*	-	-	***630,035***
Fixed asset investments	*0*	-	*662*	***662***
Net current assets	*430,629*	*2,877*	-	***433,506***
	1,060,664	*2,877*	*662*	***1,064,203***

17 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying amounts for each category of financial instrument is as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Financial assets		
that are investments measured at fair value	**672**	662
that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	**619,198**	*198,483*
Financial liabilities		
measured at amortised cost	**(31,485)**	*(41,377)*

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise: cash at bank and in hand; income receivable and other debtors; and prepayments.
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise: trade creditors; other taxes and social security; accruals; and deferred income.

18 TAXATION

The Circuit is a registered charity and is entitled to claim annual exemption from UK corporation tax.

19 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments authorised and contacted for at the end of the year (2023 £Nil).

20 RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASHFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers	**148,027**	*(212,032)*
Deduct/(add) gains/(losses) on investments	**-**	*202,500*
Deduct/(add) gains/(losses) on sale of investments	**(96,632)**	-
Add back depreciation on fixed assets	**6,190**	*6,190*
Deduct transfer in of non cash asset (property)	**-**	-
Deduct interest income shown in investing activities	**(17,096)**	*(4,510)*
Deduct profit/add back losses on disposals of FA	**-**	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	**5,266**	*3,471*
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**(9,892)**	*4,137*
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	**35,864**	*(244)*

21 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Stipends and allowances for presbyters and deacons (collectively known as ministers) are set out annually by the Methodist Conference, and the Circuit is responsible for meeting those costs for all Ministers appointed annually by the Conference to serve the Circuit.

The Rev J Palmer Minister received the basic stipend £29,040 (2022/23 - £26,928) , the Conexionally agreed additional Superintendent's allowance of £2,904 (2002/23 - £2,692), the computer allowance £194 (2022/23 - £176) and was provided with living accommodation in 2023/24 and 2022/23.

SALFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1143819

Accounts

SALFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT

Registered Charity No 1143819

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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SALFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

TRUSTEES

Name	Appointed by:
Gordon Allen	Emmanuel
Jane Austin	Circuit Meeting
Lynette Brocklehurst	Circuit Meeting
Michael Brocklehurst	Monton
Elaine Buckley-Hall	Glazebrook
Carole Burgess	Circuit Meeting
Norman Burgess	The Height
Robert Burgess	Circuit Meeting
Ruth Dawson	Monton
John Eaton	St Paul's
Beryl Emery	Circuit Steward
Elaine Harden	Emmanuel
Gordon Hardman	Emmanuel
Frederick Harrison	Wesley (from 07 March 2023)
Ian Huddleston	Local Preachers
Harry Hunt	Glazebrook
Mylvia Hunt	Glazebrook
Brenda Jeffrey	Circuit Steward
Barbara Johnson	The Height
Mavis Lamb	St Paul's
Rev John Palmer	Ex-officio
Muriel Stiles	Circuit Meeting
Martin Styan	Circuit Meeting
Elizabeth Thornley	Circuit Meeting
Phil Thornley	Circuit Meeting
Bryan Trevor	St Paul's
Margaret Vaughan	Wesley (from 9th February 2023)
Sheila Wakefield	Wesley
Kimberley Wilcox	The Height
Patricia Wilson	Local Preachers

SALFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
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CIRCUIT LEADERSHIP TEAM and Circuit Stewards (all of whom are Trustees)

Rev John Palmer	Superintendent Minister
Mrs J Austin	
Mrs C Burgess	
Mrs B Emery	
Mrs B Jeffrey	
Mr M Styan	
Mrs E Thornley	
Mr P Thornley	

CIRCUIT MEETING SECRETARY

Mrs E Thornley (until March 2023)

CIRCUIT MINUTE SECRETARY

Mrs Patricia Gondongwe (from March 2023)

SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER'S MANSE

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MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT

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London EC2A 4PE

REGISTERED CHARITY

1143819

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023.

REPORTING FRAMEWORK

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice' applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019), referred to as the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable Objectives

The Circuit shares the same charitable objectives as the rest of the Methodist Church, which are set out as follows:

"The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of Union the advancement of –
(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;
(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;
(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;
(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church."

Aims

The Circuit seeks to live out the calling of the Methodist Church, which is summarised thus:

"The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship and mission. Inspired by Our Calling, we aim:

- *to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love*
- *to help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care*
- *to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice*
- *to make more followers of Jesus Christ"*

Activities and Public Benefit

The Circuit encourages and supports the Churches within it in the provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the Church and non-members alike; the provision of sacred space for prayer and contemplation; the teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups; pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved; the promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services; the provision of youth clubs, senior citizens' clubs, men's meetings and women's meetings etc with a Christian ethos; promoting the whole mission of the Church (and aiding social cohesion) through activities for older people, parents and toddlers and other specific needs groups; and supporting other charities in the UK and overseas financially and with prayer.

Contribution of Volunteers

The Circuit is heavily dependent upon, and extremely grateful for, the contribution of volunteers as it seeks to carry out its objectives. With the exception of the stipendiary Superintendent Minister, all members of the Circuit Leadership Team and all other Charity trustees are unpaid volunteers.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The Circuit recognises that Church life is an ever-changing picture including the lack of numbers in worship in some churches. The need to fill the vital roles in each Church is in a delicate balance, the number of people able to take on roles has decreased. However, in some parts of the Circuit there is a sense of renewed vision and eager anticipation of moving forward into the future.

The Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) continues to meet online throughout the year and continues to plan and develop our ministry and mission as well as trying to address the concerns mentioned above. In the course of the year, we welcomed Patricia Gondongwe as Circuit Administrator. We were also pleased to appoint Katherine France as Circuit Finance Officer to replace Andrew Slim.

It was hoped that the former church buildings at Patricroft and Boundary Road would be sold. A lot of time and effort have gone into selling these buildings but, frustratingly, potential buyers have pulled out at the last minute. The intention is now to get both buildings into auction as soon as possible.

Throughout the year the Circuit has given grants to help support new initiatives which have included Emmanuel's Craft Group, Monton's Warm Space. The Height had a Circuit grant for a media projector to enhance worship. Emmanuel also received a Circuit grant for the cost of new notice boards around the building.

The Listening Post at Height has now re-started which offers a valuable service to people who may need it. The Height and St Paul's Shawl Ministry continues to be a much-valued outreach ministry. Glazebrook has good links with the pre-school group that uses the premises and throughout the year short services are led in the church by John Palmer with children, staff and parents supported by members of the congregation.

Across the Circuit many of our Churches hold regular Coffee Mornings which are very much appreciated within the church and local community.

Since the initial Circuit grant for Wesley following the move of members of Patricroft/Boundary Road to Wesley, the building is in a much better state of repair. Wesley have also held some reminiscence days which seemed to be appreciated by church folk as well as people in the community. Church publicity is better, also a large leaflet drop has been carried out over the last year.

Churches are successfully continuing to meet assessments although some are concerned about the increasing rise in utility costs.

Emmanuel sadly lost their Centre Coordinator; the role had been largely funded by Great Places Housing Association. However, the Emmanuel Centre continues to offer a home to many much-needed community groups as well as a Food Bank, a new group of Citizen's Advice Bureau has also been set up. The building is in a better state of repair due to planned work being carried out.

Churches are becoming increasingly confident at leading LAs as filling the Preaching Plan becomes increasingly difficult. The Circuit is currently funding a copy of Roots magazine to all churches also providing a subscription for the Vine resources which includes fully scripted services. Some joint services continue and are generally appreciated.

Our Pastoral Assistant serving the Irlam end of the Circuit continues to offer great support to members there as well as to John in this aspect of his work. The Circuit intends to re-advertise the Lay Pastoral Assistant role with the intention to publicise even more widely to cover the east end of the Circuit.

At District level discussions to form a Big District made up of Manchester and Stockport, Liverpool, Lancashire, Bolton & Rochdale, Cumbria - continued and the amalgamation was formally approved by Synods early this session. The new Northwest District will be effective from September 2024. Generally, across the Circuit there seems to be some concern about this and particularly how this will impact on each church.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Circuit Assessment income was 7% lower than the previous year. This reduction was offset by a full year's rental income from Liebert Drive.

Liebert Drive continues to be let to good tenants. The tenants of Old River Close gave notice towards the end of the year. The Circuit has quickly found new tenants, while taking the opportunity to refurbish the property during September 2023.

In the year, the Circuit received £17.7k from Patricroft, which had ceased to worship in 2020. During 2022/23, the Circuit has paid the utility and insurance costs for Patricroft.

As noted above, while sales of both Patricroft and Boundary Road looked promising, unfortunately these ultimately fell through. Both properties are now due to be auctioned as soon as possible.

Due to various factors, the funds to be received by the Circuit for Patricroft are expected to be £198k less than the value shown in the 2021/22 accounts.

During the year, the Circuit granted £36k to the Churches in its Circuit. This includes £12k to help each of the 6 Churches with rising utility bills, various refurbishment projects, and other projects supporting the Churches and their local communities.

Going forward, the Circuit currently has a healthy cash position. This will be further supplemented by the funds that the Circuit will receive from the sales of Patricroft and Boundary Road. While there will undoubtedly be pressures on Church income and therefore Circuit assessments due to the cost of living pressures and other factors, these funds should allow the Circuit to support its Churches and the objectives of the Methodist Church.

Risk management

The Circuit Meeting continues to develop procedures for identifying and addressing the risks facing the charity. It has already enhanced its financial procedures and, in common with other Churches, has developed robust procedures for safeguarding children, young people, and vulnerable adults.

Principal Funding Sources

Contributions from the Churches by way of Circuit Assessment continue to be the main source of funding, accounting for 80% (2022: 86%) of normal unrestricted income. Rental income (from the former manses at Old River Close and Liebert Drive) accounted for 20% (2022: 13%) of normal unrestricted income.

Investment Policy and Review

Money held in the Circuit Model Trust Fund (effectively the balance of previous sales of property) is kept as cash; the Circuit continues to be alert to the potential to achieve enhanced income by investing part of this Fund in either equity-based or fixed interest funds operated by the Methodist Central Finance Board, but the imperative to retain good levels of liquidity in recent years justified a more cautious approach. The situation is kept under regular review, but the likelihood of switching out of cash is considered sufficiently remote that the Model Trust Fund balance continues to be classified as a current (as opposed to longer-term) asset.

Reserves

The Circuit seeks to use all its assets for its charitable purposes, whilst continuing to secure and maintain the Circuit's financial viability. It seeks to set a balanced revenue budget, in order that the ongoing normal costs of ministry, mission and management are met from investment income, grants and donations, and Circuit Assessment. An ongoing programme of rationalisation of the Circuit's property portfolio was linked with the development of a medium term plan, which continues to seek to identify future requirements of management and ministry and to use part of the sale proceeds in supporting those requirements and developing more innovative schemes of mission and ministry.

