WESTMINSTER METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1145076

Details

Other names	WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL METHODIST CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	2011-12-15
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: We are a global Christian family, following Jesus at the heart of London. We seek to be a vital Christian presence. We offer hope and a welcome to all peoples by sharing God's love and forgiveness. We seek to make the love of Jesus known to our community and the world through our worship, preaching, prayer, healing, fellowship, service, evangelism and openness to the Holy Spirit.

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- City Of Westminster

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£639,796	£622,707	£2,635,447	4
2023-08-31	£592,096	£545,557	£2,618,358	5
2022-08-31	£409,827	£505,995	-	-
2021-08-31	£435,448	£389,551	-	-
2020-08-31	£581,606	£602,704	£2,620,559	4

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev ANTHONY DAVID MILES	Chair	2011-10-19
ABDUL BAH		2018-02-25
ALISON BRYAN		2019-09-01
ANGELINA STAFFORD-SAMPSON		2023-09-13
CATHERINE JONES		2025-02-25
CECILIA ACHILA		2023-02-26
CHARLES BUSHELL		2021-02-28
CHIKA BAMIDELE UNAKA		2019-02-24
CLAUDIA CUMMINGS		2023-02-26
CLAUDIA MILTON-COLE		2023-02-26
COMFORT GOLIGHTLY		2021-02-28
Charlotte Rankin		2013-10-25
DANIEL EKOW MENSAH LARBI		2025-02-23
DOREEN EKUA AIDOO		2023-02-26
Deacon Alison McMillan		2019-09-01
EKOH WEST		2023-02-26
ELIZABETH GOSLING		2023-09-13
ESTHER BUCKMAN		2016-02-21
Esther Thomas		2013-10-25
FELICITY ARKHURST		2023-02-26
GENEVIEVE PATNELLI		2024-06-26
GRACE KERMAH		2022-02-27
GRACE SANGMUAH		2024-06-26
HELEN FROST		2013-10-25
HELEN ONILADO		2024-05-16
HO NAMGUNG		2025-10-20
JOCELYN BOAFO		2024-05-16

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Name	Role	Appointed
JOE AWOTWI DIP ACC		2013-09-30
JOHN KWEKU IDUN BERNASKO		2024-06-26
JOYCE POPOOLA		2023-09-01
John Phillips		2006-09-01
LISA BARRETT		2024-05-16
MAAME ADJOA DOKU DJAN-KROFA		2024-05-16
MYOUNG SOON KIM		2021-02-28
NANA AMA ACKAH-YENSU		2013-09-29
NANA AMA LARBI-AMOAH		2024-05-16
NORMAN T GUERZON		2024-05-16
OLLIE MCEWEN		2011-12-15
OMOTAYO ROBERTS		2022-02-27
PHILIPPA MUIR		2011-12-15
REGINA BOYE		2020-03-01
ROSE SENNY		2023-02-26
Rev GORDON DENNIS NEWTON		2011-12-15
SETH KOFI OTOO		2025-02-25
SHIRLEY BERNISTO		2022-02-27
STAFFORD THOMAS		2024-05-16
THEOPHILUS JUSTICE ANTHONY ACKAH-YENSU MAAT		2013-09-30
YNES LIGHTFOOT-TAYLOR		2023-02-26

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Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

ACCRUALS BASIS

For the year ended 31 August 2024

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER

Registered Charity No 1145076

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit No. 35 / 03

SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER

Revd Tony Miles

CIRCUIT STEWARDS

Joseph Adjei
(Senior until June 2024)

Helen Tudor
(Senior – July 2024 to date)

Ama Ackah-Yensu
(Treasurer)

Grace Sangmuah
(June 2024 to date)

John Bernasko
(June 2024 to date)

Genevieve Patnelli
(June 2024 to date)

Ekoh West
(June 2024 to date)

LONDON MISSION (WESTMINSTER) CIRCUIT 35 / 03
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction
This Annual Report gives an account of the mission and ministry of The London Mission (Westminster) Methodist Circuit, through its single society Methodist Central Hall Westminster. It represents considerable commitment on the part of its members, who both gather for worship and learning, and disperse in witness, being involved in a variety of means of service.

Aims and Organisation
Our vision statement declared on the order of worship each week is: "Methodist Central Hall Westminster – a global Christian family following Jesus at the heart of London."

Our mission:
We have established two foci for our work as a Church - NURTURE & OUTREACH

To achieve our vision, we aim to focus on what we need to NURTURE in our church.

This includes:

1. Church Family Life and Pastoral Care
2. Discipleship
3. Spirituality, Prayer, and Healing
4. Work with Children & Young People
5. Worship & Music
6. Greater participation and the sharing of gifts (finance/Talents)

How we need to extend MCHW's work and influence through OUTREACH - locally and globally.

A. Locally:

1) Evangelism
2) Church In Society – social action

B. Globally:

1) Online, Live Stream, & Broadcast Ministry
2) Nurture our International Family
3) Connexional & Global Issues – Social Justice

We want the Central Hall building to be used not only by the worshipping community at its heart, but also to engage with the beating 'heart' and life of London, and especially Westminster. We aim to deepen our existing relationships with Westminster Abbey, Westminster Cathedral, Church Together in Westminster, the Houses of Parliament, Scotland Yard, etc.

We are seeking to:

- Engage local issues and support local charities: The Saint Vincent Family Project (which we host on site), The Westminster Food Bank, The

Westminster Severe Weather Emergency Protocols (SWEP) Night shelter, The Passage (helping homeless people), the London Prison's Mission, and working at establishing and developing Methodist presence and offering pastoral care in Parliament.

- Build links with the Church worldwide as a 'cathedral for Methodism'.

- Grow MCHW's social media presence and developing a respected and popular online ministry, including livestreaming regular bespoke services, serving our housebound members, and Methodists around the connexion and globally. New initiatives include online Lent, Advent, Alpha, and Bible study courses online.

- Develop MCHW's respected and balanced healing ministry (including our annual Healing Conference) and developing our pastoral care.

- Provide Visitor Services – with hosts offering giving tours of the building, and maintaining Archives for Mission, helping us to tell the story of methodism and especially the Froward Movement.

- Host MCHW's own special events (Including Daffodil Day, the Parliamentary Covenant Service, Traditional Carols service, Jazz Carols, Jazz Vespers, and other gatherings) sometimes partnering with other organisations, like Premier Radio and the BBC, and helping to facilitate other Christian and charity events.

- Establish new initiatives, including developing as an Eco Church, implementing our Neighbourhood Evangelism Team, seeking to launch Restored Lives (for those who have been through a divorce) and this year we have launched 3 new house groups, and a group called Interim, a group for university aged young people.

- Grow MCHW's wide-ranging worship on Sundays and mid-week, including MCHW's renowned choir, and the hosting of organ recitals.

- Maintain and grow our work with children, teenagers, and Young Adults (Sanctuary).

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2023-2024

Circuit Staffing

During what many of us consider to be the greatest financial challenges that MCHW circuit has ever experienced, the circuit also had a year of positive news, enabling our mission of nurture and outreach, and for which we are eternally thankful to God. Firstly, we completed the reinvitation process for Superintendent Revd Tony Miles and Deacon Ali McMillan, whose current stationing periods come to an end in 2024. In accordance with Methodist conference guidelines, the circuit invitation committee (CIC) presented the Church/ Circuit Council meeting on 13/9/2023, with a reasoned proposal to extend the appointments of Revd Tony and Deacon Ali. The meeting, chaired by the Chair of the District Revd Nigel Cowgill, unanimously accepted the proposal, which was approved by the Methodist Conference, Revd Tony has

been invited to stay for a further 5 years, and Deacon Ali for a further 4 years from 1/9/2024.

Our Probationer Minister, Revd Dr Joyce Popoola joined the staff team - stationed with us for 5 years as a non-stipendiary minister. We expect her probation period to last 3 years and, we pray, will lead to her ordination. In February this year, Revd Dr. Joyce Popoola was assessed by the District Probationers' Committee and passed with flying colours. As a result, the Connexional Committee has recommended Joyce continue her probation at MCHW.

Some sad news for us, is that Revd Lansford Penn-Timity will not be seeking an extension in our Circuit beyond August 2025. This hasn't been an easy decision but what he believes God is saying. We look forward to the year ahead with Lansford and Grace but will be so sorry to lose them when the time comes.

Annual Review – for our 111th Year 2023-2024

Our published annual review can be found using this link **https://sway.cloud.microsoft/C4GcZCYGVrXsi1i4?ref=Link**

111th Church Anniversary
Our 111th Church Anniversary service was a wonderful occasion, and we were delighted that Revd IeSinga Vunipola, Chaplain to the Tongan Fellowship (England) was able to join us as our guest preacher. We were also delighted to celebrate with our Nigerian fellowship group who welcomed, Right Reverend Nkechi Nwosu, as they celebrated the 63rd anniversary of Nigerian independence. 290 people were booked in for our Church Anniversary lunch and a greater number attended the service.

Lunch-time Services
Our midweek lunchtime services on Wednesdays continue to be valued by a wide range of people, some from our own congregation along with frequent visitors from around the globe. During the last year the number of local office workers attending has gone back to pre-Covid levels. Bible passages, at the heart of our services, have included Ruth and Jonah, Psalms of Ascent and Characters of the Passion. During this summer we are completing a read-through of the Acts of the Apostles, covered over a three-year period, and finding stories from the Early Church relevant to our own mission.

Online Services and AV
Our live-streamed services continue to average 700 – 1,000 views each week, with about 200 watching live every Sunday morning at 9.30am and the rest tuning in later. We continue to provide a vital lifeline to those Methodists in London and beyond who can't always attend services. 60% of those viewers are over 65, embracing the less tech savvy with an easily accessible platform. We have viewers from around the UK, and countries like France, Spain, Italy, Barbados, Ghana, Angola, Australia, Thailand, and the USA. We continue to look at improving our broadcasts and extending our reach to those who would benefit from them most. We should be receiving a grant from the Connexion to help us serve churches with Local Arrangements on a Sunday. White Light

Limited has installed a fabulous new sound system (at their expense c.£250K) and this is now operational. We have also successfully received a significant grant to upgrade our AV and online broadcast facilities in the Chapel and for a new installation in the Great Hall next year.

Visit of the President and Vice-President of Conference
On the First Sunday of the new Methodist year, we had a visit from the President, Revd Gill Newton and Vice-President, Deacon Kerry Scarlett, for our 6pm Healing Service with Holy Communion.

Harvest Festival
Our Harvest Festival featured speakers from Christian Aid: Revd Mohammad Eghtedarian and Nick Georgiadis. A significant number of gifts were brought for Harvest, with helpful assistance from Mfantsiman Old Girls' Association (MOGA UK) and were given to the Westminster Foodbank and The Passage – helping homeless people in Westminster. We also had retiring offerings for Christian Aid.

Saying Goodbye Service
In November we hosted another service with the Mariposa Trust for those who have lost children in infancy – before birth, during birth, or soon after birth. This was a highly charged and emotional service, which was well-received by many of whom would rarely enter a church.

Traditional Carol Service and Jazz Carols
We estimate that we had about 1,700 people at our Traditional Carol service with orchestra and choir. The service was broadcast on Premier Christian Radio on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Our Jazz Carols service was advertised amongst the jazz community and we had many people attending who don't normally attend a church. This was well-attended, with over 500 people present.

Parliamentary Covenant Service 2024
On Tuesday 16th January 2024, we had our Methodist Parliamentary Covenant Service at the St. Mary Undercroft Chapel at the Palace of Westminster. We had about 110 people in attendance, including a record number of members: 11 MPs and 5 from the Lords. Sadly, the division bell sounded due to the Rwanda bill, which meant that many of the MPs had to leave very early on. Revd Tony Miles preached, and Revd Dr Leslie Griffiths, (Lord Griffths of Burry Port) presided at Holy Communion.

Methodist Parliamentary Fellowship
Our Superintendent Minister has become an assistant to Lord Griffiths of Burry Port, which will mean he will have a pass to enter the Houses of Parliament, which will be of help in developing our presence and pastoral care in Parliament.

Ash Wednesday & Lent
We had two well attended Ash Wednesday services and had an online Lent Bible Study running during lent, based on the London District's Woven Lent Course, with a weekly attendance reaching 27.

Ecumenical Events
Our Superintendent Minister was privileged to lead a prayer at Westminster Abbey's Commonwealth service, which was broadcast on BBC1. We continue to work alongside the Abbey and Westminster Cathedral. Sadly, our ecumenical Good Friday procession didn't take place, but we are exploring a possible new event. A good number from MCHW did process to Trafalgar Square and then watched the Wintershall Passion Play.

Daffodil Day 2024
Daffodil Day (spring festival for encouragement and Christian Renewal) was successful and greatly appreciated by those attending. Numbers are building post-Covid - this year c.600. Special guests included Pam Rhodes, the London Community Gospel Choir, soloist Anando Mukerjee, folk from MHA, the President of Conference, Youth president, the Lord Mayor of Westminster, and our Chair of District.

Wesley Day Songs of Praise
For the second year, Wednesday@Westminster organised this event on 24th May. David Amoss played a selection of Wesley hymns sung with gusto by a sizeable congregation. Visitors included those who had attended Wesley Day events earlier during the day at Wesley's Chapel and St. Paul's Cathedral.

Prayer and Healing Ministry
We have had a Call to Prayer in the chapel between 1-2 pm on one Sunday afternoon each month, since 2022. We pray in small groups for two themes connected to the life of MCHW, taking time to listen to and share what the Spirit may be saying to us as a church. This is then shared with the ministry team.

Our Healing Prayer Team continue to offer personal prayer ministry at Healing Services. This year we have sensed an increasing awareness of the power of God in these times, particularly through the anointing with oil. The Healing Prayer Team also continue to pray for the weekly requests coming into our email, many from our online congregation. The feedback of how valued this ministry is spurs us on!

The Healing Ministry is thriving. We are seeing a small but steady increase in attendance at the monthly services. Many testify to a tangible sense of the presence and power of God through all that has been offered. Some have returned several times.

Healing Conference
Our Healing Conference, "Time To Heal", drew c.250 attendees, a number of whom were first timers. The event was led by Alison Bryan, together with Revd Wes Sutton from the Acorn Christian Healing Foundation and Revd Lansford Penn-Timity. Teaching focussed on the healing nature of God through to equipping and releasing people into the healing ministry. Worship was led by Pat and Dave Bilbrough.

Fun and Fellowship Weekend
Our church away weekend was a great success. 60 people, including some children and young people went to High Leigh Conference Centre and former Superintendent Minister Revd Dr Martyn Atkins led us on the theme of Evangelism.

Future Isaac Watts Event with BBC Radio 4
On Sunday July 14th at 6.00p.m. hosted a Big Sing-style event to mark the 350th anniversary of the hymnwriter Isaac Watt's birth. This was recorded by the BBC for future broadcast on BBC Radio 4's "Sunday Worship". Our Superintendent minister preached, members of ministerial team, the congregation, an augmented choir and actor, Tony Jasper, took part.

SWEP Night Shelter with our ecumenical partners
The Severe Weather Emergency Protocols (SWEP) Night Shelter was activated on our watch and Deacon Ali did a splendid job coordinating volunteers from MCHW to enable many homeless people to find shelter during a bitterly cold period.

Music
Music at MCHW, alongside the Word, illuminates our worship. The choir, though a little smaller this year, continues to provide an excellent and varied musical diet, and there is a strong sense of fellowship within the group. A new initiative this year has been the monthly Informal Evening Choir, currently taking place on the last Sunday of the month in the chapel. This is an opportunity for anyone in the congregation to help lead the singing at an evening service. The choir gave a welcome performance of Stainer's Crucifixion at Easter and, together with our musicians, made a significant contribution to many events during the year. The organ matinée concerts continue to be well-supported by a regular following, and there has been an increase in the number of visitors dropping in on the third Sunday in the month to see the Great Hall and hear the organ played.

Alpha
Revd Lansford Penn-Timity has been leading Alpha online with a church member. Ten people engaged with the course and there have been positive signs of spiritual growth and development.

Confirmation and Reception into Church Membership
Our membership has fluctuated during the year and the highest it reached was 427 but currently stands at c.416. This is a little lower than last year (424), due to families relocating, along with some deaths of many of our much-loved church members. Many at MCHW were also deeply saddened by the deaths of Revd Dr Peter Graves (a former MCHW Superintendent), Peter Kerridge (Premier's Chief Executive) and event manager from CHW Ltd, Anne Masson. We had 19 new members by way of Confirmation and Transfer into membership services in November and June: 12 new members and 7 received by way of transfer too. As always, the heart of MCHW is our pastoral care for one another. We are extremely blessed to have a team of over 40 pastoral leaders who play a vital role in our pastoral care for one another in the life of the church. Congregations have been erratic and have varied in attendance, but we have had Holy Communion services where we have had about 200

communicants. We had our largest congregation post-covid on Easter Day, with c.275 in attendance. This is encouraging and we are not far off pre-covid levels of attendance. Special events with road closures in London do affect our numbers.

Safeguarding
The protection of children and vulnerable adults is important to us. We seek to ensure that the services and space we provide are safe. We have a Safeguarding Officer working with the Leadership Team to check everyone who has a role with children and adults has the necessary checks and that they receive the necessary training, thereby ensuring that everyone is able to identify concerns and knows how best to respond. We work closely with the London District Safeguarding Team.

Leadership Team Away Day
In November we held our Church Council & Leadership Team away day to work on our priorities and to start fleshing out a Mission Statement to go alongside our Vision Statement. In future we will be developing our Mission statement around the two foci of 'Nurture' and 'Outreach'.

Work With Children, Young People and Young Adults
Crèche: We have not had as many babies coming through as in previous years. This is due to several factors, including distance, with families living far from the church and not being able to worship on a regular basis. We do have quite a few attendees when we have a baptism, and every encouragement is made to make the babies and parents feel welcome and we have plenty of toys to keep them occupied.

JC Live is a welcoming place for all children, providing a safe and nurturing environment in which to grow confidently. Our dedicated and wonderful volunteers teach about God, Jesus, and the Bible through engaging activities. Sunday School is filled with excitement, featuring favourite songs, Bible-themed games, and arts and crafts. The children have been learning about the Old and New Testaments and the 12 Disciples in fun ways. Craft time included making cards for parents and ministers, creating flames for Pentecost, and illustrating Bible stories, allowing creative faith expression. JC Live's summer picnic is another highlight.

YPF: One of the highlights of the past year was witnessing four members of YPF confirming their faith. We are also encouraged by the new group named the 'Interim' which was founded and is led by past YPF members. Each member's dedication has been inspiring, whether in worship, all age services, or supporting one another through their journey of faith.

Interim is a group for university aged young people that gives an opportunity for its members to meet with their peers to talk openly in a place of security and vulnerability. It is helping young people to walk in faith, and work through the challenges we encounter, in part, because of our common stage of life. They meet on the first and last Sunday of each month.

Sanctuary is our young adult congregation - a community of people in their 20s & 30s following Jesus by exploring spirituality, justice and leadership.

Highlights included a teaching series on Spiritual Disciplines; refining the Rhythm of Life; Revising their Prayer Quintets; and visiting The Big Church Day Out.

Visitor Hosts and Archives
Post pandemic, we have only been able to offer limited Visitor Services, due to a reduction in staffing levels. However, we are still able to offer some tours of the building, and resource our Archives for Mission, helping us to tell the story of Methodism and especially the Forward Movement.

St. Vincent's Family Project
St. Vincent's Family Project has continued to provide help to vulnerable young families in Westminster, this year the numbers increasing to pre Covid-19 levels (180), fuelled by the continuing cost-of-living crisis. A major theme has therefore been to support families struggling economically. Overall demand for support continues to rise, costs and income have been challenging resulting in us closing services in early July, but re-opening by September thanks to support from our community, including the Methodist Central Hall Church. Deacon Ali McMillan acts as a Chaplain and as Trustee.

New and Future Initiatives
New Initiatives:

- We have launched several new projects, including three new house groups, a Men's Fellowship which is developing gradually, Interim (a group for university aged young people), and a Neighbourhood Evangelism Team to reach out to our local community. We await the arrival of bespoke materials, including leaflets, T-shirts, banners, pins, and other resources for our community engagement efforts.

Here are some selected new projects we are working on:

- The installation of new AV and online broadcast facilities in the Chapel and in the Great Hall next year.
- The Circuit Meeting, with the approval if the Connexional Trustees, has given the Circuit Stewards permission to sell our Battersea manse which is owned 51% by the Westminster Circuit and 49% by the Connexional Trustees. This will help the Circuit to buy its own manse and release capital for the Trustees.
- We are continuing to work on becoming an Eco Church, in partnership with CHW Ltd.
- We are building links with the London Prison's Mission.

Plans for 2024/25

Our financial plans have been prepared assuming that we will continue to have three full-time ordained staff, with an expected rise in circuit expenditure of 6%. This reflects inflationary increases in costs as well including a contribution of £20k to the Manse Maintenance and Removals (designated) funds.

Financial Review

The Circuit's statement of accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 is attached and shows an overall deficit of £15,681, comprising the Designated Fund deficit is £33,708 offset by the General Fund surplus of £18,027. In addition, £20,200 was transferred from the General Funds to Designated Funds. The deficit in Designated Funds was due to £36.1k of Manse Maintenance and Repairs, mainly for Shirley Avenue manse, professional fees of £3.1k incurred in connection with a lease extension on the Exbury House manse and a building survey on the Cotton Row manse.

Income

Circuit income has been drawn primarily from the assessment paid by the church (there being only one church within the Circuit). Income of £21,101 was generated from the temporary renting of a manse. There was an increase in income of £34,526 (from £225,621 in 2022/23 to £260,147 in 2023/24).

- Investment income decreased by £2,205 due to a significant drop in the funds invested.
- The assessment paid by the church increased by £35,870.

Expenditure

Circuit expenditure increased by £31,557, (from £244,271 in 2022/23 to £275,828 in 2023/24), which was mainly due to:

- Stipends and Associated costs increasing by £8.2k in line with Connexional direction
- District Assessment increasing by £1.3k
- Manse Insurance and Utilities increasing by £6k mainly due to prior year service charges for Exbury House being billed in 2023/24
- An increase in Maintenance of £12.5k, with significant works on Shirley Avenue.
- The recharge of costs from the Church to the Circuit for services provided increased by £1.1k due inflationary increases in Church costs.

The District Assessment of £44,646 accounted for 16.1% of expenditure. There was a small increase in the Assessment from 2022/23 to 2023/24. A significant part of this is passed on to the Connexion to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

Fund Balances

The balance on the Circuit General Fund is £1,932,585, which represents the book value of the manses. The Circuit General Fund has no cash funds.

Circuit Restricted and Designated Funds have decreased by £13,508 to £303,521 in 2023/24 (£317,028 in 2022/23). The decrease is due to expenditure on manse maintenance and legal fees for a lease extension on Exbury House and a building survey on Cotton Row. There were transfers from General Funds into Designated Funds in 2023/24 (£5,000 into Removals Fund and £15,200 into Manse Repair and Maintenance Fund). The advance made in 2022/23 to the Trustees of Central Hall of £230,000 for major building works has not yet been repaid, although the work has been carried

out in 2023/24. This advance has been made from Designated Funds and will be repaid with interest on the sale of a manse, which is jointly owned by the Circuit and the Trust. The Trust will pay the Circuit £230,000 plus interest in addition to the proportion of the surplus that is due to the Circuit.

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in July 2014.

Full Name of Church**:**	**London Mission (Westminster) Circuit**
Charity Registration Number:	**1145076**
Date of registration:	**15 December 2011**
Main communication address:	**Methodist Central Hall, Storey's Gate, Westminster, London SW1H 9NH**

The members of the London Mission (Westminster) Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual Church Meeting. A full list of members is shown in the notes to this report.

Circuit Stewards:	**Helen Tudor**	(Senior – July 2024 to date)
	Joseph Adjei	(Senior until June 2024)
	Ama Ackah-Yensu	(2014 to date)
	Grace Sangmuah	(June 2024 to date)
	John Bernasko	(June 2024 to date)
	Genevieve Patnelli	(June 2024 to date)
	Ekoh West	(June 2024 to date)
Treasurer:	**Ama Ackah-Yensu**	
Independent Examiner:	**Buzzacott LLP** 130 Wood Street London EC2V 6DL	
Bank:	**HSBC** The Peak 333 Vauxhall Bridge Road Victoria London SW1V 1EJ	
Investment Bankers:	**Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church** **Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes**	

Aims and Objectives
The charity's objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around Westminster for the Methodist Church:

Our vision is to be a global Christian family following Jesus in the heart of London.

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

1. The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
2. Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
3. Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church; and
4. Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

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

Structure, Governance and Management
The governing document for the Methodist Church of Great Britain is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

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

Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Stewards and Ministerial Team with input from the Circuit Leadership team. Trusteeship is exercised by the elected members of the Circuit Meeting.

Trustee Training
Trustees are pointed to a range of guidance produced by The Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees.

Related Parties
The Circuit is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. It consequently locates itself in both its polity and structure. In structural terms the Westminster Circuit is one of some 35 circuits (groupings of local churches) making up the London Methodist District. In terms of Polity and Constitution it, like all Methodist circuits, is accountable to the annual Methodist Conference.

Somewhat unusually, the Westminster Circuit consists of only one local society (church): Methodist Central Hall Westminster, which consequently is constituted so that wherever possible, local church and local circuit matters share the same constitution (by applying annually Methodist Standing Order 511).

Another unusual aspect of the Circuit/Church is the fact that its Trustees *of the Building* are appointed annually by the annual Conference of the Methodist Church of Great Britain, rather than, more commonly, the circuit meeting.
A third related party, in addition to the Circuit and the Trustees is Central Hall Westminster Ltd, a not-for-profit company formed in 1999 to run an events and conference business using the large and prestigious premises in central London.

Regular meetings of each of these three entities take place, with the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent ministers being members of each of the three, thereby having a strategic overview of the total ministry of the Circuit and its related parties.

Risk Management
The major risks associated with the life and ministry of the Circuit, located in Methodist Central Hall Westminster, are identified and recorded by the Trustees, with professional advice taken as required. An annual review process is undertaken and recorded. In terms of financial governance, income and expenditure are regularly and routinely monitored and are compared with the approved annual budget on at least a quarterly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

We note the following items, all of which are noted on the Risk Register.

- An annual grant to the Church, which is one of the main sources of funding for the Circuit is given by the Trustees. This is made possible by profits made by Central Hall Westminster Ltd. Any 'lean years' – and particularly several lean years – would affect the ability of the Trustees to award the grant.

- The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the operations of Central Hall Westminster Ltd was immense. The building's closure and consequent hibernation of the business has meant that profits which would have been tithed to the Trustees have dried up, thus impacting their ability to provide the same level of grant to the Church, as with previous years.

- The as yet unknown plan relating to the 'decanting' of the House of Commons and House of Lords from the Palace of Westminster. Methodist Central Hall Westminster is, because of its proximity, was one of a handful of buildings that was considered.

- The ever-present risk of terror attacks and security breaches, given the location of the church. For the past four years the Metropolitan Police have estimated the risk of such as 'severe' and give regular security briefings to Circuit officials as to office holders of other large buildings in and around Parliament Square.

- The damage to reputation, given the high usage of the premises by very many clients.

- Safeguarding risks, exacerbated by the very high numbers of people using the building each week. In line with Methodist rulings,

safeguarding procedures have and continue to be improved and overhauled.

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

1. The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with all children, young people and adults.
2. The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
3. The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
4. We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
5. We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
6. We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
7. We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
8. We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
9. In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit commits itself to: -

1. Ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.
2. The provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

The Safeguarding Policy is approved annually by the Circuit Meeting and revised in line with guidelines and directives from the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Reserves Policy

The policy is for the Circuit itself to hold minimal free reserves, as it is able to rely on the reserves held within its one church. The aim, therefore, is for the Church to hold a designated contingency fund at a level, which can sustain six months' worth of average expenditure for both Church and Circuit. The Contingency Fund was decreased in 2023/24 and is now £62.8k, which represents less than three months' average expenditure.

It is expected that the Church will have a significant deficit for 2024/25, which will reduce the level of contingency to zero. However, there is approximately £65k in other Church Designated Funds. The Church Council will continue to monitor this and endeavour to take measures to build up reserves to a healthy level.

Signed: _____ **Date:** 30 March 2025

Revd Tony Miles (Chair of Trustees)

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit 35/03
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment (Restricted)	2023/24 Totals		2022/23 Totals
Income and Endowments from:		**£**	**£**	**£**		**£**		**£**
Bank Interest		502	5,610	0	0	6,112		8,317
Circuit Assessment		232,934	0	0	0	232,934		197,064
Lettings (Manse Rental Income)	**10**	21,101	0	0	0	21,101		20,240
Total Income		**254,537**	**5,610**	**0**	**0**	**260,147**		**225,621**
Expenditure								
Stipends, Salaries and Associated Costs		132,407	0	0	0	132,407		124,219
District Assessment		44,464	0	0	0	44,464		43,168
Travel Expenses		5,266	0	0	0	5,266		4,555
Ministerial Training		591	0	0	0	591		484
Insurance, Utilities, etc.	**11**	27,217	0	0	0	27,217		21,222
Maintenance on Manses	**12**	2,716	36,171	0	0	38,887		26,395
Other Expenditure								
Administration, Staff & Copying etc.	**13**	899	0	0	0	899		0
Independent Examiner Fee		1,950	0	0	0	1,950		1,680
Professional fees		0	3,147	0	0	3,147		2,628
Payment to Church for Services Provided		21,000	0	0	0	21,000		19,920
Total Expenditure		**236,510**	**39,318**	**0**	**0**	**275,828**		**244,271**
Net Income / (Expenditure)		**18,028**	**(33,708)**	**0**	**0**	**(15,680)**		**(18,650)**
Transfer between Funds & General Account		**(20,200)**	**20,200**	**0**	**0**	**0**		0
Total Funds brought forward		**1,934,756**	**317,028**	**0**	**0**	**2,251,784**		**2,270,434**
Correction for Prior Year			**0**			**0**		
Total funds carried forward at end of year		**1,932,585**	**303,521**	**0**	**0**	**2,236,104**		**2,251,784**

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment (Restricted)	2023/24 Totals		2022/23 Totals
Fixed Assets		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**		**£**
Manses etc.	**14**	1,932,713	230,000	0	0	2,162,713		2,162,713
Total Fixed Assets		**1,932,713**	**230,000**	**0**	**0**	**2,162,713**		**2,162,713**
Current Assets								
Debtors and prepayments	**15**	17,002	0	0	0	17,002		17,555
TMCP Deposit Account	**16**	0	28,991	0	0	28,991		27,379
CFB Deposit	**16**	0	14,751	0	0	14,751		16,714
Cash at bank and in hand (HSCB & Barclaycard)	**17**	(12,243)	29,778		0	17,535		29,105
Total current assets		**4,759**	**73,521**	**0**	**0**	**78,279**		**90,753**
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	**18**	(4,887)	0	0	0	(4,887)		(1,680)
Net current assets		(128)	73,521	0	0	73,393		89,073
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,932,585**	**303,521**	**0**	**0**	**2,236,106**		**2,251,786**
Net assets		**1,932,585**	**303,521**	**0**	**0**	**2,236,106**		**2,251,786**
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,932,585	0	0	0	1,932,585		2,183,407
Other Funds (Restricted)		0	303,521	0	0	303,521		68,379
Total funds		**1,932,585**	**303,521**	**0**	**0**	**2,236,106**		**2,251,786**

I confirm that these accrual-based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting.

Signed: _____ **Date:** 30 March 2025

Ama Ackah-Yensu (Treasurer)

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on 30 March 2025 and were approved.

Signed: _____ **Date:** 30 March 2025

Revd Tony Miles (Chair of the Circuit Meeting)

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit 35/03
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment (Restricted)	2022/23 Totals
Income and Endowments from:		**£**	**£**	**£**		**£**
Bank Interest		344	7,973	0	0	8,317
Circuit Assessment		197,064	0	0	0	197,064
Lettings (Manse Rental Income)	**10**	20,240	0	0	0	20,240
Total Income		**217,648**	**7,973**	**0**	**0**	**225,621**
Expenditure						
Stipends, Salaries and Associated Costs		124,219	0	0	0	124,219
District Assessment		43,168	0	0	0	43,168
Travel Expenses		4,555	0	0	0	4,555
Ministerial Training		484	0	0	0	484
Insurance, Utilities, etc.	**11**	21,222	0	0	0	21,222
Maintenance on Manses	**12**	2,400	23,995	0	0	26,395
Other Expenditure						
Independent Examiner Fee		1,680	0	0	0	1,680
Professional fees		0	2,628	0	0	2,628
Payment to Church for Services Provided		19,920	0	0	0	19,920
Total Expenditure		**217,648**	**26,623**	**0**	**0**	**244,271**
Net Income / (Expenditure)		**0**	**(18,650)**	**0**	**0**	**(18,650)**
Transfer between Funds & General Account		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Total Funds brought forward		**1,934,756**	**335,678**	**0**	**0**	**2,270,436**
Total funds carried forward at end of year		**1,934,756**	**317,028**	**0**	**0**	**2,251,786**

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit 35/03
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment (Restricted)	2022/23 Totals
Fixed Assets		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Manses etc.	**14**	1,932,713	230,000	0	0	2,162,713
Total Fixed Assets		**1,932,713**	**230,000**	**0**	**0**	**2,162,713**
Current Assets						
Debtors and prepayments	**15**	17,555	0	0	0	17,555
TMCP Deposit Account	**16**	0	27,379	0	0	27,379
CFB Deposit	**16**	0	16,714	0	0	16,714
Cash at bank and in hand (HSCB & Barclaycard)	**17**	(13,831)	42,936		0	29,105
Total current assets		**3,724**	**87,029**	**0**	**0**	**90,753**
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	**18**	(1,680)	0	0	0	(1,680)
Net current assets		2,044	87,029	0	0	89,073
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,934,757**	**317,029**	**0**	**0**	**2,251,786**
Net assets		**1,934,757**	**317,029**	**0**	**0**	**2,251,786**
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,934,757	0	0	0	1,934,757
Other Funds (Restricted)		0	317,029	0	0	317,029
Total funds		**1,934,757**	**317,029**	**0**	**0**	**2,251,786**

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2024

Basis of accounting
These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost Convention.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The Charity is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102 and therefore the Charity also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the 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 (The FRS 102 Charities SORP) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

1. Going Concern
After making reasonable enquiries the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and do not consider there to be any threat to the going concern status. Therefore, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements and confirm there are no material uncertainties at the date of the approval of these financial statements.

2. Funds
The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit, which are unrestricted, and restricted funds, which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the notes to the Accounts.

3. Accounting Policies

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

Income
Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the funds, the receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an

outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Cash and Cash Equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Grants
Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit
These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and individually cost at least £1,000.

The freehold property comprises the Circuit's manses and is shown in the accounts at 2014 deemed values, with the exception of the Shirley manse, which is shown at the purchase value in 2016.

At the time of valuation, purchase and disposal, the value of the properties was not spilt between land and buildings. However, based on an estimate of 25% land and 75% buildings, the total land value at 31 August 2023 would be £483,179 and the total building value would be £1,449,534. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value.

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

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

Financial instruments
Basic financial instruments are measured at amortised cost.

Debtors and creditors
Debtors and creditors receivable or payable within one year of the reporting date are carried at their transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost less any impairment.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement
In preparing financial statements it is necessary to make certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. There are no judgements and estimates considered by the Trustees to have a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

4.Donations and legacies	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**2024 Total**	**2023 Total**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Legacies	-	-	**-**	**-**
Total	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
5. Investment income	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**2024 Total**	**2023 Total**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Central Finance Board /TMCP	502	5,610	6,112	8,317
Total	**502**	**5,610**	**6,112**	**8,317**

6. Payment to Trustees

None of the Trustees, or persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the Church or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31 August 2024.

	2023/24	**2022/23**
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	5	5
	£	**£**
Total amount paid	5,932	5,028

Nature of expenses claimed: Car mileage, public transport, hospitality and miscellaneous. These expenses have been incurred by the trustees in the course of fulfilling their pastoral responsibilities.

7. Independent Examiner's Fees

	2023/24	**2022/23**
	£	**£**
Fees for reporting on the accounts	1,950	1,680
Other fees (for advice, accountancy services etc)	0	0
Total	**1,950**	**1,680**

8. Paid Employees

The Circuit has no paid employees. A fixed monthly fee is charged to the Circuit by the Church each month for services provided including services provided by Church employees and contractors.

The charity considers that the key management personnel comprise the Trustees. Other than Stipends paid to Ministers, there was no remuneration paid to the Trustees during 2023/24.

9 Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation	**Residential Land**	**Manses**	**Total**
	£	**£**	**£**
Balance brought forward	483,179	1,449,534	1,932,713
Balance carried forward	483,179	1,679,534	2,162,713
Accumulated depreciation	0	0	0
Net Book Value brought forward	483,179	1,239,534	2,162,713
Net Book Value carried forward	483,179	1,679,534	2,162,713

The value of Manses includes £230,000, which is the cash advance of £230,000 made in 2022/3 by the Circuit to the Property Trustees of Central Hall to enable significant building work in 2023/24. The advance (plus interest) will be repaid upon the sale of a manse jointly by the Trustees and the Circuit. The value of manse properties reflects this arrangement and includes both the repayment that will be received and the proportion of the property value that would be due to the Circuit from the joint ownership.

9a Investments

No other investments are held by the Circuit.

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CIRCUIT - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2023/24		2022/23	
INCOME	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Note 10 Rental Income				
Pond Green	21,101		20,240	
		21,101		20,240
EXPENDITURE	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Note 11 - Insurance, Utilities etc.				
Manse expenditure				
Insurance	2,224		1,879	
Telephone (incl mobiles & broadband)	1,129		1,220	
Water Rates	1,708		1,118	
Service Charges & Utility Maintenance Contracts	12,529		8,059	
Council Tax	6,019		5,568	
Utilities	3,608		3,378	
		27,217		21,222
Note 12 - Repairs and Maintenance				
Manse repairs & maintenance	2,716		2,400	
		2,716		2,400
Note 13 Office Staff &Supplies				
Computer supplies & software	899		0	
		899		0

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	2023/24		2022/23	
	£	£	£	£
BALANCE SHEET NOTES				
Note 14 Property Revaluation (*Valuations Made 2014*)	**Property Value**	**Circuit Value**		**Circuit Value**
	£	**£**		**£**
6 Exbury House (25% owned by Circuit)	550,000	137,500		137,500
4 Cotton Row (50.25% owned by Circuit)	1,485,000	746,213		746,213
16 Pond Green (100% Owned by Circuit)	400,000	400,000		400,000
108A Shirley Avenue (100% Owned by Circuit)	649,000	649,000		649,000
Investment with Central Hall Trustees		230,000		230,000
TOTAL VALUE		**2,162,713**		**2,162,713**
Prior Valuation		1,142,685		1,142,685
Revaluation Reserve		**1,020,028**		**1,020,028**
Note 15 -Prepayments				
Stipends	11,239		10,217	
Manse Expenses	5,690		5,450	
Accrued Income				
Circuit Assessment Paid by Church	0		376	
Owed by Church				
Church Expenses Paid by Circuit	73		1,512	
		17,002		17,555
Note 16 - Central Finance Board				
Designated Funds	14,751		16,714	
General Fund	0		0	
		14,751		16,714
Note 16 - TMCP				
Manse Sale and Purchase Fund	22,467		23,924	
Other Designated Funds	6,524		3,455	
		28,991		27,379
Note 17 - Cash at Bank & In Hand				
General Fund HSBC	(11,891)		(9,470)	
General Fund Barclaycard	(352)		(4,361)	
Designated Funds HSBC	29,778		42,936	
		17,535		29,105
BALANCE SHEET NOTES				
Note 18 - Creditors & Accruals				
Independent Examiners Fee	1,950		1,680	
Manse Service Charge	2,222		0	
		4,172		1,680
		4,172		1,680
Note 19 - Deferred Income				
Circuit Assessment Overpayment	715		0	
		715		0
		715		0

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		2023/24			
CIRCUIT FUNDS	**Balance B/Fwd 01/09/23**	**Income**	**Expenditure**	**Transfer Between Funds**	**Balance C/Fwd 31/08/24**
FUNDS	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Designated					
Removals Fund	6,674	0	0	5,000	11,674
Manse Maintenance Fund	56,430	3,920	(36,171)	15,200	39,380
Manse Replacement Fund	23,924	1,690	(3,147)	0	22,467
Manse Replacement Fund Fixed Asset	230,000	0	0	0	230,000
Total Designated Funds	**317,028**	**5,610**	**(39,318)**	**20,200**	**303,521**
TOTAL RESTRICTED & DESIGNATED FUNDS	**317,028**	**5,610**	**(39,318)**	**20,200**	**303,521**
GENERAL FUND	**1,934,758**	**254,537**	**(236,510)**	**(20,200)**	**1,932,585**
TOTAL	**2,251,786**	**260,147**	**(275,827)**	**0**	**2,236,106**

The Cash Balance for Restricted Designated Funds has decreased to £73,521 in 2023/24 from £87,028 in 2022/23, due to expenditure on manse repairs and professional fees, as well as a transfer of £20,200 from General Funds. Included within the Designated Fund is £230,000, being the funds that will be paid by the Trust to the Circuit upon the sale of a shared ownership manse.

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Circuit Trustees as at 31 August 2024

The following served as trustees during the year and/or were trustees at the date of signing the accounts.

Revd Tony Miles	Ollie McEwen
Revd Lansford Penn-Timity	Joe Awotwi
Deacon Alison McMillan	Tony Ackah-Yensu
Revd Gordon Newton	Alison Bryan
Revd Dr Joyce Popoola	Judith Mitchell
Joseph Adjei	Philippa Muir
Helen Tudor	Omotayo Roberts
Grace Sangmuah	Charlotte Rankin
Genevieve Patnelli	Sarita Lightfoot-Taylor
John Bernasko	Esther Thomas
Ekoh West	Mark Williamson
Ama Ackah-Yensu	Kate Jones
Esther Buckman	Seth Kofi Otoo
Abdul Bah	Chika Unaka
Regina Boye	Aretha Solanke
Comfort Golightly	Charles Bushell
Shirley Bernisto	Claudia Milton-Cole
Grace Kermah	Felicity Arkhurst
Jocelyn Boafo	Ynes Lightfoot-Taylor
Stafford Thomas	Cecilia Achila
Nana Ama Larbi-Amoah	Angela Stafford-Sampson
Doreen Aidoo	John Philips
Maame Doku Djan-Krofa	Liz Gosling
Denzil Cummings-John	Norman Guerzon
Lisa Barrett	Claudia Cummings
Helen Onilado	Daniel Larbi
Kim Myoung Soon	Rose Senny

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Methodist Central Hall Westminster – London Mission (Westminster) Circuit No. 35/03

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity, 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, 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 my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- 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.

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30 March 2025

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

ACCRUALS BASIS

For the year ended 31 August 2024

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER

Registered Charity No 1145076

SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER
Revd Tony Miles

CHURCH STEWARDS
Esther Buckman
Abdul Bah
Regina Boye
Comfort Golightly
Shirley Bernisto
Grace Kermah
Jocelyn Boafo
Stafford Thomas
Doreen Aidoo
Maame Doku Djan-Krofa
Nana Ama Larbi-Amoah
Denzil Cummings-John

CHURCH TREASURER
Ama Ackah-Yensu

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER CHURCH
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

This Annual Report gives an account of the mission and ministry of Methodist Church Central Hall Westminster. It represents considerable commitment on the part of its members, who both gather for worship and learning, and disperse in witness, being involved in a variety of means of service.

Aims and Organisation

Our vision statement declared on the order of worship each week states:
"Methodist Central Hall Westminster is a global Christian family following Jesus at the heart of London."

Our mission:

The worship, mission, and witness of MCHW is healthy and our work is focussed upon 'nurture' and 'outreach', maintaining, and growing our existing work but also adding new initiatives during the year.

The knock-on effect of the financial challenges that the Conference Property Trust and Central Hall Westminster Ltd are facing, presents the church with a huge challenge. Nevertheless, with God's help, MCHW is determined to do all we can to maintain and extend our work.

To achieve our vision, we aim to focus on what we need to NURTURE in our church.

This includes:

1. Church Family Life and Pastoral Care
2. Discipleship
3. Spirituality, Prayer, and Healing
4. Work with Children & Young People
5. Worship & Music
6. Greater participation and the sharing of gifts (finance/Talents)

How we need to extend MCHW's work and influence through OUTREACH - locally and globally.

A. Locally:

1) Evangelism
2) Church In Society – social action

B. Globally:

1) Online, Live Stream, & Broadcast Ministry
2) Nurture our International Family
3) Connexional & Global Issues – Social Justice

We want the Central Hall building to be used not only by the worshipping community at its heart, but also to engage with the beating 'heart' and life of London, and especially Westminster. We aim to deepen our existing relationships with Westminster Abbey, Westminster Cathedral, Church Together in Westminster, the Houses of Parliament, Scotland Yard, etc.

We are seeking to:

- Engage local issues and support local charities: The Saint Vincent Family Project (which we host on site), The Westminster Food Bank, The Westminster Severe Weather Emergency Protocols (SWEP) Night shelter, The Passage (helping homeless people), the London Prison's Mission, and working at establishing and developing Methodist presence and offering pastoral care in Parliament.

- Build links with the Church worldwide as a 'cathedral for Methodism'.

- Grow MCHW's social media presence and developing a respected and popular online ministry, including livestreaming regular bespoke services, serving our housebound members, and Methodists around the connexion and globally. New initiatives include online Lent, Advent, Alpha, and Bible study courses online.

- Develop MCHW's respected and balanced healing ministry (including our annual Healing Conference) and developing our pastoral care.

- Provide Visitor Services – with hosts offering giving tours of the building, and maintaining Archives for Mission, helping us to tell the story of methodism and especially the Froward Movement.

- Host MCHW's own special events (Including Daffodil Day, the Parliamentary Covenant Service, Traditional Carols service, Jazz Carols, Jazz Vespers, and other gatherings) sometimes partnering with other organisations, like Premier Radio and the BBC, and helping to facilitate other Christian and charity events.

- Establish new initiatives, including developing as an Eco Church, implementing our Neighbourhood Evangelism Team, seeking to launch Restored Lives (for those who have been through a divorce) and this year we have launched 3 new house groups, and a group called Interim, a group for university aged young people.

- Grow MCHW's wide-ranging worship on Sundays and mid-week, including MCHW's renowned choir, and the hosting of organ recitals.

- Maintain and grow our work with children, teenagers, and Young Adults (Sanctuary).

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2023-2024

Church Staff

We said farewell to our Church Secretary, Catherine Rouse, who served us splendidly for 15 years and will be missed by the staff team and the whole church. We are delighted, though, to have appointed a successor in Liwia Kaszewska on a one-year contract. We hope to be offering her either a full-time role, or a further fixed contract, depending on our financial situation. We are delighted that since joining us, Liv has been confirmed and received into Church Membership. We still aim to address the wider needs of the Church Staff team going forward and need to supplement the team when funds are available.

Annual Review – for our 111th Year 2023-2024

Our published annual review can be found using this link
https://sway.cloud.microsoft/C4GcZCYGVrXsi1i4?ref=Link

111th Church Anniversary
Our 111th Church Anniversary service was a wonderful occasion, and we were delighted that Revd IeSinga Vunipola, Chaplain to the Tongan Fellowship (England) was able to join us as our guest preacher. We were also delighted to celebrate with our Nigerian fellowship group who welcomed, Right Reverend Nkechi Nwosu, as they celebrated the 63rd anniversary of Nigerian independence. 290 people were booked in for our Church Anniversary lunch and a greater number attended the service.

Lunch-time Services
Our midweek lunchtime services on Wednesdays continue to be valued by a wide range of people, some from our own congregation along with frequent visitors from around the globe. During the last year the number of local office workers attending has gone back to pre-Covid levels. Bible passages, at the heart of our services, have included Ruth and Jonah, Psalms of Ascent and Characters of the Passion. During this summer we are completing a read-through of the Acts of the Apostles, covered over a three-year period, and finding stories from the Early Church relevant to our own mission.

Online Services and AV
Our live-streamed services continue to average 700 – 1,000 views each week, with about 200 watching live every Sunday morning at 9.30am and the rest tuning in later. We continue to provide a vital lifeline to those Methodists in London and beyond who can't always attend services. 60% of those viewers are over 65, embracing the less tech savvy with an easily accessible platform. We have viewers from around the UK, and countries like France, Spain, Italy, Barbados, Ghana, Angola, Australia, Thailand, and the USA. We continue to look at improving our broadcasts and extending our reach to those who would benefit from them most. We should be receiving a grant from the Connexion to help us serve churches with Local Arrangements on a Sunday. White Light Limited has installed a fabulous new sound system (at their expense c.£250K) and this is now operational. We have also successfully received a significant grant to upgrade our AV and online broadcast facilities in the Chapel and for a new installation in the Great Hall next year.

Visit of the President and Vice-President of Conference

On the First Sunday of the new Methodist year, we had a visit from the President, Revd Gill Newton and Vice-President, Deacon Kerry Scarlett, for our 6pm Healing Service with Holy Communion.

Harvest Festival
Our Harvest Festival featured speakers from Christian Aid: Revd Mohammad Eghtedarian and Nick Georgiadis. A significant number of gifts were brought for Harvest, with helpful assistance from Mfantsiman Old Girls' Association (MOGA UK) and were given to the Westminster Foodbank and The Passage – helping homeless people in Westminster. We also had retiring offerings for Christian Aid.

Saying Goodbye Service
In November we hosted another service with the Mariposa Trust for those who have lost children in infancy – before birth, during birth, or soon after birth. This was a highly charged and emotional service, which was well-received by many of whom would rarely enter a church.

Traditional Carol Service and Jazz Carols
We estimate that we had about 1,700 people at our Traditional Carol service with orchestra and choir. The service was broadcast on Premier Christian Radio on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Our Jazz Carols service was advertised amongst the jazz community and we had many people attending who don't normally attend a church. This was well-attended, with over 500 people present.

Parliamentary Covenant Service 2024
On Tuesday 16th January 2024, we had our Methodist Parliamentary Covenant Service at the St. Mary Undercroft Chapel at the Palace of Westminster. We had about 110 people in attendance, including a record number of members: 11 MPs and 5 from the Lords. Sadly, the division bell sounded due to the Rwanda bill, which meant that many of the MPs had to leave very early on. Revd Tony Miles preached, and Revd Dr Leslie Griffiths, (Lord Griffths of Burry Port) presided at Holy Communion.

Methodist Parliamentary Fellowship
Our Superintendent Minister has become an assistant to Lord Griffiths of Burry Port, which will mean he will have a pass to enter the Houses of Parliament, which will be of help in developing our presence and pastoral care in Parliament.

Ash Wednesday & Lent
We had two well attended Ash Wednesday services and had an online Lent Bible Study running during lent, based on the London District's Woven Lent Course, with a weekly attendance reaching 27.

Ecumenical Events
Our Superintendent Minister was privileged to lead a prayer at Westminster Abbey's Commonwealth service, which was broadcast on BBC1. We continue to work alongside the Abbey and Westminster Cathedral. Sadly, our ecumenical Good Friday procession didn't take place, but we are exploring a possible new event. A good number from MCHW did process to Trafalgar Square and then watched the Wintershall Passion Play.

Daffodil Day 2024
Daffodil Day (spring festival for encouragement and Christian Renewal) was successful and greatly appreciated by those attending. Numbers are building post-Covid - this year c.600. Special guests included Pam Rhodes, the London Community Gospel Choir, soloist Anando Mukerjee, folk from MHA, the President of Conference, Youth president, the Lord Mayor of Westminster, and our Chair of District.

Wesley Day Songs of Praise
For the second year, Wednesday@Westminster organised this event on 24th May. David Amoss played a selection of Wesley hymns sung with gusto by a sizeable congregation. Visitors included those who had attended Wesley Day events earlier during the day at Wesley's Chapel and St. Paul's Cathedral.

Prayer and Healing Ministry
We have had a Call to Prayer in the chapel between 1-2 pm on one Sunday afternoon each month, since 2022. We pray in small groups for two themes connected to the life of MCHW, taking time to listen to and share what the Spirit may be saying to us as a church. This is then shared with the ministry team.

Our Healing Prayer Team continue to offer personal prayer ministry at Healing Services. This year we have sensed an increasing awareness of the power of God in these times, particularly through the anointing with oil. The Healing Prayer Team also continue to pray for the weekly requests coming into our email, many from our online congregation. The feedback of how valued this ministry is spurs us on!

The Healing Ministry is thriving. We are seeing a small but steady increase in attendance at the monthly services. Many testify to a tangible sense of the presence and power of God through all that has been offered. Some have returned several times.

Healing Conference
Our Healing Conference, "Time To Heal", drew c.250 attendees, a number of whom were first timers. The event was led by Alison Bryan, together with Revd Wes Sutton from the Acorn Christian Healing Foundation and Revd Lansford Penn-Timity. Teaching focussed on the healing nature of God through to equipping and releasing people into the healing ministry. Worship was led by Pat and Dave Bilbrough.

Fun and Fellowship Weekend
Our church away weekend was a great success. 60 people, including some children and young people went to High Leigh Conference Centre and former Superintendent Minister Revd Dr Martyn Atkins led us on the theme of Evangelism.

Future Isaac Watts Event with BBC Radio 4
On Sunday July 14th at 6.00p.m. hosted a Big Sing-style event to mark the 350th anniversary of the hymnwriter Isaac Watt's birth. This was recorded by the BBC for future broadcast on BBC Radio 4's "Sunday Worship". Our Superintendent minister preached, members of ministerial team, the congregation, an augmented choir and actor, Tony Jasper, took part.

SWEP Night Shelter with our ecumenical partners

The Severe Weather Emergency Protocols (SWEP) Night Shelter was activated on our watch and Deacon Ali did a splendid job coordinating volunteers from MCHW to enable many homeless people to find shelter during a bitterly cold period.

Music
Music at MCHW, alongside the Word, illuminates our worship. The choir, though a little smaller this year, continues to provide an excellent and varied musical diet, and there is a strong sense of fellowship within the group. A new initiative this year has been the monthly Informal Evening Choir, currently taking place on the last Sunday of the month in the chapel. This is an opportunity for anyone in the congregation to help lead the singing at an evening service. The choir gave a welcome performance of Stainer's Crucifixion at Easter and, together with our musicians, made a significant contribution to many events during the year. The organ matinée concerts continue to be well-supported by a regular following, and there has been an increase in the number of visitors dropping in on the third Sunday in the month to see the Great Hall and hear the organ played.

Alpha
Revd Lansford Penn-Timity has been leading Alpha online with a church member. Ten people engaged with the course and there have been positive signs of spiritual growth and development.

Confirmation and Reception into Church Membership
Our membership has fluctuated during the year and the highest it reached was 427 but currently stands at c.416. This is a little lower than last year (424), due to families relocating, along with some deaths of many of our much-loved church members. Many at MCHW were also deeply saddened by the deaths of Revd Dr Peter Graves (a former MCHW Superintendent), Peter Kerridge (Premier's Chief Executive) and event manager from CHW Ltd, Anne Masson. We had 19 new members by way of Confirmation and Transfer into membership services in November and June: 12 new members and 7 received by way of transfer too. As always, the heart of MCHW is our pastoral care for one another. We are extremely blessed to have a team of over 40 pastoral leaders who play a vital role in our pastoral care for one another in the life of the church. Congregations have been erratic and have varied in attendance, but we have had Holy Communion services where we have had about 200 communicants. We had our largest congregation post-covid on Easter Day, with c.275 in attendance. This is encouraging and we are not far off pre-covid levels of attendance. Special events with road closures in London do affect our numbers.

Safeguarding
The protection of children and vulnerable adults is important to us. We seek to ensure that the services and space we provide are safe. We have a Safeguarding Officer working with the Leadership Team to check everyone who has a role with children and adults has the necessary checks and that they receive the necessary training, thereby ensuring that everyone is able to identify concerns and knows how best to respond. We work closely with the London District Safeguarding Team.

Leadership Team Away Day
In November we held our Church Council & Leadership Team away day to work on our priorities and to start fleshing out a Mission Statement to go alongside our Vision Statement. In future we will be developing our Mission statement around the two foci of 'Nurture' and 'Outreach'.

Work With Children, Young People and Young Adults

Crèche: We have not had as many babies coming through as in previous years. This is due to several factors, including distance, with families living far from the church and not being able to worship on a regular basis. We do have quite a few attendees when we have a baptism, and every encouragement is made to make the babies and parents feel welcome and we have plenty of toys to keep them occupied.

JC Live is a welcoming place for all children, providing a safe and nurturing environment in which to grow confidently. Our dedicated and wonderful volunteers teach about God, Jesus, and the Bible through engaging activities. Sunday School is filled with excitement, featuring favourite songs, Bible-themed games, and arts and crafts. The children have been learning about the Old and New Testaments and the 12 Disciples in fun ways. Craft time included making cards for parents and ministers, creating flames for Pentecost, and illustrating Bible stories, allowing creative faith expression. JC Live's summer picnic is another highlight.

YPF: One of the highlights of the past year was witnessing four members of YPF confirming their faith. We are also encouraged by the new group named the 'Interim' which was founded and is led by past YPF members. Each member's dedication has been inspiring, whether in worship, all age services, or supporting one another through their journey of faith.

Interim is a group for university aged young people that gives an opportunity for its members to meet with their peers to talk openly in a place of security and vulnerability. It is helping young people to walk in faith, and work through the challenges we encounter, in part, because of our common stage of life. They meet on the first and last Sunday of each month.

Sanctuary is our young adult congregation - a community of people in their 20s & 30s following Jesus by exploring spirituality, justice and leadership. Highlights included a teaching series on Spiritual Disciplines; refining the Rhythm of Life; Revising their Prayer Quintets; and visiting The Big Church Day Out.

Visitor Hosts and Archives

Post pandemic, we have only been able to offer limited Visitor Services, due to a reduction in staffing levels. However, we are still able to offer some tours of the building, and resource our Archives for Mission, helping us to tell the story of Methodism and especially the Forward Movement.

St. Vincent's Family Project

St. Vincent's Family Project has continued to provide help to vulnerable young families in Westminster, this year the numbers increasing to pre Covid-19 levels (180), fuelled by the continuing cost-of-living crisis. A major theme has therefore been to support families struggling economically. Overall demand for support continues to rise, costs and income have been challenging resulting in us closing services in early July, but re-opening by September thanks to support from our community, including the Methodist Central Hall Church. Deacon Ali McMillan acts as a Chaplain and as Trustee.

New and Future Initiatives

New Initiatives:

- We have launched several new projects, including three new house groups, a Men's Fellowship which is developing gradually, Interim (a group for university aged young people), and a Neighbourhood Evangelism Team to reach out to our local community. We await the arrival of bespoke materials, including leaflets, T-shirts, banners, pins, and other resources for our community engagement efforts.

Here are some selected new projects we are working on:

- The installation of new AV and online broadcast facilities in the Chapel and in the Great Hall next year.
- The Circuit Meeting, with the approval if the Connexional Trustees, has given the Circuit Stewards permission to sell our Battersea manse which is owned 51% by the Westminster Circuit and 49% by the Connexional Trustees. This will help the Circuit to buy its own manse and release capital for the Trustees.
- We are continuing to work on becoming an Eco Church, in partnership with CHW Ltd.
- We are building links with the London Prison's Mission.

Financial Plans for 2024/25

We have prepared for the year on the basis that staff levels within the Church will remain the same as 2023/24. In 2024/25 there will be no grant from the Conference Property Trustees and in order to compensate for this, a Mission Investment Anniversary Appeal (MIA150) has been launched, with the intention of raising £150k per annum for the next five years, incorporating what previously would have been anniversary giving. We are initially budgeting for a deficit of £70k in 2024/25, which will result in there being no Contingency at the end of 2024/25. There will however be approximately £65k in other Designated Funds that could be used as Contingency if needed. The Church Trustees continue to explore other sources of funding and grants.

The membership is also considering prayerfully how to increase their giving in order to move forward with the Kingdom Agenda. We continue to trust in God, who has faithfully brought us thus far!

Financial Review

The Church finished the year with an overall surplus of £32,769 (£65,189 surplus in 2022/23) and therefore increased its funds from £366,573, in 2022/23, to £399,341 in 2023/24. However, there was a decrease of £39,612 in the General Fund, resulting in a zero balance despite a transfer in from Contingency of £85,190.

The decrease in the General Fund was offset by a surplus of £72,382 in Restricted and Designated Funds, giving an overall positive balance of £399,341 across all funds. There was a net transfer of £54,907 from Designated to General Funds, (£85,190 from Contingency and £30,283 to the designated Tithe Fund).

The statement of accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 is attached.

Income

Church income in total was £612,583.

General Fund income decreased to £419,486 from £523,145 in 2022/23. The main movements are shown below:

- Increase in Giving of £24.5k from Offerings, Donations and the Anniversary Appeal.
- There was no Special Appeal in 2023/4, which had raised £76.4k in the previous year.
- The Trustees Grant decreased by £105k.
- Bank Interest increased by £8k due to a rise in interest rates.
- Legacy Income increased by £2k.
- Income from Special Events increased by £16.7k, but this was largely offset by a commensurate increase in expenditure.
- A grant of £26.3k was received in 2023/24 from the London Methodist District Advance Fund.

Income received in Restricted and Designated Funds was £193.1k compared to £40.4k in 2022/23. The main movements were a £50k grant from the Methodist Connexion for Live Streaming of Services and a £96.4k donation for the Great Hall Broadcasting Project.

Expenditure

General Fund spending has increased by £72.4k to £514.1k (2022/23 £441.7k). There were some key variances within these total figures:

- Admin Salaries increased by £32.6k due to Finance Staff being in post for the whole year compared to only from December in 2022/23 and Church Administrator costs being paid by the church from March 2024. These costs had previously been borne by the Connexional Property Trustees as part of their support for the church.
- Circuit Assessment increased by £35.9k due to an allocation of £20.2k into the Manse Maintenance Fund and Removals Fund and an increase in Circuit costs.
- Special Events increased by £17.6k with £12.4k being spent on the Church Fellowship Retreat and increases in the cost of the Traditional Christmas Carol Service and Christmas and Anniversary Lunches. These additional costs were largely offset by an increase in income.
- Advertising costs decreased by £9.1k due to the cessation of Methodist Recorder advertisements.

Designated and Restricted Fund expenditure increased by £9.1k to £65.7k (2022/23 £56.6k). The key movements are detailed below:

- Tithe Grants increased by £7.9k, due to increased giving in 2022/23, resulting from increased church attendance post Covid. (The grants are made in the financial year following the year of giving.)

Total Funds for the Church have increased to £399,341 (2022/23 £366,573) with £0 (2022/23 £39,612) in the General Fund and £399,341 in Restricted and Designated Funds (2022/23 £326,961).

In 2023/24, £30.3k has been transferred from Church General Funds to Designated and Restricted Funds, comprising:

- the allocation to the Tithe Fund, (an increase from 2022/23 due to increased levels of giving) and

- the transfer of £85,190 from the Contingency Fund to General Funds to meet the deficit. As a result, the Contingency at the end of 2023/24 is £62.8k, which represents less than three months' worth of average essential expenditure (including payments to the Circuit).

  The Budget for 2024/25, however, has a significant deficit, which will result in there being no Contingency at the end of the year. There will however be approximately £65k in other Designated Funds.