In order to meet its ongoing financial obligations - including the payment of stipends and of District and Connexional assessments quarterly in advance - and to meet unforeseen circumstances, the Circuit needs to maintain sufficient free reserves. These reserves would enable the Circuit to maintain its mission and ministry in the short term if, for whatever reason, any individual Churches encounter difficulties in paying their assessments. Free reserves are defined as unrestricted reserves less the investment in tangible fixed assets. Having previously determined that free reserves should be equivalent to between 3 and 4 months of normal revenue operating costs, the impact of the pandemic on Church finances prompted the decision to hold an amount equivalent to 6 months of normal costs, equating to between £75,000 and £80,000. At the end of the year, the free reserves stood at circa £431k. The Circuit remains committed to utilising these to support the mission and ministry of the Church over the coming years.

Current Needs and Future Plans

Within the context of the calling of the Methodist Church (as set out above), the Circuit plans to:

- continue to support and encourage each local congregation in mission and ministry;
- establish and develop a training culture within the Circuit, encouraging lay preachers in their development, supporting probationers and facilitating the development of presbyters in training;
- continue to review and actively manage the Circuit's investments in its financial and property resources, seeking to selectively release resources for mission, ministry and outreach;
- work through the Methodist Church stationing procedures to secure the appointment of new ministerial staff as vacancies are identified;
- continue to work ecumenically, especially in supporting and developing established and new Local Ecumenical Partnerships and with particular focus on the Anglican-Methodist Covenant;
- develop both at Circuit and local level medium term plans for strategic development

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the circumstances of the Circuit and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund its activities for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are therefore of the view that the charity is a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Salford Methodist Circuit is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. The managing trustees operate within the Methodist Church Connexion and as such, their governing document is the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church. The document is available for inspection by appointment at 15 Sunflower Meadow, Irlam, Manchester M44 6TD.

Salford Methodist Circuit is registered as a separate charity, number 1143819.

Connected Charities

The Churches forming the Circuit are themselves charities and, as they are responsible for their own financial affairs, they are not reported in these statements.

Appointment of Trustees

All ministers, presbyteral and diaconal, stationed in the Circuit by the Conference or deemed to be resident in the Circuit are members of the Circuit Meeting.

The following are *ex officio* members of the Circuit Meeting:

Circuit Stewards	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Circuit Meeting Secretary	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Representatives to District Synod	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Local Preachers Secretary	appointed by the Local Preachers' Meeting

Each Church is represented by a Church Steward, the Church Treasurer and representatives appointed by the Church Council in relation to the number of Church members (one representative for every 50 members). The Circuit Meeting has the power to co-opt other members as necessary. As at 31 August 2023 there were 30 members of the Circuit Meeting.

Trustee recruitment, induction and training

As outlined above, the appointment of the majority of the members of the Circuit Meeting is outside the control of the Meeting. In appointing the Circuit Leadership Team and other officers, the Meeting has regard to the balance of skills and gifts that are needed to further the work of the Church. New members of the Leadership Team are inducted by the Leadership Team.

Organisation

The Circuit Meeting is convened three times a year. The Circuit Leadership Team, appointed by the Circuit Meeting, is responsible for acting on behalf of the Circuit Meeting at other times. The Leadership Team meets at least six times per year. The Circuit Meeting retains responsibility for setting the mission priorities of the Circuit, the overall strategy to deliver those priorities, the invitation of ministers, the oversight of local churches, the admission of people to the office of Local Preacher, and decisions on formal explorations of calls to ministry and candidates for the ordained ministry.

The Leadership Team is assisted in the task of financial oversight by the Circuit Finance Officer.

The Methodist Church appoints a minister to be the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit, whose duties are set out in the Standing Orders of the Church.

Pay and Remuneration

Stipends and allowances for presbyters and deacons (collectively ministers) are set annually by the Methodist Conference, and the Circuit is responsible for meeting those costs for all ministers appointed by the Conference to the Circuit. Fuller disclosure is contained in Note 21 to the accounts.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Circuit Meeting to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Circuit Meeting has:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis

The Circuit Meeting is responsible for keeping records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable regulations. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF CIRCUIT MEETING



REV JOHN PALMER - TRUSTEE Date: 12.3.24

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES SALFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023 which are set out on pages 8 to 20.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I a member of the ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Peter Smith BA FCA DChA

For and on behalf of:
Peter Smith Accountancy Services
Chartered Accountants

9 Polruan Road
Chorlton
Manchester M21 9NR

Date: 21/03/24

SALFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Incoming resources from generated funds:						
Donations	2	107,873	-	-	**107,873**	*116,383*
Rental income	3	27,700	-	-	**27,700**	*18,100*
Investment income - bank interest	4	4,315	195	-	**4,510**	*612*
Other income (funds transferred in)	5	6,733	10,955	-	**17,688**	*149,000*
TOTAL INCOME		146,621	11,150	-	**157,771**	*284,095*
EXPENDITURE						
Costs of generating funds	6	2,716	-	-	**2,716**	*2,716*
Expenditure on charitable activities	7	153,405	11,182	-	**164,587**	*201,023*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		156,121	11,182	-	**167,303**	*203,739*
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS	8	(9,500)	(32)	-	**(9,532)**	*80,356*
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS & (LOSSES)						
Realised gain on sale of asset		-	-	-	-	-
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of current investment assets	13	(202,500)	-	-	**(202,500)**	*117,900*
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	14	(212,000)	(32)	-	**(212,032)**	*198,256*
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	14	1,272,664	2,909	662	**1,276,235**	*1,077,979*
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	14	1,060,664	2,877	662	**1,064,203**	*1,276,235*

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

SALFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	2023	2023	2022	2022
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	10		630,035		636,225
Investments	11		662		662
			630,697		636,887
DEBTORS due in more than one year	12		-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	16,867		20,338	
Investments	13	276,400		478,900	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		181,616		177,350	
		474,883		676,588	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in one year	14	41,377		37,241	
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)			433,506		639,348
NET ASSETS			1,064,203		1,276,235
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	15		1,060,664		1,272,664
Restricted	15		2,877		2,909
Endowment	15		662		662
TOTAL FUNDS			1,064,203		1,276,235

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Circuit Meeting and authorised for issue on:

And signed on their behalf by:

REV JOHN PALMER - TRUSTEE

THE METHODIST CHURCH – THE SALFORD CIRCUIT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash used in operating activities	20	(244)	*(58,774)*
Cashflows from investing activities			
Interest and dividends		4,510	*612*
Proceeds of sale of investments		-	-
Purchase of investments		-	*30*
Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		4,510	*642*
Cashflows from financing activities			
Repayment of borrowing		-	-
Cash used in financing activities		-	-
Increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents in the year		4,266	*(58,132)*
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		177,350	*235,482*
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		181,616	*177,350*
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:			
Cash at bank and in hand		181,616	*177,350*
		181,616	*177,350*

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items, which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

Scope of the financial statements

The financial statements relate solely to Salford Methodist Circuit.

Basis of preparation

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Income

Total Incoming Resources as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities represents the net amounts from all sources.

Income is recognised in the accounting period in which it is receivable, except in the following circumstances, when the income is deferred and included in creditors:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and the charity is not contractually entitled to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded.

Income includes grants in respect of revenue and capital items.

Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably. The following applies to particular types of income:

Grants, whether of a capital or revenue nature, are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met and it is probable that the income will be received.

General donations from individuals and other bodies (not being of the nature of a grant) are recognised when receivable.

Church Assessments are recognised in the period for which they have been given and any advance payments are deferred in line with the policy below.

Deferred income

Income is only deferred and included in creditors when:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and there is no contractual entitlement to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded

Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Costs of raising funds	including those associated with fundraising activities and investment management cost.
Charitable activities	costs of undertaking the work of the charity.

The charity is not registered for VAT and cannot recover any input tax charged. Costs are stated inclusive of VAT were charged.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Taxation
Salford Methodist Circuit is exempt from Corporation Tax by reason of its charitable status. Income tax suffered on deeds of covenant and gift aid or investment income is reclaimed in full.

Fixed assets and depreciation
The Circuit has capitalised the freehold and long leasehold properties for which it acts as the Managing Trustees at the Trustees' valuation in 2009 or at subsequent purchase price. Depreciation has been provided since the year ending 31 August 2015 on the long leasehold properties at the rate of 1% of the Trustees' valuation per annum, and at the rate of 0.67% per annum on the freehold property.

Single assets purchases, not forming part of a related serious of transactions, costing less than £300 are not capitalised, but are written off as a revenue expense in the year of acquisition. Depreciation, on assets other than the long leasehold property, is provided to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Property Improvements	-	10% per annum on cost
Furniture and fittings	-	25% per annum on cost

Investments, gains and losses
Fixed asset investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recorded at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The SoFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and on disposals throughout the year.

Gains and losses on are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the opening carrying value or cost, if acquired during the year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated on the difference between opening and closing fair values.

Financial instruments
The charity has only basic financial instruments which are initially recorded at cost, and with the exception of investments (as set out above) subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund
The Circuit is a member of the Connexional pension scheme (MMPS) which covers presbyters and deacons of the Methodist Church. The contribution rates are set each year by the Methodist Conference, and for the year under review the employer contributions were 26.9% of stipend (2022: 26.9%).

The MMPS is a multi-employer scheme, and in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, the Circuit accounts for those contributions as if it were a defined contribution scheme. It has done so because it is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities on a consistent and reasonable basis. Contributions are charged to the SoFA in the period in which they are payable.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
2 DONATIONS	£	£	£	£	£	£
Church assessments	107,873	-	**107,873**	*116,383*	-	***116,383***
Donations	-	-	**-**	-	-	**-**
	107,873	-	**107,873**	*116,383*	-	***116,383***
3 OTHER TRADING INCOME						
Rental income	27,700	-	**27,700**	*18,100*	-	***18,100***
	27,700	-	**27,700**	*18,100*	-	***18,100***
4 INVESTMENT INCOME						
Income from fixed asset investments	2,772	195	**2,967**	*506*	-	***506***
Bank interest	1,543	-	**1,543**	*106*	-	***106***
	4,315	195	**4,510**	*612*	-	***612***
5 FUNDS TRANSFERRED IN						
From closure of Patricroft	6,733	10,955	**17,688**	149,000	-	***149,000***
From closure of Boundary Road	-	-	**-**	-	-	**-**
	6,733	10,955	**17,688**	*149,000*	-	***149,000***
6 COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS						
Agents fees re rental income	2,716	-	**2,716**	*2,716*	-	***2,716***
	2,716	-	**2,716**	*2,716*	-	***2,716***

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
7 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE						
Direct costs						
Stipends, salaries & expenses	59,353	-	**59,353**	*72,920*	-	***72,920***
Grants to Circuit Churches	24,850	11,150	**36,000**	-	-	**-**
Grants to others bodies	-	-	**-**	*54,035*	*40*	***54,075***
Manse costs (including depreciation)	16,284	-	**16,284**	*20,694*	-	***20,694***
District & Connexional assessments	26,651	-	**26,651**	*27,927*	-	***27,927***
District Advance Fund levy	2,630	-	**2,630**	*5,597*	-	***5,597***
Benevolent fund payments	-	32	**32**	-	-	**-**
Support costs & governance						
Office, communications & other costs	13,790	-	**13,790**	*10,935*	-	***10,935***
Interest and charges	432	-	**432**	*535*	-	***535***
Accountancy & legal fees	9,415	-	**9,415**	*8,341*	-	***8,341***
	153,405	11,182	**164,587**	*200,983*	*40*	***201,023***

Grants to other bodies are analysed as:		
Methodist Church Pension Reserve Fund	-	*53,785*
All Churches in Salford Circuit - towards energy costs	12,000	-
Wesley Methodist Church - refurbishment	10,000	-
Monton Methodist Church - hall refurbishment	8,000	-
Monton Methodist Church - warm spaces	2,000	-
The Height Methodist Church - towards media projector	2,000	-
Emmanuel Church LEP - towards craft and chat group	2,000	-
Other	-	*290*
	36,000	54,075

8 NET INCOMING RESOURCES AFTER TRANSFERS	2023	2022
This is stated after charging/(crediting):	£	£
Accountant/Independent examiner's fees		
Report	700	*704*
Depreciation	6,190	*6,190*

9 STAFF INFORMATION	2023	2022
	£	£
a Staff costs		
Stipends and salaries	42,586	*57,099*
Employer's Pension contributions	7,322	*6,947*
Employer's NI contributions	3,389	*3,621*
	53,297	*67,667*

No staff member was paid more than £60,000 p.a. in either year.

b Key management personnel

The key management of the charity comprise the trustees, which includes the ordained members of staff who are *ex officio* members of the Circuit Meeting but do not receive any payment specifically for acting as trustees.