We are truly thankful for God's grace and favour, which has sustained the Church, for the Connexional Property Trustees and the Connexion, the London District, the staff of Central Hall Westminster Ltd, our members and regular worshippers (new and not so new) and supporters from all over, whose prayers, generosity and support have kept us throughout this most unusual year. To God be the glory! We look forward to exciting times ahead.

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER CHURCH

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in July 2014.

Full Name of Church**:**	**Methodist Central Hall Westminster**
Charity Registration Number:	**1145076**
Date of registration:	**15 December 2011**
Main communication address:	**Methodist Central Hall, Storey's Gate, Westminster, London SW1H 9NH**

The members of the Methodist Central Hall Westminster Church Council are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit and church office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual Church Meeting. A full list of Council membership is shown in the notes to this report.

Circuit Stewards:	**Helen Tudor**	(Senior – July 2024 to date)
	Joseph Adjei	(Senior until June 2024)
	Ama Ackah-Yensu	(2014 to date)
	Grace Sangmuah	(June 2024 to date)
	John Bernasko	(June 2024 to date)
	Genevieve Patnelli	(June 2024 to date)
	Ekoh West	(June 2024 to date)
Treasurer:	**Ama Ackah-Yensu**	
Independent Examiner:	**Buzzacott LLP** 130 Wood St London EC2V 6DL	
Bank:	**HSBC** The Peak 333 Vauxhall Bridge Road Victoria London SW1V 1EJ	
Investment Bankers:	**Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church**	

Aims and Objectives
The charity's objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around Westminster for the Methodist Church:

Our vision is to be a global Christian family following Jesus in the heart of London.

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

1. The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
2. Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
3. Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church; and
4. Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

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

Structure, Governance and Management
The governing document for the Methodist Church of Great Britain is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

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

Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Stewards and Ministerial Team with input from the Circuit Leadership team. Trusteeship is exercised by the elected members of the Circuit Meeting.

Trustee Training
Trustees are pointed to a range of guidance produced by The Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees.

Related Parties
The Circuit is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. It consequently locates itself in both its polity and structure. In structural terms the Westminster Circuit is one of some 35 circuits (groupings of local churches) making up the London Methodist District. In terms of Polity and Constitution it, like all Methodist circuits, is accountable to the annual Methodist Conference.

Somewhat unusually, the Westminster Circuit consists of only one local society (church): Methodist Central Hall Westminster, which consequently is constituted so that wherever possible, local church and local circuit matters share the same constitution (by applying annually Methodist Standing Order 511).

Another unusual aspect of the Circuit/Church is the fact that its Trustees *of the Building* are appointed annually by the annual Conference of the Methodist Church of Great Britain, rather than, more commonly, the circuit meeting.

A third related party, in addition to the Circuit and the Trustees is Central Hall Westminster Ltd, a not-for-profit company formed in 1999 to run an events and conference business using the large and prestigious premises in central London.

Regular meetings of each of these three entities take place, with the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent ministers being members of each of the three, thereby having a strategic overview of the total ministry of the Circuit and its related parties.

Risk Management

The major risks associated with the life and ministry of the Circuit, located in Methodist Central Hall Westminster, are identified and recorded by the Trustees, with professional advice taken as required. An annual review process is undertaken and recorded. In terms of financial governance, income and expenditure are regularly and routinely monitored and are compared with the approved annual budget on at least a quarterly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

We note the following items, all of which are on the Risk Register.

- An annual grant to the Church, which is one of the main sources of funding for the Circuit is given by the Trustees. This is made possible by profits made by Central Hall Westminster Ltd. Any 'lean years' – and particularly several lean years – would affect the ability of the Trustees to award the grant.
- The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the operations of Central Hall Westminster Ltd was immense. The building's closure and consequent hibernation of the business has meant that profits which would have been tithed to the Trustees have dried up, thus impacting their ability to provide the same level of grant to the Church, as with previous years.
- The as yet unknown plan relating to the 'decanting' of the House of Commons and House of Lords from the Palace of Westminster. Methodist Central Hall Westminster is, because of its proximity, was one of a handful of buildings that was considered.
- The ever-present risk of terror attacks and security breaches, given the location of the church. For the past four years the Metropolitan Police have estimated the risk of such as 'severe' and give regular security briefings to Circuit officials as to office holders of other large buildings in and around Parliament Square.
- The damage to reputation, given the high usage of the premises by very many clients.
- Safeguarding risks, exacerbated by the very high numbers of people using the building each week. In line with Methodist rulings, safeguarding procedures have, and continue to be, improved and overhauled.

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults.

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

The Methodist Central Hall Westminster Church commits itself to: -

- Ensuring the implementation of the Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.
- The provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

The Safeguarding Policy is approved annually by the Church Council and revised in line with guidelines and directives from the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Church is to aim to hold a contingency sum equivalent to a minimum of three months', and ideally six months', average expenditure. This is deemed to be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure and/or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise funds to cover the Church's full expenses, including the assessment payable to the Circuit.

The Contingency Fund as at 31 August 2024 was £62.8k, which is equivalent to less than three months' average expenditure. The budgeted deficit for 2024/5 will use up the entire Contingency. The Church Council will continue to monitor this and endeavour to take measures to restore and maintain reserves at a healthy level.

Signed: _____ **Date:** 30 March 2025

Revd Anthony Miles (Chair of Trustees)

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2023/24 Totals		2022/23 Totals
		£	£	£	£		£
Income and Endowments From:							
Donations and Legacies							
Offerings and Tax recoverable	10	184,507	0	0	184,507		170,151
Donations	10	52,128	0	0	52,128		42,115
Anniversary Giving		20,776	0	0	20,776		20,651
Special Appeal		385	0	0	385		76,449
Grant (Trustees)	11	75,000	0	0	75,000		180,000
Donations for Use of Rooms		3,160	0	0	3,160		3,088
Visitors Services & Catering	12	1,058	0	0	1,058		1,414
Legacies		7,000	0	0	7,000		5,000
Interest and Investment Income	13	17,507	0	0	17,507		9,501
Other							
Special Events	14	31,364	0	0	31,364		14,664
Church Groups	15	310	0	0	310		112
District Advancement Fund Grant		26,291	0	0	26,291		0
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	9	0	2,445	0	2,445		3,190
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0	0	190,652	190,652		37,204
Total Income and Endowments		**419,486**	**2,445**	**190,652**	**612,583**		**563,539**

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2023/24 Totals		2022/23 Totals
Expenditure		£	£	£	£		£
Office & Ministry Staff		123,617	0	0	123,617		91,043
Travel Expenses (Healing Ministry)		1,099	0	0	1,099		0
Circuit Assessment		232,934	0	0	232,934		197,064
Office Supplies	16	22,289	0	0	22,289		26,794
Internal Organisations and Events							
Sanctuary		1,306	0	0	1,306		1,084
Church Groups	17	3,705	0	0	3,705		2,072
Special Events	18	50,504	0	0	50,504		32,852
Other Expenditure							
Music Account	19	55,349	0	0	55,349		54,449
Other expenditure	20	25,023	0	0	25,023		26,427
Advertising		0	0	0	0		9,113
Grants & Donations	21	19,280	0	0	19,280		20,730
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	9	0	30,166	0	30,166		22,243
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0	0	35,542	35,542		34,399
Circuit Payment for Services Provided		(21,000)	0	0	(21,000)		(19,920)
Total Expenditure		**514,106**	**30,166**	**35,542**	**579,814**		**498,350**
Net Income / (Expenditure)		**(94,620)**	**(27,721)**	**155,110**	**32,769**		**65,189**
Transfers Between Restricted Funds and General Funds		55,008	(54,907)	(101)	0		0
Net Income after transfers		**(39,612)**	**(82,628)**	**155,010**	**32,769**		**65,189**
Total funds brought forward		**39,612**	**241,200**	**85,761**	**366,573**		**301,384**
Total funds carried forward		**0**	**158,572**	**240,770**	**399,341**		**366,573**

For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

	2023/24 £	2022/23 £
Balance brought forward from last year	0	2,082
Correction to balance brought forward*	0	(2,082)
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	11,003	9,289
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	(8,414)	(9,289)
Balance carried forward	**2,589**	**0**

*These amounts relate to activities carried out within the organisation of Methodist Central Hall Church and are not external organisations and so correction has been made to reflect this.

The balance of £2,589 represents monies donated at funeral and memorial services. As at the year-end, the church was awaiting information from families on how they were to be allocated.

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS						
CHURCH BALANCE SHEET for the Year Ended 31 August 2024						
	Notes	**Unrestricted Fund (General)**	**Designated Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**2023/24 Totals**	**2022/23 Totals**
Current Assets		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Debtors and prepayments	25	36,187	0	32,468	68,654	44,823
Cash at bank and in hand	26	(24,183)	43,607	0	19,424	37,936
Central Finance Board deposit	27	0	114,964	208,302	323,266	303,622
Total current assets		**12,003**	**158,571**	**240,770**	**411,344**	**386,380**
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	28	(12,003)		0	(12,003)	(19,807)
Net current assets		**0**	**158,571**	**240,770**	**399,341**	**366,573**
Total assets less current liabilities		**0**	**158,571**	**240,770**	**399,341**	**366,573**
Net assets		**0**	**158,571**	**240,770**	**399,341**	**366,573**
Funds of the Church						
Unrestricted Fund (General)		0	0	0	0	39,612
Other Funds (restricted & designated)		0	158,571	240,770	399,341	326,961
Total funds		**0**	**158,571**	**240,770**	**399,342**	**366,573**

I confirm that these accrual-based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Signed: _____ **Date:** 30 March 2025

Ama Ackah-Yensu (Treasurer)

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the Church Council at its meeting on 30 March 2025 and were approved.

Signed: _____ **Date:** 30 March 2025

Revd Tony Miles (Chair of the Church Council)

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS					
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2023					
	Notes	**Unrestricted Fund (General)**	**Designated Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**2022/23 Totals**
		£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Income and Endowments From:					
Donations and Legacies					
Offerings and Tax recoverable	13	170,151	0	0	170,151
Donations	13	42,115	0	0	42,115
Anniversary Giving		20,651	0	0	20,651
Special Appeal		76,449	0	0	76,449
Grant (Trustees)	14	180,000	0	0	180,000
Donations for Use of Rooms		3,088	0	0	3,088
Visitors Services & Catering	15	1,414	0	0	1,414
Legacies		5,000	0	0	5,000
Interest and Investment Income	16	9,501	0	0	9,501
Other					
Special Events	17	14,664	0	0	14,664
Church Groups	18	112	0	0	112
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	3,190	0	3,190
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0		37,204	37,204
Total Income and Endowments		**523,145**	**3,190**	**37,204**	**563,539**

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS					
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2023					
	Notes	**Unrestricted Fund (General)**	**Designated Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**2022/23 Totals**
Expenditure		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Office & Ministry Staff		91,043	0	0	91,043
Circuit Assessment		197,064	0	0	197,064
Office Supplies	19	26,794	0	0	26,794
Internal Organisations and Events					
Sanctuary		1,084	0	0	1,084
Church Groups	20	2,072	0	0	2,072
Special Events	21	32,852	0	0	32,852
Other Expenditure					
Music Account	22	54,449	0	0	54,449
Other expenditure	23	26,427	0	0	26,427
Advertising		9,113	0	0	9,113
Grants & Donations	24	20,730	0	0	20,730
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	22,243	0	22,243
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0	0	34,399	34,399
Circuit Payment for Services Provided		**(19,920)**	**0**	**0**	**(19,920)**
Total Expenditure		**441,708**	**22,243**	**34,399**	**498,350**
Net Income / (Expenditure)		81,437	(19,053)	2,805	65,189
Transfers Between Restricted Funds and General Funds		(27,694)	27,694	0	0
Net Income after transfers		**53,743**	**8,641**	**2,805**	**65,189**
Total funds brought forward		**(14,131)**	**232,559**	**82,956**	**301,384**
Total funds carried forward		**39,612**	**241,200**	**85,761**	**366,573**

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METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS
CHURCH BALANCE SHEET for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2022/23 Totals
Current Assets		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Debtors and prepayments	25	44,823	0	0	44,823
Cash at bank and in hand	26	14,293	0	23,642	37,935
Central Finance Board deposit	27	0	241,200	62,422	303,622
Total current assets		**59,116**	**241,200**	**86,064**	**386,380**
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	28	(19,504)		(303)	(19,807)
Net current assets		**39,612**	**241,200**	**85,761**	**366,573**
Total assets less current liabilities		**39,612**	**241,200**	**85,761**	**366,573**
Net assets		**39,612**	**241,200**	**85,761**	**366,573**
Funds of the Church					
Unrestricted Fund (General)		39,612	0	0	39,612
Other Funds (restricted & designated)		0	241,200	85,761	326,961
Total funds		**39,612**	**241,200**	**85,761**	**366,573**

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL
Westminster Church

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2024

1. Basis of accounting

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost Convention.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The Charity is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102 and therefore the Charity also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the 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 (The FRS 102 Charities SORP) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

Going Concern

Following the suspension of the grant from the Connexional Property Trustees, the Church Trustees have put in place the Mission Investment Anniversary Appeal to raise extra funds for the next five years to plug the gap in the finances. Grant funding has been secured for subsequent years and further sources are being pursued. These measures, along with existing contingency funds for the next twelve months, will ensure the operational existence of the Church. A review of the Church's mission plan and ways of working for the medium term is also being undertaken. Overall, therefore, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and do not consider there to be any threat to the going concern status. Therefore, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements and confirm there are no material uncertainties at the date of the approval of these financial statements.

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds, which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the notes to the Accounts.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis

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

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the funds, the receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

Cash and Cash Equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Grants
Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church
These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and individually cost at least £5,000. There is no freehold property owned by the Church.

Financial instruments
Basic financial instruments are measured at amortised cost.

Debtors and creditors
Debtors and creditors receivable or payable within one year of the reporting date are carried at their transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost less any impairment.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement
In preparing financial statements it is necessary to make certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. There are no judgements and estimates are considered by the Trustees to have a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

4. Trustees

None of the Trustees, or persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the Church or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31 August 2024

	2023/24	2022/23
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	5	5
	£	£
Total amount paid	5,932	5,028

Nature of expenses claimed: Car mileage, public transport, hospitality and miscellaneous. These expenses have been incurred by the trustees in the course of fulfilling their pastoral responsibilities.

5. Independent Examiners Fees

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Fees for reporting the accounts	1,950	1,680

6. Paid Employees

Staff costs (excluding stipends) during the year were as below: -

	2023/24 £	2022/23 £
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	134,288	103,266
Employer's National Insurance	9,449	6,073
Pension costs	5,392	5,728
Total Staff Costs	149,129	115,068
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were	4.2	4.9

7. Reserves Policy

	2023/24 £	2022/23 £
General Funds held	62,810	148,000

The current level of reserves is equivalent to less than 3 months of average expenditure including payments made to the Circuit.

Policy for Restricted Funds
No policy as such except that such funds may only be used for the purpose for which they have been given / donated.

Terms relating to Endowment Funds
No such funds are held by the church.

This Reserves Policy has been approved by the Church Council.

8. Related Parties

Name of related party	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to related party during the year	Amounts owed by related party as on 31 Aug 2024
		£	£	£	£
Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons	Gift made by Church	0	200	0	0
Fund for Property	Gift made by Church	0	330	0	0
Total		**0**	**530**	**0**	**0**

9. Details of Designated and Restricted Funds

CHURCH FUNDS	Balance B/Fwd 01/09/23	Income	Expenditure	Transfer Between Funds	Balance C'Fwd 31/08/24
FUNDS	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Designated					
Sunday Catering	401	2,445	(2,281)	0	565
Tithe	27,902	0	(27,885)	30,283	30,300
Tithe Reserve	3,400	0	0	0	3,400
CD Project	14,517	0	0	0	14,517
AVA & Server Replacement	10,122	0	0	0	10,122
Church Space Refurbishment & Maintenance	23,858	0	0	0	23,858
Digital Outreach and Engagement	12,000	0	0	0	12,000
Parliamentary Fellowship	1,000	0	0	0	1,000
Contingency	148,000	0	0	(85,190)	62,810
TOTAL DESIGNATED	**241,200**	**2,445**	**(30,166)**	**(54,907)**	**158,572**
Restricted					
Flower & Hymn Sheet Fund	4,306	4,140	(3,403)	(10)	5,033
Special Offerings to be Donated	0	4,805	(1,529)	(865)	2,411
Fees to Be Paid Away for Special Services	0	2,540	(3,627)	1,265	178
Night Shelter	1,488	0	(185)	0	1,303
Welcome Box Project	593	0	0	(593)	0
Christian Aid	0	2,015	(2,015)	0	0
Action for Children	0	94	(94)	0	0
World Mission Easter Offering	0	1,149	(1,149)	0	0
Benevolent Fund	5,544	8,951	(6,527)	193	8,161
Music & Worship Legacy	45,650	50	0	0	45,700
Organ Recital Fund	30	2,284	(2,374)	0	(59)
Friends of Westminster	150	50	0	0	200
Ghana Fellowship	2,550	2,004	(2,406)	0	2,148
Sierra Leone & Gambia Fellowship	193	306	0	10	509
Live streaming - Online Services	25,256	65,837	(12,233)	(23,101)	55,760
Great Hall Broadcasting	0	96,427	0	23,000	119,427
Total Restricted Funds	**85,760**	**190,652**	**(35,542)**	**(101)**	**240,771**
TOTAL RESTRICTED & DESIGNATED FUNDS	**326,960**	**193,097**	**(65,707)**	**(55,008)**	**399,342**
General Fund	**39,612**	**419,486**	**(514,106)**	**55,008**	**0**
TOTAL FUNDS	**366,572**	**612,583**	**(579,813)**	**0**	**399,342**

The balance of Designated and Restricted Funds has increased by £72,381. There has been a net transfer to Church General Funds of £55,008, being £30,283 to the Tithe Fund for distribution to other charitable organisations nominated by church members and £85,190 being the transfer from Contingency to General Funds

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2023/24		2022/23	
INCOME	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
General Funds (Unrestricted)				
Note 10 - Offerings and tax recoverable				
Envelope Scheme	49,540		59,746	
Banker's Orders	57,041		41,779	
Loose Cash	39,389		39,370	
Tax recovered	34,524		25,934	
Charities Trust	1,048		1,446	
Lunchtime Services	2,965		1,675	
Wednesday@Westminster	0		201	
		184,507		170,151
Donations		52,128		42,115
		236,635		212,266
Note 14 - Trustees Grant				
SVFP Grant	5,250		12,600	
SVFP Rent	7,500		18,000	
Church Grant General	62,250		149,400	
		75,000		180,000
Note 15 - Visitors Services				
Visitor services - Donations	1,058		1,414	
		1,058		1,414
Note 16 - Interest & investment income				
Dividend Income	19		15	
Deposit interest	17,488		9,486	
		17,507		9,501
Note 17 -Special Events				
Daffodil Day	3,154		2,198	
Christmas Lunch	3,422		2,224	
Prayer and Healing Ministry including Conference	3,044		1,860	
The Gathering	2,325		489	
Carol Service	4,755		4,792	
Anniversary Dinner	2,894		1,600	
Church Fun Fellowship Retreat	9,658		400	
Evangelistic Events	160		0	
Bookstall Sales	1,659		1,101	
Miscellaneous	293		0	
		31,364		14,664
Note 18 - Church Groups & Ministries				
JC Live	182		12	
Sanctuary	128		0	
Eco Church	0		100	
		310		112

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2023/24		2022/23	
EXPENDITURE	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Note 19 Office Supplies				
Photocopying	2,914		3,248	
General Stationery	2,411		3,517	
Printing	2,873		3,018	
Literature	241		1,786	
Easter Offering / Gift envelopes	310		1,186	
Postage	1,435		1,569	
Computer Purchases	3,043		11,956	
Computer Software	7,742		0	
Finance Commission Fees	1,222		0	
Office Equipment & Supplies	98		514	
		22,289		26,794
Note 20 Church Groups				
JC Live	530		1,282	
YPF	59		718	
Creche	24		0	
Wednesday Lunchtime Services	48		0	
Support for Missions	3,044		72	
		3,705		2,072
Notes 21 -Special Projects & Events				
Daffodil Day	6,163		5,778	
Christmas Lunch	4,739		5,633	
Prayer and Healing Conference	3,086		2,738	
Gathering	5,399		3,125	
Fun and Fellowship Weekend	12,460		31	
Evangelistic Event	1,862		0	
Carol Service	10,651		8,442	
Anniversary Lunch	5,644		4,020	
Cathedral Events	500		3,085	
		50,504		32,852
Note 22 Music Account				
Fees for Musicians	24,146		23,905	
Salaries	30,651		30,146	
Music Expenses	552		398	
		55,349		54,449

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2023/24		2022/23	
RESOURCES EXPENDED	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Note 23 - Other expenditure				
Pulpit supply	2,705		2,471	
Lay training	1,830		2,464	
Website development & maintenance	4,823		1,212	
In-house hospitality / Volunteers Dinner	0		499	
Ministers Hospitality	666		473	
Church Members Hospitality	301		0	
Bank charges	3,221		2,239	
Miscellaneous	6,134		9,794	
Church Insurance	286		47	
Materials and Items for Services	2,384		2,180	
Professional Subscriptions	322		563	
Bookstall Expenditure	401		2,805	
Independent Examiners Fees	1,950		1,680	
		25,023		26,427
Note 24 Grants & Donations				
The Fund for the Support of Presbyters and Deacons	200		200	
Property Fund	330		330	
London Mission Fund	0		200	
		530		730
St Vincent's Family Project		18,750		20,000
		19,280		20,730

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2023/24		2022/23	
BALANCE SHEET NOTES	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Note 25 - Debtors and Prepayments				
Debtors				
Accrued Income				
Gift Aid for General Fund	29,768		27,000	
Special Appeal Including Gift Aid	5,000		15,412	
		34,768		42,412
Prepaid Expenses				
Church Insurance	250		236	
Fun & Fellowship Retreat	0		2,176	
Lay Training	453		0	
Circuit Assessment	715		0	
Restricted Fund Great Hall Broadcasting	32,468		0	
		33,886		2,412
		68,654		44,824
Note 26 - Cash at Bank and in hand				
General Fund - HSBC Current Account				
General Fund - HSBC Current Account		(23,771)		14,123
General Fund Sanctuary Account		309		309
General Fund - HSBC Credit Card		(746)		(176)
General Fund Petty Cash		25		37
Designated Funds - HSBC Current Account		43,607		23,642
		19,424		37,935
Note 27 - Central Finance Board				
Designated Funds	114,964		241,200	
Restricted Funds	208,302		62,422	
		323,266		303,622
		323,266		303,622
Note 28 - Creditors (due in under 1 year)				
Accrued Expenses				
Independent Examiners Fees	1,950		1,680	
Staff expenses / Musicians	7,053		4,514	
Hospitality	0		334	
Photocopying, Printing & Stationery	2,433		2,278	
Computer Supplies & Multi Media	73		114	
Website Maintenance & Development	0		3	
Bank Charges	164		0	
Advertising	0		8,813	
Musicians and Music Materials	0		185	
Church Groups	330		841	
Church Insurance	0		283	
Circuit Assessment	0		376	
Designated / Restricted Funds	0		303	
		12,003		19,724
Deferred Income				
Circuit Reallocation Fund	0		83	
		0		83
		12,003		19,807

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER

Church Trustees as at 31 August 2024

The following served as trustees during the year and/or were trustees at the date of signing the accounts.

Revd Tony Miles	Ollie McEwen
Revd Lansford Penn-Timity	Joe Awotwi
Deacon Alison McMillan	Tony Ackah-Yensu
Revd Gordon Newton	Alison Bryan
Revd Dr Joyce Popoola	Judith Mitchell
Joseph Adjei	Philippa Muir
Helen Tudor	Omotayo Roberts
Grace Sangmuah	Charlotte Rankin
Genevieve Patnelli	Sarita Lightfoot-Taylor
John Bernasko	Esther Thomas
Ekoh West	Mark Williamson
Ama Ackah-Yensu	Kate Jones
Esther Buckman	Seth Kofi Otoo
Abdul Bah	Chika Unaka
Regina Boye	Aretha Solanke
Comfort Golightly	Charles Bushell
Shirley Bernisto	Claudia Milton-Cole
Grace Kermah	Felicity Arkhurst
Jocelyn Boafo	Ynes Lightfoot-Taylor
Stafford Thomas	Cecilia Achila
Nana Ama Larbi-Amoah	Angela Stafford-Sampson
Doreen Aidoo	John Philips
Maame Doku Djan-Krofa	Liz Gosling
Denzil Cummings-John	Norman Guerzon
Lisa Barrett	Claudia Cummings
Helen Onilado	Daniel Larbi
Kim Myoung Soon	Rose Senny

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Methodist Central Hall Westminster

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the Trustees of the Charity, 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, 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 my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- 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.

Katharine Patel ACA
Buzzacott LLP
Chartered Accountants
130 Wood Street
London EC2V 6DL

30 March 2025

WESTMINSTER METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1145076

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH

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ACCRUALS BASIS

For the year ended 31 August 2023

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER

Registered Charity No 1145076

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Doreen Aidoo

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Ama Ackah-Yensu

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER CHURCH
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

This Annual Report gives an account of the mission and ministry of Methodist Church Central Hall Westminster. It represents considerable commitment on the part of its members, who both gather for worship and learning, and disperse in witness, being involved in a variety of means of service.

Aims and Organisation

Our mission is to be a vital Christian presence in the heart of London. Our vision statement declared on the order of worship each week is: "Methodist Central Hall Westminster – a global Christian family following Jesus at the heart of London."

We want the Central Hall building to be used not only by the worshipping community at its heart, but also to engage with the beating 'heart' and life of London, and especially Westminster. We aim to deepen our existing relationships with Westminster Abbey, Westminster Cathedral, Church Together in Westminster, the Houses of Parliament, Scotland Yard, etc. The two foci of the church's mission are 'nurture' and 'outreach'. This includes our seeking to:

- Engage local issues and support local charities: The Saint Vincent Family Project (which we host on site), The Westminster Food Bank, The Westminster SWEP Night shelter, The Passage (helping homeless people), the London Prison's Mission, and working at reviving the Methodist Parliamentary Fellowship.
- Build links with the Church worldwide as a 'cathedral for Methodism'.
- Grow MCHW's social media presence and developing a respected and popular online ministry, including livestreaming regular bespoke services, serving our housebound members, and Methodists around the connexion and globally. New initiatives include online Lent, Advent, Alpha, and Bible study courses online.
- Develop MCHW's respected and balanced healing ministry and developing our pastoral care.
- Provide Visitor Services, with hosts giving tours of the building, and Archives for Mission, helping us to tell the story of methodism and especially the Froward Movement.
- Host MCHW's own special events (Including Daffodil Day, the Parliamentary Covenant Service, Traditional Carols service, Jazz Carols, Jazz Vespers, and other gatherings) sometimes partnering with other organisations, like Premier Radio and the BBC, and helping to facilitate other Christian and charity events.
- Establish new initiatives, including becoming an Eco Church, setting up a Neighbourhood Team, and we are about to launch 3 new house groups.
- Growing MCHW's wide-ranging worship on Sundays and mid-week, including MCHW's renowned choir, and the hosting of organ recitals.
- Maintaining and growing our healthy work with children, teenagers, and Young Adults (Sanctuary).

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Queen Elizabeth II's Funeral

A week before the Queen's funeral, media from all over the world started to arrive at MCHW, which would serve as a media centre serving this sad, but historic occasion. It was an honour for MCHW to provide a place of welcome to many broadcasting organisations, including the BBC, ABC, CBS, NBC, and Global Media. We trust we played our part in enabling a Christian service to be accessible to potentially 4.1 billion people worldwide. The BBC broadcast live from MCHW. Revd Tony Miles was interviewed on several occasions, including a seven-minute live broadcast for ABC with news anchor Kyra Phillips. MCHW was necessarily closed to the public during this period, but the Chapel was open for prayer, which was appreciated by visitors and media professionals alike. Central Hall Venues successfully managed and delivered the complex operation. The staff worked long hours and we were pleased with the way that the Company and Church were able to work closely together.

Operation Golden Orb

It was an honour for the Church to work alongside our business and events team to provide a Christian presence and place of welcome to global broadcast organisations as again we became a media centre for the Coronation of King Charles III. Together with the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, these broadcasts reached billions of people worldwide. The company staff did a tremendous job and, as a gesture of support to staff working very long hours, MCHW put together a gift bag including novelty items, sweets, and a text card to encourage them during a stressful time.

Harvest Festival

This year a significant number of gifts brought to our Harvest Festival were given to the Westminster Foodbank and The Passage – helping homeless people in Westminster.

110th Church Anniversary

On Sunday, 9th October 2022, we celebrated our 110th Church Anniversary and former Superintendent Minister, Revd Martin Turner was our guest preacher at all three services. 220 guests attended our Church Anniversary meal which followed the morning service.

Same Sex Marriages

After open, honest, and very prayerful consideration, the MCHW Church Council voted not to make an application to change our policy relating to marriage registration. This means we will be unable to offer same-sex marriages at MCHW. The Church Council wishes to convey that this decision relates to the theology of marriage that is held by many of our members. Those belonging to our congregation who are in a same-sex relationship remain loved, valued, and very welcome within our worshipping

community. As per the guidance of the Methodist Conference, this matter will be discussed every five years and a vote taken.

Churches Together in Westminster
On Monday 23rd January the CTiW AGM was held in the Chapel. Representatives from churches across Westminster came together to do the annual business required, and to discuss our panel conversation on 'Coping with a torn safety net: the church's response to increasing need'. We also had on display for the evening artwork from prisoners in HMP Bronzefield related to their own experiences of homelessness. It was an excellent evening and there will be further work that develops from the conversations that started in at the meeting.

Visitor Hosts and Archives
Our Visitor Services department, which closed during the pandemic, is currently offering weekly tours of the building, as demand is picking up, together with a new initiative 'Archives for Mission". We have had several heritage tours from the USA, including one from Drew Theological College, New Jersey. We also had Methodist Mission Partners visiting us ahead of Methodist Conference. Our focus remains on sharing the Gospel whilst telling our Methodist story and we look forward to developing our visitor centre in the years to come

St. Vincent's Family Project
The SVFP continue to do their work with children and families in the area. The trustees recently had a strategy building meeting and are committed to consolidating and continuing to build on the work that is being done. Financially things are in difficult place at the moment. Over the last two years grants had been awarded that were specifically related to Covid-19 and those are coming to an end, and there are simply fewer avenues of funding available currently as everyone is struggling. The director and his team are working hard to secure funding, but there may need to be savings made in other areas.

Digital Media
We launched our 'Tik Tok' channel in the Autumn of 2022. In just the short period of time to the end of the Methodist year the channel has been active, we have reached over 10,000 views – the majority of these views are for our 'two-minute sermons' edited from our online services. There is a huge Christian community on TikTok, and we are thrilled to be contributing to this.

Online Services and Meetings

MCHW has continued to embrace the power of digital media to connect with our expanding global Christian family. One of the key aspects of MCHW's digital outreach is our weekly online worship services which ensure that people from all corners of the world can participate in worship, regardless of their physical location. Furthermore, MCHW has continued to expand its presence on social media. Our accounts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and this year, TikTok (with over 32,000 views), continue to share inspirational messages, engage in meaningful conversations, and create a virtual community that transcends geographical boundaries.

Our website (mchw.live) is a thriving hub of activity, with over 2,500 people visiting weekly and we welcomed over 45,000 new visitors this year. It provides information about MCHW's history, services, and upcoming events. It also serves as a resource centre, offering access to sermons, devotionals, and other faith-based content, for example, earlier this year we found video of Revd William Sangster preaching in 1948, which you can watch via our 'timeline'. One fruit of the ministerial team being involved in this work is that we have had requests to be involved in other broadcasting initiatives. Revd Lansford Penn-Timity, for example, has recently recorded devotional TV broadcasts for TBN.