The other trustees do not receive any remuneration for their services.

	£	£
The total remuneration benefits of the key management		
Stipends	39,963	42,300

c Average staff numbers

The average number of members of staff was as follows:-

	2023 Average number	2022 Average number
Ordained staff (office holders not employees)	1	*1*
Lay employees	2	*2*
	3	*3*

10 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land & buildings	Long leasehold Properties	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at September 1 2022	200,000	485,745	**685,745**
As at August 31 2023	200,000	485,745	**685,745**
Depreciation			
As at September 1 2022	10,664	38,856	**49,520**
Charge for the year	1,333	4,857	**6,190**
As at August 31 2023	11,997	43,713	**55,710**
Net book value			
As at August 31 2023	188,003	442,032	**630,035**
As at August 31 2022	*189,336*	*446,889*	*636,225*

11 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Market value brought forward	**662**	*692*
Income distributed	**-**	*(30)*
Market value carried forward	**662**	662
Investments at fair value comprise:		
Cash held within investment portfolio	**662**	*662*
	662	*662*

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Endowment funds	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Market value brought forward	-	-	-	-	**662**	*692*
Income distributed	-	-	-	-	-	*(30)*
Market value carried forward	-	-	-	-	**662**	*662*

12 DEBTORS	2023 £	2022 £
Income receivable	1,716	200
Prepayments & other debtors	15,151	20,138
	16,867	20,338

13 CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS	2023 £	2022 £
Property transferred from other Managing Trustees	478,900	361,000
Unrealised gain on revaluation	(202,500)	117,900
Property held for resale	276,400	478,900

14 CREDITORS falling due within one year	2023 £	2022 £
Assessments in advance	20,622	22,651
Rental payments in advance	-	7,500
Other creditors	17,705	5,000
Creditors & accruals	3,050	2,090
	41,377	37,241

Assessments brought forward were released in the year. The amounts relating to subsequent accounting periods are deferred in line with the accounting policy.

Funds in trust are monies collected by Circuit Churches for Methodist funds and not remitted at the year end. They are analysed as follows:

	World Mission £	other £	Total 2023 £	World Mission £	other £	Total 2022 £
Brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	-
Received in the year	381	791	1,173	571	918	1,489
Paid over	(381)	(791)	(1,173)	(571)	(918)	(1,489)
Carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-

12 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	2021/22				b/f and c/f	2022/23			
	01/09/2021	Income	Expenditure	Gains & losses	31/08/2022 01/09/2022	Income	Expenditure	Gains & losses	31/08/2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:									
General fund	*1,074,368*	*284,095*	*(203,699)*	*117,900*	*1,272,664*	146,621	(156,121)	(202,500)	**1,060,664**
Total unrestricted funds	*1,074,368*	*284,095*	*(203,699)*	*117,900*	*1,272,664*	146,621	(156,121)	(202,500)	**1,060,664**
Restricted Funds:									
Benevolence fund	*2,657*	-	-	-	*2,657*	-	(32)	-	**2,625**
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	11,150	(11,150)	-	-
Local Preachers	*259*	-	*(40)*	-	*219*	-	-	-	**219**
Music	*33*	-	-	-	*33*	-	-	-	**33**
Total restricted funds	*2,949*	-	*(40)*	-	*2,909*	11,150	(11,182)	-	**2,877**
Endowments									
Endowment	*662*	-	-	-	*662*	-	-	-	**662**
Total endowment funds	*662*	-	-	-	*662*	-			**662**
	1,077,979	*284,095*	*(203,739)*	*117,900*	*1,276,235*	157,771	(167,303)	(202,500)	**1,064,203**

Restricted and endowment funds

Benevolence fund	To meet cases of need - will be utilised as needs arise
Local Preachers	To support the work of local preachers and will be utilised as required.
Music	To support the provision of music in the Circuit - to be used as required.
Endowment	Income available for general purposes of the charity.

16 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fund balances at August 31 2023 are represented by:-	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	630,035	-	-	**630,035**
Fixed asset investments	-	-	662	**662**
Net current assets	430,629	2,877	-	**433,506**
	1,060,664	2,877	662	**1,064,203**
Fund balances at August 31 2022 are represented by:-				
Tangible fixed assets	*636,225*	-	-	***636,225***
Fixed asset investments	*0*	-	*662*	***662***
Net current assets	*636,439*	*2,909*	-	***639,348***
	1,272,664	*2,909*	*662*	***1,276,235***

17 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying amounts for each category of financial instrument is as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Financial assets		
that are investments measured at fair value	**662**	662
that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	**198,483**	*197,688*
Financial liabilities		
measured at amortised cost	**(41,377)**	*(37,241)*

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise: cash at bank and in hand; income receivable and other debtors; and prepayments.
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise: trade creditors; other taxes and social security; accruals; and deferred income.

18 TAXATION

The Circuit is a registered charity and is entitled to claim annual exemption from UK corporation tax.

19 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments authorised and contacted for at the end of the year (2022 £Nil).

20 RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASHFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers	**(212,032)**	*198,256*
Deduct/(add) gains/(losses) on investments	**202,500**	*(117,900)*
Add back depreciation on fixed assets	**6,190**	*6,190*
Deduct transfer in of non cash asset (property)	**-**	*(149,000)*
Deduct interest income shown in investing activities	**(4,510)**	*(612)*
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	**3,471**	*(1,252)*
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**4,137**	*5,544*
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	**(244)**	*(58,774)*

21 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Stipends and allowances for presbyters and deacons (collectively known as ministers) are set out annually by the Methodist Conference, and the Circuit is responsible for meeting those costs for all Ministers appointed annually by the Conference to serve the Circuit.

The following Minister received the basic stipend £26,928 (2021/22 - £25,824) and was provided with living accommodation in 2022/23: Rev J Palmer.

The Rev J Palmer received the Connexionally agreed additional Superintendents' allowance of £2,692 (2021/22 - £2,582).

SALFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT

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Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH – THE SALFORD CIRCUIT

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

TRUSTEES

Name	Appointed by:
Gordon Allen	Emmanuel (from 10 March 2022)
Jean Arnold	St Paul's (until 10 March 2022)
Jane Austin	Circuit Meeting
Alan Barlow	Wesley
Brian Barratt	Circuit Meeting (until 10 March 2022)
Carole Barratt	Circuit Meeting (until 10 March 2022)
John Best	Wesley (until 10 March 2022)
Brenda Blackwell	Circuit Meeting (until 10 March 2022)
Sheila Boulton	Monton (until 10 March 2022)
John Brocklehurst	Monton (until 10 March 2022)
Lynette Brocklehurst	Circuit Meeting
Mike Brocklehurst	Monton
Carole Burgess	Circuit Meeting
Norman Burgess	The Height
Robert Burgess	Circuit Meeting
Freda Cantwell	Patricroft (until 10 March 2022)
Bernard Daniels	Wesley (until 10 March 2022)
Ruth Dawson	Monton
Ray Drury	Monton (until 10 March 2022)
Phil East	Circuit Steward (until 10 March 2022)
John Eaton	St Paul's
Beryl Emery	Circuit Steward
David Emery	Patricroft (until 10 March 2022)
Elaine Hall	Glazebrook
Elaine Harden	Emmanuel
Gordon Hardman	Emmanuel
Margaret Hardman	Emmanuel (until 10 March 2022)
Ena Harrison	Patricroft (until 10 March 2022)
Fred Harrison	Patricroft (until 10 March 2022)
Janet Higham	The Height (until 10 March 2022)
Shelagh Hollington	Circuit Meeting (until 10 March 2022)
Ian Huddleston	Local Preachers
Harry Hunt	Glazebrook
Mylvia Hunt	Glazebrook
Brenda Jeffrey	Circuit Steward
Barbara Johnson	The Height (since 10 March 2022)
Selorm Klu	The Height (until 10 March 2022)
Mavis Lamb	St Paul's
Joy Leah	Boundary Road (until 10 March 2022)
Rev John Palmer	Ex-officio
Hilary Price	Monton (until 10 March 2022)
Brenda Roberts	Wesley (until 10 March 2022)
Audrey Roys	Boundary Road (until 10 March 2022)
Muriel Stiles	Circuit Meeting
Martin Styan	Circuit Meeting
Liz Thornley	Circuit Meeting
Phil Thornley	Circuit Meeting
Bryan Trevor	St Paul's (from 10 March 2022)
Margaret Vaughan	Boundary Road (until 10 March 2022)
Sheila Wakefield	Wesley
Kimberley Wilcox	The Height (from 10 March 2022)
Vera Williams	Circuit Meeting (until 10 March 2022)
Pat Wilson	Local Preachers
Ronnie Wilson	Emmanuel (until 10 March 2022)
Jennifer Winnington	Patricroft (until 10 March 2022)

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CIRCUIT LEADERSHIP TEAM and Circuit Stewards (all of whom are Trustees)

Rev John Palmer	Superintendent Minister
Mr P East	Circuit Meeting Secretary (until 10 March 2022)
Mrs J Austin	
Mrs C Burgess	
Mrs B Emery	
Mrs B Jeffrey	
Mr M Styan	
Mrs E Thornley	
Mr P Thornley	

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1143819

THE METHODIST CHURCH – THE SALFORD CIRCUIT
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022.

REPORTING FRAMEWORK

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice' applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019), referred to as the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable Objectives

The Circuit shares the same charitable objectives as the rest of the Methodist Church, which are set out as follows:

"The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of Union the advancement of –
(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;
(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;
(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;
(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church."

Aims

The Circuit seeks to live out the calling of the Methodist Church, which is summarised thus:

"The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship and mission. Inspired by Our Calling, we aim:

- *to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love*
- *to help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care*
- *to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice*
- *to make more followers of Jesus Christ"*

Activities and Public Benefit

The Circuit encourages and supports the Churches within it in the provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the Church and non-members alike; the provision of sacred space for prayer and contemplation; the teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups; pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved; the promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services; the provision of youth clubs, senior citizens' clubs, men's meetings and women's meetings etc with a Christian ethos; promoting the whole mission of the Church (and aiding social cohesion) through activities for older people, parents and toddlers and other specific needs groups; and supporting other charities in the UK and overseas financially and with prayer.