Music

Post pandemic, we are delighted that the choir is back and singing is possible again, but we have also realised that there are still some long-term effects, although it is encouraging to see that our congregations are growing again. The choir has done an outstanding job over the last year with relatively small numbers, but we are, like everyone else, short-staffed! In particular, we would welcome some tenors and basses. It is a regular Sunday commitment, but a wonderful way to serve! We would also like to develop the instrumental group who accompany the worship songs.

The success of our online ministry has shown us how important it is to have recordings of hymns and anthems; going forward, it remains one of our goals to record musical items from our own services in order to include congregational singing.

Our Traditional Carol Service remains the highlight of our year and on Sunday 11 December 2022 the MCHW team with Premier Christian Radio hosted the best attended service in recent years, with 1,200 in attendance. The service was recorded for broadcast on Premier Christian Radio on Christmas Day.

We also performed a short cantata within the context of the 7pm Maundy Thursday service.

Our monthly organ matinée concerts have resumed, with a varied selection of players from around the world and are being well-received.

Jazz Vespers / Carols
Jazz Carols was held on Sunday, 18th December. Despite 'competing' against the World Cup Final over 500 people came to hear Jazz Carols in the Great Hall, a service that was recorded for broadcast on Premier Christian Radio on Christmas Eve. It was an extremely well received service with a significant number of people coming to MCHW not only for the first time, but for a significant number it was their first time in a church.

Parliamentary Methodist Covenant Service
This service returned to the St. Mary Undercroft Chapel at The Palace of Westminster on Tuesday 17th January 2023 and was hosted by MCHW. Revd Graham Thompson, President of Conference and Anthony Boateng, VP of Conference, led the Covenant itself; The Revd Helen Cameron, Moderator of the Free Churches Group, preached, and Revd Tony Miles presided over communion. Also participating: Cat Smith MP, Emma Hardy MP, David Linden MP, Revd, the Lord Griffiths of Burry Port; Baroness Anita Gale of Blaenrhondda, Revd Michaela Youngson – Assistant Secretary of Conference; the Revd Nigel Cowgill - Chair of the London Methodist District; the Revd Tricia Hillas, Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons and Canon of Westminster; and the Revd Lansford Penn-Timity, the Revd Dr G. Howard Mellor, and Deacon Ali McMillan from MCHW.

Methodist Parliamentary Fellowship
Following the success of this year's Parliamentary Covenant Service, Revd Tony is hoping to hold a lunch or dinner to launch a new Methodist Parliamentary Fellowship.

Lunch-time Services
Our lunchtime services are building up again now people are returning to their offices. We are partnering with the Connexional Team, who are now located in Church House (across the road). Some Connexional staff are attending and, at the request of the Secretary of Conference, we will be including the names of ministers who have died in our prayers.

Daffodil Day
On Saturday, 4th March, we hosted our Spring Festival for Christian Renewal 'Daffodil Day' in association with Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB). The MCHW team led this with special guests including, Pam Rhodes, The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Neresa Maye from the London Community Gospel Choir, Anando Mukerjee, Anthony Boateng – Vice President of Conference, Ruth Parrott – President of MWiB, James Carver – Methodist Youth President, Revd Nigel Cowgill – London District Chair, and Methodist Ministers Housing Society – marking their 75th Anniversary. The event featured our MCHW Choir.

Confirmation and Reception into Church Membership
Today, the congregation bucks the trend of numerical decline experienced by many Methodist churches. The church community has maintained a vibrant multi-cultural congregation, including Methodists who have their origins from various parts of the world. e.g. Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, The Gambia, The Philippines, Hong Kong, South Korea, Brazil, and so on. On Sunday 18th June we received three new members

by way of Confirmation and 13 new members by way of transfer from other Churches. We are soon to receive two Local Preachers who connected with us through our online services. Some of our transferred members have come through the same route – notably where their local churches have closed - others have come through our online Alpha group. In July our membership stood at 424. Church members are in good heart and worship has been vibrant and uplifting. It is encouraging to see tourists returning and new congregants. A recent visitor, Revd Dr Casely Essamuah, secretary of the Global Christian Forum Foundation visited our morning service. He commented that, on his travels around the world, he hadn't come across such a widely multicultural congregation that successfully holds together a high standard of diverse and blended worship. He also praised our live streamed services. This was very encouraging.

Visit of The Dean
On 14th March we were pleased to welcome to MCHW The Dean of Westminster Abbey and several of his staff. They enjoyed a tour of the building and an opportunity to see how we would be supporting them during the Coronation. This facilitated an opportunity for Abbey staff to meet their counterparts at Central Hall.

Healing Ministry
At our monthly Healing Services there has been a steady increase in the numbers attending. Anointing lines at the end of some services have been reinstated and a good percentage of the congregation are coming forward. Prayer teams are increasingly busy with people waiting for prayer ministry after the Sunday evening Healing Service. We are receiving testimonies of people receiving both physical and emotional healing.

Healing Space, our monthly drop-in, has restarted (and in the 2 hours we are getting some new people attending, as well as regulars.

Healing Conference 2023
Our 2023 Healing Conference theme was "Let the Healing Begin: Freedom from past hurts", with speaker, Jeannie Morgan, who has headed up the healing ministry at Soul Survivor Watford for 30 years. Though numbers are still lower than before the pandemic, at times the team were almost overwhelmed by the numbers of people coming forward and the prayer ministry continued into the breaks. Feedback slips received contained wonderful testimonies of freedom from fears, anxiety, emotional pain, and negative words and a case of physical healing.

Sanctuary (Global leadership Event / Being Christian Entrepreneurs)
Our Sanctuary congregation continues to offer a community for 20s and 30s from across London exploring spirituality, justice, and leadership. They have also hosted some interesting partnership events in partnership with One Rock, including on 9th March 2023 a Global Leadership Summit. This was the first in what could become an annual partnership, running one of the premier leadership training events at our prestigious location. Speakers included Bob Iger, Lynsi Snyder, Vanessa Van Edwards, Stephanie Chung and Craig Groeschel. This first event was a trial run to see if there is demand for future years. On 15th June there was an event with Alianore Smith from International Justice Mission speaking on the campaigns to end modern day slavery; and on the 29th of June a day on Being Christian Entrepreneurs.

Evangelism Initiative
Revd Lansford Penn-Timity is leading a Neighbourhood Evangelism initiative to set up an intentional evangelism group that will conduct soft in-person neighbourhood evangelism within the geographical boundaries of the Circuit. The aim is to reach out with the Good News of Christ to residents in the locality and share some of the good news stories of the church's work here at MCHW.

It has been another busy year with its own trials and opportunities and God has been with us every step of the way. Looking forward, we trust that the best is yet to be!

Plans for 2023/24
Financial plans have been prepared on the basis that staff levels within the Church will increase, with additional administrative staff. The grant from the Conference Property Trustees is forecast to remain at the same level as 2022/23, which is 70% of the 2019/20 (pre Covid-19) levels. We are initially budgeting for a deficit of £129k in 2023/24, which will result in the Contingency being significantly reduced. The level of designated funds will also drop significantly, with the money being invested in broadcasting facilities in the Great Hall to further enable our online ministry. However the Church Trustees have sought and received assurances from the Conference Property Trustees of their continuing support through gradual increases in their grant over time, with the situation being kept under constant review.

The membership are also considering prayerfully how to increase their giving in order to move forward with the Kingdom Agenda. We continue to trust in God, who has faithfully brought us thus far!

Financial Review
Post Covid church activities resumed almost to normal levels. The grant from the Managing Trustees of the building was 70% of pre-pandemic levels.

The Church finished the year with a surplus of £65,189 (£93,544 deficit in 2021/22) and therefore increased its funds from £301,384 in 2021/22 to £366.573, in 2022/23. The increase of £53,743 in the General Fund and £11,446 in Restricted and Designated Funds, resulted in a positive balance of funds in the General Fund of £39,612 and a balance of £326,961 in Restricted and Designated.

Church income in total was £563,539.

The statement of accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 is attached.

<u>Income</u>
General Fund income increased to £523,145 from £349,010 in 2021/22. The main movements are shown below:

- The continued rise in church attendance post Covid and the additional methods for giving meant that there was an
    - increase in regular giving of £21.6k from Offerings and Donations
    - increase in Church Anniversary donations of £8.3k

- There was also a special appeal (Mission Investment 60), which raised £76.4k including Gift Aid
- The Trustees Grant increased by £50k.

Income received in Restricted and Designated Funds was £40.4k compared to £40.2k in 2021/22.

Expenditure

General Fund spending has increased by £37k to £441.8k (2021/22 £404.8k). There were some key variances within these total figures

- Administrative and Lay Ministry salaries increased by £24.9k due to changes in the reporting of recharges to the Circuit. There is now a monthly fixed charge shown separately as opposed to reporting reductions in each expenditure category. In addition staff costs increased due the appointment of a Treasurer's Assistant.
- Office Supplies and Equipment expenditure increased by £11.3k due to additional printing and stationery costs and the purchase of computer equipment, all reflecting increased church activity.
- Other Costs increased by £4.7k due to lay training materials and the purchase of Wesley memorabilia and stock for the bookstall, which has now been revived.
- Grants and Donations increased by £8.4k due to increased donations made to SVFP.
- A refund of £19.9k from the Circuit, for services provided by the Church, has been included as one amount in 2022/23 as opposed to an allocation being offset against individual expenditure categories as in the past.

Designated and Restricted Fund expenditure decreased by £21.4k to £56.6k (2021/22 £78.0). The key movements are detailed below:

- In 2021/22 two years' worth of Tithe Grants were paid out to make up for suspension of the process during the pandemic in 2020/21. In 2022/23 the process returned to normal with just one year's worth of grants.
- Organ Recital expenditure of £2k was incurred in 2022/23, compared to none in 2021/22.

Total Funds for the Church have increased to £366,573 (2021/22 £301,384) with £39,612 (2021/22 negative £14,131) in the General Fund and £326,961 in Restricted and Designated Funds (2021/22 £315,515).

In 2022/23, £27.7k has been transferred from Church General Funds to Designated and Restricted Funds, representing the allocation to the Tithe Fund, which is an increase from 2021/22 due to increased levels of giving.

The Contingency Fund stands unchanged at £148k and represents approximately six months' worth of average essential expenditure (including payments to the Circuit). There was no increase in the Fund in 2022/23. At the start of the year, we expected that Church income might decrease to the extent that some contingency funds would be required to meet ongoing expenditure, but by the grace of God, the Mission Investment 60 Appeal raised enough funds to avert this. The Contingency Fund is included within the Designated total. The Budget for 2023/24 however, has a significant deficit, which will mean that the Contingency will be reduced.

We are truly thankful for God's grace and favour, which has sustained the Church, for the Managing Trustees and the Connexion, the staff of Central Hall Westminster Ltd, our members and regular worshippers (new and not so new) and supporters from all over whose prayers, generosity and support continue to sustain us. We give God all the glory as we look forward to where He will lead us in the coming year and beyond!

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER CHURCH

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in July 2014.

Full Name of Church**:**	**Methodist Central Hall Westminster**
Charity Registration Number:	**1145076**
Date of registration:	**15 December 2011**
Main communication address:	**Methodist Central Hall, Storey's Gate, Westminster, London SW1H 9NH**

The members of the Methodist Central Hall Westminster Church Council are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit and church office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual Church Meeting. A full list of Council membership is shown in the notes to this report.

Circuit Stewards:	**Wesley Gibbs (Senior)** **Helen Tudor** **Joseph Adjei** **Ama Ackah-Yensu**
Treasurer:	**Ama Ackah-Yensu**
Independent Examiner:	**Buzzacott LLP** 130 Wood St London EC2V 6DL
Bank:	**HSBC** The Peak 333 Vauxhall Bridge Road Victoria London SW1V 1EJ
Investment Bankers:	**Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church**

Aims and Objectives
The charity's objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around Westminster for the Methodist Church.:

It aims to be a vital Christian presence in the heart of London, as well as remotely reaching a much wider audience across the world.

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

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

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

Structure, Governance and Management
The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

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

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church and Circuit Stewards and Ministerial Team with input from the Leadership Team.

Trusteeship is exercised by the elected members of the Church Council.

Trustee Training
Trustees are pointed to a range of guidance produced by The Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees.

Related Parties
The Church, like all local Methodist Churches is situated in a Circuit and is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. It consequently locates itself in both its polity and structure. In structural terms the Church is the single Methodist Society in the Westminster Circuit, which is one of some 35 circuits (groupings of local churches) making up the London Methodist District. In terms of Polity and Constitution, it, like all Methodist circuits, is accountable to the annual Methodist Conference.

Somewhat unusually, the Westminster Circuit consists of only one local society (church): Methodist Central Hall Westminster, which consequently is constituted so that wherever possible, local church and local circuit matters share the same constitution (by applying annually Methodist Standing Order 511).

Another unusual aspect of the Circuit/Church is the fact that its Trustees are appointed annually by the annual Conference of the Methodist Church of Great Britain, rather than, more commonly, the circuit meeting and church council.

A third related party, in addition to the Circuit and the Trustees is Central Hall Westminster Ltd, a not-for-profit company formed in 1999 to run an events and conference business using the large and prestigious premises in central London.

Regular meetings of each of these three entities take place, with the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent Ministers being members of each of the three, thereby having a strategic overview of the total ministry of the Circuit and its related parties.

Risk Management

The major risks associated with the life and ministry of the Church, located in Methodist Central Hall Westminster, are identified and recorded by the Trustees, with professional advice taken as required. An annual review process is undertaken and recorded.

In terms of financial governance, income and expenditure are regularly and routinely monitored, and are compared with the approved annual budget on at least a quarterly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process and to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

We note the following items, all of which are noted on the Risk Register.

- An annual grant to the Circuit is given by the Trustees. This is made possible by profits made by Central Hall Westminster Ltd. Any 'lean years' – and particularly several lean years – would affect the ability of the Trustees to award the grant.

- The long-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the operations of Central Hall Westminster Ltd are still being felt. The building's closure and consequent hibernation of the business has meant that profits which would have been tithed to the Trustees have reduced significantly, thus impacting their ability to provide the same level of grant to the Church, as with previous years. Additionally, the cost-of-living crisis with high interest rates and sustained rises in energy costs have all but erased the encouraging signs of recovery post-pandemic.

- The as yet unknown plan relating to the 'decanting' of the House of Commons and House of Lords from the Palace of Westminster. Methodist Central Hall Westminster is, because of its proximity, one of a handful of buildings currently in conversation with 'Black Rod' about what are termed "business continuity talks".

- The ever-present risk of terror attacks and security breaches, given the location of the church. As with recent years the Metropolitan Police continue to estimate the risk of such attacks as 'severe' and give regular security briefings to Circuit officials as to office holders of other large buildings in and around Parliament Square.

- The damage to reputation, given the high usage of the premises by very many clients.

- Safeguarding risks, exacerbated by the very high numbers of people using the building each week. In line with Methodist rulings, safeguarding procedures have, and continue to be improved and overhauled.

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

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

The Methodist Central Hall Westminster Church commits itself to: -

- Ensuring the implementation of the Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

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

The Safeguarding Policy is approved annually by the Church Council and revised in line with guidelines and directives from the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a contingency sum equivalent to a minimum of three months', and ideally six months', average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure and/or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to

raise funds to cover the Church's full expenses, including the assessment payable to the Circuit.

The Contingency Fund as at 31 August 2023 was £148k, which is equivalent to approximately six months' average expenditure.

However, the continuing impact of the pandemic means that the reduced levels of grant from the Conference Property Trustees will most likely continue into 2023/24. Furthermore, high inflation and the cost of living crisis have led to a significant deficit being budgeted for in 2023/24, which will reduce the level of contingency considerably. The Church Council will continue to monitor this and endeavour to take measures to restore and maintain reserves at a healthy level.

Signed: _____ **Date: 10 April 2024**

Revd Anthony Miles (Chair of Trustees)

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

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

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2022/23 Totals		2021/22 Totals
		£	£	£	£		£
Income and Endowments From:							
Donations and Legacies							
Offerings and Tax recoverable	13	170,151	0	0	170,151		150,507
Donations	13	42,115	0	0	42,115		40,194
Anniversary Giving		20,651	0	0	20,651		12,366
Special Appeal		76,449	0	0	76,449		0
Grant (Trustees)	14	180,000	0	0	180,000		130,000
Donations for Use of Rooms		3,088	0	0	3,088		220
Visitors Services & Catering	15	1,414	0	0	1,414		45
Legacies		5,000	0	0	5,000		319
Interest and Investment Income	16	9,501	0	0	9,501		1,317
Other							
Special Events	17	14,664	0	0	14,664		14,020
Church Groups	18	112	0	0	112		22
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	3,190	0	3,190		2,187
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0		37,204	37,204		38,042
Total Income and Endowments		**523,145**	**3,190**	**37,204**	**563,539**		**389,239**

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

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

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2022/23 Totals		2021/22 Totals
Expenditure		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**		**£**
Office & Ministry Staff		91,043	0	0	91,043		66,100
Circuit Assessment		197,064	0	0	197,064		194,023
Office Supplies	19	26,794	0	0	26,794		15,491
Internal Organisations and Events							
Sanctuary		1,084	0	0	1,084		1,634
Church Groups	20	2,072	0	0	2,072		208
Special Events	21	32,852	0	0	32,852		36,726
Other Expenditure							
Music Account	22	54,449	0	0	54,449		55,924
Other expenditure	23	26,427	0	0	26,427		16,694
Advertising		9,113	0	0	9,113		5,672
Grants & Donations	24	20,730	0	0	20,730		12,284
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	22,243	0	22,243		49,012
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0	0	34,399	34,399		29,015
Circuit Payment for Services Provided		(19,920)	0	0	(19,920)		0
Total Expenditure		**441,708**	**22,243**	**34,399**	**498,350**		**482,783**
Net Income / (Expenditure)		**81,437**	**(19,053)**	**2,805**	**65,189**		**(93,544)**
Transfers Between Restricted Funds and General Funds		(27,694)	27,694	0	0		0
Net Income / (Expenditure) after transfers		**53,743**	**8,641**	**2,805**	**65,189**		**(93,544)**
Total funds brought forward		**(14,131)**	**232,559**	**82,956**	**301,384**		**394,928**
Total funds carried forward		**39,612**	**241,200**	**85,761**	**366,573**		**301,384**

For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Balance brought forward from last year	2,082	2,636
Correction to balance brought forward (see note below)	(2,082)	(287)
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	9,289	8,407
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	(9,289)	(8,674)
Balance carried forward	**0**	**2,082**

The balance as at the end of 2021/22 consisted of £1,448 for Night Shelter and £593 for Welcome Box. These are activities carried out within the organisation of Methodist Central Hall Church and are not external organisations. Money donated is treated as Restricted Funds, because it is given for these specific activities, but should not be included as being for External Organisations. This has been an error in previous years and has been corrected in 2022/23.

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

CHURCH BALANCE SHEET for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2022/23 Totals	2021/22 Totals
Current Assets		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Debtors and prepayments	25	44,823	0	0	44,823	31,674
Cash at bank and in hand	26	14,293	0	23,642	37,935	21,616
Central Finance Board deposit	27	0	241,200	62,422	303,622	285,720
Total current assets		**59,116**	**241,200**	**86,064**	**386,380**	**339,010**
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	28	(19,504)	0	(303)	(19,807)	(37,626)
Net current assets		**39,612**	**241,200**	**85,761**	**366,573**	**301,384**
Total assets less current liabilities		**39,612**	**241,200**	**85,761**	**366,573**	**301,384**
Net assets		**39,612**	**241,200**	**85,761**	**366,573**	**301,384**
Funds of the Church						
Unrestricted Fund (General)		39,612		0	39,612	(14,131)
Other Funds (restricted & designated)		0	241,200	85,761	326,961	315,515
Total funds		**39,612**	**241,200**	**85,761**	**366,573**	**301,384**

I confirm that these accrual-based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Signed:_____ **Date: 10 April 2024**

Ama Ackah-Yensu (Treasurer)

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the Church Council at its meeting on 10 April 2024 and were approved.

Signed: _____ **Date: 10 April 2024**

Revd Anthony Miles (Chair of the Church Council)

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

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

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2021/22 Totals
		£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments From:					
Donations and Legacies					
Offerings and Tax recoverable	13	150,507	0	0	150,507
Donations	13	40,194	0	0	40,194
Anniversary Giving		12,366	0	0	12,366
Grant (Trustees)	14	130,000	0	0	130,000
Donations for Use of Rooms		220	0	0	220
Visitors Services & Catering	15	45	0	0	45
Legacies		319	0	0	319
Interest and Investment Income	16	1,317	0		1,317
Other			0	0	0
Special Events	17	14,020	0	0	14,020
Church Groups	18	22	0	0	22
Covid-19 Furlough		0	0	0	0
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	2,187	0	2,187
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0		38,042	38,042
Total Income and Endowments		**349,010**	**2,187**	**38,042**	**389,239**

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METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

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

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2021/22 Totals
Expenditure		£	£	£	£
Office & Ministry Staff		66,100	0	0	66,100
Net Payment for Circuit Expenses excluding mortgage repayments		194,023	0	0	194,023
Office Supplies - Staff and Equipment	19	15,491	0	0	15,491
Internal Organisations and Events					
Sanctuary		1,634	0	0	1,634
Church Groups	20	208	0	0	208
Special Events	21	36,726	0	0	36,726
Other Expenditure					
Music Account	22	55,924	0	0	55,924
Other expenditure	23	16,694	0	0	16,694
Advertising		5,672	0	0	5,672
Grants & Donations	24	12,284	0	0	12,284
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	49,012	0	49,012
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0	0	29,015	29,015
Total Expenditure		**404,756**	**49,012**	**29,015**	**482,783**
Net Income / (Expenditure)		**(55,746)**	**(46,825)**	**9,027**	**(93,544)**
Transfers Between Restricted Funds and General Funds		(20,571)	20,571	0	0
Net Income after transfers		(76,317)	(26,254)	9,027	(93,544)
Total funds brought forward		**62,186**	**258,813**	**73,929**	**394,928**
Total funds carried forward		**(14,132)**	**232,559**	**82,956**	**301,384**

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

CHURCH BALANCE SHEET for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2021/22 Totals
Current Assets		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Debtors and prepayments	25	30,490	0	1,184	31,674
Cash at bank and in hand	26	(7,075)	0	28,691	21,616
Central Finance Board deposit	27	0	232,559	53,161	285,720
Total current assets		**23,415**	**232,559**	**83,036**	**339,010**
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	28	(37,546)	0	(80)	(37,626)
Net current assets		**(14,131)**	**232,559**	**82,956**	**301,384**
Total assets less current liabilities		**(14,131)**	**232,559**	**82,956**	**301,384**
Net assets		**(14,131)**	**232,559**	**82,956**	**301,384**
Funds of the Church					
Unrestricted Fund (General)		(14,131)		0	(14,131)
Other Funds (restricted & designated)		0	232,559	82,956	315,515
Total funds		**(14,131)**	**232,559**	**82,956**	**301,384**

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2023

1. Basis of accounting

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost Convention.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The Charity is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102 and therefore the Charity also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the 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 (The FRS 102 Charities SORP) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

Going Concern

After making reasonable enquiries and receiving assurances from the Conference Property Trustees, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and do not consider there to be any threat to the going concern status. Therefore, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements and confirm there are no material uncertainties at the date of the approval of these financial statements.

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds, which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the notes to the Accounts.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis

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

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the funds, the receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Grants
Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church
These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £2,000. There is no freehold property owned by the Church.

Financial instruments
Basic financial instruments are measured at amortised cost.

Debtors and creditors
Debtors and creditors receivable or payable within one year of the reporting date are carried at their transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost less any impairment.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement
In preparing financial statements it is necessary to make certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. There are no judgements and estimates that are considered by the Trustees to have a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

4.Donations and legacies	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted / Designated**	**2023 Total**	**2022 Total**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Collections	144,217	37,154	**181,371**	**162,133**
Tax credits	25,934	-	**25,934**	**26,155**
Donations	42,115	-	**42,115**	**42,141**
Special Appeal	76,449			
Total	**212,266**	**37,154**	**249,421**	**230,430**
5. Other trading activities	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**2023 Total**	**2022 Total**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
CD Project	-	50	**50**	**500**
Total	**-**	**50**	**50**	**500**
6. Investment income	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**2023 Total**	**2022 Total**
	£	£	**£**	**£**
Central Finance Board	9,486	-	**9,486**	**1,278**
Other	15	-	**15**	**39**
Total	**9,501**	**-**	**9,501**	**1,317**

7. Trustees

None of the Trustees, or persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the Church or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31 August 2023

	2022/23	2021/22
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	5	5
	£	£
Total amount paid	5,028	6,815

Nature of expenses claimed: Car mileage, public transport, hospitality and miscellaneous. These expenses have been incurred by the trustees in the course of fulfilling their pastoral responsibilities.

8. Independent Examiners Fees

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Fees for reporting on the accounts	1,680	1,680
Other fees (for advice, accountancy services etc)	-	-
Total	**1,680**	**1,680**

9. Paid Employees

Staff costs (excluding stipends) during the year were as below: -

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	103,266	70,633
Employer's National Insurance	6,073	3,805
Pension costs	5,728	6,140
Total Staff Costs	**115,068**	**80,578**
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were	4.9	3.9

In prior years a proportion of staff costs and FTE have been allocated to the Circuit, but in 2022/23 the full costs and FTE are shown, with a fixed monthly recharge being made to the Circuit for Services Provided by the Church, which includes the provision of administration and finance services.

10. Reserves Policy

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
General Funds held	148,000	148,000

The current level of reserves is equivalent to approximately 6 months of average expenditure including payments made to the Circuit.

Policy for Restricted Funds
No policy as such except that such funds may only be used for the purpose for which they have been given / donated.

Terms relating to Endowment Funds
No such funds are held by the church.

This Reserves Policy has been approved by the Church Council.

11. Related Parties

Name of related party	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to related party during the year	Amounts owed by related party as on 31 Aug 2023
		£	£	£	£
Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons	Gift made by Church	0	200	0	0
Fund for Property	Gift made by Church	0	330	0	0
London Mission Fund Payment	Gift made by Church	0	200	0	0
Total		**0**	**730**	**0**	**0**

12. Details of Designated and Restricted Funds

CHURCH FUNDS	Balance B/Fwd 01/09/22	Income	Expenditure	Transfer Between Funds	Balance C'Fwd 31/08/23
FUNDS	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	
General - Designated					
Sunday Catering	(88)	2,140	(1,651)	0	401
Tithe	20,800	0	(20,592)	27,694	27,902
Tithe Reserve	3,400	0	0	0	3,400
CD Project	14,467	50	0	0	14,517
AVA & Server Replacement	10,122	0	0	0	10,122
Church Space Refurbishment & Maintenance	23,858	0	0	0	23,858
Digital Outreach and Engagement	12,000	0	0	0	12,000
Parliamentary Fellowship	0	1,000			1,000
Contingency	148,000	0	0	0	148,000
TOTAL DESIGNATED	**232,559**	**3,190**	**(22,243)**	**27,694**	**241,200**
Restricted					
Monday Guild	362	0	0	(362)	0
Flower & Hymn Sheet Fund	2,971	4,036	(2,701)	0	4,306
Special Offerings to be Donated	0	5,158	(4,928)	(230)	0
Fees to Be Paid Away for Special Services	0	1,160	(1,390)	230	0
Night Shelter	1,488	0	0	0	1,488
Welcome Box Project	593	0	0	0	593
Christian Aid	0	1,738	(1,934)	196	0
World Mission Easter Offering	0	1,037	(1,037)	0	0
Benevolent Fund	4,793	6,407	(5,822)	166	5,544
Music & Worship Legacy	45,650	0	0	0	45,650
Organ Recital Fund	110	1,962	(2,042)		30
Friends of Westminster	150	0	0	0	150
Ghana Fellowship	2,547	1,744	(1,740)		2,551
Sierra Leone & Gambia Fellowship	53	240	(100)	0	193
Livestreaming -Online Services	24,239	13,722	(12,705)	0	25,256
Total Restricted Funds	**82,956**	**37,204**	**(34,399)**	**0**	**85,761**
TOTAL RESTRICTED & DESIGNATED FUNDS	**315,515**	**40,394**	**(56,641)**	**27,694**	**326,961**
General Fund	**(14,131)**	**523,145**	**(441,708)**	**(27,694)**	**39,612**
TOTAL FUNDS	**301,384**	**563,539**	**(498,350)**	**0**	**366,573**

The balance of Designated and Restricted Funds has increased by £11,446. There has been a net transfer from Church General Funds of £27,694 to the Tithe Fund for distribution to other charitable organisations nominated by church members.

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

		2022/23		2021/22
BALANCE SHEET NOTES	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Note 25 - Debtors and Prepayments				
Debtors				
Accrued Income				
Gift Aid for General Fund	27,000		29,637	
Special Appeal Including Gift Aid	15,412		0	
Prepaid Expenses		42,412		29,637
Church Insurance	236		0	
Fund and Fellowship Retreat	2,176		0	
Miscellaneous & items for Services	0		179	
Hospitality	0		41	
Printing and Stationery	0		633	
Designated / Restricted Funds	0		1,184	
		2,412		2,037
		44,824		31,674
Note 26 - Cash at Bank and in hand				
General Fund - HSBC Current Account				
General Fund - HSBC Current Account		14,123		-7,630
General Fund Sanctuary Account		309		309
General Fund - HSBC Credit Card		-176		0
General Fund Petty Cash		37		247
Restricted Funds HSBC		23,642		28,690
		37,935		21,616
Note 27 - Central Finance Board				
Designated Funds	241,200		232,559	
Restricted Funds	62,422		53,161	
General Fund	0		0	
		303,622		285,720
		303,622		285,720
Note 28 - Creditors (due in under 1 year)				
Accrued Expenses				
Independent Examiners Fees	1,680		1,680	
Staff expenses / Musicians	4,514		5,113	
Hospitality	334		0	
Digital Outreach Salary & Expenses	0		788	
Photocopying & Printing	2,278		1,953	
Computer Supplies & Multi Media	114		751	
Website Maintenance & Development	3		164	
Advertising	8,813		5,472	
Musicians and Music Materials	185		0	
Church Groups	841		0	
Church Insurance	283		0	
Miscellaneous & items for Services	0		119	
Circuit Assessment	376		21,506	
Designated / Restricted Funds	303		80	
		19,724		37,626
Deferred Income				
Circuit Reallocation Fund	83		0	
		83		0
		19,807		37,626

Church Trustees as at 31 August 2023

The following served as trustees during the year and/or were trustees at the date of signing the accounts.

Revd. Tony Miles
Revd. Lansford Penn-Timity
Deacon Alison McMillan
Revd. Gordon Newton
John Philips
Helen Tudor
Wesley Gibbs
Esther Buckman
Dinah Longdon
Abdul Bah
Michael Davies
Regina Boye
Denzil Cummings-John
Comfort Golightly
Joseph Adjei
Shirley Bernisto
Grace Kermah
Sabrina Malcolm
Ama Ackah-Yensu
Jocelyn Boafo
Rose Senny
Claudia Cummings
Cecilia Achila
Angela Stafford-Sampson
Ollie McEwen
Joe Awotwi
Tony Ackah-Yensu
Alison Bryan
Judith Mitchell
Philippa Muir
Omotayo Roberts
Charlotte Rankin
Sarita Lightfoot-Taylor
Esther Thomas
Mark Williamson
Jacob Baiden
Kate Jones
Seth Kofi Otoo
Grace Sangmuah
Christina Fashola
Chika Unaka
Aretha Solanke
Charles Bushell
MS Kim
Ekoh West
Felicity Arkhurst
Claudia Milton-Cole

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Methodist Central Hall Westminster Church

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the Trustees of the Charity 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, 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 my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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.