Contribution of Volunteers

The Circuit is heavily dependent upon, and extremely grateful for, the contribution of volunteers as it seeks to carry out its objectives. With the exception of the stipendiary Superintendent Minister, all members of the Circuit Leadership Team and all other Charity trustees are unpaid volunteers.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The Circuit continued to develop its work and ministry and that of its Churches. Many Churches are seeing signs of some recovery through the effects of the pandemic, but clearly there is still a lot to do.

In September 2021 the Circuit welcomed Revd John Palmer and his wife Sharon to the Circuit. Also at the welcome service, led by the District Chair Rev Dr Andrew Lunn, two new lay workers were commissioned, one as a pastoral assistant and one as community outreach worker. The service was very well attended by Circuit members along with other partners from outside the Circuit as well as the Mayor and Mayoress of Salford. The lay pastoral assistant appointment is working very well.

Online worship has now ceased with Churches fully open for worship, though attendance in worship is varied throughout the Circuit. Various Church groups and lettings seem to have all started again. Generally many people seem to be glad to be together again.

The Circuit has seen some building closures over the past few years. Patricroft closed in 2020 and the building is currently going through a sale. When Patricroft closed many of the Church members transferred to Boundary Road and to largely support the

Food Bank. In December 2021 with the encouragement of the Superintendent, Messy Church was held then another one was held in spring 2022.These were very successful and very well attended and supported by the Church. However, around this time some serious problems with the building were discovered. As the cost was going to be too great the Church Council took the decision to transfer their membership to Wesley just two and a half miles away in Cadishead. Around this time it was also felt that the work was not there for the community outreach worker, so that post came to a natural end. The Foodbank was already seeking larger premises before the decision to close and has now successfully moved nearby to the local Catholic Church.

Wesley was due to close and were talking of closing in September 2021. However as nearly all Boundary Road members, including the ex-Patricroft members, have transferred their membership there the Church is showing some signs of new life as it reconnects with its local community, which is very exciting! Emmanuel Church LEP is serving the community and needs very well. There are many support groups that meet on their premises including 'Salford Food Parcels', which is supported by other Circuit Churches, and many other groups. Emmanuel employs a centre co-ordinator which is funded by Great Places Housing Association which means that the local community is better served.

The Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) continues to meet online throughout the year and continues to plan and develop our ministry and mission. In the course of the year the Circuit Meeting approved two more additional lay posts a lay pastoral assistant and a Circuit administrator which have not yet been filled. The Communications Officer post has not been filled as the person has now left the area, some of that role is being carried out by the Superintendent but will hand much of that over to the Circuit administrator once that post has been filled.

The sale of Manchester Road Church towards the end of the previous year boosted Circuit funds as will the revenue from the Patricroft sale; Boundary Road will be put on the market soon. The CLT has been developing plans to further use the release of these assets to enable and enhance our ministry and mission in 2022/23 and beyond. Initially these will help fund the two new lay appointments. The Superintendent is also encouraging each Church building to become a more welcoming space. An initial Circuit grant to support this initiative will be available for every Church.

The Circuit recognises that Church life is an ever-changing picture. Since Covid 19 it has been more difficult to enthuse people to carry the work of Circuit forward. The need to fill the vital roles in each Church is in a delicate balance. However, in some parts of the Circuit there is a sense of renewed vision and eager anticipation of moving forward into the future.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

With Churches having re-opened for worship and gradually making their premises available to other users (after the restrictions imposed during the Covid19 pandemic), the Circuit saw a rise in its Assessment income of 24% after having provided a measure of support to the Churches in the previous year. The Assessment received represented 98% of the target figure set for the year. The pandemic gave every Church the chance to think about its future, and Boundary Road followed Patricroft in ceasing to worship, with many of its members transferring to Churches elsewhere in the Circuit. Additionally, and with a reduction in presbyteral staff from two to one, the former manse at Liebert Drive was made available for rent, and a tenant was found mid-way through the year; as a consequence, rental income grew from £10.2k to £18.1k.

The additional rental income enabled the Circuit to undertake additional repairs and refurbishment at the Sunflower Meadow manse, and the sale of the former Church at Manchester Road in the previous year enabled the Circuit to respond positively to a Connexional appeal for donations to the Pension Reserve Fund. Every Methodist Church, Circuit and District was asked to consider contributing towards a target of 15% of all balances held, and The Circuit's payment of £53,785 represented 15% of the total cash funds held by the Circuit and its constituent Churches as at 31 August 2021. During the year, the Circuit assumed responsibility for the utility bills and insurance at Patricroft, and arrangements are well-advanced for the transfer of Patricroft's remaining funds to the Circuit. At the year end, Boundary Road was continuing to cover its own running costs pending a formal decision to sell the property. Professional guidance on the value of the Boundary Road property has resulted in it being brought into the Circuit accounts at a net value of £149,000.

Although a sale of Patricroft had been agreed – subject to contract – at the end of 2021, this unfortunately fell through; a new buyer has emerged, although the financial turmoil of the late summer has resulted in a lower offer being negotiated but solicitors have been instructed. The new sale is at a level which necessitates a revaluation of Patricroft in the Circuit's accounts, lifting its net value by £117,900.

The reduction in presbyteral staffing, albeit partly offset by the recruitment of lay workers, has reduced the Circuit's expenditure to a level which appears capable of broadly being matched by Assessment and rental income for the immediate future.

Risk management

The Circuit Meeting continues to develop procedures for identifying and addressing the risks facing the charity. It has already enhanced its financial procedures and, in common with other Churches, has developed robust procedures for safeguarding children, young people, and vulnerable adults.

Principal Funding Sources

Contributions from the Churches by way of Circuit Assessment continue to be the main source of funding, accounting for 86% (2021: 87%) of normal unrestricted income. Rental income (from the former manses at Old River Close and Liebert Drive) accounted for 13% (2021: 10%) of normal unrestricted income.

Investment Policy and Review

Money held in the Circuit Model Trust Fund (effectively the balance of previous sales of property) is kept as cash; the Circuit continues to be alert to the potential to achieve enhanced income by investing part of this Fund in either equity-based or fixed interest funds operated by the Methodist Central Finance Board, but the imperative to retain good levels of liquidity in recent years (not least in respect of the extended support of the Emmanuel project) justified a more cautious approach. The situation is kept under regular review, but the likelihood of switching out of cash is considered sufficiently remote that the Model Trust Fund balance continues to be classified as a current (as opposed to longer-term) asset.

Reserves

The Circuit seeks to use all its assets for its charitable purposes, whilst continuing to secure and maintain the Circuit's financial viability. It seeks to set a balanced revenue budget, in order that the ongoing normal costs of ministry, mission and management are met from investment income, grants and donations, and Circuit Assessment. An ongoing programme of rationalisation of the Circuit's property portfolio was linked with the development of a medium term plan, which continues to seek to identify future requirements of management and ministry and to use part of the sale proceeds in supporting those requirements and developing more innovative schemes of mission and ministry.

In order to meet its ongoing financial obligations - including the payment of stipends and of District and Connexional assessments quarterly in advance - and to meet unforeseen circumstances, the Circuit needs to maintain sufficient free reserves. These reserves would enable the Circuit to maintain its mission and ministry in the short term if, for whatever reason, any individual Churches encounter difficulties in paying their assessments. Free reserves are defined as unrestricted reserves less the investment in tangible fixed assets. Having previously determined that free reserves should be equivalent to between 3 and 4 months of normal revenue operating costs, the impact of the pandemic on Church finances prompted the decision to hold an amount equivalent to 6 months of normal costs, equating to between £75,000 and £80,000.

With the properties at Patricroft and Boundary Road now held by the Circuit as current assets with a combined net market value of £478,900, the Circuit's free reserves currently stand at around £0.64m - a surplus of around £560,000. There is a recognition that the Circuit's Churches are continuing to consider their post-pandemic future, and that the Circuit may need to provide short-term support where ambitious plans for future development and growth are being worked on. The level of free reserves will continue to be under active review and various mission-based initiatives will be considered.

Current Needs and Future Plans

Within the context of the calling of the Methodist Church (as set out above), the Circuit plans to:

- continue to support and encourage each local congregation in mission and ministry;
- establish and develop a training culture within the Circuit, encouraging lay preachers in their development, supporting probationers and facilitating the development of presbyters in training;
- continue to review and actively manage the Circuit's investments in its financial and property resources, seeking to selectively release resources for mission, ministry and outreach;
- work through the Methodist Church stationing procedures to secure the appointment of new ministerial staff as vacancies are identified;
- continue to work ecumenically, especially in supporting and developing established and new Local Ecumenical Partnerships and with particular focus on the Anglican-Methodist Covenant;
- develop both at Circuit and local level medium term plans for strategic development

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the circumstances of the Circuit and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund its activities for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are therefore of the view that the charity is a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Salford Circuit is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. The managing trustees operate within the Methodist Church Connexion and as such, their governing document is the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church. The document is available for inspection by appointment at 15 Sunflower Meadow, Irlam, Manchester M44 6TD.

Salford Circuit is registered as a separate charity, number 1143819.

Connected charities

The Churches forming the Circuit are themselves charities and, as they are responsible for their own financial affairs, they are not reported in these statements.

Appointment of Trustees

All ministers, presbyteral and diaconal, stationed in the Circuit by the Conference or deemed to be resident in the Circuit are members of the Circuit Meeting.

The following are *ex officio* members of the Circuit Meeting:

Circuit Stewards	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Circuit Meeting Secretary	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Representatives to District Synod	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Local Preachers Secretary	appointed by the Local Preachers' Meeting

Each Church is represented by a Church Steward, the Church Treasurer and representatives appointed by the Church Council in relation to the number of Church members (one representative for every 50 members). The Circuit Meeting has the power to co-opt other members as necessary. As at 31 August 2022 there were 29 members of the Circuit Meeting.

Trustee recruitment, induction and training

As outlined above, the appointment of the majority of the members of the Circuit Meeting is outside the control of the Meeting. In appointing the Circuit Leadership Team and other officers, the Meeting has regard to the balance of skills and gifts that are needed to further the work of the Church. New members of the Leadership Team are inducted by the Leadership Team.

Organisation

The Circuit Meeting is convened three times a year. The Circuit Leadership Team, appointed by the Circuit Meeting, is responsible for acting on behalf of the Circuit Meeting at other times. The Leadership Team meets at least six times per year. The Circuit Meeting retains responsibility for setting the mission priorities of the Circuit, the overall strategy to deliver those priorities, the invitation of ministers, the oversight of local churches, the admission of people to the office of Local Preacher, and decisions on formal explorations of calls to ministry and candidates for the ordained ministry.

The Leadership Team is assisted in the task of financial oversight by the Circuit Treasurer.

The Methodist Church appoints a minister to be the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit, whose duties are set out in the Standing Orders of the Church.

Pay and Remuneration

Stipends and allowances for presbyters and deacons (collectively ministers) are set annually by the Methodist Conference, and the Circuit is responsible for meeting those costs for all ministers appointed by the Conference to the Circuit. Fuller disclosure is contained in Note 21 to the accounts.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Circuit Meeting to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Circuit Meeting has:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis

The Circuit Meeting is responsible for keeping records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable regulations. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF CIRCUIT MEETING

REV JOHN PALMER - TRUSTEE

Date: 7.3.23

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH – THE SALFORD CIRCUIT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022 which are set out on pages 8 to 19.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I a member of the ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Peter Smith BA FCA DChA

For and on behalf of:
Peter Smith Accountancy Services
Chartered Accountants

9 Polruan Road
Chorlton
Manchester M21 9NR

Date: 7/3/23

THE METHODIST CHURCH – THE SALFORD CIRCUIT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Incoming resources from generated funds:						
Donations	2	116,383	-	-	**116,383**	*96,564*
Rental income	3	18,100	-	-	**18,100**	*10,230*
Investment income - bank interest	4	612	-	-	**612**	*253*
Other income (funds transferred in)	5	149,000	-	-	**149,000**	*212,000*
TOTAL INCOME		284,095	-	-	**284,095**	*319,047*
EXPENDITURE						
Costs of generating funds	6	2,716	-	-	**2,716**	*979*
Expenditure on charitable activities	7	200,983	40	-	**201,023**	*178,247*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		203,699	40	-	**203,739**	*179,226*
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS	8	80,396	(40)	-	**80,356**	*139,821*
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS & (LOSSES)						
Realised gain on sale of asset		-	-	-	**-**	*37,864*
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of current investment assets	13	117,900	-	-	**117,900**	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	14	198,296	(40)	-	**198,256**	*177,685*
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	14	1,074,368	2,949	662	**1,077,979**	*900,294*
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	14	1,272,664	2,909	662	**1,276,235**	*1,077,979*

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

THE METHODIST CHURCH – THE SALFORD CIRCUIT
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	10		**636,225**		*642,415*
Investments	11		**662**		*692*
			636,887		*643,107*
DEBTORS due in more than one year	12		-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	**20,338**		*19,086*	
Investments	13	**478,900**		*212,000*	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		**177,350**		*235,482*	
		676,588		*466,568*	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in one year	14	**37,240**		*31,696*	
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)			**639,348**		*434,872*
NET ASSETS			**1,276,235**		*1,077,979*
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	15		**1,272,664**		*1,074,368*
Restricted	15		**2,909**		*2,949*
Endowment	15		**662**		*662*
TOTAL FUNDS			**1,276,235**		*1,077,979*

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Circuit Meeting and authorised for issue on:

And signed on their behalf by:

REV JOHN PALMER - TRUSTEE

THE METHODIST CHURCH – THE SALFORD CIRCUIT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Cash used in operating activities	20	**(58,774)**	*(34,912)*
Cashflows from investing activities			
Interest and dividends		**612**	*253*
Proceeds of sale of investments		**-**	*116,600*
Purchase of investments		**30**	*(30)*
Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		**642**	*116,823*
Cashflows from financing activities			
Repayment of borrowing		**-**	*-*
Cash used in financing activities		**-**	*-*
Increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents in the year		**(58,132)**	*81,911*
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		**235,482**	*153,571*
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		**177,350**	*235,482*
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:			
Cash at bank and in hand		**177,350**	*235,482*
		177,350	*235,482*

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items, which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

Scope of the financial statements

The financial statements relate solely to Salford Methodist Circuit.

Basis of preparation

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Income

Total Incoming Resources as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities represents the net amounts from all sources.

Income is recognised in the accounting period in which it is receivable, except in the following circumstances, when the income is deferred and included in creditors:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and the charity is not contractually entitled to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded.

Income includes grants in respect of revenue and capital items.

Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably. The following applies to particular types of income:

Grants, whether of a capital or revenue nature, are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met and it is probable that the income will be received.

General donations from individuals and other bodies (not being of the nature of a grant) are recognised when receivable.

Church Assessments are recognised in the period for which they have been given and any advance payments are deferred in line with the policy below.

Deferred income

Income is only deferred and included in creditors when:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and there is no contractual entitlement to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded

Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Costs of raising funds	including those associated with fundraising activities and investment management cost.
Charitable activities	costs of undertaking the work of the charity.

The charity is not registered for VAT and cannot recover any input tax charged. Costs are stated inclusive of VAT were charged.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Taxation
Salford Methodist Circuit is exempt from Corporation Tax by reason of its charitable status. Income tax suffered on deeds of covenant and gift aid or investment income is reclaimed in full.

Fixed assets and depreciation
The Circuit has capitalised the freehold and long leasehold properties for which it acts as the Managing Trustees at the Trustees' valuation in 2009 or at subsequent purchase price. Depreciation has been provided since the year ending 31 August 2015 on the long leasehold properties at the rate of 1% of the Trustees' valuation per annum, and at the rate of 0.67% per annum on the freehold property.

Single assets purchases, not forming part of a related serious of transactions, costing less than £300 are not capitalised, but are written off as a revenue expense in the year of acquisition. Depreciation, on assets other than the long leasehold property, is provided to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Property Improvements	-	10% per annum on cost
Furniture and fittings	-	25% per annum on cost

Investments, gains and losses
Fixed asset investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recorded at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The SoFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and on disposals throughout the year.

Gains and losses on are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the opening carrying value or cost, if acquired during the year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated on the difference between opening and closing fair values.

Financial instruments
The charity has only basic financial instruments which are initially recorded at cost, and with the exception of investments (as set out above) subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund
The Circuit is a member of the Connexional pension scheme (MMPS) which covers presbyters and deacons of the Methodist Church. The contribution rates are set each year by the Methodist Conference, and for the year under review the employer contributions were 26.9% of stipend (2021: 26.9%).

The MMPS is a multi-employer scheme, and in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, the Circuit accounts for those contributions as if it were a defined contribution scheme. It has done so because it is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities on a consistent and reasonable basis. Contributions are charged to the SoFA in the period in which they are payable.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

	2022			2021		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
2 DONATIONS	£	£	£	£	£	£
Church assessments	116,383	-	**116,383**	*93,611*	-	***93,611***
Donations	-	-	-	*1,318*	*1,635*	***2,953***
	116,383	-	**116,383**	*94,929*	*1,635*	***96,564***
3 OTHER TRADING INCOME						
Rental income	18,100	-	**18,100**	*10,230*	-	***10,230***
	18,100	-	**18,100**	*10,230*	-	***10,230***
4 INVESTMENT INCOME						
Income from fixed asset investments	506	-	**506**	*178*	-	***178***
Bank interest	106	-	**106**	*75*	-	***75***
	612	-	**612**	*253*	-	***253***
5 FUNDS TRANSFERRED IN						
From closure of Patricroft	149,000	-	**149,000**	-	-	-
From closure of Boundary Road	-	-	-	*212,000*	-	***212,000***
	149,000	-	**149,000**	*212,000*	-	***212,000***
6 COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS						
Agents fees re rental income	2,716	-	**2,716**	*979*	-	***979***
	2,716	-	**2,716**	*979*	-	***979***
7 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE						
Direct costs						
Stipends, salaries & expenses	72,920	-	**72,920**	*87,208*	*1,635*	***88,843***
Grants to others bodies	54,035	40	**54,075**	-	-	-
Manse costs (including depreciation)	20,694	-	**20,694**	*38,592*	-	***38,592***
District & Connexional assessments	27,927	-	**27,927**	*32,822*	-	***32,822***
District Advance Fund levy	5,597	-	**5,597**	*1,215*	-	***1,215***
Support costs & governance						
Office, communications & other costs	10,935	-	**10,935**	*6,779*	-	***6,779***
Interest and charges	535	-	**535**	*107*	-	***107***
Accountancy & legal fees	8,341	-	**8,341**	*9,889*	-	***9,889***
	200,983	40	**201,023**	*176,612*	*1,635*	***178,247***

Grants to other bodies are analysed as:

Methodist Church Pension Reserve Fund	53,785
53rd Manchester Boys' Brigade	150
Lay staff member; leaving gift	100
Local Preacher; retirement gift	40
	54,075

8 NET INCOMING RESOURCES AFTER TRANSFERS

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accountant/Independent examiner's fees		
Report	704	*815*
Depreciation	6,190	*6,190*

9 STAFF INFORMATION

	2022	2021
	£	£
a Staff costs		
Stipends and salaries	57,099	*65,699*
Pension contributions - Methodist Ministers Scheme	6,947	*13,732*
Employer's NI contributions	3,621	*5,166*
	67,667	*84,597*

No staff member was paid more than £60,000 p.a. in either year.

b Key management personnel

The key management of the charity comprise the trustees, which includes the ordained members of staff who are *ex officio* members of the Circuit Meeting but do not receive any payment specifically for acting as trustees.

The other trustees do not receive any remuneration for their services.

	£	£
The total remuneration benefits of the key management		
Stipends	42,300	72,345

c Average staff numbers

The average number of members of staff was as follows:-

	2022 Average number	2021 Average number
Ordained staff (office holders not employees)	1	*2*
Lay employees	2	*1*
	3	*3*

10 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land & buildings	Long leasehold Properties	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at September 1 2021	200,000	485,745	**685,745**
As at August 31 2022	200,000	485,745	**685,745**
Depreciation			
As at September 1 2021	9,331	33,999	**43,330**
Charge for the year	1,333	4,857	**6,190**
As at August 31 2022	10,664	38,856	**49,520**
Net book value			
As at August 31 2022	189,336	446,889	**636,225**
As at August 31 2021	*190,669*	*451,746*	*642,415*

11 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Market value brought forward	**692**	*662*
Income distributed	**(30)**	*30*
Market value carried forward	**662**	*692*
Investments at fair value comprise:		
Cash held within investment portfolio	**662**	*662*
	662	*662*

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Endowment funds	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Market value brought forward	-	-	-	-	**692**	*662*
Income distributed	-	-	-	-	**(30)**	*30*
Market value carried forward	-	-	-	-	**662**	*692*

12 DEBTORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income receivable	200	*50*
Prepayments & other debtors	20,138	*19,036*
	20,338	*19,086*

13 CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Property transferred from other Managing Trustees	361,000	*212,000*
Unrealised gain on revaluation	117,900	*-*
Property held for resale	478,900	*212,000*

14 CREDITORS falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Assessments in advance	22,651	*25,514*
Rental payments in advance	7,500	*-*
Other creditors	5,000	*5,000*
Creditors & accruals	2,090	*1,182*
	37,240	*31,696*

Assessments brought forward were released in the year. The amounts relating to subsequent accounting periods are deferred in line with the accounting policy.