Katharine Patel ACA
Buzzacott LLP
Chartered Accountants
130 Wood Street
London EC2V 6DL

10 May 2024

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

ACCRUALS BASIS

For the year ended 31 August 2023

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL
Westminster

Registered Charity No 1145076

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit No. 35 / 03

SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER

Revd Tony Miles

CIRCUIT STEWARDS

Wesley Gibbs (Senior)
Helen Tudor
Joseph Adjei
Ama Ackah-Yensu (Treasurer)

LONDON MISSION (WESTMINSTER) CIRCUIT 35 / 03
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

This Annual Report gives an account of the mission and ministry of The London Mission (Westminster) Methodist Circuit, through its single society Methodist Central Hall Westminster. It represents considerable commitment on the part of its members, who both gather for worship and learning, and disperse in witness, being involved in a variety of means of service.

Aims and Organisation

Our mission is to be a vital Christian presence in the heart of London. Our vision statement declared on the order of worship each week is: "Methodist Central Hall Westminster – a global Christian family following Jesus at the heart of London."

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Queen Elizabeth II's Funeral

A week before the Queen's funeral, media from all over the world started to arrive at MCHW, which would serve as a media centre serving this sad, but historic occasion. It was an honour for MCHW to provide a place of welcome to many broadcasting organisations, including the BBC, ABC, CBS, NBC, and Global Media. We trust we played our part in enabling a Christian service to be accessible to potentially 4.1 billion people worldwide. The BBC broadcast live from MCHW. Revd Tony Miles was interviewed on several occasions, including a seven-minute live broadcast for ABC with news anchor Kyra Phillips. MCHW was necessarily closed to the public during this period, but the Chapel was open for prayer, which was appreciated by visitors and media professionals alike. Central Hall Venues successfully managed and delivered the complex operation. The staff worked long hours and we were pleased with the way that the Company and Church were able to work closely together.

Operation Golden Orb

It was an honour for the Church to work alongside our business and events team to provide a Christian presence and place of welcome to global broadcast organisations as again we became a media centre for the Coronation of King Charles III. Together with the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, these broadcasts reached billions of people worldwide. The company staff did a tremendous job and, as a gesture of support to staff working very long hours, MCHW put together a gift bag including novelty items, sweets, and a text card to encourage them during a stressful time.

Harvest Festival
This year a significant number of gifts brought to our Harvest Festival were given to the Westminster Foodbank and The Passage – helping homeless people in Westminster.

110th Church Anniversary
On Sunday, 9th October 2022, we celebrated our 110th Church Anniversary and former Superintendent Minister, Revd Martin Turner was our guest preacher at all three services. 220 guests attended our Church Anniversary meal which followed the morning service.

Same Sex Marriages
After open, honest, and very prayerful consideration, the MCHW Church Council voted not to make an application to change our policy relating to marriage registration. This means we will be unable to offer same-sex marriages at MCHW. The Church Council wishes to convey that this decision relates to the theology of marriage that is held by many of our members. Those belonging to our congregation who are in a same-sex relationship remain loved, valued, and very welcome within our worshipping community. As per the guidance of the Methodist Conference, this matter will be discussed every five years and a vote taken.

Churches Together in Westminster
On Monday 23rd January the CTiW AGM was held in the Chapel. Representatives from churches across Westminster came together to do the annual business required, and to discuss our panel conversation on 'Coping with a torn safety net: the church's response to increasing need'. We also had on display for the evening artwork from prisoners in HMP Bronzefield related to their own experiences of homelessness. It was an excellent evening and there will be further work that develops from the conversations that started in at the meeting.

Visitor Hosts and Archives
Our Visitor Services department, which closed during the pandemic, is currently offering weekly tours of the building, as demand is picking up, together with a new initiative 'Archives for Mission". We have had several heritage tours from the USA, including one from Drew Theological College, New Jersey. We also had Methodist Mission Partners visiting us ahead of Methodist Conference. Our focus remains on sharing the Gospel whilst telling our Methodist story and we look forward to developing our visitor centre in the years to come

St. Vincent's Family Project
The SVFP continue to do their work with children and families in the area. The trustees recently had a strategy building meeting and are committed to consolidating and continuing to build on the work that is being done. Financially things are in difficult place at the moment. Over the last two years grants had been awarded that were specifically related to Covid-19 and those are coming to an end, and there are simply fewer avenues of funding available currently as everyone is struggling. The director and his team are working hard to secure funding, but there may need to be savings made in other areas.

Digital Media

We launched our 'Tik Tok' channel in the Autumn of 2022. In just the short period of time to the end of the Methodist year the channel has been active, we have reached over 10,000 views – the majority of these views are for our 'two-minute sermons' edited from our online services. There is a huge Christian community on TikTok, and we are thrilled to be contributing to this.

Online Services and Meetings

MCHW has continued to embrace the power of digital media to connect with our expanding global Christian family. One of the key aspects of MCHW's digital outreach is our weekly online worship services which ensure that people from all corners of the world can participate in worship, regardless of their physical location. Furthermore, MCHW has continued to expand its presence on social media. Our accounts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and this year,
TikTok (with over 32,000 views), continue to share inspirational messages, engage in meaningful conversations, and create a virtual community that transcends geographical boundaries.

Our website (mchw.live) is a thriving hub of activity, with over 2,500 people visiting weekly and we welcomed over 45,000 new visitors this year. It provides information about MCHW's history, services, and upcoming events. It also serves as a resource centre, offering access to sermons, devotionals, and other faith-based content, for example, earlier this year we found video of Revd William Sangster preaching in 1948, which you can watch via our 'timeline'. One fruit of the ministerial team being involved in this work is that we have had requests to be involved in other broadcasting initiatives. Revd Lansford Penn-Timity, for example, has recently recorded devotional TV broadcasts for TBN.

Music

Post pandemic, we are delighted that the choir is back and singing is possible again, but we have also realised that there are still some long-term effects, although it is encouraging to see that our congregations are growing again. The choir has done an outstanding job over the last year with relatively small numbers, but we are, like everyone else, short-staffed! In particular, we would welcome some tenors and basses.
It is a regular Sunday commitment, but a wonderful way to serve! We would also like to develop the instrumental group who accompany the worship songs.

The success of our online ministry has shown us how important it is to have recordings of hymns and anthems; going forward, it remains one of our goals to record musical items from our own services in order to include congregational singing.

Our Traditional Carol Service remains the highlight of our year and on Sunday 11 December 2022 the MCHW team with Premier Christian Radio hosted the best attended service in recent years, with 1,200 in attendance. The service was recorded for broadcast on Premier Christian Radio on Christmas Day.

We also performed a short cantata within the context of the 7pm Maundy Thursday service.
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Our monthly organ matinée concerts have resumed, with a varied selection of players from around the world and are being well-received.

Jazz Vespers / Carols
Jazz Carols was held on Sunday, 18th December. Despite 'competing' against the World Cup Final over 500 people came to hear Jazz Carols in the Great Hall, a service that was recorded for broadcast on Premier Christian Radio on Christmas Eve. It was an extremely well received service with a significant number of people coming to MCHW not only for the first time, but for a significant number it was their first time in a church.

Parliamentary Methodist Covenant Service
This service returned to the St. Mary Undercroft Chapel at The Palace of Westminster on Tuesday 17th January 2023 and was hosted by MCHW. Revd Graham Thompson, President of Conference and Anthony Boateng, VP of Conference, led the Covenant itself; The Revd Helen Cameron, Moderator of the Free Churches Group, preached, and Revd Tony Miles presided over communion. Also participating: Cat Smith MP, Emma Hardy MP, David Linden MP, Revd, the Lord Griffiths of Burry Port; Baroness Anita Gale of Blaenrhondda, Revd Michaela Youngson – Assistant Secretary of Conference; the Revd Nigel Cowgill - Chair of the London Methodist District; the Revd Tricia Hillas, Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons and Canon of Westminster; and the Revd Lansford Penn-Timity, the Revd Dr G. Howard Mellor, and Deacon Ali McMillan from MCHW.

Methodist Parliamentary Fellowship
Following the success of this year's Parliamentary Covenant Service, Revd Tony is hoping to hold a lunch or dinner to launch a new Methodist Parliamentary Fellowship.

Lunch-time Services
Our lunchtime services are building up again now people are returning to their offices. We are partnering with the Connexional Team, who are now located in Church House (across the road). Some Connexional staff are attending and, at the request of the Secretary of Conference, we will be including the names of ministers who have died in our prayers.

Daffodil Day
On Saturday, 4th March, we hosted our Spring Festival for Christian Renewal 'Daffodil Day' in association with Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB). The MCHW team led this with special guests including, Pam Rhodes, The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Neresa Maye from the London Community Gospel Choir, Anando Mukerjee, Anthony Boateng – Vice President of Conference, Ruth Parrott – President of MWiB, James Carver – Methodist Youth President, Revd Nigel Cowgill – London

District Chair, and Methodist Ministers Housing Society – marking their 75th Anniversary. The event featured our MCHW Choir.

Confirmation and Reception into Church Membership

Today, the congregation bucks the trend of numerical decline experienced by many Methodist churches. The church community has maintained a vibrant multi-cultural congregation, including Methodists who have their origins from various parts of the world. e.g. Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, The Gambia, The Philippines, Hong Kong, South Korea, Brazil, and so on. On Sunday 18th June we received three new members by way of Confirmation and 13 new members by way of transfer from other Churches. We are soon to receive two Local Preachers who connected with us through our online services. Some of our transferred members have come through the same route – notably where their local churches have closed - others have come through our online Alpha group. In July our membership stood at 424. Church members are in good heart and worship has been vibrant and uplifting. It is encouraging to see tourists returning and new congregants. A recent visitor, Revd Dr Casely Essamuah, secretary of the Global Christian Forum Foundation visited our morning service. He commented that, on his travels around the world, he hadn't come across such a widely multicultural congregation that successfully holds together a high standard of diverse and blended worship. He also praised our live streamed services. This was very encouraging.

Visit of The Dean

On 14th March we were pleased to welcome to MCHW The Dean of Westminster Abbey and several of his staff. They enjoyed a tour of the building and an opportunity to see how we would be supporting them during the Coronation. This facilitated an opportunity for Abbey staff to meet their counterparts at Central Hall.

Healing Ministry

At our monthly Healing Services there has been a steady increase in the numbers attending. Anointing lines at the end of some services have been reinstated and a good percentage of the congregation are coming forward. Prayer teams are increasingly busy with people waiting for prayer ministry after the Sunday evening Healing Service. We are receiving testimonies of people receiving both physical and emotional healing.

Healing Space, our monthly drop-in, has restarted (and in the 2 hours we are getting some new people attending, as well as regulars.

Healing Conference 2023

Our 2023 Healing Conference theme was "Let the Healing Begin: Freedom from past hurts", with speaker, Jeannie Morgan, who has headed up the healing ministry at Soul Survivor Watford for 30 years. Though numbers are still lower than before the pandemic, at times the team were almost overwhelmed by the numbers of people coming forward and the prayer ministry continued into the breaks. Feedback slips received contained wonderful testimonies of freedom from fears, anxiety, emotional pain, and negative words and a case of physical healing.

Sanctuary (Global leadership Event / Being Christian Entrepreneurs)
Our Sanctuary congregation continues to offer a community for 20s and 30s from across London exploring spirituality, justice, and leadership. They have also hosted some interesting partnership events in partnership with One Rock, including on 9th March 2023 a Global Leadership Summit. This was the first in what could become an annual partnership, running one of the premier leadership training events at our prestigious location. Speakers included Bob Iger, Lynsi Snyder, Vanessa Van Edwards, Stephanie Chung and Craig Groeschel. This first event was a trial run to see if there is demand for future years. On 15th June there was an event with Alianore Smith from International Justice Mission speaking on the campaigns to end modern day slavery; and on the 29th of June a day on Being Christian Entrepreneurs.

Evangelism Initiative
Revd Lansford Penn-Timity is leading a Neighbourhood Evangelism initiative to set up an intentional evangelism group that will conduct soft in-person neighbourhood evangelism within the geographical boundaries of the Circuit. The aim is to reach out with the Good News of Christ to residents in the locality and share some of the good news stories of the church's work here at MCHW.

It has been another busy year with its own trials and opportunities and God has been with us every step of the way. Looking forward, we trust that the best is yet to be!

Plans for 2023/24

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there remain three full-time ordained staff members.

Circuit expenditure is expected to increase by 15% in 2023/24, which includes a contribution of £11k to Designated Funds (Manse Maintenance and Removal) and inflationary increases in stipends and manse costs.

Financial Review
The Circuit's statement of accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 is attached and shows a total deficit of £18,650, all of which is within Designated Funds and relates to manse repair costs and professional fees in relation to the extension of the lease on the Exbury House manse. There have been no transfers between General Fund and Designated / Restricted Funds.

<u>Income</u>
Circuit income has been drawn primarily from the assessment paid by the church (there being only one church within the Circuit). Income of £20,240 was generated from the temporary renting of a manse. There was an increase in income of £11,010 (from £214,611 in 2021/22 to £225,621 in 2022/23).

- Investment income increased by £7,030 due to increases in interest rates
- The assessment paid by the church increased by £3,041

<u>Expenditure</u>
Circuit expenditure increased by £26,928, (from £217,343 in 2021/22 to £244,271 in 2022/23), which was mainly due to the following:

- An increase in Maintenance of £21.5k, with work being carried out on all manses, but especially significant works on Shirley Avenue.
- The methodology for recharging costs from the Church to the Circuit for services provided changed in 2022/23 to be a fixed monthly fee. This fee was £12.9k above 2021/22 recharges, resulting from additional finance staff and increased costs for photocopying and software.

These increases were partly offset by decreases in Stipends and associated costs of £4.4k, due to the payment in 2021/22 of a contribution towards the Methodist Church pension deficit, which was not repeated in 2022/23

The District Assessment of £43,168 accounted for 17.7% of expenditure (there was actually a decrease from 2021/22 to 2022/23). A significant part of this is passed on to the Connexion to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

Fund Balances

The balance on the Circuit General Fund is £1,934,755, of which £1,932,713 represents the book value of the manses.

Circuit Restricted and Designated Funds have decreased by £18,650 to £317,028 in 2022/23 (£335,678 in 2021/22). The decrease is due to expenditure on manse maintenance and legal fees for manse lease extensions. There were no transfers from General Funds into Designated Funds in 2022/23. An advance from Designated Funds was made to the Trustees of Central Hall of £230,000 for lift refurbishment to be carried out in 2023/24. This advance will be repaid on the planned sale of a manse, which is jointly owned by the Circuit and the Trust. The Trust will pay the Circuit £230,000 plus interest in addition to the proportion of the surplus that is due to the Circuit. Therefore, in Circuit Designated Funds cash / bank balances have decreased, but property valuation has increased by £230,000.

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in July 2014.

Full Name of Church**:**	**London Mission (Westminster) Circuit**
Charity Registration Number:	**1145076**
Date of registration:	**15 December 2011**
Main communication address:	**Methodist Central Hall, Storey's Gate, Westminster, London SW1H 9NH**

The members of the London Mission (Westminster) Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual Church Meeting. A full list of members is shown in the notes to this report.

Circuit Stewards:	**Wesley Gibbs (Senior)** **Helen Tudor** **Joseph Adjei** **Ama Ackah-Yensu**
Treasurer:	**Ama Ackah-Yensu**
Independent Examiner:	**Buzzacott LLP** 130 Wood Street London EC2V 6DL
Bank:	**HSBC** The Peak 333 Vauxhall Bridge Road Victoria London SW1V 1EJ
Investment Bankers:	**Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church** **Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes**

Aims and Objectives
The charity's objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around Westminster for the Methodist Church:

It aims to be a vital Christian presence in the heart of London.

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

1. The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
2. Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
3. Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church; and
4. Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

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

Structure, Governance and Management
The governing document for the Methodist Church of Great Britain is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

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

Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Stewards and Ministerial Team with input from the Circuit Leadership team. Trusteeship is exercised by the elected members of the Circuit Meeting.

Trustee Training
Trustees are pointed to a range of guidance produced by The Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees.

Related Parties
The Circuit is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. It consequently locates itself in both its polity and structure. In structural terms the Westminster Circuit is one of some 35 circuits (groupings of local churches) making up the London Methodist District. In terms of Polity and Constitution it, like all Methodist circuits, is accountable to the annual Methodist Conference.

Somewhat unusually, the Westminster Circuit consists of only one local society (church): Methodist Central Hall Westminster, which consequently is constituted so that wherever possible, local church and local circuit matters share the same constitution (by applying annually Methodist Standing Order 511).

Another unusual aspect of the Circuit/Church is the fact that its Trustees *of the Building* are appointed annually by the annual Conference of the Methodist Church of Great Britain, rather than, more commonly, the circuit meeting.
A third related party, in addition to the Circuit and the Trustees is Central Hall Westminster Ltd, a not-for-profit company formed in 1999 to run an events and conference business using the large and prestigious premises in central London.

Regular meetings of each of these three entities take place, with the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent ministers being members of each of the three, thereby having a strategic overview of the total ministry of the Circuit and its related parties.

Risk Management
The major risks associated with the life and ministry of the Circuit, located in Methodist Central Hall Westminster, are identified and recorded by the Trustees, with professional advice taken as required. An annual review process is undertaken and recorded. In terms of financial governance, income and expenditure are regularly and routinely monitored, and are compared with the approved annual budget on at least a quarterly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

We note the following items, all of which are noted on the Risk Register.

- An annual grant to the Church, which is one of the main sources of funding for the Circuit is given by the Trustees. This is made possible by profits made by Central Hall Westminster Ltd. Any 'lean years' – and particularly several lean years – would affect the ability of the Trustees to award the grant.

- The long-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the operations of Central Hall Westminster Ltd are still being felt. The building's closure and consequent hibernation of the business has meant that profits which would have been tithed to the Trustees have reduced significantly, thus impacting their ability to provide the same level of grant to the Church, as with previous years. Additionally, the cost-of-living crisis with high interest rates and sustained rises in energy costs have all but erased the encouraging signs of recovery post-pandemic.

- The as yet unknown plan relating to the 'decanting' of the House of Commons and House of Lords from the Palace of Westminster. Methodist Central Hall Westminster is, because of its proximity, one of a handful of buildings currently in conversation with 'Black Rod' about what are termed "business continuity talks".

- The ever-present risk of terror attacks and security breaches, given the location of the church. As with recent years the Metropolitan Police continue to estimate the risk of such attacks as 'severe' and give regular security briefings to Circuit officials as to office holders of other large buildings in and around Parliament Square.

- The damage to reputation, given the high usage of the premises by very many clients.

- Safeguarding risks, exacerbated by the very high numbers of people using the building each week. In line with Methodist rulings, safeguarding procedures have, and continue to be improved and overhauled.

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

1. The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with all children, young people and adults.
2. The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
3. The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
4. We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
5. We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
6. We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
7. We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
8. We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
9. In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit commits itself to: -

1. Ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.
2. The provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

The Safeguarding Policy is approved annually by the Circuit Meeting and revised in line with guidelines and directives from the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Reserves Policy

The policy is for the Circuit itself to hold minimal free reserves, as it is able to rely on the reserves held within its one church. The aim, therefore, is for the Church to hold a designated contingency fund at a level, which can sustain six months' worth of average expenditure for both Church and Circuit. The Contingency Fund has not been increased in 2022/23 and so remains at £148k, which is equivalent to approximately six months' average expenditure.

However, the level of grant from the Conference Property Trustees was increased in 2022/23 and will remain at this level in 2023/24, which is significantly less than pre pandemic levels. It is expected that the Church will have a significant deficit is budgeted for 2023/24, which will reduce the level of contingency quite considerably. The Church Council will continue to monitor this and endeavour to take measures to maintain reserves at a healthy level.

Signed: _____ **Date: 10 April 2024**

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit 35/03
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment (Restricted)	2022/23 Totals		2021/22 Totals
Income and Endowments from:		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**		**£**
Donations and Legacies Income		0	0	0	0	0		0
Bank Interest		344	7,973	0	0	8,317		1,287
District Advance Fund Grant		0	0	0	0	0		0
Circuit Assessment		197,064	0	0	0	197,064		194,023
Lettings (Manse Rental Income)	**10**	20,240	0	0		20,240		19,301
Total Income		**217,648**	**7,973**	**0**	**0**	**225,621**		**214,611**
Expenditure								
Stipends, Salaries and Associated Costs		124,219	0	0	0	124,219		129,120
District Assessment		43,168	0	0	0	43,168		43,716
Travel Expenses		4,555	0	0	0	4,555		6,275
Ministerial Training		484	0	0	0	484		1,534
Insurance, Utilities, etc.	**11**	21,222	0	0	0	21,222		22,063
Maintenance on Manses	**12**	2,400	23,995	0	0	26,395		4,863
Removal Costs		0	0	0	0	0		0
Media Chaplaincy Costs		0	0	0	0	0		58
Other Expenditure								
Administration, Staff & Copying etc.	**13**	0	0	0	0	0		7,059
Independent Examiner Fee		1,680	0	0	0	1,680		1,680
Professional fees		0	2,628	0	0	2,628		975
Payment to Church for Services Provided		19,920	0	0	0	19,920		0
Total Expenditure		**217,648**	**26,623**	**0**	**0**	**244,271**		**217,343**
Net Income / (Expenditure)		**0**	**(18,650)**	**0**	**0**	**(18,650)**		**(2,732)**
Transfer between Funds & General Account		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**		0
Total Funds brought forward at start of year		**1,934,756**	**335,678**	**0**	**0**	**2,270,434**		**2,273,166**
Total funds carried forward at end of year		**1,934,756**	**317,028**	**0**	**0**	**2,251,784**		**2,270,434**

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit 35/03
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment (Restricted)	2022/23 Totals	2021/22 Totals
Fixed Assets		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Manses etc.	**14**	1,932,713	230,000	0	0	2,162,713	1,932,713
Total Fixed Assets		**1,932,713**	**230,000**	**0**	**0**	**2,162,713**	**1,932,713**
Current Assets							
Debtors and prepayments	**15**	17,555	0	0	0	17,555	36,457
TMCP Deposit Account	**16**	0	27,379	0	0	27,379	250,144
CFB Deposit	**16**	0	16,714	0	0	16,714	23,554
Cash at bank and in hand (HSBC & Barclaycard)	**17**	(13,831)	42,936		0	29,105	30,712
Total current assets		**3,724**	**87,029**	**0**	**0**	**90,753**	**340,867**
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	**18**	(1,680)	0	0	0	(1,680)	(3,146)
Net current assets		2,044	87,029	0	0	89,073	337,721
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,934,757**	**317,029**	**0**	**0**	**2,251,786**	**2,270,434**
Loans and creditors due after 1 year		0	0	0	0	0	0
Net assets		**1,934,757**	**317,029**	**0**	**0**	**2,251,786**	**2,270,434**
Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,934,757	0	0	0	1,934,757	1,934,756
Other Funds (Restricted)		0	317,029	0	0	317,029	335,678
Total funds		**1,934,757**	**317,029**	**0**	**0**	**2,251,786**	**2,270,434**

I confirm that these accrual-based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting.

Signed: _____ **Date: 10 April 2024**

Ama Ackah-Yensu (Treasurer)

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on 10 April 2024 and were approved.

Signed: _____ **Date: 10 April 2024**

Revd Anthony Miles (Chair of the Circuit Meeting)

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit 35/03
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment (Restricted)	2021/22 Totals
Income and Endowments from:		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Donations and Legacies Income		0	0	0	0	0
Bank Interest		1,287	0	0	0	1,287
Assessments Church & Trustees to Circuit including Repayment of Loan		194,023	0	0	0	194,023
Lettings (Manse Rental Income)	**10**	19,301	0	0		19,301
Total Income		**214,611**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**214,611**
Expenditure						
Stipends, Salaries and Associated Costs		129,120	0	0	0	129,120
District Assessment		43,716	0	0	0	43,716
Travel Expenses		6,275	0	0	0	6,275
Ministerial Training		1,534	0	0	0	1,534
Insurance, Utilities, etc.	**11**	22,063	0	0	0	22,063
Maintenance on Manses	**12**	2,189	0	0	0	2,189
Removal Costs		0	2,674	0	0	2,674
Other Expenditure						
Administration, Staff & Copying etc.	**13**	7,059	0	0	0	7,059
Independent Examiner Fee		1,680	0	0	0	1,680
Professional fees		975	0	0	0	975
Media Chaplaincy Expenses		0	0	58	0	58
Total Expenditure		**214,611**	**2,674**	**58**	**0**	**217,343**
Net Income / (Expenditure)		**0**	**(2,674)**	**(58)**	**0**	**(2,732)**
Transfer between Funds & General Account		**(8,000)**	**8,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Total Funds brought forward		**1,942,756**	**330,352**	**58**	**0**	**2,273,166**
Total funds carried forward at end of year		**1,934,756**	**335,678**	**0**	**0**	**2,270,434**

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit 35/03
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment (Restricted)	2021/22 Totals
Fixed Assets		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Manses etc.	**14**	1,932,713	0	0	0	1,932,713
Total Fixed Assets		**1,932,713**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,932,713**
Current Assets						
Debtors and prepayments	**15**	36,457	0	0	0	36,457
TMCP Deposit Account	**16**	0	250,144	0	0	250,144
CFB Deposit	**16**	0	23,554	0	0	23,554
Cash at bank and in hand	**17**	(31,268)	61,980		0	30,712
Total current assets		**5,189**	**335,678**	**0**	**0**	**340,867**
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	**18**	(3,146)	0	0	0	(3,146)
Net current assets		2,043	335,678	0	0	337,721
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,934,756**	**335,678**	**0**	**0**	**2,270,434**
Loans and creditors due after 1 year		0	0	0	0	0
Net assets		**1,934,756**	**335,678**	**0**	**0**	**2,270,434**
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,934,756	0	0	0	1,934,756
Other Funds (Restricted)		0	335,678	0	0	335,678
Total funds		**1,934,756**	**335,678**	**0**	**0**	**2,270,434**

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2023

Basis of accounting
These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost Convention.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The Charity is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102 and therefore the Charity also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the 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 (The FRS 102 Charities SORP) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

1. Going Concern
After making reasonable enquiries the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and do not consider there to be any threat to the going concern status. Therefore, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements and confirm there are no material uncertainties at the date of the approval of these financial statements.

2. Funds
The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit, which are unrestricted, and restricted funds, which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the notes to the Accounts.

3. Accounting Policies

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

Income
Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the funds, the receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an

outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Cash and Cash Equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Grants
Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit
These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.

The freehold property comprises the Circuit's manses and is shown in the accounts at 2014 deemed values, with the exception of the Shirley manse, which is shown at the purchase value in 2016.

At the time of valuation, purchase and disposal, the value of the properties was not spilt between land and buildings. However, based on an estimate of 25% land and 75% buildings, the total land value at 31 August 2023 would be £483,179 and the total building value would be £1,449,534. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value.

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

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

Financial instruments
Basic financial instruments are measured at amortised cost.

Debtors and creditors
Debtors and creditors receivable or payable within one year of the reporting date are carried at their transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost less any impairment.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement
In preparing financial statements it is necessary to make certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. There are no judgements and estimates considered by the Trustees to have a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

4.Donations and legacies	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**2023 Total**	**2022 Total**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Legacies	-	-	**-**	**-**
Total	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
5. Investment income	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**2023 Total**	**2022 Total**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Central Finance Board	**344**	**7,973**	**8,317**	**1,287**
Other			**-**	**-**
Total	**344**	**7,973**	**8,317**	**1,287**

6. Payment to Trustees
None of the Trustees, or persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the Church or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31 August 2023.

	2022/23	**2021/22**
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	5	5
	£	**£**
Total amount paid	5,028	6,815

Nature of expenses claimed: Car mileage, public transport, hospitality and miscellaneous. These expenses have been incurred by the trustees in the course of fulfilling their pastoral responsibilities.

7. Independent Examiner's Fees

	2022/23	**2021/22**
	£	**£**
Fees for reporting on the accounts	1,680	1,680
Other fees (for advice, accountancy services etc)	0	0
Total	**1,680**	**1,680**

8. Paid Employees

The basis allocation of staff costs was changed in 2022/23. In prior years a proportion of staff costs a full-time equivalent was allocated to the Circuit and shown in the annual accounts as staff costs. In 2022/23 a fixed monthly fee has been charged to the Circuit by the Church each month for services provided and so no allocation can be seen directly as a staff cost.

The charity considers that the key management personnel comprise the Trustees. Other than stipends paid to Ministers, there was no remuneration paid to the Trustees during 2022/23.

9 Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation	**Residential Land**	**Manses**	**Total**
	£	**£**	**£**
Balance brought forward	483,179	1,449,534	1,932,713
Additions in year	0	230,000	230,000
Balance carried forward	483,179	1,679,534	2,162,713
Accumulated depreciation	0	0	0
Net Book Value brought forward	483,179	1,449,534	1,932,713
Net Book Value carried forward	**483,179**	**1,679,534**	**2,162,713**

The value of Manses has increased by £230,000 this is due a cash investment of £230,000 being made by the Circuit to the Property Trustees of Central Hall to enable significant building work in 2023/24. The investment will be repaid upon the sale of a manse jointly owned by the Trustees and the Circuit.

9a Investments

No other investments are held by the Circuit.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2022/23		2021/22	
INCOME	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Note 10 Rental Income				
Pond Green	20,240		19,301	
		20,240		19,301
EXPENDITURE				
Note 11 - Insurance, Utilities etc.				
Manse expenditure				
Insurance	1,879		2,012	
Telephone (incl mobiles & broadband)	1,220		1,434	
Water Rates	1,118		1,185	
Service Charges & Utility Maintenance Contracts	8,059		9,720	
Council Tax	5,568		5,228	
Utilities	3,378		2,485	
		21,222		22,063
Note 12 - Repairs and Maintenance				
Manse repairs & maintenance	2,400		2,189	
		2,400		2,189
Note 13 Office Staff &Supplies				
Staff Costs	0		5,400	
Photocopying	0		143	
Computer supplies & software	0		1,516	
		0		7,059

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	2022/23		2021/22	
	£	£	£	£
BALANCE SHEET NOTES				
Note 14 Property Revaluation (*Valuations Made 2014*)	**Property Value**	**Circuit Value**		**Circuit Value**
	£	**£**		**£**
6 Exbury House (25% owned by Circuit)	550,000	137,500		137,500
4 Cotton Row (50.25% owned by Circuit)	1,485,000	746,213		746,213
16 Pond Green (100% Owned by Circuit)	400,000	400,000		400,000
108A Shirley Avenue (100% Owned by Circuit)	649,000	649,000		649,000
Additions - Investment with Central Hall Trustees		230,000		0
TOTAL VALUE		**2,162,713**		**1,932,713**
Prior Valuation		1,142,685		1,142,685
Revaluation Reserve		**1,020,028**		**790,028**
Note 15 -Prepayments				
Stipends	10,217		10,247	
Manse Expenses	5,450		4,748	
Accrued Income				
Circuit Assessment Paid by Church	376		21,462	
Owed by Church				
Church Expenses Paid by Circuit	1,512		0	
		17,555		36,457
Note 16 - Central Finance Board				
Restricted Funds	0		0	
Designated Funds	16,714		23,554	
General Fund	0		0	
		16,714		23,554
Note 16 - TMCP				
Manse Sale and Purchase Fund	23,924		248,579	
Other Designated Funds	3,455		1,565	
		27,379		250,144
Note 17 - Cash at Bank& In Hand				
General Fund HSBC	(9,470)		(31,268)	
General Fund Barclaycard	(4,361)		0	
Restricted Funds HSBC	42,936		61,980	
		29,105		30,712
BALANCE SHEET NOTES				
Note 18 - Creditors & Accruals				
Ministers Travel & Accommodation	0		384	
Manse Costs	0		332	
Independent Examiners Fee	1,680		1,680	
Administration Staff Costs	0		750	
Ministerial Training	0		0	
		1,680		3,146
Designated Funds	0		0	
		0		0
		1,680		3,146

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CIRCUIT FUNDS	Balance B/Fwd 01/09/22	Income	Expenditure	Transfer Between Funds	Balance C/Fwd 31/08/23
FUNDS	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Restricted					
Media Chaplaincy	0	0	0		0
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Designated					
Removals Fund	6,674	0	0		6,674
Manse Maintenance Fund	80,425	0.00	- 23,995	0	56,430
Manse Replacement Fund	248,579	7,973	(232,628)	0	23,924
Total Designated Funds	**335,678**	**7,973**	**(256,623)**	**0**	**87,028**
TOTAL RESTRICTED & DESIGNATED FUNDS	**335,678**	**7,973**	**(256,623)**	**0**	**87,028**
GENERAL FUND	**1,934,756**	**217,648**	**(217,648)**	**0**	**1,934,756**
TOTAL	**2,270,434**	**225,621**	**(474,270)**	**0**	**2,021,784**

The Balance of Restricted and Designated Funds has decreased to £87,028 from £335,678 in 2021/22, due to the investment of £230,000 to the Property Trustees and expenditure on Manse Maintenance.

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Circuit Trustees as at 31 August 2023

The following served as trustees during the year and/or were trustees at the date of signing the accounts.

Revd. Tony Miles	Ollie McEwen
Revd. Lansford Penn-Timity	Joe Awotwi
Deacon Alison McMillan	Tony Ackah-Yensu
Revd. Gordon Newton	Alison Bryan
John Philips	Judith Mitchell
Helen Tudor	Philippa Muir
Wesley Gibbs	Omotayo Roberts
Esther Buckman	Charlotte Rankin
Dinah Longdon	Sarita Lightfoot-Taylor
Abdul Bah	Esther Thomas
Michael Davies	Mark Williamson
Regina Boye	Jacob Baiden
Denzil Cummings-John	Kate Jones
Comfort Golightly	Seth Kofi Otoo
Joseph Adjei	Grace Sangmuah
Shirley Bernisto	Christina Fashola
Grace Kermah	Chika Unaka
Sabrina Malcolm	Aretha Solanke
Ama Ackah-Yensu	Charles Bushell
Jocelyn Boafo	MS Kim
Rose Senny	Ekoh West
Claudia Cummings	Felicity Arkhurst
Cecilia Achila	Claudia Milton-Cole
Angela Stafford-Sampson	Ynes Lightfoot-Taylor

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Methodist Central Hall Westminster – London Mission (Westminster) Circuit No. 35/03

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the Trustees of the Charity 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, 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 my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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.

Buzzacott LLP

Katharine Patel ACA
Buzzacott LLP
Chartered Accountants
130 Wood Street
London EC2V 6DL

10 May 2024

WESTMINSTER METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1145076

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

ACCRUALS BASIS

For the year ended 31 August 2022

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER

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METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER CHURCH
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

This Annual Report gives an account of the mission and ministry of Methodist Church Central Hall Westminster. It represents considerable commitment on the part of its members, who both gather for worship and learning, and disperse in witness, being involved in a variety of means of service.

Aims and Organisation

Our mission is to be a vital Christian presence in the heart of London. Our vision statement declared on the order of worship each week is: "Methodist Central Hall Westminster – a global Christian family following Jesus at the heart of London."

Review of the Year – Regrouping and Rebuilding

With the restrictions of the Covid Pandemic eventually being lifted, we have worked hard to gather our in-person congregation again and this has not been easy. Many have been nervous about travelling into London. There has been the added obstacle of an unprecedented number of events in Westminster (marathons, bike rides, and filming etc), and we have also been hindered by the Congestion Charge. Nevertheless, our community has gradually been regrouping. The challenge has been to rebuild a church that is relevant to a world transformed by a virus and other global issues. We have over 60% of our regular worshippers returning to worship on a Sunday morning, with Special services like Easter seeing larger numbers (80%). We are hugely grateful to the entire staff team and those who are lay volunteers, for their commitment, prayer, and faithfulness. At times, there have been few around to share the load, but it's good to see more people stepping up to help us rise to new opportunities. It has been wonderful to see our Vision Statement becoming a reality.

Midweek Lunchtime Services

These resumed last September and got off to a slow start, due to very few office workers being back. However, we have grown a new nucleus of our own members who attend, we have welcomed almost 30 visitors and tourists and are starting to see a few office workers occasionally. There was a good attendance at a special service for the Platinum Jubilee, attended by some from the Business Centre.

Confirmation and Reception Into Membership, Baptisms and 1st Anniversary Services

Despite the challenges above, we were delighted to Confirm 6 new Church Members and receive 5 more by way of transfer from other churches, with more transfers expected soon. It is encouraging that some new members are joining us because of our online ministry. Due to our inability to hold special services during the pandemic, we have had a significant number of baptisms and first anniversary services to mark the death of loved ones.

Online Services and Meetings

Our live-streamed services continue to average 1.3K – 1.4K views each week. We are conscious that each view may represent multiple people as we know a lot of couples and families are viewing. We have overcome several technical challenges and we are still planning to raise funds to invest in new equipment for the Chapel and Great Hall. A church member has been trained and engaged as a freelance technician for our online services, enabling us to reduce costs.

Fun and Fellowship Weekend

Members of the ministerial team and **45 church members, aged between 5 and 90 years, went away to The Friars – Aylesford Priory, Kent for a weekend (June 10th-12th).** The theme was **'Wellbeing and the Kingdom of God'** and was led by a former Deacon at MCHW. It was a time of great blessing and encouragement.

Healing Ministry

Healing Services are rebuilding and have been well-received. Our annual healing conference returned to the Great Hall this year, after the 2020 conference was cancelled and the 2021 conference went out on-line.

Attendees were down on pre-covid times, but we had c.180 on the day. The worship was inspirational and the key speaker, Carolyn Lawrence's talks were extremely well received, with many commenting positively on the day and in subsequent emails. The leaders and combined prayer teams from MCHW and Premier Lifeline were kept extremely busy, and we had queues of people waiting in the aisles for anointing and individual prayer

The theme '**Transformation:- from the inside out'** particularly resonated with the huge need for healing for minds and hearts after the two years of fear and stress from covid.

Sanctuary

Sanctuary is the young adult congregation at MCHW, and also a fresh expression of church trying to reach out to people in their 20s and 30s across London. It's a group of people following Jesus so they can experience life in all its fullness, and be a part of turning London upside down. They do this by exploring spirituality, justice, and leadership. There are about 30 people in the community. In the year 2021/22 Sanctuary has developed:

- A corporate rhythm of life for community members.
- An intentional discipleship tool based on monthly coaching conversations.
- Four justice groups, looking at how we can make the world a better place by campaigning for financial justice, racial justice, climate justice, and helping the homeless. On 30th June, Sanctuary held a special leadership training evening for social entrepreneurs and charity leaders and church volunteers, called **Building A Dream Team.**

Ecumenical Events

We continue to maintain good relations with Westminster Abbey, Westminster Cathedral, and other churches in Westminster. We work with and support The Passage (helping homeless people in Westminster). Moreover, despite MCHW reducing the grant to the St Vincent's Family Project (SVFP) that is hosted on our premises, the work of the project has continued with the help of income from other sources. Our Superintendent was invited to participate in a number of national events at the Abbey, including the Commonwealth Service and a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. He also preached at St. Margaret's Church at the 5th Anniversary of the terror attacks on Westminster Bridge and New Palace Yard. This service was well attended by the families of the victims and the Prime Minister.

Local Preaching

We now have 11 Local Preachers. nine Fully Accredited, one On Trial, and another On Note. During the year we had a new Church Member by transfer, who is also Fully Accredited. Our preachers take part in our own services as well as preaching in various London Circuits.

Vice President of Conference

We are very proud to report that our church member, **Anthony Boateng, was inducted as Vice President of Conference** on Saturday 25th June 2022. We give thanks to God and continue to support him with our prayers during a busy and demanding year for him.

Cultural Groups

The Cultural Fellowship groups are in good spirits and have been overseen by Revd Lansford Penn-Timity. This has fostered togetherness and collaboration. Communication among members through WhatsApp and other forums has significantly

improved. Through these groups, we have been able to celebrate significant moments in their various cultures. There have been pockets of challenges here and there on the Food Policy but in general, it appears to be working well. A Farewell Service for Revd Dr Martyn Atkins, which had been delayed because of the Pandemic, was finally held on 8th May 2022. It was followed by a successful reception that gave the opportunity for the various groups to serve food in line with the Food Policy that was initiated whilst he was in office.

Visitor Services and Bookstall

With the assistance of Paul Moynihan (our part-time archivist) and Frank Waller, who leads the volunteers, our Visitor Services Centre and Bookstall have been restructured and limited tours resumed. We have hosted visitors from the USA, Korea, and others from across the world. We hosted 23 ministers from the Methodist Church overseas, who were in the UK for the Methodist Conference 2022.

All in all, the year has been challenging and yet rewarding – an opportunity for us to experience God's grace in a very special way.

Our Superintendent Minister closes with words from St. Paul, ***'Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.'***
(1 Thessalonians 5:11)

May God richly bless us all as we share in his mission and further the work of the kingdom.

Plans for 2022/23
Financial plans have been prepared on the basis that staff levels within the Church will remain the same. With the grant from the Conference Property Trustees forecast to remain at 50% of the 2019/20 (pre Covid-19) levels and a reduced level of giving due to the cost-of-living crisis, we are initially budgeting for a deficit of £136.9k in 2022/23, which will result in all free reserves and the Contingency being used. However the Church Trustees have sought and received assurances from the Conference Property Trustees of increased levels of grant, with the situation being kept under constant review.

The membership are also considering prayerfully how to increase their giving in order to move forward with the Kingdom Agenda. We continue to trust in God, who has faithfully brought us thus far!

Financial Review
With Covid-19 restrictions lifted during the year, church activities started to resume, but at a very slow pace. The grant from the Managing Trustees of the building was maintained at 50% of pre-pandemic levels. Coupled with the ending of support from the Government Furlough Scheme, we had budgeted for a deficit in 2021/22.

The Church finished the year with a deficit of £93,544 (£33,769 surplus in 2020/21) and therefore decreased its funds from £394,928 in 2020/21 to £301,384 in 2021/22. The decrease of £76,317 in the General Fund and £17,227 in Restricted and Designated Funds, resulted in a negative balance of funds in the General Fund of £14,131 and a balance of £315,515 in Restricted and Designated.

Church income in total was £389,239, which is below the £500,000 threshold requiring a Statement of Cash Flows to be prepared and so this has not been included in the 2021/22 Annual Accounts.

The statement of accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 is attached.

Income

General Fund income decreased to £349,010 from £366,790 in 2020/21. The main movements are shown below:

- Furlough Income in 2020/21 was £33.3k and zero in 2021/22, due to the scheme ceasing
- However, the re-opening of the church for services and events meant that there were some increases in income.
    - Increase in Giving of £5k mainly due to the increase in Church Anniversary donations.
    - Increase in Special Events income of £10.7k, but this was offset by an increase in Special Events expenditure of £34.8k

Income received in Restricted and Designated Funds was £40.2k – a decrease of £6.3k from 2020/21, mainly for the following reasons:

- Decrease of £16k in giving to the fund for Live Streaming of Services. As local churches have re-opened the numbers viewing have decreased causing a reduction in donations.
- Increase in Special Offerings for Other Organisations of £6k, as special events and services have been held.
- Marginal increases in giving to Fellowship Groups and Flower & Hymn Sheet Funds.

Expenditure

General Fund spending has increased by £71.8k to £404.8k (2020/21 £333.0k). There were some key variances within these total figures

- Admin and Lay Ministry Salaries increased by £6.4k due to staff returning to full pay after having been on Covid Furlough in 2020/21. A backlog of PHI Contributions (income replacement insurance) for 2020/21 was also made in 2021/22.
- Office Supplies and Equipment increased by £3.2k mainly due to additional postage as mailings to membership resumed.
- Church Groups expenditure increased by £2.7k due to the resumption of in-person gatherings.
- Special Events increased by £34.8k as events such as the Carol Service, Fun and Fellowship Weekend, Daffodil Day and Healing Conference could again take place in 2021/22.
- The Music Account expenditure increased by £22k due to increases in salaries for the same reasons as outlined above. More significantly, the return of in-person services led to an increase in fees paid to professional musicians.
- Grants and Donations increased by £2.9k due to an increase in donations made to the St Vincent's Family Project (SVFP), but partially offset by the cessation of the donation to The Gate ceasing.

Designated and Restricted Fund expenditure increased by £29.4k to £78.0k (2020/21 £48.6). The key movements are detailed below:

- No distribution of Tithe Grants was made in 2020/21, but in 2021/22 £40k of was distributed.
- £6.9k was spent from the AVA/Server Replacement Fund to replace computer equipment.
- Expenditure on Live Streaming decreased by £26k through reduced reliance on technical consultants as in-house experience and skill grew. The training up of a church member to take on the technician role also resulted in savings.

Total Funds for the Church have decreased to £301,384 (2020/21 £394,928) with negative funds of £14,131 (2020/21 ££62,186) in the General Fund and £315,515 in Restricted and Designated Funds (2019/20 £332,742).

In 2021/22, £20.6k has been transferred from Church General Funds to Designated and Restricted Funds, being the allocation to the Tithe Fund.

The Contingency Fund stands unchanged at £148k, which represents approximately six months' worth of average essential expenditure (including payments to the Circuit). There was no increase in the Fund in 2021/22. At the start of the year, we expected that Church income may decrease to the extent that some contingency may need to be used to meet ongoing expenditure, but by the grace of God, we have not had to do so. The Contingency Fund is included within the Designated Total. The Budget for 2022/23 however, has a significant deficit, which will mean that the Contingency will be reduced.

We are truly thankful for God's grace and favour, which has sustained the Church, for the Managing Trustees and the Connexion, the staff of Central Hall Westminster Ltd, our members and regular worshippers (new and not so new) and supporters from all over whose prayers, generosity and support have kept us throughout this most unusual year. To God be the glory! We look forward to exciting times ahead.

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER CHURCH

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in July 2014.

Full Name of Church**:**	**Methodist Central Hall Westminster**
Charity Registration Number:	**1145076**
Date of registration:	**15 December 2011**
Main communication address:	**Methodist Central Hall, Storey's Gate, Westminster, London SW1H 9NH**

The members of the Methodist Central Hall Westminster Church Council are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit and church office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual Church Meeting. A full list of Council membership is shown in the notes to this report.

Circuit Stewards:	**Wesley Gibbs (Senior)** **Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu** **Helen Tudor** **Joseph Adjei** **Ama Ackah-Yensu**
Treasurer:	**Ama Ackah-Yensu**
Independent Examiner:	**Buzzacott LLP** 130 Wood St London EC2V 6DL
Bank:	**HSBC** The Peak 333 Vauxhall Bridge Road Victoria London SW1V 1EJ
Investment Bankers:	**Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church**

Aims and Objectives
The charity's objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around Westminster for the Methodist Church:

It aims to be a vital Christian presence in the heart of London.

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

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

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

Structure, Governance and Management
The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

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

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church and Circuit Stewards and Ministerial Team with input from the Leadership Team.

Trusteeship is exercised by the elected members of the Church Council.

Trustee Training
Trustees are pointed to a range of guidance produced by The Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees.

Related Parties
The Church, like all local Methodist Churches is situated in a Circuit and is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. It consequently locates itself in both its polity and structure. In structural terms the Church is the single Methodist Society in the Westminster Circuit, which is one of some 35 circuits (groupings of local churches) making up the London Methodist District. In terms of Polity and Constitution, it, like all Methodist circuits, is accountable to the annual Methodist Conference.

Somewhat unusually, the Westminster Circuit consists of only one local society (church): Methodist Central Hall Westminster, which consequently is constituted so that wherever possible, local church and local circuit matters share the same constitution (by applying annually Methodist Standing Order 511).

Another unusual aspect of the Circuit/Church is the fact that its Trustees are appointed annually by the annual Conference of the Methodist Church of Great Britain, rather than, more commonly, the circuit meeting and church council.

A third related party, in addition to the Circuit and the Trustees is Central Hall Westminster Ltd, a not-for-profit company formed in 1999 to run an events and conference business using the large and prestigious premises in central London.

Regular meetings of each of these three entities take place, with the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent Ministers being members of each of the three, thereby having a strategic overview of the total ministry of the Circuit and its related parties.

Risk Management

The major risks associated with the life and ministry of the Church, located in Methodist Central Hall Westminster, are identified and recorded by the Trustees, with professional advice taken as required. An annual review process is undertaken and recorded.

In terms of financial governance, income and expenditure are regularly and routinely monitored, and are compared with the approved annual budget on at least a quarterly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process and to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

We note the following items, all of which are noted on the Risk Register.

- An annual grant to the Circuit is given by the Trustees. This is made possible by profits made by Central Hall Westminster Ltd. Any 'lean years' – and particularly several lean years – would affect the ability of the Trustees to award the grant.

- The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the operations of Central Hall Westminster Ltd has been immense. The building's closure and consequent hibernation of the business has meant that profits which would have been tithed to the Trustees have dried up, thus impacting their ability to provide the same level of grant to the Church, as with previous years.

- The as yet unknown plan relating to the 'decanting' of the House of Commons and House of Lords from the Palace of Westminster. Methodist Central Hall Westminster is, because of its proximity, one of a handful of buildings currently in conversation with 'Black Rod' about what are termed "business continuity talks".

- The ever-present risk of terror attacks and security breaches, given the location of the church. For the past four years the Metropolitan Police have estimated the risk of such as 'severe' and give regular security briefings to Circuit officials as to office holders of other large buildings in and around Parliament Square.

- The damage to reputation, given the high usage of the premises by very many clients.

- Safeguarding risks, exacerbated by the very high numbers of people using the building each week. In line with Methodist rulings, safeguarding procedures have, and continue to be improved and overhauled.

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

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

The Methodist Central Hall Westminster Church commits itself to: -

- Ensuring the implementation of the Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

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

The Safeguarding Policy is approved annually by the Church Council and revised in line with guidelines and directives from the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a contingency sum equivalent to a minimum of three months', and ideally six months', average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure and/or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise funds to cover the Church's full expenses, including the assessment payable to the Circuit.

The Contingency Fund as at 31 August 2022 was £148k, which is equivalent to approximately six months' average expenditure.

However, the continuing impact of the pandemic means that the reduced levels of grant from the Conference Property Trustees will continue into 2022/23 and a significant deficit is budgeted for in 2022/23, which will reduce the level of contingency quite considerably. The Church Council will continue to monitor this and endeavour to take measures to maintain reserves at a healthy level.

Signed: _____ **Date:** 19 March 2023

Revd Anthony Miles (Chair of Trustees)

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

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

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2021/22 Totals		2020/21 Totals
		£	£	£	£		£
Income and Endowments From:							
Donations and Legacies							
Offerings and Tax recoverable	13	150,507	0	0	150,507		128,565
Donations	13	40,194	0	0	40,194		65,950
Anniversary Giving		12,366	0	0	12,366		4,359
Grant (Trustees)	14	130,000	0	0	130,000		130,164
Donations for Use of Rooms		220	0	0	220		250
Visitors Services & Catering	15	45	0	0	45		0
Legacies		319	0	0	319		
Interest and Investment Income	16	1,317	0	0	1,317		499
Other							
Special Events	17	14,020	0	0	14,020		3,288
Church Groups	18	22	0	0	22		375
Covid-19 Furlough		0	0	0	0		33,340
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	2,187	0	2,187		490
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0		38,042	38,042		48,097
Total Income and Endowments		**349,010**	**2,187**	**38,042**	**389,239**		**415,377**

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

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

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2021/22 Totals		2020/21 Totals
Expenditure		£	£	£	£		£
Office & Ministry Staff		66,100	0	0	66,100		59,709
Net Payment for Circuit Expenses		194,023	0	0	194,023		193,485
Office Supplies - Staff and Equipment	19	15,491	0	0	15,491		12,271
Internal Organisations and Events							
Sanctuary		1,634	0	0	1,634		33
Church Groups	20	208	0	0	208		665
Special Events	21	36,726	0	0	36,726		1,885
Other Expenditure							
Music Account	22	55,924	0	0	55,924		32,035
Other expenditure	23	16,694	0	0	16,694		20,204
Advertising		5,672	0	0	5,672		4,959
Grants & Donations	24	12,284	0	0	12,284		7,790
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	49,012	0	49,012		1,426
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0	0	29,015	29,015		47,146
Total Expenditure		**404,756**	**49,012**	**29,015**	**482,783**		**381,608**
Net Income / (Expenditure)		**(55,746)**	**(46,825)**	**9,027**	**(93,544)**		**33,769**
Transfers Between Restricted Funds and General Funds		(20,571)	20,571	0	0		0
Net Income after transfers		(76,317)	(26,254)	9,027	(93,544)		33,769
Total funds brought forward		**62,186**	**258,813**	**73,929**	**394,928**		**361,159**
Total funds carried forward		**(14,131)**	**232,559**	**82,956**	**301,384**		**394,928**

Money received and passed on to External Organisations (For information only)

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
Balance brought forward from last year	2,636	2,324
Correction to balance brought forward	(287)	0
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	8,407	4,447
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	(8,674)	(4,135)
Balance carried forward	**2,082**	**2,636**

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

CHURCH BALANCE SHEET for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2021/22 Totals	2020/21 Totals
Current Assets		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Debtors and prepayments	25	30,490	0	1,184	31,674	48,152
Cash at bank and in hand	26	(7,075)	0	28,691	21,616	73,877
Central Finance Board deposit	27	0	232,559	53,161	285,720	328,607
Total current assets		**23,415**	**232,559**	**83,036**	**339,010**	**450,636**
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	28	(37,546)	0	(80)	(37,626)	(55,708)
Net current assets		**(14,131)**	**232,559**	**82,956**	**301,384**	**394,928**
Total assets less current liabilities		**(14,131)**	**232,559**	**82,956**	**301,384**	**394,928**
Net assets		**(14,131)**	**232,559**	**82,956**	**301,384**	**394,928**
Funds of the Church						
Unrestricted Fund (General)		(14,131)		0	(14,131)	62,186
Other Funds (restricted & designated)		0	232,559	82,956	315,515	332,742
Total funds		**(14,131)**	**232,559**	**82,956**	**301,384**	**394,928**

I confirm that these accrual-based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Signed:_____ **Date:** 19 March 2023

Ama Ackah-Yensu (Treasurer)

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were presented to the Church Council at its meeting on 19 March 2023 and were approved.

Signed: _____ **Date:** 19 March 2023

Revd Tony Miles (Chair of the Church Council)

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2020/21 Totals		2019/20 Totals
		£	£	£	£		£
Income and Endowments From:							
Donations and Legacies							
Offerings and Tax recoverable	13	128,565	0	0	128,565		153,979
Donations	13	65,950	0	0	65,950		24,763
Anniversary Giving		4,359	0	0	4,359		13,001
Grant (Trustees)	14	130,164	0	0	130,164		260,328
Donations for Use of Rooms		250	0	0	250		3,283
Visitors Services & Catering	15	0	0	0	0		1,131
Interest and Investment Income	16	499	0	0	499		2,231
Other							
Special Events	17	3,288	0	0	3,288		23,043
Church Groups	18	375	0	0	375		704
Covid-19 Furlough		33,340	0	0	33,340		21,003
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	490	0	490		5,142
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0	0	48,097	48,097		67,991
Total Income and Endowments		**366,790**	**490**	**48,097**	**415,377**		**576,599**

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METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2020/21 Totals		2019/20 Totals
Expenditure		£	£	£	£		£
Office & Ministry Staff		59,709	0	0	59,709		70,317
Net Payment for Circuit Expenses		193,485	0	0	193,485		222,744
Office Supplies - Staff and Equipment	19	12,271	0	0	12,271		26,271
Internal Organisations and Events							
Sanctuary		33	0	0	33		2,131
Church Groups	20	665	0	0	665		6,109
Special Events	21	1,885	0	0	1,885		34,002
Other Expenditure							
Music Account	22	32,035	0	0	32,035		44,839
Other expenditure	23	20,204	0	0	20,204		20,233
Advertising		4,959	0	0	4,959		9,827
Grants & Donations	24	7,790	0	0	7,790		47,210
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	1,426	0	1,426		29,744
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0	0	47,146	47,146		60,142
Total Expenditure		**333,036**	**1,426**	**47,146**	**381,608**		**573,569**
Net Income / (Expenditure)		**33,754**	**(936)**	**951**	**33,769**		**3,030**
Transfers Between Restricted Funds and General Funds		(32,450)	32,487	(37)	0		0
Net Income after transfers		1,304	31,551	914	33,769		3,030
Total funds brought forward		**60,882**	**227,262**	**73,015**	**361,159**		**358,129**
Total funds carried forward		**62,186**	**258,813**	**73,929**	**394,928**		**361,159**

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS
CHURCH BALANCE SHEET for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2020/21 Totals	2019/20 Totals
Current Assets		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Debtors and prepayments	25	48,152	0	0	48,152	56,552
Cash at bank and in hand	26	73,877	0	0	73,877	20,640
Central Finance Board deposit	27	(6,050)	258,813	75,844	328,607	333,768
Total current assets		**115,979**	**258,813**	**75,844**	**450,636**	**410,960**
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	28	(53,793)	0	(1,915)	(55,708)	(49,801)
Net current assets		**62,186**	**258,813**	**73,929**	**394,928**	**361,159**
Total assets less current liabilities		**62,186**	**258,813**	**73,929**	**394,928**	**361,159**
Net assets		**62,186**	**258,813**	**73,929**	**394,928**	**361,159**
Funds of the Church						
Unrestricted Fund (General)		62,186	0	0	62,186	60,881
Other Funds (restricted & designated)		0	258,813	73,929	332,742	300,277
Total funds		**62,186**	**258,813**	**73,929**	**394,928**	**361,159**

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2022

1. Basis of accounting

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost Convention.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The Charity is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102 and therefore the Charity also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the 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 (The FRS 102 Charities SORP) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

Going Concern

After making reasonable enquiries and receiving assurances from the Conference Property Trustees, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and do not consider there to be any threat to the going concern status. Therefore, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements and confirm there are no material uncertainties at the date of the approval of these financial statements.

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds, which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the notes to the Accounts.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis

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

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the funds, the receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Grants
Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church
These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. There is no freehold property owned by the Church.

Financial instruments
Basic financial instruments are measured at amortised cost.

Debtors and creditors
Debtors and creditors receivable or payable within one year of the reporting date are carried at their transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost less any impairment.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement
In preparing financial statements it is necessary to make certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. There are no judgements and estimates are considered by the Trustees to have a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

4.Donations and legacies	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**2022 Total**	**2021 Total**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Collections	124,091	38,042	**162,133**	**147,920**
Tax credits	26,155	0	**26,155**	**0**
Donations	42,141	0	**42,141**	**67,902**
Total	**192,387**	**38,042**	**230,429**	**215,822**
5. Other trading activities	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**2022 Total**	**2021 Total**
	£	£	**£**	**£**
CD Project	500	0	**500**	**0**
Total	**500**	**0**	**500**	**0**
6. Investment income	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**2022 Total**	**2021 Total**
	£	£	**£**	**£**
Central Finance Board	1,278	0	**1,278**	**460**
Other	39	0	**39**	**39**
Total	**1,317**	**0**	**1,317**	**499**

7. Trustees

None of the Trustees, or persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the Church or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31 August 2022

	2021/22	2020/21
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	5	5
	£	£
Total amount paid	6,815	2,157

Nature of expenses claimed: Car mileage, public transport, hospitality and miscellaneous. These expenses have been incurred by the trustees in the course of fulfilling their pastoral responsibilities.

8. Independent Examiners Fees

	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
Fees for reporting on the accounts	1,680	1,680
Other fees (for advice, accountancy services etc)	-	-
Total	**1,680**	**1,680**

9. Paid Employees

Staff costs (excluding stipends) during the year were as below: -

	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	70,633	79,745
Employer's National Insurance	3,805	4,212
Pension costs	6,140	9,980
Total Staff Costs	80,578	93,937
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were	3.9	3.9

10. Reserves Policy

	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
General Funds held	148,000	148,000

The current level of reserves is equivalent to nearly 6 months of average expenditure including payments made to the Circuit.

Policy for Restricted Funds

No policy as such except that such funds may only be used for the purpose for which they have been given / donated.

Terms relating to Endowment Funds
No such funds are held by the church.

This Reserves Policy has been approved by the Church Council.

11. Related Parties

Name of related party	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related parties during the year	Loans to related party during the year	Amounts owed by related party as on 31 Aug 2022
		£	£	£	£
Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons	Gift made by Church	0	200	0	0
Fund for Property	Gift made by Church	0	330	0	0
London Mission Fund Payment	Gift made by Church	0	200	0	0
Total		**0**	**730**	**0**	**0**

12. Details of Designated and Restricted Funds

		2021/22			
CHURCH FUNDS	**Balance B/Fwd 01/09/21**	**Income**	**Expenditure**	**Transfer Between Funds**	**Balance C'Fwd 31/08/22**
FUNDS	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	
General - Designated					
Sunday Catering	329	847	(1,264)	0	(88)
Tithe	40,229	0	(40,000)	20,571	20,800
Tithe Reserve	3,400	0	0	0	3,400
CD Project	13,967	500	0	0	14,467
AVA & Server Replacement	17,030	0	(6,908)	0	10,122
Church Space Refurbishment & Maintenance	23,858	0	0	0	23,858
Fees to be Paid for Special Services	0	840	(840)	0	0
Digital Outreach and Engagement	12,000	0	0	0	12,000
Contingency	148,000	0	0	0	148,000
TOTAL DESIGNATED	**258,813**	**2,187**	**(49,012)**	**20,571**	**232,559**
Restricted					
Monday Guild	362	0	0	0	362
Flower Fund	409	1,906	(2,260)	40	95
Hymn Sheet Fund	2,308	528	0	40	2,876
Special Offerings to be Donated	267	6,385	(6,811)	159	0
Night Shelter	1,488	0	0	0	1,488
Welcome Box Project	593	0	0	0	593
Christian Aid	0	655	(655)	0	0
World Mission Easter Offering	0	1,208	(1,208)	0	0
Benevolent Fund	6,706	3,445	(5,089)	(269)	4,793
Music & Worship Legacy	45,650	0	0	0	45,650
Organ Recital Fund	0	0	0	110	110
Friends of Westminster	100	50	0	0	150
Ghana Fellowship	2,010	1,636	(1,019)	(80)	2,547
Sierra Leone & Gambia Fellowship	0	105	(52)	0	53
Online Services	14,036	22,124	(11,921)	0	24,239
Total Restricted Funds	**73,929**	**38,042**	**(29,015)**	**0**	**82,956**
TOTAL RESTRICTED & DESIGNATED FUNDS	**332,742**	**40,229**	**(78,026)**	**20,571**	**315,515**
General Fund	**62,186**	**349,010**	**(404,756)**	**(20,571)**	**(14,131)**
TOTAL FUNDS	**394,928**	**389,239**	**(482,783)**	**0**	**301,384**

The balance of Designated and Restricted Funds has decreased by £17,207. There has been a net transfer from Church General Funds of £20,571 to the Tithe Fund for distribution to other charitable organisations nominated by church members.