Funds in trust are monies collected by Circuit Churches for Methodist funds and not remitted at the year end. They are analysed as follows:

	World Mission	other	Total 2022	World Mission	other	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	-	-	-	*134*	*333*	*467*
Received in the year	571	918	1,489	*394*	*850*	*1,244*
Paid over	(571)	(918)	(1,489)	*(528)*	*(1,183)*	*(1,711)*
Carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-

15 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	2020/21				b/f and c/f	2021/22			
	01/09/2020	Income	Expenditure	Gains & losses	31/08/2021 01/09/2021	Income	Expenditure	Gains & losses	31/08/2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:									
General fund	*896,683*	*317,412*	*(177,591)*	*37,864*	*1,074,368*	284,095	(203,699)	117,900	**1,272,664**
Total unrestricted funds	*896,683*	*317,412*	*(177,591)*	*37,864*	*1,074,368*	284,095	(203,699)	117,900	**1,272,664**
Restricted Funds:									
Benevolence fund	*2,657*	-	-	-	*2,657*	-	-	-	**2,657**
Donations	-	*1,635*	*(1,635)*	-	-	-	-	-	**-**
Local Preachers	*259*	-	-	-	*259*	-	(40)	-	**219**
Music	*33*	-	-	-	*33*	-	-	-	**33**
Total restricted funds	*2,949*	*1,635*	*(1,635)*	-	*2,949*	-	(40)	-	**2,909**
Endowments									
Endowment	*662*	-	-	-	*662*	-	-	-	**662**
Total endowment funds	*662*	-	-	-	*662*	-			**662**
	900,294	*319,047*	*(179,226)*	*37,864*	*1,077,979*	284,095	(203,739)	117,900	**1,276,235**

Restricted and endowment funds

Benevolence fund	To meet cases of need - will be utilised as needs arise
Local Preachers	To support the work of local preachers and will be utilised as required.
Music	To support the provision of music in the Circuit - to be used as required.
Endowment	Income available for general purposes of the charity.

16 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fund balances at August 31 2022 are represented by:-

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	636,225	-	-	**636,225**
Fixed asset investments	0	-	662	**662**
Net current assets	636,439	2,909	-	**639,348**
	1,272,664	2,909	662	**1,276,235**

Fund balances at August 31 2021 are represented by:-

Tangible fixed assets	*642,415*	-	-	***642,415***
Fixed asset investments	*30*	-	*662*	***692***
Net current assets	*431,923*	*2,949*	-	***434,872***
	1,074,368	*2,949*	*662*	***1,077,979***

17 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying amounts for each category of financial instrument is as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Financial assets that are investments measured at fair value	**662**	692
that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	**197,688**	*254,568*
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	**(37,240)**	*(31,696)*

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise: cash at bank and in hand; income receivable and other debtors; and prepayments.
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise: trade creditors; other taxes and social security; accruals; and deferred income.

18 TAXATION

The Circuit is a registered charity and is entitled to claim annual exemption from UK corporation tax.

19 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments authorised and contacted for at the end of the year (2021 £Nil).

20 RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASHFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2022 £	2021 £
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers	**198,256**	*177,685*
Add back depreciation on fixed assets	**6,190**	*6,190*
Deduct transfer in of non cash asset (property)	**(149,000)**	*(212,000)*
Deduct interest income shown in investing activities	**(612)**	*(253)*
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	**(1,252)**	*3,586*
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**5,544**	*(10,120)*
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	**(58,774)**	*(34,912)*

21 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Stipends and allowances for presbyters and deacons (collectively known as ministers) are set out annually by the Methodist Conference, and the Circuit is responsible for meeting those costs for all Ministers appointed annually by the Conference to serve the Circuit.

The following Minister received the basic stipend £25,824 (2020/21 - £25,524 received by Rev C Stainsby and Rev K Ratcliffe) and was provided with living accommodation in 2021/22: Rev J Palmer.

The Rev J Palmer received the Connexionally agreed additional Superintendents' allowance of £2,582 (2020/21 - Rev C Stainsby £2,552).

SALFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1143819

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THE METHODIST CHURCH – THE SALFORD CIRCUIT
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

TRUSTEES

Name	Appointed by:
Jean Arnold	St Paul's
Jane Austin	Circuit Meeting
Alan Barlow	Wesley
Brian Barratt	Circuit Meeting
Carole Barratt	Circuit Meeting
John Best	Wesley
Brenda Blackwell	Circuit Meeting
Sheila Boulton	Monton
Barbara Briggs	Circuit Meeting (until 12 March 2021)
John Brocklehurst	Monton
Lynette Brocklehurst	Circuit Meeting
Mike Brocklehurst	Monton
Carole Burgess	Circuit Meeting
Norman Burgess	The Height
Robert Burgess	Circuit Meeting
Rev. Daniel Burton	Ex-officio
Freda Cantwell	Patricroft
Bernard Daniels	Wesley
Ruth Dawson	Monton
Ray Drury	Monton
Phil East	Circuit Steward
John Eaton	St Paul's
Beryl Emery	Circuit Steward
David Emery	Patricroft
Rev. Charles Gorton	Ex-officio
Elaine Hall	Glazebrook
Elaine Harden	Emmanuel
Gordon Hardman	Emmanuel
Margaret Hardman	Emmanuel
Ena Harrison	Patricroft
Fred Harrison	Patricroft
Janet Higham	The Height
Shelagh Hollington	Circuit Meeting
Ian Huddleston	Local Preachers
Harry Hunt	Glazebrook
Mylvia Hunt	Glazebrook
Brenda Jeffrey	Circuit Steward
Selorm Klu	The Height
Mavis Lamb	St Paul's
Joy Leah	Boundary Road
Cath Owen	Local Preachers (until 12 March 2021)
Rev John Palmer	Ex-officio (from 1 September 2021)
Hilary Price	Monton
Rev. Kim Ratcliffe	Ex-officio (until 31 August 2021)
Brenda Roberts	Wesley
Audrey Roys	Boundary Road
Joyce Smethurst	The Height (until 12 March 2021)
Rev Clare Stainsby	Ex-officio (until 31 August 2021)
Muriel Stiles	Circuit Meeting
Jim Sutcliffe	St Paul's (until 25 August 2021)
Liz Thornley	Circuit Meeting
Phil Thornley	Circuit Meeting
Margaret Vaughan	Boundary Road
Sheila Wakefield	Wesley
Vera Williams	Circuit Meeting
Pat Wilson	Local Preachers
Ronnie Wilson	Emmanuel
Jennifer Winnington	Patricroft

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
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CIRCUIT LEADERSHIP TEAM and Circuit Stewards (all of whom are Trustees)

Rev C Stainsby	Superintendent Minister (until 31 August 2021)
Rev John Palmer	Superintendent Minister (from 1 September 2021)
Mr P East	Circuit Meeting Secretary
Mrs J Austin	(from 20 November 2020)
Mrs C Burgess	
Mrs B Emery	
Mrs B Jeffrey	
Rev K I Ratcliffe	(until 31 August 2021)
Mr M Styan	(from 20 November 2020)
Mrs E Thornley	(from 20 November 2020)
Mr P Thornley	(from 20 November 2020)

SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER'S MANSE

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REGISTERED CHARITY

1143819

THE METHODIST CHURCH – THE SALFORD CIRCUIT
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021.

REPORTING FRAMEWORK

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice' applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019), referred to as the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable Objectives

The Circuit shares the same charitable objectives as the rest of the Methodist Church, which are set out as follows:

"The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of Union the advancement of –

(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;

(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;

(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;

(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church."

Aims

The Circuit seeks to live out the calling of the Methodist Church, which is summarised thus:

"The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship and mission. Inspired by Our Calling, we aim:

- *to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love*
- *to help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care*
- *to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice*
- *to make more followers of Jesus Christ"*

Activities and Public Benefit

The Circuit encourages and supports the Churches within it in the provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the Church and non-members alike; the provision of sacred space for prayer and contemplation; the teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups; pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved; the promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services; the provision of youth clubs, senior citizens' clubs, men's meetings and women's meetings etc with a Christian ethos; promoting the whole mission of the Church (and aiding social cohesion) through activities for older people, parents and toddlers and other specific needs groups; and supporting other charities in the UK and overseas financially and with prayer.

Contribution of Volunteers

The Circuit is heavily dependent upon, and extremely grateful for, the contribution of volunteers as it seeks to carry out its objectives. With the exception of the two stipendiary Ministers, all members of the Circuit Leadership Team and all other Charity trustees are unpaid volunteers.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The Circuit continued to develop its agreed strategy which was adopted by the Circuit Meeting in 2016. This year, the work of the Circuit and its churches was carried out completely within the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and in lockdown conditions for the majority of the time. Our strategy of assisting each local Church to be a beacon of love and care in its community - through worship, pastoral care, enabling discipleship and offering service, has therefore been delivered in a very different context.

Online worship has been offered weekly throughout the year. The services have been led by our ministers and local preachers and these have been much appreciated, especially by those who have been isolating or unable to attend our churches, even when they have been able to open for public worship. For those who cannot access them online, DVDs or hard copy service materials have been distributed. Churches have opened gradually for public worship, when lockdown restrictions have allowed, and according to the capacity of individual congregations to do so safely. Whilst worship has been significantly different (for instance, without singing

and with socially distanced seating) – people have valued being able to meet together for worship after such a prolonged period of enforced isolation.

Our work in the areas of pastoral care and enabling discipleship has also been different. Following the online services there has been a weekly online 'coffee and chat' available. A weekly online prayer meeting has also taken place throughout the year. Some churches have established WhatsApp groups or other novel means to stay in touch and maintain pastoral care. All churches have implemented systems of phone calls and visits or doorstep chats (when guidelines and legislation permitted) to ensure people were both cared for and had opportunities to discuss and explore their faith.

The Circuit's work of offering service has been of critical importance during the last year. The Foodbank associated with our Boundary Road church has continued to serve the community throughout and increased its work. 'Salford Food Parcels' also moved into our Emmanuel Church as its operational base. Churches which provide a base for childcare and activities with children and young people have done so whenever permitted to, including Glazebrook, The Height and Emmanuel.

The Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) has met online throughout the year and continued to plan and develop our ministry and mission. In the course of the year the CLT was augmented by four additional lay members. Its work has included planning how lay roles and paid posts can complement those of ordained clergy. The work of our Communications Officer has continued to be invaluable whilst our churches have been closed. Regular newsletters have been distributed and we have increased our online and social media presence. In July 2021 we appointed a new Lay Pastoral Assistant to work with our Irlam, Cadishead and Glazebrook churches and a Church and Community Development Worker, based at our Boundary Road church. Both postholders have made good initial progress in understanding our local communities and meeting their needs.

Our new lay appointments were part of our preparations for a change in ministerial oversight. At the end of July 2021 Rev Clare Stainsby and Rev Kim Ratcliffe left the Circuit, for a new appointment and for retirement respectively. A joint farewell service was held at The Height– the first significant gathering of the Circuit, following the relaxation of all lockdown restrictions. Preparations were made for the arrival of Rev John Palmer as the Circuit's new Superintendent Minister, with effect from 1st September 2021.

The sale of our Manchester Road church was completed and revenue from the sale released into Circuit funds. Patricroft held their closing celebration on 25th October 2020 and the building was put on the market. The CLT has been developing plans to further use the release of these assets to enable and enhance our ministry and mission in 2021/2022 and beyond.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year under review, restrictions relating to the continuing Covid19 pandemic meant that Churches remained closed for worship (and their premises closed for other uses) for the majority of the period. As had been planned prior to the pandemic, Patricroft Methodist Church 'ceased to worship' in the autumn of 2020, and many of its members have transferred to Churches elsewhere in the Circuit. Although offertory income generally held up well across the Circuit as members were encouraged to use direct debits and/or internet banking, some loss of income was inevitable, and those Churches which rely on room bookings to support their activities suffered significantly. However, and with one exception, all the Churches met their assessment commitments for the first three quarters of the year. Given that good interest was being shown by potential buyers of the former Church at Manchester Road, the Circuit took the decision to waive the fourth quarter assessment payment and thereby assist the individual Churches.

This decision, coupled with the closure of Patricroft, meant that assessment income fell by nearly 40% from the previous year and the closure of the former Manchester Road Church buildings resulted in a 35% drop in rental income. This fall of around £65,000 in cash income was more than offset by the net receipt of over £154,000 from the sale of Manchester Road, generating a realised gain of £37,864. Managing trusteeship of Patricroft passed to the Circuit and agents have been instructed to sell the property; the asset is included in the accounts at its anticipated net sale value of £212,000.

Expenditure rose by nearly 19% during the year; of the increase of £28,359, manse expenditure accounted for around 60% as the opportunity was taken in August to effect a programme of refurbishment and improvements at the Sunflower Meadow property before the arrival of the new Superintendent Minister, Rev John Palmer. In anticipation of the reduction in presbyteral staff, two part-time lay appointments were made in the summer to provide support to Rev Palmer and these added around £4,000 to staffing costs.

Risk management

The Circuit Meeting continues to develop procedures for identifying and addressing the risks facing the charity. It has already enhanced its financial procedures and, in common with other Churches, has developed robust procedures for safeguarding children, young people, and vulnerable adults.

Principal Funding Sources

Contributions from the Churches by way of Circuit Assessment continue to be the main source of funding, accounting for 87% (2020: 88%) of normal unrestricted income. Rental income (from the former manse at Old River Close) accounted for 10% (2020: 9%) of normal unrestricted income.

Investment Policy and Review

Money held in the Circuit Model Trust Fund (effectively the balance of previous sales of property) is kept as cash; the Circuit is alert to the potential to achieve enhanced income by investing part of this Fund in either equity-based or fixed interest funds operated by the Methodist Central Finance Board, but the imperative to retain good levels of liquidity in recent years (not least in respect of the extended support of the Emmanuel project) justified a more cautious approach. The situation is kept under regular review, but the likelihood of switching out of cash is considered sufficiently remote that the Model Trust Fund balance continues to be classified as a current (as opposed to longer-term) asset.

Reserves

The Circuit seeks to use all its assets for its charitable purposes, whilst continuing to secure and maintain the Circuit's financial viability. It seeks to set a balanced revenue budget, in order that the ongoing normal costs of ministry, mission and management are met from investment income, grants and donations, and Circuit Assessment. An ongoing programme of rationalisation of the Circuit's property portfolio was linked with the development of a medium term plan, which continues to seek to identify future requirements of management and ministry and to use part of the sale proceeds in supporting those requirements and developing more innovative schemes of mission and ministry.

In order to meet its ongoing financial obligations - including the payment of stipends and of District and Connexional assessments quarterly in advance - and to meet unforeseen circumstances, the Circuit needs to maintain sufficient free reserves. These reserves would enable the Circuit to maintain its mission and ministry in the short term if, for whatever reason, any individual Churches encounter difficulties in paying their assessments. Free reserves are defined as unrestricted reserves less the investment in tangible fixed assets. Having previously determined that free reserves should be equivalent to between 3 and 4 months of normal revenue operating costs, the impact of the pandemic on Church finances has prompted the decision to hold an amount equivalent to 6 months of normal costs, equating to between £80,000 and £90,000. In response to an appeal from the Methodist Church for donations to its Pension Reserve Fund, the Circuit has earmarked up to £50,000 to be applied to the Fund by the end of 2021.

With the sale of Manchester Road, and the transfer of Patricroft into the Circuit's managing trusteeship, the Circuit's free reserves rose to stand at a fraction under £432,000 at 31 August 2021,- a surplus of around £290,000. Recognising that some Churches may struggle to pay their assessments in full in the immediate future, this level of free reserves will continue to be under active review and various mission-based initiatives will be considered.

Current Needs and Future Plans

Within the context of the calling of the Methodist Church (as set out above), the Circuit plans to:

- continue to support and encourage each local congregation in mission and ministry;
- establish and develop a training culture within the Circuit, encouraging lay preachers in their development, supporting probationers and facilitating the development of presbyters in training;
- continue to review and actively manage the Circuit's investments in its financial and property resources, seeking to selectively release resources for mission, ministry and outreach;
- work through the Methodist Church stationing procedures to secure the appointment of new ministerial staff as vacancies are identified;
- continue to work ecumenically, especially in supporting and developing established and new Local Ecumenical Partnerships and with particular focus on the Anglican-Methodist Covenant;
- develop both at Circuit and local level medium term plans for strategic development

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the circumstances of the Circuit and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund its activities for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are therefore of the view that the charity is a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Salford Circuit is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. The managing trustees operate within the Methodist Church Connexion and as such, their governing document is the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church. The document is available for inspection by appointment at 15 Sunflower Meadow, Irlam, Manchester M44 6TD.

Salford Circuit is registered as a separate charity, number 1143819.

Connected charities

The Churches forming the Circuit are themselves charities and, as they are responsible for their own financial affairs, they are not reported in these statements.

Appointment of Trustees

All ministers, presbyteral and diaconal, stationed in the Circuit by the Conference or deemed to be resident in the Circuit are members of the Circuit Meeting.

The following are *ex officio* members of the Circuit Meeting:

Circuit Stewards	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Circuit Meeting Secretary	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Representatives to District Synod	appointed by the Circuit Meeting
Local Preachers Secretary	appointed by the Local Preachers' Meeting

Each Church is represented by a Church Steward, the Church Treasurer and representatives appointed by the Church Council in relation to the number of Church members (one representative for every 50 members). The Circuit Meeting has the power to co-opt other members as necessary. As at 31 August 2021 there were 53 members of the Circuit Meeting.

Trustee recruitment, induction and training

As outlined above, the appointment of the majority of the members of the Circuit Meeting is outside the control of the Meeting. In appointing the Circuit Leadership Team and other officers, the Meeting has regard to the balance of skills and gifts that are needed to further the work of the Church. New members of the Leadership Team are inducted by the Leadership Team.

Organisation

The Circuit Meeting is convened three times a year. The Circuit Leadership Team, appointed by the Circuit Meeting, is responsible for acting on behalf of the Circuit Meeting at other times. The Leadership Team meets at least six times per year. The Circuit Meeting retains responsibility for setting the mission priorities of the Circuit, the overall strategy to deliver those priorities, the invitation of ministers, the oversight of local churches, the admission of people to the office of Local Preacher, and decisions on formal explorations of calls to ministry and candidates for the ordained ministry.

The Leadership Team is assisted in the task of financial oversight by the Circuit Treasurer.

The Methodist Church appoints a minister to be the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit, whose duties are set out in the Standing Orders of the Church.

Pay and Remuneration

Stipends and allowances for presbyters and deacons (collectively ministers) are set annually by the Methodist Conference, and the Circuit is responsible for meeting those costs for all ministers appointed by the Conference to the Circuit. Fuller disclosure is contained in Note 21 to the accounts.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Circuit Meeting to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Circuit Meeting has:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis

The Circuit Meeting is responsible for keeping records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable regulations. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF CIRCUIT MEETING

J Palmer

REV JOHN PALMER - TRUSTEE Date: 10-3-22

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH – THE SALFORD CIRCUIT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended August 31 2021 which are set out on pages 8 to 19.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I a member of the ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Peter Smith BA FCA DChA

For and on behalf of:
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t/a **Chittenden Horley** - Chartered Accountants

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Date: 14/3/22

THE METHODIST CHURCH – THE SALFORD CIRCUIT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources from generated funds:						
Donations	2	94,929	1,635	-	**96,564**	*154,699*
Rental income	3	10,230	-	-	**10,230**	*15,800*
Investment income - bank interest	4	253	-	-	**253**	*567*
Other income (funds transferred in)	5	212,000	-	-	**212,000**	*1,428*
TOTAL INCOME		317,412	1,635	-	**319,047**	*172,494*
EXPENDITURE						
Costs of generating funds	6	979	-	-	**979**	*979*
Expenditure on charitable activities	7	176,612	1,635	-	**178,247**	*149,888*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		177,591	1,635	-	**179,226**	*150,867*
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS	8	139,821	-	-	**139,821**	*21,627*
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS & (LOSSES)						
Realised gain on sale of asset		37,864	-	-	**37,864**	-
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of current investment assets	13	-	-	-	-	*(63,400)*
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	14	177,685	-	-	**177,685**	*(41,773)*
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	14	896,683	2,949	662	**900,294**	*942,067*
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	14	1,074,368	2,949	662	**1,077,979**	*900,294*

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

THE METHODIST CHURCH – THE SALFORD CIRCUIT
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	10		642,415		648,605
Investments	11		692		662
			643,107		649,267
DEBTORS due in more than one year	12		-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	19,086		22,672	
Investments	13	212,000		116,600	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		235,482		153,571	
		466,568		292,843	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due in one year	14	31,696		41,816	
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)			434,872		251,027
NET ASSETS			1,077,979		900,294
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	15		1,074,368		896,683
Restricted	15		2,949		2,949
Endowment	15		662		662
TOTAL FUNDS			1,077,979		900,294

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Circuit Meeting and authorised for issue on: 10th MARCH 2022

And signed on their behalf by:

J Palmer

REV JOHN PALMER - TRUSTEE

THE METHODIST CHURCH – THE SALFORD CIRCUIT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Cash used in operating activities	20	(34,912)	31,100
Cashflows from investing activities			
Interest and dividends		253	567
Proceeds of sale of investments		116,600	-
Reclassification as Current Assets		-	-
Purchase of investments		(30)	-
Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		116,823	567
Cashflows from financing activities			
Repayment of borrowing		-	-
Cash used in financing activities		-	-
Increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents in the year		81,911	31,667
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		153,571	121,904
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		235,482	153,571
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:			
Cash at bank and in hand		235,482	153,571
		235,482	153,571

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items, which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

Scope of the financial statements

The financial statements relate solely to Salford Methodist Circuit.

Basis of preparation
The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Income
Total Incoming Resources as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities represents the net amounts from all sources.

Income is recognised in the accounting period in which it is receivable, except in the following circumstances, when the income is deferred and included in creditors:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and the charity is not contractually entitled to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded.

Income includes grants in respect of revenue and capital items.

Income recognition
All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably. The following applies to particular types of income:

Grants, whether of a capital or revenue nature, are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met and it is probable that the income will be received.

General donations from individuals and other bodies (not being of the nature of a grant) are recognised when receivable.

Church Assessments are recognised in the period for which they have been given and any advance payments are deferred in line with the policy below.

Deferred income
Income is only deferred and included in creditors when:

- The income relates to a future accounting period
- A sales invoice has been raised ahead of the work being carried out and there is no contractual entitlement to the income until the work has been done
- Not all the terms and conditions of the grant have been met, including the incurring of expenditure and the grant conditions are such that unspent grant must be refunded

Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT
Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Costs of raising funds	including those associated with fundraising activities and investment management cost.
Charitable activities	costs of undertaking the work of the charity.