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INCOME	**£**	**2021/22 £**	**£**	**2020/21 £**
General Funds (Unrestricted)				
Note 13 - Offerings and tax recoverable				
Envelope Scheme	55,746		53,312	
Banker's Orders	38,935		42,654	
Loose Cash	26,326		3,856	
Tax recovered	26,155		26,791	
Charities Trust	1,947		1,952	
Lunchtime Services	1,398		0	
		150,507		128,565
Donations		40,194		65,950
		190,701		194,515
Note 14 - Trustees Grant				
SVFP Grant	9,100		9,234	
SVFP Rent	13,000		13,008	
Church Grant General	107,900		107,922	
		130,000		130,164
Note 15 - Visitors Services				
Visitor services - Donations	45		0	
		45		0
Note 16 - Interest & investment income				
Dividend Income	39		39	
Deposit interest	1,278		460	
		1,317		499
Note 17 -Special Events				
Daffodil Day	1,753		98	
Christmas Lunch	2,142		0	
Prayer and Healing Ministry including Conference	1,000		3,121	
The Gathering	632		0	
Carol Service	2,775		42	
Anniversary Dinner	1,160		0	
Church Fun Fellowship Retreat	4,421		0	
Bookstall Sales	125		0	
Miscellaneous	12		27	
		14,020		3,288
Note 18 - Church Groups & Ministries				
JC Live	22		375	
		22		375

		2021/22		2020/21
EXPENDITURE	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Note 19 Office Supplies				
Photocopying	1,337		2,247	
General Stationery	889		897	
Printing	3,203		1,459	
Literature	349		2,157	
Easter Offering / Gift envelopes	458		0	
Postage	3,648		976	
Computer supplies & software incl Digital Outreach	4,867		4,535	
Office Equipment & Supplies	740		0	
		15,491		12,271
Note 20 Church Groups				
JC Live	152		465	
YPF	56		0	
		208		465
Notes 21 -Special Projects & Events				
Daffodil Day	5,372		250	
Christmas lunch & party	3,917		0	
Prayer and Healing Ministry including Conference	3,529		1,385	
Gathering	3,243		250	
Fun and Fellowship Weekend	7,648		0	
Carol Service	7,506		0	
Anniversary Dinner	2,268		0	
Cathedral Events	2,948		0	
Good Friday in Victoria Street	295		0	
		36,726		1,885
Note 22 Music Account				
Fees for Directors of Music / Musicians / Choirs	55,149		32,035	
Music Expenses	775		0	
		55,924		32,035

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

		2021/22		2020/21
RESOURCES EXPENDED	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Note 23 - Other expenditure				
Pulpit supply	1,849		305	
Lay training	163		1,228	
Website development & maintenance	1,479		12,059	
In-house hospitality / Volunteers				
Dinner	168		0	
Hospitality & Restaurant Vouchers	600		110	
Bank charges	625		246	
Miscellaneous	7,718		3,407	
Materials and Items for Services	2,055		719	
Subscriptions	357		450	
Independent Examiners Fees	1,680		1,680	
		16,694		20,204
Note 24 Grants & Donations				
The Fund for the Support of Presbyters and Deacons (previously Auxiliary Fund) Payment	200		200	
Property Fund	330		330	
London Mission Fund	200		200	
		730		730
St Vincent's Family Project		10,000		5,560
The Gate Crisis Pregnancy Centre		0		1,500
		10,730		7,790

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BALANCE SHEET NOTES	**£**	**2021/22 £**	**£**	**2020/21 £**
Note 25 - Debtors and Prepayments				
Debtors				
Accrued Income				
Gift Aid for General Fund	29,637		29,536	
Covid-19 Furlough	0		13,737	
Owed by Circuit	0		2,687	
		29,637		45,960
Note 26 - Cash at Bank and in hand				
General Fund - HSBC Current Account				
General Fund - HSBC Current Account		(7,631)		73,321
General Fund Sanctuary Account		309		309
General Fund Petty Cash		247		247
Restricted Funds HSBC		28,691		0
		21,616		73,877
Note 27 - Central Finance Board				
Designated Funds	232,559		258,813	
Restricted Funds	53,161		75,844	
General Fund	0		(6,050)	
		285,720		328,607
		285,720		328,607
Note 28 - Creditors (due in under 1 year)				
Accrued Expenses				
Independent Examiners Fees	1,680		1,680	
Staff expenses / Musicians	5,113		9,368	
Hospitality	0		70	
Digital Outreach Salary & Expenses	788		1,269	
Photocopying & Printing	1,953		1,998	
Computer Supplies & Multi Media	751		180	
Website Maintenance & Development	164		116	
Advertising	5,472		0	
Miscellaneous & items for Services	119		200	
Owed to Circuit	21,506		38,619	
Designated / Restricted Funds	80		1,915	
Circuit Expenses	0		293	
		37,626		55,708
Prepaid Expenses				
Staff Expenses & Salaries	0		1,961	
Miscellaneous & items for Services	179		13	
Hospitality	41		0	
Circuit Expenses	0		218	
Printing and Stationery	633		0	
Designated / Restricted Funds	1,184		0	
		2,037		2,192
		39,663		57,900

Church Trustees as at 31 August 2022

The following served as trustees during the year and/or were trustees at the date of signing the accounts.

Revd. Tony Miles	Ollie McEwen
Revd. Lansford Penn-Timity	Joe Awotwi
Deacon Alison McMillan	Tony Ackah-Yensu
Revd. Gordon Newton	Alison Bryan
Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu	Judith Mitchell
Helen Tudor	Philippa Muir
Wesley Gibbs	Christina Asare Owusu
Esther Buckman	Charlotte Rankin
Emmanuel Asante	Sarita Lightfoot-Taylor
Abdul Bah	Esther Thomas
Michael Davies	Mark Williamson
Regina Boye	Jacob Baiden
Denzil Cummings-John	Kate Jones
Comfort Golightly	Seth Kofi Otoo
Joseph Adjei	Grace Sangmuah
Shirley Bernisto	Christina Fashola
Grace Kermah	Chika Unaka
Sabrina Malcolm	Aretha Solanke
Ama Ackah-Yensu	Charles Bushell
Jocelyn Boafo	MS Kim
John Philips	Omotayo Roberts
Dinah Longdon	Marko Joensuu

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Methodist Central Hall Westminster Church

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

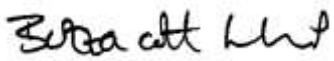
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, 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 my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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.



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23 March 2023

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

ACCRUALS BASIS

For the year ended 31 August 2022

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL
Westminster

Registered Charity No 1145076

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit No. 35 / 03

SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER

Revd Tony Miles

CIRCUIT STEWARDS

Wesley Gibbs (Senior)
Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu
Helen Tudor
Joseph Adjei
Ama Ackah-Yensu (Treasurer)

LONDON MISSION (WESTMINSTER) CIRCUIT 35 / 03
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

This Annual Report gives an account of the mission and ministry of The London Mission (Westminster) Methodist Circuit, through its single society Methodist Central Hall Westminster. It represents considerable commitment on the part of its members, who both gather for worship and learning, and disperse in witness, being involved in a variety of means of service.

Aims and Organisation

Our mission is to be a vital Christian presence in the heart of London. Our vision statement declared on the order of worship each week is: "Methodist Central Hall Westminster – a global Christian family following Jesus at the heart of London."

Review of the Year – Regrouping and Rebuilding

With the restrictions of the Covid Pandemic eventually being lifted, we have worked hard to gather our in-person congregation again and this has not been easy. Many have been nervous about travelling into London. There has been the added obstacle of an unprecedented number of events in Westminster (marathons, bike rides, and filming etc), and we have also been hindered by the Congestion Charge. Nevertheless, our community has gradually been regrouping. The challenge has been to rebuild a church that is relevant to a world transformed by a virus and other global issues. We have over 60% of our regular worshippers returning to worship on a Sunday morning, with Special services like Easter seeing larger numbers (80%). We are hugely grateful to the entire staff team and those who are lay volunteers, for their commitment, prayer, and faithfulness. At times, there have been few around to share the load, but it's good to see more people stepping up to help us rise to new opportunities. It has been wonderful to see our Vision Statement becoming a reality.

Midweek Lunchtime Services

These resumed last September and got off to a slow start, due to very few office workers being back. However, we have grown a new nucleus of our own members who attend, we have welcomed almost 30 visitors and tourists and are starting to see a few office workers occasionally. There was a good attendance at a special service for the Platinum Jubilee, attended by some from the Business Centre.

Confirmation and Reception Into Membership, Baptisms and 1st Anniversary Services

Despite the challenges above, we were delighted to Confirm 6 new Church Members and receive 5 more by way of transfer from other churches, with more transfers expected soon. It is encouraging that some new members are joining us because of our online ministry. Due to our inability to hold special services during the pandemic, we have had a significant number of baptisms and first anniversary services to mark the death of loved ones.

Online Services and Meetings

Our live-streamed services continue to average 1.3K – 1.4K views each week. We are conscious that each view may represent multiple people as we know a lot of couples and families are viewing. We have overcome several technical challenges and we are still planning to raise funds to invest in new equipment for the Chapel and Great Hall. A church member has been trained and engaged as a freelance technician for our online services, enabling us to reduce costs.

Fun and Fellowship Weekend

Members of the ministerial team and **45 church members, aged between 5 and 90 years, went away to The Friars – Aylesford Priory, Kent for a weekend (June 10th-12th).** The theme was **'Wellbeing and the Kingdom of God'** and was led by a former Deacon at MCHW. It was a time of great blessing and encouragement.

Healing Ministry

Healing Services are rebuilding and have been well-received. Our annual healing conference returned to the Great Hall this year, after the 2020 conference was cancelled and the 2021 conference went out on-line.

Attendees were down on pre-covid times, but we had c.180 on the day. The worship was inspirational and the key speaker, Carolyn Lawrence's talks were extremely well received, with many commenting positively on the day and in subsequent emails. The leaders and combined prayer teams from MCHW and Premier Lifeline were kept extremely busy, and we had queues of people waiting in the aisles for anointing and individual prayer

The theme **'Transformation:- from the inside out'** particularly resonated with the huge need for healing for minds and hearts after the two years of fear and stress from covid.

Sanctuary

Sanctuary is the young adult congregation at MCHW, and also a fresh expression of church trying to reach out to people in their 20s and 30s across London. It's a group of people following Jesus so they can experience life in all its fullness, and be a part of turning London upside down. They do this by exploring spirituality, justice, and leadership. There are about 30 people in the community. In the year 2021/22 Sanctuary has developed:

- A corporate rhythm of life for community members.
- An intentional discipleship tool based on monthly coaching conversations.
- Four justice groups, looking at how we can make the world a better place by campaigning for financial justice, racial justice, climate justice, and helping the homeless. On 30th June, Sanctuary held a special leadership training evening for social entrepreneurs and charity leaders and church volunteers, called **Building A Dream Team.**

Ecumenical Events

We continue to maintain good relations with Westminster Abbey, Westminster Cathedral, and other churches in Westminster. We work with and support The Passage (helping homeless people in Westminster). Moreover, despite MCHW reducing the grant to the St Vincent's Family Project (SVFP) that is hosted on our premises, the work of the project has continued with the help of income from other sources. Our Superintendent was invited to participate in a number of national events at the Abbey, including the Commonwealth Service and a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. He also preached at St. Margaret's Church at the 5th Anniversary of the terror attacks on Westminster Bridge and New Palace Yard. This service was well attended by the families of the victims and the Prime Minister.

Local Preaching

We now have 11 Local Preachers. nine Fully Accredited, one On Trial, and another On Note. During the year we had a new Church Member by transfer, who is also Fully Accredited. Our preachers take part in our own services as well as preaching in various London Circuits.

Vice President of Conference

We are very proud to report that our church member, **Anthony Boateng, was inducted as Vice President of Conference** on Saturday 25th June 2022. We give thanks to God and continue to support him with our prayers during a busy and demanding year for him.

Cultural Groups

The Cultural Fellowship groups are in good spirits and have been overseen by Revd Lansford Penn-Timity. This has fostered togetherness and collaboration. Communication among members through WhatsApp and other forums has significantly improved. Through these groups, we have been able to celebrate significant moments in their various cultures. There have been pockets of challenges here and there on the Food Policy but in general, it appears to be working well. A Farewell Service for Revd Dr Martyn Atkins, which had been delayed because of the Pandemic, was finally held on 8th May 2022. It was followed by a successful reception

that gave the opportunity for the various groups to serve food in line with the Food Policy that was initiated whilst he was in office.

Visitor Services and Bookstall

With the assistance of Paul Moynihan (our part-time archivist) and Frank Waller, who leads the volunteers, our Visitor Services Centre and Bookstall have been restructured and limited tours resumed. We have hosted visitors from the USA, Korea, and others from across the world. We hosted 23 ministers from the Methodist Church overseas, who were in the UK for the Methodist Conference 2022.

All in all, the year has been challenging and yet rewarding – an opportunity for us to experience God's grace in a very special way.

Our Superintendent Minister closes with words from St. Paul, ***'Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.'***
(1 Thessalonians 5:11)

May God richly bless us all as we share in his mission and further the work of the kingdom.

Plans for 2022/23

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there remain three full-time ordained staff members.

Circuit expenditure is expected to increase by 4.7% in 2022/23 due to inflationary increases in stipends and manse costs.

Financial Review
The Circuit's statement of accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 is attached and shows a total deficit of £2,732, with a surplus in Restricted and Designated Funds of £5,268 after a transfer of £8,000 from the General Fund and a deficit of £8,000 in the General Fund.

Income
Circuit income has been drawn primarily from the assessment paid by the church (there being only one church within the Circuit). Income of £19,301 was generated from the temporary renting of a manse. There was an increase in income of £1,055 (from £213,556 in 2020/21 to £214,611 in 2021/22).

- Investment income increased by £418 due to increases in interest rates
- The rental income increased by £99
- The assessment paid by the church increased by £4

Expenditure
Circuit expenditure increased by £15,915 (from £201,428 in 2020/21to £217,343), which was mainly due to:

- Increase in Stipends and Associated costs of £12,360 which included the pay increase in line with annual Conference recommendations and £10,828 contribution towards the Methodist Church pension deficit
- Increase in travel and accommodation of £4.2k due to activity increasing as Covid-19 restrictions were lifted

- Increase in Ministerial Training £1.1k due to Executive Coaching and Profiling Training in 2021/22
- Increase in Administration Staff Costs of £2.2k due to the fact that 2020/21 staff were Covid Furlough for some of the year, pay increase and PHI Contributions for 2020/21 and 2021/22 being paid in 2021/22

These increases were partly offset by decreases in:

- Manse Maintenance decreasing by £3.2k. In 2020/21 there was significant work carried out in Pond Green and Shirley Avenue manses.
- No removal costs being incurred in 2021/22 (£0.6k in 2020/21)

The District Assessment of £43,720, accounted for 21.7% of expenditure (there was no increase from 2020/21 to 2021/22). A significant part of this is passed on to the Connexion to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

Fund Balances

The balance on the Circuit General Fund is £1,934,755, of which £1,932,713 represents the book value of the manses.

Circuit Restricted and Designated Funds have increased by £5,268 to £335,678 in 2021/22 (£330,410 in 2020/21). £8k was allocated to the Manse Maintenance Fund from General Funds. There was only £2.7k of expenditure across all funds.

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in July 2014.

Full Name of Church**:**	**London Mission (Westminster) Circuit**
Charity Registration Number:	**1145076**
Date of registration:	**15 December 2011**
Main communication address:	**Methodist Central Hall, Storey's Gate, Westminster, London SW1H 9NH**

The members of the London Mission (Westminster) Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual Church Meeting. A full list of members is shown in the notes to this report.

Circuit Stewards:	**Wesley Gibbs (Senior)** **Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu** **Helen Tudor** **Joseph Adjei** **Ama Ackah-Yensu**
Treasurer:	**Ama Ackah-Yensu**
Independent Examiner:	**Buzzacott LLP** 130 Wood Street London EC2V 6DL
Bank:	**HSBC** The Peak 333 Vauxhall Bridge Road Victoria London SW1V 1EJ
Investment Bankers:	**Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church** **Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes**

Aims and Objectives
The charity's objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around Westminster for the Methodist Church:

It aims to be a vital Christian presence in the heart of London.

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

1. The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
2. Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
3. Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church; and
4. Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

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

Structure, Governance and Management
The governing document for the Methodist Church of Great Britain is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

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

Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Stewards and Ministerial Team with input from the Circuit Leadership team. Trusteeship is exercised by the elected members of the Circuit Meeting.

Trustee Training
Trustees are pointed to a range of guidance produced by The Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees.

Related Parties
The Circuit is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. It consequently locates itself in both its polity and structure. In structural terms the Westminster Circuit is one of some 35 circuits (groupings of local churches) making up the London Methodist District. In terms of Polity and Constitution it, like all Methodist circuits, is accountable to the annual Methodist Conference.

Somewhat unusually, the Westminster Circuit consists of only one local society (church): Methodist Central Hall Westminster, which consequently is constituted so that wherever possible, local church and local circuit matters share the same constitution (by applying annually Methodist Standing Order 511).

Another unusual aspect of the Circuit/Church is the fact that its Trustees *of the Building* are appointed annually by the annual Conference of the Methodist Church of Great Britain, rather than, more commonly, the circuit meeting.
A third related party, in addition to the Circuit and the Trustees is Central Hall Westminster Ltd, a not-for-profit company formed in 1999 to run an events and conference business using the large and prestigious premises in central London.

Regular meetings of each of these three entities take place, with the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent ministers being members of each of the three, thereby having a strategic overview of the total ministry of the Circuit and its related parties.

Risk Management
The major risks associated with the life and ministry of the Circuit, located in Methodist Central Hall Westminster, are identified and recorded by the Trustees, with professional advice taken as required. An annual review process is undertaken and recorded. In terms of financial governance, income and expenditure are regularly and routinely monitored, and are compared with the approved annual budget on at least a quarterly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

We note the following items, all of which are noted on the Risk Register.

- An annual grant to the Church, which is one of the main sources of funding for the Circuit is given by the Trustees. This is made possible by profits made by Central Hall Westminster Ltd. Any 'lean years' – and particularly several lean years – would affect the ability of the Trustees to award the grant.

- The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the operations of Central Hall Westminster Ltd has been immense. The building's closure and consequent hibernation of the business has meant that profits which would have been tithed to the Trustees have dried up, thus impacting their ability to provide the same level of grant to the Church, as with previous years.

- The as yet unknown plan relating to the 'decanting' of the House of Commons and House of Lords from the Palace of Westminster. Methodist Central Hall Westminster is, because of its proximity, one of a handful of buildings currently in conversation with 'Black Rod' about what are termed "business continuity talks".

- The ever-present risk of terror attacks and security breaches, given the location of the church. For the past four years the Metropolitan Police have estimated the risk of such as 'severe' and give regular security briefings to Circuit officials as to office holders of other large buildings in and around Parliament Square.

- The damage to reputation, given the high usage of the premises by very many clients.

- Safeguarding risks, exacerbated by the very high numbers of people using the building each week. In line with Methodist rulings, safeguarding procedures have, and continue to be improved and overhauled.

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

1. The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with all children, young people and adults.
2. The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
3. The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
4. We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
5. We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
6. We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
7. We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
8. We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
9. In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit commits itself to: -

1. Ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.
2. The provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

The Safeguarding Policy is approved annually by the Circuit Meeting and revised in line with guidelines and directives from the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Reserves Policy

The policy is for the Circuit itself to hold minimal free reserves, as it is able to rely on the reserves held within its one church. The aim, therefore, is for the Church to hold a designated contingency fund at a level, which can sustain six months' worth of average expenditure for both Church and Circuit. The Contingency Fund has not been increased in 2021/22 and so remains at £148k, which is equivalent to approximately six months' average expenditure. Despite the limitations on church activities in 2020/21 due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Church was able to generate a surplus and so no reduction in contingency was needed.

However, the continuing impact of the pandemic means that the reduced levels of grant from the Conference Property Trustees will continue into 2022/23 and a significant deficit is budgeted for in 2022/23, which will reduce the level of contingency quite considerably. The Church Council will continue to monitor this and endeavour to take measures to maintain reserves at a healthy level.

Signed: _____ **Date:** 19 March 2023

Revd Tony Miles (Chair of Trustees)

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit 35/03
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment (Restricted)	2021/22 Totals		2020/21 Totals
Income and Endowments from:		**£**	**£**	**£**		**£**		**£**
Donations and Legacies Income		0	0	0	0	0		0
Bank Interest		1,287	0	0	0	1,287		869
District Advance Fund Grant		0	0	0	0	0		0
Assessments Church & Trustees to Circuit		194,023	0	0	0	194,023		193,485
Lettings (Manse Rental Income)	**10**	19,301	0	0		19,301		19,202
Total Income		**214,611**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**214,611**		**213,556**
Expenditure								
Stipends, Salaries and Associated Costs		129,120	0	0	0	129,120		116,760
District Assessment		43,716	0	0	0	43,716		43,720
Travel Expenses		6,275	0	0	0	6,275		2,000
Ministerial Training		1,534	0	0	0	1,534		438
Insurance, Utilities, etc.	**11**	22,063	0	0	0	22,063		22,360
Maintenance on Manses	**12**	2,189	2,674	0	0	4,863		8,056
Removal Costs		0	0	0	0	0		600
Media Chaplaincy Costs		0	0	58	0	58		0
Other Expenditure								
Administration, Staff & Copying etc.	**13**	7,059	0	0	0	7,059		4,815
Independent Examiner Fee		1,680	0	0	0	1,680		1,680
Professional fees		975	0	0	0	975		999
Total Expenditure		**214,611**	**2,674**	**58**	**0**	**217,343**		**201,428**
Net Income / (Expenditure)		**0**	**(2,674)**	**(58)**	**0**	**(2,732)**		**12,128**
Transfer between Funds & General Account		**(8,000)**	**8,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**		0
Total Funds brought forward		**1,942,756**	**330,352**	**58**	**0**	**2,273,166**		**2,259,402**
Correction for Prior Year			**0**			**0**		**1,636**
Total funds carried forward at end of year		**1,934,756**	**335,678**	**0**	**0**	**2,270,434**		**2,273,166**

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit 35/03
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment (Restricted)	2021/22 Totals	2020/21 Totals
Fixed Assets		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Manses etc.	**14**	1,932,713	0	0	0	1,932,713	1,932,713
Total Fixed Assets		**1,932,713**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,932,713**	**1,932,713**
Current Assets							
Debtors and prepayments	**15**	36,457	0	0	0	36,457	54,727
TMCP Deposit Account	**16**	0	250,144	0	0	250,144	249,684
CFB Deposit	**16**	0	23,554	0	0	23,554	14,156
Cash at bank and in hand	**17**	(31,268)	61,980		0	30,712	29,694
Total current assets		**5,189**	**335,678**	**0**	**0**	**340,867**	**348,261**
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	**18**	(3,146)	0	0	0	(3,146)	(7,808)
Net current assets		2,043	335,678	0	0	337,721	340,453
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,934,756**	**335,678**	**0**	**0**	**2,270,434**	**2,273,166**
Loans and creditors due after 1 year		0	0	0	0	0	0
Net assets		**1,934,756**	**335,678**	**0**	**0**	**2,270,434**	**2,273,166**
Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,934,756	0	0	0	1,934,756	1,942,756
Other Funds (Restricted)		0	335,678	0	0	335,678	330,410
Total funds		**1,934,756**	**335,678**	**0**	**0**	**2,270,434**	**2,273,166**

I confirm that these accrual-based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting.

Signed: _____ **Date:** 19 March 2023

Ama Ackah-Yensu (Treasurer)

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were, presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on 19 March 2023 and were approved.

Signed: _____ **Date:** 19 March 2023

Revd Tony Miles (Chair of the Circuit Meeting)

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment (Restricted)	2020/21 Totals		2019/20 Totals
		£	£	£	£	£		£
Income and Endowments from:								
Donations and Legacies Income	**4**	0	0	0	0	0		0
Bank Interest	**5**	30	839	0	0	869		347
Assessments Church & Trustees to Circuit including Repayment of Loan		193,485	0	0	0	193,485		211,239
Lettings (Manse Rental Income)	**10**	19,202	0	0	0	19,202		4,660
Total Income		**212,717**	**839**	**0**	**0**	**213,556**		**216,246**
Expenditure								
Stipends, Salaries and Associated Costs		116,760	0	0	0	116,760		115,175
District Assessment		43,720	0	0	0	43,720		39,884
Travel Expenses		2,000	0	0	0	2,000		5,027
Ministerial Training		438	0	0	0	438		357
Insurance, Utilities, etc.	**11**	22,360	0	0	0	22,360		21,064
Maintenance on Manses	**12**	5,201	2,855	0	0	8,056		42,398
Removal Costs		0	600	0	0	600		3,898
Other Expenditure								
Administration, Staff & Copying etc.	**13**	4,815	0	0	0	4,815		9,443
Independent Examiner Fee		1,680	0	0	0	1,680		2,570
Professional fees		500	499	0	0	999		534
Total Expenditure		**197,474**	**3,954**	**0**	**0**	**201,428**		**240,373**
Net Income / (Expenditure)		**15,243**	**(3,115)**	**0**	**0**	**12,128**		**(24,127)**
Transfer between Funds & General Account		**(15,200)**	**15,200**	**0**	**0**	**0**		0
Total Funds brought forward		**1,942,713**	**316,631**	**58**	**0**	**2,259,402**		**2,283,529**
Correction for Prior Year		0	1,636	0	0	1,636		0
Total funds carried forward at end of year		**1,942,756**	**330,352**	**58**	**0**	**2,273,166**		**2,259,402**

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment (Restricted)	2020/21 Totals	2019/20 Totals
Fixed Assets		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Manses etc.	**14**	1,932,713	0	0	0	1,932,713	1,932,713
Total Fixed Assets		**1,932,713**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,932,713**	**1,932,713**
Current Assets							
Debtors and prepayments	**15**	54,727	0	0	0	54,727	55,222
TMCP Deposit Account		0	249,684	0	0	249,684	247,707
CFB Deposit	**16**	0	14,098	58	0	14,156	32,842
Cash at bank and in hand	**17**	(36,876)	66,570	0	0	29,694	1,267
Total current assets		**17,851**	**330,352**	**58**	**0**	**348,261**	**337,038**
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	**18**	(7,808)	0	0	0	(7,808)	(10,352)
Net current assets		10,043	330,352	58	0	340,453	326,686
Total assets less current liabilities		**1, 942,756**	**330,352**	**58**	**0**	**2,273,166**	**2,259,402**
Loans and creditors due after 1 year		0	0	0	0	0	0
Net assets		**1,942,756**	**330,352**	**58**	**0**	**2,273,166**	**2,259,402**
Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,942,756	0	0	0	1,942,756	1,942,713
Other Funds (Designated and Restricted)		0	330,352	58	0	330,410	316,689
Total funds		**1,942,756**	**330,352**	**58**	**0**	**2,273,166**	**2,259,402**

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2022

Basis of accounting
These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost Convention.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The Charity is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102 and therefore the Charity also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the 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 (The FRS 102 Charities SORP) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

1. Going Concern
After making reasonable enquiries the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and do not consider there to be any threat to the going concern status. Therefore, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements and confirm there are no material uncertainties at the date of the approval of these financial statements.

2. Funds
The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit, which are unrestricted, and restricted funds, which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the notes to the Accounts.

3. Accounting Policies

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

Income
Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the funds, the receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an

outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Cash and Cash Equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Grants
Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit
These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.

The freehold property comprises the Circuit's manses and is shown in the accounts at 2014 deemed values, with the exception of the Shirley manse, which is shown at the purchase value in 2016.

At the time of valuation, purchase and disposal, the value of the properties was not spilt between land and buildings. However, based on an estimate of 25% land and 75% buildings, the total land value at 31 August 2022 would be £483,179 and the total building value would be £1,449,534. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value.

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

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

Financial instruments
Basic financial instruments are measured at amortised cost.

Debtors and creditors
Debtors and creditors receivable or payable within one year of the reporting date are carried at their transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost less any impairment.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement
In preparing financial statements it is necessary to make certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. There are no judgements and estimates considered by the Trustees to have a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

4. Donations and legacies	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**2022 Total**	**2021 Total**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Legacies	0	0	0	0
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
5. Investment income				
Central Finance Board	1,287	0	1,287	869
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	**1,287**	**0**	**1,287**	**869**

6. Payment to Trustees
None of the Trustees, or persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the Church or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31 August 2022.

	2021/22	**2020/21**
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	5	5
	£	**£**
Total amount paid	6,815	2,157

Nature of expenses claimed: Car mileage, public transport, hospitality and miscellaneous. These expenses have been incurred by the trustees in the course of fulfilling their pastoral responsibilities.

7. Independent Examiner's Fees

	2021/22	**2020/21**
	£	**£**
Fees for reporting on the accounts	1,680	1,680
Other fees (for advice, accountancy services etc)	0	0
Total	**1,680**	**1,680**

8. Paid Employees

Staff costs during the year were as below: -

	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	3,416	3,115
Employer's National Insurance	237	259
Pension costs	244	343
Total Staff Costs	3,897	3,717
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year	0.2	0.2

The charity considers that the key management personnel comprise the Trustees. There was no remuneration paid to the Trustees during 2021/ 22.

9 Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation	Residential Land	Manses	Total
	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	**483,179**	**1,449,534**	**1,932,713**
Balance carried forward	**483,179**	**1,449,534**	**1,932,713**
Accumulated depreciation	**0**	**0**	**0**
Net Book Value brought forward	**483,179**	**1,449,534**	**1,932,713**
Net Book Value carried forward	**483,179**	**1,449,534**	**1,932,713**

9a Investments

No other investments are held by the Circuit.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2021/22		2020/21	
INCOME	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Note 10 Rental Income				
Pond Green	19,301		19,202	
		19,301		19,202
EXPENDITURE	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Note 11 - Insurance, Utilities etc.				
Manse expenditure				
Insurance	2,012		1,603	
Telephone (incl mobiles & broadband)	1,434		1,184	
Water Rates	1,185		1,936	
Service Charges & Utility Maintenance Contracts	9,720		9,743	
Council Tax	5,228		4,976	
Utilities	2,485		2,919	
		22,063		22,360
Note 12 - Repairs and Maintenance				
Manse repairs & maintenance	2,189		5,201	
		2,189		5,201
Note 13 - Office Staff &Supplies				
Staff Costs	5,400		4,451	
Photocopying	143		(220)	
Computer supplies & software	1,516		584	
		7,059		4,815

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	2021/22		2020/21	
	£	£	£	£
BALANCE SHEET NOTES				
Note 14 Property Revaluation (*Valuations Made 2014*)	**Property Value**	**Circuit Value**		**Circuit Value**
	£	£		£
6 Exbury House (25% owned by Circuit)	550,000	137,500		137,500
4 Cotton Row (50.25% owned by Circuit)	1,485,000	746,213		746,213
16 Pond Green (100% Owned by Circuit)	400,000	400,000		400,000
108A Shirley Avenue (100% Owned by Circuit)	649,000	649,000		649,000
TOTAL VALUE		**1,932,713**		**1,932,713**
Prior Valuation		1,142,685		1,142,685
Revaluation Reserve		**790,028**		**790,028**
Note 15 -Prepayments				
Stipends	10,247		9,750	
Manse Expenses	4,748		4,051	
Photocopying	0		586	
Accrued Income				
Donations from Church for General Fund	21,462		38,619	
Owed by Church				
Church Expenses Paid by Circuit	0		1,721	
		36,457		54,727
Note 16 - Central Finance Board				
Restricted Funds	0		58	
Designated Funds	23,554		14,098	
General Fund	0		0	
		23,554		14,156
Note 16 - TMCP				
Manse Sale and Purchase Fund	248,579		248,579	
Other Designated Funds	1,565		1,105	
		250,144		249,684
Note 17 - Cash at Bank& In Hand				
General Fund	(31,268)		(36,876)	
Restricted Funds	61,980		66,570	
		30,712		29,694
BALANCE SHEET NOTES				
Note 18 - Creditors & Accruals				
Ministers Travel & Accommodation	384		267	
Manse Costs	332		2,460	
Photocopying	0		964	
Independent Examiners Fee	1,680		1,680	
Administration Staff Costs	750		2,198	
Ministerial Training	0		238	
		3,146		7,808
Designated Funds	0		0	
		0		0
		3,146		7,808

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CIRCUIT FUNDS	Balance B/Fwd 01/09/21	Income	Expenditure	Transfer Between Funds	Balance C/Fwd 31/08/22
FUNDS	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Restricted					
Media Chaplaincy	58	0	(58)	0	0
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	**58**	**0**	**(58)**	**0**	**0**
Designated					
Removals Fund	6,674	0	0		6,674
Manse Maintenance Fund	75,099	0	(2,674)	8,000	80,425
Manse Replacement Fund	248,579	0	0	0	248,579
Total Designated Funds	**330,352**	**0**	**(2,674)**	**8,000**	**335,678**
TOTAL RESTRICTED & DESIGNATED FUNDS	**330,410**	**0**	**(2,732)**	**8,000**	**335,678**
GENERAL FUND	**1,942,756**	**214,611**	**(214,611)**	**(8,000)**	**1,934,756**
TOTAL	**2,273,166**	**214,611**	**(217,342)**	**0**	**2,270,434**

The Balance for Restricted and Designated Funds have increased to £335,678 from £330,410 in 2020/21, due to a transfer of £8,000 from General Funds into the Manse Maintenance Fund.