The charity is not registered for VAT and cannot recover any input tax charged. Costs are stated inclusive of VAT were charged.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Taxation
Salford Methodist Circuit is exempt from Corporation Tax by reason of its charitable status. Income tax suffered on deeds of covenant and gift aid or investment income is reclaimed in full.

Fixed assets and depreciation
The Circuit has capitalised the freehold and long leasehold properties for which it acts as the Managing Trustees at the Trustees' valuation in 2009 or at subsequent purchase price. Depreciation has been provided since the year ending 31 August 2015 on the long leasehold properties at the rate of 1% of the Trustees' valuation per annum, and at the rate of 0.67% per annum on the freehold property.

Single assets purchases, not forming part of a related serious of transactions, costing less than £300 are not capitalised, but are written off as a revenue expense in the year of acquisition. Depreciation, on assets other than the long leasehold property, is provided to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Property Improvements	-	10% per annum on cost
Furniture and fittings	-	25% per annum on cost

Investments, gains and losses
Fixed asset investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recorded at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The SoFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and on disposals throughout the year.

Gains and losses on are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the opening carrying value or cost, if acquired during the year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated on the difference between opening and closing fair values.

Financial instruments
The charity has only basic financial instruments which are initially recorded at cost, and with the exception of investments (as set out above) subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund
The Circuit is a member of the Connexional pension scheme (MMPS) which covers presbyters and deacons of the Methodist Church. The contribution rates are set each year by the Methodist Conference, and for the year under review the employer contributions were 26.9% of stipend (2020: 26.9%).

The MMPS is a multi-employer scheme, and in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, the Circuit accounts for those contributions as if it were a defined contribution scheme. It has done so because it is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities on a consistent and reasonable basis. Contributions are charged to the SoFA in the period in which they are payable.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

	2021			2020		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
2 DONATIONS	£	£	£	£	£	£
Church assessments	93,611	-	**93,611**	*152,132*	-	***152,132***
Donations	1,318	1,635	**2,953**	*1,595*	*972*	***2,567***
Other funds transferred in	-	-	**-**	-	-	**-**
	94,929	1,635	**96,564**	*153,727*	*972*	***154,699***
3 OTHER TRADING INCOME						
Rental income	10,230	-	**10,230**	*15,800*	-	***15,800***
	10,230	-	**10,230**	*15,800*	-	***15,800***
4 INVESTMENT INCOME						
Income from fixed asset investments	178	-	**178**	*424*	-	***424***
Bank interest	75	-	**75**	*143*	-	***143***
	253	-	**253**	*567*	-	***567***
5 FUNDS TRANSFERRED IN						
From closure of Worsley Road	-	-	**-**	1,428	-	***1,428***
From closure of Patricroft	212,000	-	**212,000**	-	-	**-**
	212,000	-	**212,000**	*1,428*	-	***1,428***
6 COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS						
Investment management charges	-	-	**-**	-	-	**-**
Agents fees re rental income	979	-	**979**	*979*	-	***979***
	979	-	**979**	*979*	-	***979***
7 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE						
Direct costs						
Stipends, salaries & expenses	87,208	1,635	**88,843**	*81,480*	-	***81,480***
Grants to Circuit Churches	-	-	**-**	*95*	-	***95***
Grants to others bodies	-	-	**-**	*1,305*	-	***1,305***
Manse costs (including depreciation)	38,592	-	**38,592**	*18,473*	-	***18,473***
District & Connexional assessments	32,822	-	**32,822**	*32,695*	-	***32,695***
District Advance Fund levy	1,215	-	**1,215**	*1,238*	-	***1,238***
Benevolent fund payments	-	-	**-**	-	*200*	***200***
Support costs & governance						
Office, communications & other costs	6,779	-	**6,779**	*5,705*	*295*	***6,000***
Interest and charges	107	-	**107**	*99*	-	***99***
Accountancy & legal fees	9,889	-	**9,889**	*8,303*	-	***8,303***
	176,612	1,635	**178,247**	*149,393*	*495*	***149,888***

Grants to other bodies are analysed as:

Manchester & Stockport District, Methodist Church	**-**	*1,305*

8 NET INCOMING RESOURCES AFTER TRANSFERS	2021	2020
This is stated after charging/(crediting):	£	£
Accountant/Independent examiner's fees		
Report	**815**	*748*
Accountancy	-	-
Depreciation	**6,190**	*6,190*
Trustees' remuneration as trustees	-	-
Trustees' expenses as trustees	-	-

9 STAFF INFORMATION	2021	2020
	£	£
a Staff costs		
Stipends and salaries	**65,699**	*59,211*
Pension contributions - Methodist Ministers Scheme	**13,732**	*13,728*
Employer's NI contributions	**5,166**	*4,852*
	84,597	*77,791*

No staff member was paid more than £60,000 p.a. in either year.

b Key management personnel

The key management of the charity comprise the trustees, which includes the ordained members of staff who are *ex officio* members of the Circuit Meeting but do not receive any payment specifically for acting as trustees.

The other trustees do not receive any remuneration for their services.

	£	£
The total remuneration benefits of the key management		
Stipends	**72,345**	*77,791*

c Average staff numbers

The average number of members of staff was as follows:-

	2021 Average number	2020 Average number
Ordained staff (office holders not employees)	**2**	*2*
Lay employees	**1**	*1*
	3	*3*

10 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land & buildings	Long leasehold Properties	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at September 1 2020	200,000	485,745	**685,745**
Transfer to current assets	-	-	-
As at August 31 2021	200,000	485,745	**685,745**
Depreciation			
As at September 1 2020	7,998	29,142	**37,140**
Charge for the year	1,333	4,857	**6,190**
As at August 31 2021	9,331	33,999	**43,330**
Net book value			
As at August 31 2021	190,669	451,746	**642,415**
As at August 31 2020	*192,002*	*456,603*	*648,605*

11 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Market value brought forward	**662**	*662*
Income re-invested	**30**	-
Market value carried forward	**692**	662
Investments at fair value comprise:		
Cash held within investment portfolio	**692**	*662*
	692	*662*

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Endowment funds	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Market value brought forward	-	-	-	-	**662**	*662*
Income re-invested	-	-	-	-	**30**	-
Market value carried forward	-	-	-	-	**692**	*662*

12 DEBTORS	2021 £	2020 £
Income receivable	50	344
Prepayments & other debtors	19,036	22,328
	19,086	22,672

13 CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS	2021 £	2020 £
Freehold property transferred from fixed assets	-	180,000
Property transferred from other Managing Trustees	212,000	-
Unrealised (loss) on revaluation	-	(63,400)
Property held for resale	212,000	116,600

14 CREDITORS falling due within one year	2021 £	2020 £
Assessments in advance	25,514	34,071
Funds in trust	-	467
Other creditors	5,000	5,000
Creditors & accruals	1,182	2,278
	31,696	41,816

Assessments brought forward were released in the year. The amounts relating to subsequent accounting periods are deferred in line with the accounting policy.

Funds in trust are monies collected by Circuit Churches for Methodist funds and not remitted at the year end. They are analysed as follows:

	World Mission £	other £	Total 2021 £	World Mission £	other £	Total 2020 £
Brought forward	134	333	**467**	*92*	*291*	***383***
Received in the year	394	850	**1,244**	*1,319*	*1,304*	***2,623***
Paid over	(528)	(1,183)	**(1,711)**	*(1,277)*	*(1,262)*	***(2,539)***
Carried forward	-	-	-	*134*	*333*	***467***

12 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	2019/20				b/f and c/f	2020/21			
	01/09/2019	Income	Expenditure	Gains & losses	31/08/2020 01/09/2020	Income	Expenditure	Gains & losses	31/08/2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:									
General fund	*938,933*	*171,522*	*(150,372)*	*(63,400)*	*896,683*	317,412	(177,591)	37,864	**1,074,368**
Total unrestricted funds	*938,933*	*171,522*	*(150,372)*	*(63,400)*	*896,683*	317,412	(177,591)	37,864	**1,074,368**
Restricted Funds:									
Benevolence fund	*2,024*	*833*	*(200)*	-	*2,657*	-	-	-	**2,657**
Donations	-	-		-	-	1,635	(1,635)	-	-
Local Preachers	*415*	*139*	*(295)*	-	*259*	-	-	-	**259**
Music	*33*	-	-	-	*33*	-	-	-	**33**
Total restricted funds	*2,472*	*972*	*(495)*	-	*2,949*	1,635	(1,635)	-	**2,949**
Endowments									
Endowment	*662*	-	-	-	*662*	-	-	-	**662**
Total endowment funds	*662*	-	-	-	*662*	-			**662**
	942,067	*172,494*	*(150,867)*	*(63,400)*	*900,294*	319,047	(179,226)	37,864	**1,077,979**

Restricted and endowment funds

Benevolence fund	To meet cases of need - will be utilised as needs arise
Local Preachers	To support the work of local preachers and will be utilised as required.
Music	To support the provision of music in the Circuit - to be used as required.
Endowment	Income available for general purposes of the charity.

16 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fund balances at August 31 2021 are represented by:-	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	642,415	-	-	**642,415**
Fixed asset investments	30	-	662	**692**
Net current assets	431,923	2,949	-	**434,872**
Debtors falling due in more than one year	-	-	-	-
	1,074,368	2,949	662	**1,077,979**
Fund balances at August 31 2020 are represented by:-				
Tangible fixed assets	*648,605*	-	-	***648,605***
Fixed asset investments	-	-	*662*	***662***
Net current assets	*248,078*	*2,949*	-	***251,027***
Debtors falling due in more than one year	-	-	-	-
	896,683	*2,949*	*662*	***900,294***

17 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying amounts for each category of financial instrument is as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Financial assets		
that are investments measured at fair value	**692**	662
that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	**254,568**	*176,243*
Financial liabilities		
measured at amortised cost	**(31,696)**	*(41,816)*

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise: cash at bank and in hand; income receivable and other debtors; and prepayments.
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise: trade creditors; other taxes and social security; accruals; and deferred income.

18 TAXATION

The Circuit is a registered charity and is entitled to claim annual exemption from UK corporation tax.

19 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments authorised and contacted for at the end of the year (2020 £Nil).

20 RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASHFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2021 £	2020 £
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers	**177,685**	*21,627*
Add back depreciation on fixed assets	**6,190**	*6,190*
Deduct transfer in of non cash asset (property)	**(212,000)**	-
Deduct interest income shown in investing activities	**(253)**	*(567)*
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	**3,586**	*8,069*
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**(10,120)**	*(4,219)*
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	**(34,912)**	*31,100*

21 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Stipends and allowances for presbyters and deacons (collectively known as ministers) are set out annually by the Methodist Conference, and the Circuit is responsible for meeting those costs for all Ministers appointed annually by the Conference to serve the Circuit.

The following Ministers received the basic stipend £25,524 (2019/20 - £24,852) and were provided with living accommodation in 2020/21: Rev C Stainsby and Rev K Ratcliffe.

The Rev C Stainsby received the Connexionally agreed additional Superintendents' allowance of £2,552 (2019/20 - £2,485).

The Circuit presented the ministers with a leaving gift of £825 each, chiefly funded by donation from the churches totalling £1,650.

During the year the Circuit paid Mr Eaton, a trustee, £95 for burglar alarm repairs and servicing at one of the manses