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Circuit Trustees as at 31 August 2022

The following served as trustees during the year and/or were trustees at the date of signing the accounts.

Revd. Tony Miles	Ollie McEwen
Revd. Lansford Penn-Timity	Joe Awotwi
Deacon Alison McMillan	Tony Ackah-Yensu
Revd. Gordon Newton	Alison Bryan
Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu	Judith Mitchell
Helen Tudor	Philippa Muir
Wesley Gibbs	Christina Asare Owusu
Esther Buckman	Charlotte Rankin
Emmanuel Asante	Sarita Lightfoot-Taylor
Abdul Bah	Esther Thomas
Michael Davies	Mark Williamson
Regina Boye	Jacob Baiden
Denzil Cummings-John	Kate Jones
Comfort Golightly	Seth Kofi Otoo
Joseph Adjei	Grace Sangmuah
Shirley Bernisto	Christina Fashola
Grace Kermah	Chika Unaka
Sabrina Malcolm	Aretha Solanke
Ama Ackah-Yensu	Charles Bushell
Jocelyn Boafo	MS Kim
John Philips	Omotayo Roberts
Dinah Longdon	Marko Joensuu

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Methodist Central Hall Westminster – London Mission (Westminster) Circuit No. 35/03

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

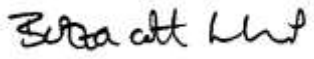
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, 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 my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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.



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23 March 2023

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

ACCRUALS BASIS

For the year ended 31 August 2022

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER

Registered Charity No 1145076

SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER
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Emmanuel Asante
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Shirley Bernisto
Grace Kermah
Joseph Adjei
Sabrina Malcolm

CHURCH TREASURER
Ama Ackah-Yensu

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER CHURCH
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

This Annual Report gives an account of the mission and ministry of Methodist Church Central Hall Westminster. It represents considerable commitment on the part of its members, who both gather for worship and learning, and disperse in witness, being involved in a variety of means of service.

Aims and Organisation

Our mission is to be a vital Christian presence in the heart of London. Our vision statement declared on the order of worship each week is: "Methodist Central Hall Westminster – a global Christian family following Jesus at the heart of London."

Review of the Year – Regrouping and Rebuilding

With the restrictions of the Covid Pandemic eventually being lifted, we have worked hard to gather our in-person congregation again and this has not been easy. Many have been nervous about travelling into London. There has been the added obstacle of an unprecedented number of events in Westminster (marathons, bike rides, and filming etc), and we have also been hindered by the Congestion Charge. Nevertheless, our community has gradually been regrouping. The challenge has been to rebuild a church that is relevant to a world transformed by a virus and other global issues. We have over 60% of our regular worshippers returning to worship on a Sunday morning, with Special services like Easter seeing larger numbers (80%). We are hugely grateful to the entire staff team and those who are lay volunteers, for their commitment, prayer, and faithfulness. At times, there have been few around to share the load, but it's good to see more people stepping up to help us rise to new opportunities. It has been wonderful to see our Vision Statement becoming a reality.

Midweek Lunchtime Services

These resumed last September and got off to a slow start, due to very few office workers being back. However, we have grown a new nucleus of our own members who attend, we have welcomed almost 30 visitors and tourists and are starting to see a few office workers occasionally. There was a good attendance at a special service for the Platinum Jubilee, attended by some from the Business Centre.

Confirmation and Reception Into Membership, Baptisms and 1st Anniversary Services

Despite the challenges above, we were delighted to Confirm 6 new Church Members and receive 5 more by way of transfer from other churches, with more transfers expected soon. It is encouraging that some new members are joining us because of our online ministry. Due to our inability to hold special services during the pandemic, we have had a significant number of baptisms and first anniversary services to mark the death of loved ones.

Online Services and Meetings

Our live-streamed services continue to average 1.3K – 1.4K views each week. We are conscious that each view may represent multiple people as we know a lot of couples and families are viewing. We have overcome several technical challenges and we are still planning to raise funds to invest in new equipment for the Chapel and Great Hall. A church member has been trained and engaged as a freelance technician for our online services, enabling us to reduce costs.

Fun and Fellowship Weekend

Members of the ministerial team and **45 church members, aged between 5 and 90 years, went away to The Friars – Aylesford Priory, Kent for a weekend (June 10th-12th).** The theme was **'Wellbeing and the Kingdom of God'** and was led by a former Deacon at MCHW. It was a time of great blessing and encouragement.

Healing Ministry

Healing Services are rebuilding and have been well-received. Our annual healing conference returned to the Great Hall this year, after the 2020 conference was cancelled and the 2021 conference went out on-line.

Attendees were down on pre-covid times, but we had c.180 on the day. The worship was inspirational and the key speaker, Carolyn Lawrence's talks were extremely well received, with many commenting positively on the day and in subsequent emails. The leaders and combined prayer teams from MCHW and Premier Lifeline were kept extremely busy, and we had queues of people waiting in the aisles for anointing and individual prayer

The theme '**Transformation:- from the inside out'** particularly resonated with the huge need for healing for minds and hearts after the two years of fear and stress from covid.

Sanctuary

Sanctuary is the young adult congregation at MCHW, and also a fresh expression of church trying to reach out to people in their 20s and 30s across London. It's a group of people following Jesus so they can experience life in all its fullness, and be a part of turning London upside down. They do this by exploring spirituality, justice, and leadership. There are about 30 people in the community. In the year 2021/22 Sanctuary has developed:

- A corporate rhythm of life for community members.
- An intentional discipleship tool based on monthly coaching conversations.
- Four justice groups, looking at how we can make the world a better place by campaigning for financial justice, racial justice, climate justice, and helping the homeless. On 30th June, Sanctuary held a special leadership training evening for social entrepreneurs and charity leaders and church volunteers, called **Building A Dream Team.**

Ecumenical Events

We continue to maintain good relations with Westminster Abbey, Westminster Cathedral, and other churches in Westminster. We work with and support The Passage (helping homeless people in Westminster). Moreover, despite MCHW reducing the grant to the St Vincent's Family Project (SVFP) that is hosted on our premises, the work of the project has continued with the help of income from other sources. Our Superintendent was invited to participate in a number of national events at the Abbey, including the Commonwealth Service and a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. He also preached at St. Margaret's Church at the 5th Anniversary of the terror attacks on Westminster Bridge and New Palace Yard. This service was well attended by the families of the victims and the Prime Minister.

Local Preaching

We now have 11 Local Preachers. nine Fully Accredited, one On Trial, and another On Note. During the year we had a new Church Member by transfer, who is also Fully Accredited. Our preachers take part in our own services as well as preaching in various London Circuits.

Vice President of Conference

We are very proud to report that our church member, **Anthony Boateng, was inducted as Vice President of Conference** on Saturday 25th June 2022. We give thanks to God and continue to support him with our prayers during a busy and demanding year for him.

Cultural Groups

The Cultural Fellowship groups are in good spirits and have been overseen by Revd Lansford Penn-Timity. This has fostered togetherness and collaboration. Communication among members through WhatsApp and other forums has significantly

improved. Through these groups, we have been able to celebrate significant moments in their various cultures. There have been pockets of challenges here and there on the Food Policy but in general, it appears to be working well. A Farewell Service for Revd Dr Martyn Atkins, which had been delayed because of the Pandemic, was finally held on 8th May 2022. It was followed by a successful reception that gave the opportunity for the various groups to serve food in line with the Food Policy that was initiated whilst he was in office.

Visitor Services and Bookstall

With the assistance of Paul Moynihan (our part-time archivist) and Frank Waller, who leads the volunteers, our Visitor Services Centre and Bookstall have been restructured and limited tours resumed. We have hosted visitors from the USA, Korea, and others from across the world. We hosted 23 ministers from the Methodist Church overseas, who were in the UK for the Methodist Conference 2022.

All in all, the year has been challenging and yet rewarding – an opportunity for us to experience God's grace in a very special way.

Our Superintendent Minister closes with words from St. Paul, ***'Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.'***
(1 Thessalonians 5:11)

May God richly bless us all as we share in his mission and further the work of the kingdom.

Plans for 2022/23
Financial plans have been prepared on the basis that staff levels within the Church will remain the same. With the grant from the Conference Property Trustees forecast to remain at 50% of the 2019/20 (pre Covid-19) levels and a reduced level of giving due to the cost-of-living crisis, we are initially budgeting for a deficit of £136.9k in 2022/23, which will result in all free reserves and the Contingency being used. However the Church Trustees have sought and received assurances from the Conference Property Trustees of increased levels of grant, with the situation being kept under constant review.

The membership are also considering prayerfully how to increase their giving in order to move forward with the Kingdom Agenda. We continue to trust in God, who has faithfully brought us thus far!

Financial Review
With Covid-19 restrictions lifted during the year, church activities started to resume, but at a very slow pace. The grant from the Managing Trustees of the building was maintained at 50% of pre-pandemic levels. Coupled with the ending of support from the Government Furlough Scheme, we had budgeted for a deficit in 2021/22.

The Church finished the year with a deficit of £93,544 (£33,769 surplus in 2020/21) and therefore decreased its funds from £394,928 in 2020/21 to £301,384 in 2021/22. The decrease of £76,317 in the General Fund and £17,227 in Restricted and Designated Funds, resulted in a negative balance of funds in the General Fund of £14,131 and a balance of £315,515 in Restricted and Designated.

Church income in total was £389,239, which is below the £500,000 threshold requiring a Statement of Cash Flows to be prepared and so this has not been included in the 2021/22 Annual Accounts.

The statement of accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 is attached.

Income

General Fund income decreased to £349,010 from £366,790 in 2020/21. The main movements are shown below:

- Furlough Income in 2020/21 was £33.3k and zero in 2021/22, due to the scheme ceasing
- However, the re-opening of the church for services and events meant that there were some increases in income.
    - Increase in Giving of £5k mainly due to the increase in Church Anniversary donations.
    - Increase in Special Events income of £10.7k, but this was offset by an increase in Special Events expenditure of £34.8k

Income received in Restricted and Designated Funds was £40.2k – a decrease of £6.3k from 2020/21, mainly for the following reasons:

- Decrease of £16k in giving to the fund for Live Streaming of Services. As local churches have re-opened the numbers viewing have decreased causing a reduction in donations.
- Increase in Special Offerings for Other Organisations of £6k, as special events and services have been held.
- Marginal increases in giving to Fellowship Groups and Flower & Hymn Sheet Funds.

Expenditure

General Fund spending has increased by £71.8k to £404.8k (2020/21 £333.0k). There were some key variances within these total figures

- Admin and Lay Ministry Salaries increased by £6.4k due to staff returning to full pay after having been on Covid Furlough in 2020/21. A backlog of PHI Contributions (income replacement insurance) for 2020/21 was also made in 2021/22.
- Office Supplies and Equipment increased by £3.2k mainly due to additional postage as mailings to membership resumed.
- Church Groups expenditure increased by £2.7k due to the resumption of in-person gatherings.
- Special Events increased by £34.8k as events such as the Carol Service, Fun and Fellowship Weekend, Daffodil Day and Healing Conference could again take place in 2021/22.
- The Music Account expenditure increased by £22k due to increases in salaries for the same reasons as outlined above. More significantly, the return of in-person services led to an increase in fees paid to professional musicians.
- Grants and Donations increased by £2.9k due to an increase in donations made to the St Vincent's Family Project (SVFP), but partially offset by the cessation of the donation to The Gate ceasing.

Designated and Restricted Fund expenditure increased by £29.4k to £78.0k (2020/21 £48.6). The key movements are detailed below:

- No distribution of Tithe Grants was made in 2020/21, but in 2021/22 £40k of was distributed.
- £6.9k was spent from the AVA/Server Replacement Fund to replace computer equipment.
- Expenditure on Live Streaming decreased by £26k through reduced reliance on technical consultants as in-house experience and skill grew. The training up of a church member to take on the technician role also resulted in savings.

Total Funds for the Church have decreased to £301,384 (2020/21 £394,928) with negative funds of £14,131 (2020/21 ££62,186) in the General Fund and £315,515 in Restricted and Designated Funds (2019/20 £332,742).

In 2021/22, £20.6k has been transferred from Church General Funds to Designated and Restricted Funds, being the allocation to the Tithe Fund.

The Contingency Fund stands unchanged at £148k, which represents approximately six months' worth of average essential expenditure (including payments to the Circuit). There was no increase in the Fund in 2021/22. At the start of the year, we expected that Church income may decrease to the extent that some contingency may need to be used to meet ongoing expenditure, but by the grace of God, we have not had to do so. The Contingency Fund is included within the Designated Total. The Budget for 2022/23 however, has a significant deficit, which will mean that the Contingency will be reduced.

We are truly thankful for God's grace and favour, which has sustained the Church, for the Managing Trustees and the Connexion, the staff of Central Hall Westminster Ltd, our members and regular worshippers (new and not so new) and supporters from all over whose prayers, generosity and support have kept us throughout this most unusual year. To God be the glory! We look forward to exciting times ahead.

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER CHURCH

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in July 2014.

Full Name of Church**:**	**Methodist Central Hall Westminster**
Charity Registration Number:	**1145076**
Date of registration:	**15 December 2011**
Main communication address:	**Methodist Central Hall, Storey's Gate, Westminster, London SW1H 9NH**

The members of the Methodist Central Hall Westminster Church Council are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit and church office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual Church Meeting. A full list of Council membership is shown in the notes to this report.

Circuit Stewards:	**Wesley Gibbs (Senior)** **Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu** **Helen Tudor** **Joseph Adjei** **Ama Ackah-Yensu**
Treasurer:	**Ama Ackah-Yensu**
Independent Examiner:	**Buzzacott LLP** 130 Wood St London EC2V 6DL
Bank:	**HSBC** The Peak 333 Vauxhall Bridge Road Victoria London SW1V 1EJ
Investment Bankers:	**Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church**

Aims and Objectives
The charity's objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around Westminster for the Methodist Church:

It aims to be a vital Christian presence in the heart of London.

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

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

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

Structure, Governance and Management
The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

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

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church and Circuit Stewards and Ministerial Team with input from the Leadership Team.

Trusteeship is exercised by the elected members of the Church Council.

Trustee Training
Trustees are pointed to a range of guidance produced by The Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees.

Related Parties
The Church, like all local Methodist Churches is situated in a Circuit and is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. It consequently locates itself in both its polity and structure. In structural terms the Church is the single Methodist Society in the Westminster Circuit, which is one of some 35 circuits (groupings of local churches) making up the London Methodist District. In terms of Polity and Constitution, it, like all Methodist circuits, is accountable to the annual Methodist Conference.

Somewhat unusually, the Westminster Circuit consists of only one local society (church): Methodist Central Hall Westminster, which consequently is constituted so that wherever possible, local church and local circuit matters share the same constitution (by applying annually Methodist Standing Order 511).

Another unusual aspect of the Circuit/Church is the fact that its Trustees are appointed annually by the annual Conference of the Methodist Church of Great Britain, rather than, more commonly, the circuit meeting and church council.

A third related party, in addition to the Circuit and the Trustees is Central Hall Westminster Ltd, a not-for-profit company formed in 1999 to run an events and conference business using the large and prestigious premises in central London.

Regular meetings of each of these three entities take place, with the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent Ministers being members of each of the three, thereby having a strategic overview of the total ministry of the Circuit and its related parties.

Risk Management

The major risks associated with the life and ministry of the Church, located in Methodist Central Hall Westminster, are identified and recorded by the Trustees, with professional advice taken as required. An annual review process is undertaken and recorded.

In terms of financial governance, income and expenditure are regularly and routinely monitored, and are compared with the approved annual budget on at least a quarterly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process and to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

We note the following items, all of which are noted on the Risk Register.

- An annual grant to the Circuit is given by the Trustees. This is made possible by profits made by Central Hall Westminster Ltd. Any 'lean years' – and particularly several lean years – would affect the ability of the Trustees to award the grant.

- The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the operations of Central Hall Westminster Ltd has been immense. The building's closure and consequent hibernation of the business has meant that profits which would have been tithed to the Trustees have dried up, thus impacting their ability to provide the same level of grant to the Church, as with previous years.

- The as yet unknown plan relating to the 'decanting' of the House of Commons and House of Lords from the Palace of Westminster. Methodist Central Hall Westminster is, because of its proximity, one of a handful of buildings currently in conversation with 'Black Rod' about what are termed "business continuity talks".

- The ever-present risk of terror attacks and security breaches, given the location of the church. For the past four years the Metropolitan Police have estimated the risk of such as 'severe' and give regular security briefings to Circuit officials as to office holders of other large buildings in and around Parliament Square.

- The damage to reputation, given the high usage of the premises by very many clients.

- Safeguarding risks, exacerbated by the very high numbers of people using the building each week. In line with Methodist rulings, safeguarding procedures have, and continue to be improved and overhauled.

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

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

The Methodist Central Hall Westminster Church commits itself to: -

- Ensuring the implementation of the Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

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

The Safeguarding Policy is approved annually by the Church Council and revised in line with guidelines and directives from the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a contingency sum equivalent to a minimum of three months', and ideally six months', average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure and/or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise funds to cover the Church's full expenses, including the assessment payable to the Circuit.

The Contingency Fund as at 31 August 2022 was £148k, which is equivalent to approximately six months' average expenditure.

However, the continuing impact of the pandemic means that the reduced levels of grant from the Conference Property Trustees will continue into 2022/23 and a significant deficit is budgeted for in 2022/23, which will reduce the level of contingency quite considerably. The Church Council will continue to monitor this and endeavour to take measures to maintain reserves at a healthy level.

Signed: _____ **Date:** 19 March 2023

Revd Anthony Miles (Chair of Trustees)

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

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

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2021/22 Totals		2020/21 Totals
		£	£	£	£		£
Income and Endowments From:							
Donations and Legacies							
Offerings and Tax recoverable	13	150,507	0	0	150,507		128,565
Donations	13	40,194	0	0	40,194		65,950
Anniversary Giving		12,366	0	0	12,366		4,359
Grant (Trustees)	14	130,000	0	0	130,000		130,164
Donations for Use of Rooms		220	0	0	220		250
Visitors Services & Catering	15	45	0	0	45		0
Legacies		319	0	0	319		
Interest and Investment Income	16	1,317	0	0	1,317		499
Other							
Special Events	17	14,020	0	0	14,020		3,288
Church Groups	18	22	0	0	22		375
Covid-19 Furlough		0	0	0	0		33,340
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	2,187	0	2,187		490
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0		38,042	38,042		48,097
Total Income and Endowments		**349,010**	**2,187**	**38,042**	**389,239**		**415,377**

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

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

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2021/22 Totals		2020/21 Totals
Expenditure		£	£	£	£		£
Office & Ministry Staff		66,100	0	0	66,100		59,709
Net Payment for Circuit Expenses		194,023	0	0	194,023		193,485
Office Supplies - Staff and Equipment	19	15,491	0	0	15,491		12,271
Internal Organisations and Events							
Sanctuary		1,634	0	0	1,634		33
Church Groups	20	208	0	0	208		665
Special Events	21	36,726	0	0	36,726		1,885
Other Expenditure							
Music Account	22	55,924	0	0	55,924		32,035
Other expenditure	23	16,694	0	0	16,694		20,204
Advertising		5,672	0	0	5,672		4,959
Grants & Donations	24	12,284	0	0	12,284		7,790
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	49,012	0	49,012		1,426
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0	0	29,015	29,015		47,146
Total Expenditure		**404,756**	**49,012**	**29,015**	**482,783**		**381,608**
Net Income / (Expenditure)		**(55,746)**	**(46,825)**	**9,027**	**(93,544)**		**33,769**
Transfers Between Restricted Funds and General Funds		(20,571)	20,571	0	0		0
Net Income after transfers		(76,317)	(26,254)	9,027	(93,544)		33,769
Total funds brought forward		**62,186**	**258,813**	**73,929**	**394,928**		**361,159**
Total funds carried forward		**(14,131)**	**232,559**	**82,956**	**301,384**		**394,928**

Money received and passed on to External Organisations (For information only)

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
Balance brought forward from last year	2,636	2,324
Correction to balance brought forward	(287)	0
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	8,407	4,447
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	(8,674)	(4,135)
Balance carried forward	**2,082**	**2,636**

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

CHURCH BALANCE SHEET for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2021/22 Totals	2020/21 Totals
Current Assets		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Debtors and prepayments	25	30,490	0	1,184	31,674	48,152
Cash at bank and in hand	26	(7,075)	0	28,691	21,616	73,877
Central Finance Board deposit	27	0	232,559	53,161	285,720	328,607
Total current assets		**23,415**	**232,559**	**83,036**	**339,010**	**450,636**
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	28	(37,546)	0	(80)	(37,626)	(55,708)
Net current assets		**(14,131)**	**232,559**	**82,956**	**301,384**	**394,928**
Total assets less current liabilities		**(14,131)**	**232,559**	**82,956**	**301,384**	**394,928**
Net assets		**(14,131)**	**232,559**	**82,956**	**301,384**	**394,928**
Funds of the Church						
Unrestricted Fund (General)		(14,131)		0	(14,131)	62,186
Other Funds (restricted & designated)		0	232,559	82,956	315,515	332,742
Total funds		**(14,131)**	**232,559**	**82,956**	**301,384**	**394,928**

I confirm that these accrual-based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Signed:_____ **Date:** 19 March 2023

Ama Ackah-Yensu (Treasurer)

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were presented to the Church Council at its meeting on 19 March 2023 and were approved.

Signed: _____ **Date:** 19 March 2023

Revd Tony Miles (Chair of the Church Council)

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2020/21 Totals		2019/20 Totals
		£	£	£	£		£
Income and Endowments From:							
Donations and Legacies							
Offerings and Tax recoverable	13	128,565	0	0	128,565		153,979
Donations	13	65,950	0	0	65,950		24,763
Anniversary Giving		4,359	0	0	4,359		13,001
Grant (Trustees)	14	130,164	0	0	130,164		260,328
Donations for Use of Rooms		250	0	0	250		3,283
Visitors Services & Catering	15	0	0	0	0		1,131
Interest and Investment Income	16	499	0	0	499		2,231
Other							
Special Events	17	3,288	0	0	3,288		23,043
Church Groups	18	375	0	0	375		704
Covid-19 Furlough		33,340	0	0	33,340		21,003
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	490	0	490		5,142
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0	0	48,097	48,097		67,991
Total Income and Endowments		**366,790**	**490**	**48,097**	**415,377**		**576,599**

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METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2020/21 Totals		2019/20 Totals
Expenditure		£	£	£	£		£
Office & Ministry Staff		59,709	0	0	59,709		70,317
Net Payment for Circuit Expenses		193,485	0	0	193,485		222,744
Office Supplies - Staff and Equipment	19	12,271	0	0	12,271		26,271
Internal Organisations and Events							
Sanctuary		33	0	0	33		2,131
Church Groups	20	665	0	0	665		6,109
Special Events	21	1,885	0	0	1,885		34,002
Other Expenditure							
Music Account	22	32,035	0	0	32,035		44,839
Other expenditure	23	20,204	0	0	20,204		20,233
Advertising		4,959	0	0	4,959		9,827
Grants & Donations	24	7,790	0	0	7,790		47,210
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	1,426	0	1,426		29,744
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0	0	47,146	47,146		60,142
Total Expenditure		**333,036**	**1,426**	**47,146**	**381,608**		**573,569**
Net Income / (Expenditure)		**33,754**	**(936)**	**951**	**33,769**		**3,030**
Transfers Between Restricted Funds and General Funds		(32,450)	32,487	(37)	0		0
Net Income after transfers		1,304	31,551	914	33,769		3,030
Total funds brought forward		**60,882**	**227,262**	**73,015**	**361,159**		**358,129**
Total funds carried forward		**62,186**	**258,813**	**73,929**	**394,928**		**361,159**

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS
CHURCH BALANCE SHEET for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2020/21 Totals	2019/20 Totals
Current Assets		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Debtors and prepayments	25	48,152	0	0	48,152	56,552
Cash at bank and in hand	26	73,877	0	0	73,877	20,640
Central Finance Board deposit	27	(6,050)	258,813	75,844	328,607	333,768
Total current assets		**115,979**	**258,813**	**75,844**	**450,636**	**410,960**
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	28	(53,793)	0	(1,915)	(55,708)	(49,801)
Net current assets		**62,186**	**258,813**	**73,929**	**394,928**	**361,159**
Total assets less current liabilities		**62,186**	**258,813**	**73,929**	**394,928**	**361,159**
Net assets		**62,186**	**258,813**	**73,929**	**394,928**	**361,159**
Funds of the Church						
Unrestricted Fund (General)		62,186	0	0	62,186	60,881
Other Funds (restricted & designated)		0	258,813	73,929	332,742	300,277
Total funds		**62,186**	**258,813**	**73,929**	**394,928**	**361,159**

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2022

1. Basis of accounting

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost Convention.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The Charity is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102 and therefore the Charity also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the 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 (The FRS 102 Charities SORP) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

Going Concern

After making reasonable enquiries and receiving assurances from the Conference Property Trustees, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and do not consider there to be any threat to the going concern status. Therefore, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements and confirm there are no material uncertainties at the date of the approval of these financial statements.

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds, which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the notes to the Accounts.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis

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

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the funds, the receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Grants
Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church
These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. There is no freehold property owned by the Church.

Financial instruments
Basic financial instruments are measured at amortised cost.

Debtors and creditors
Debtors and creditors receivable or payable within one year of the reporting date are carried at their transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost less any impairment.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement
In preparing financial statements it is necessary to make certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. There are no judgements and estimates are considered by the Trustees to have a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

4.Donations and legacies	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**2022 Total**	**2021 Total**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Collections	124,091	38,042	**162,133**	**147,920**
Tax credits	26,155	0	**26,155**	**0**
Donations	42,141	0	**42,141**	**67,902**
Total	**192,387**	**38,042**	**230,429**	**215,822**
5. Other trading activities	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**2022 Total**	**2021 Total**
	£	£	**£**	**£**
CD Project	500	0	**500**	**0**
Total	**500**	**0**	**500**	**0**
6. Investment income	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**2022 Total**	**2021 Total**
	£	£	**£**	**£**
Central Finance Board	1,278	0	**1,278**	**460**
Other	39	0	**39**	**39**
Total	**1,317**	**0**	**1,317**	**499**

7. Trustees

None of the Trustees, or persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the Church or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31 August 2022

	2021/22	2020/21
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	5	5
	£	£
Total amount paid	6,815	2,157

Nature of expenses claimed: Car mileage, public transport, hospitality and miscellaneous. These expenses have been incurred by the trustees in the course of fulfilling their pastoral responsibilities.

8. Independent Examiners Fees

	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
Fees for reporting on the accounts	1,680	1,680
Other fees (for advice, accountancy services etc)	-	-
Total	**1,680**	**1,680**

9. Paid Employees

Staff costs (excluding stipends) during the year were as below: -

	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	70,633	79,745
Employer's National Insurance	3,805	4,212
Pension costs	6,140	9,980
Total Staff Costs	80,578	93,937
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were	3.9	3.9

10. Reserves Policy

	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
General Funds held	148,000	148,000

The current level of reserves is equivalent to nearly 6 months of average expenditure including payments made to the Circuit.

Policy for Restricted Funds

No policy as such except that such funds may only be used for the purpose for which they have been given / donated.

Terms relating to Endowment Funds
No such funds are held by the church.

This Reserves Policy has been approved by the Church Council.

11. Related Parties

Name of related party	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related parties during the year	Loans to related party during the year	Amounts owed by related party as on 31 Aug 2022
		£	£	£	£
Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons	Gift made by Church	0	200	0	0
Fund for Property	Gift made by Church	0	330	0	0
London Mission Fund Payment	Gift made by Church	0	200	0	0
Total		**0**	**730**	**0**	**0**

12. Details of Designated and Restricted Funds

		2021/22			
CHURCH FUNDS	**Balance B/Fwd 01/09/21**	**Income**	**Expenditure**	**Transfer Between Funds**	**Balance C'Fwd 31/08/22**
FUNDS	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	
General - Designated					
Sunday Catering	329	847	(1,264)	0	(88)
Tithe	40,229	0	(40,000)	20,571	20,800
Tithe Reserve	3,400	0	0	0	3,400
CD Project	13,967	500	0	0	14,467
AVA & Server Replacement	17,030	0	(6,908)	0	10,122
Church Space Refurbishment & Maintenance	23,858	0	0	0	23,858
Fees to be Paid for Special Services	0	840	(840)	0	0
Digital Outreach and Engagement	12,000	0	0	0	12,000
Contingency	148,000	0	0	0	148,000
TOTAL DESIGNATED	**258,813**	**2,187**	**(49,012)**	**20,571**	**232,559**
Restricted					
Monday Guild	362	0	0	0	362
Flower Fund	409	1,906	(2,260)	40	95
Hymn Sheet Fund	2,308	528	0	40	2,876
Special Offerings to be Donated	267	6,385	(6,811)	159	0
Night Shelter	1,488	0	0	0	1,488
Welcome Box Project	593	0	0	0	593
Christian Aid	0	655	(655)	0	0
World Mission Easter Offering	0	1,208	(1,208)	0	0
Benevolent Fund	6,706	3,445	(5,089)	(269)	4,793
Music & Worship Legacy	45,650	0	0	0	45,650
Organ Recital Fund	0	0	0	110	110
Friends of Westminster	100	50	0	0	150
Ghana Fellowship	2,010	1,636	(1,019)	(80)	2,547
Sierra Leone & Gambia Fellowship	0	105	(52)	0	53
Online Services	14,036	22,124	(11,921)	0	24,239
Total Restricted Funds	**73,929**	**38,042**	**(29,015)**	**0**	**82,956**
TOTAL RESTRICTED & DESIGNATED FUNDS	**332,742**	**40,229**	**(78,026)**	**20,571**	**315,515**
General Fund	**62,186**	**349,010**	**(404,756)**	**(20,571)**	**(14,131)**
TOTAL FUNDS	**394,928**	**389,239**	**(482,783)**	**0**	**301,384**

The balance of Designated and Restricted Funds has decreased by £17,207. There has been a net transfer from Church General Funds of £20,571 to the Tithe Fund for distribution to other charitable organisations nominated by church members.

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INCOME	**£**	**2021/22 £**	**£**	**2020/21 £**
General Funds (Unrestricted)				
Note 13 - Offerings and tax recoverable				
Envelope Scheme	55,746		53,312	
Banker's Orders	38,935		42,654	
Loose Cash	26,326		3,856	
Tax recovered	26,155		26,791	
Charities Trust	1,947		1,952	
Lunchtime Services	1,398		0	
		150,507		128,565
Donations		40,194		65,950
		190,701		194,515
Note 14 - Trustees Grant				
SVFP Grant	9,100		9,234	
SVFP Rent	13,000		13,008	
Church Grant General	107,900		107,922	
		130,000		130,164
Note 15 - Visitors Services				
Visitor services - Donations	45		0	
		45		0
Note 16 - Interest & investment income				
Dividend Income	39		39	
Deposit interest	1,278		460	
		1,317		499
Note 17 -Special Events				
Daffodil Day	1,753		98	
Christmas Lunch	2,142		0	
Prayer and Healing Ministry including Conference	1,000		3,121	
The Gathering	632		0	
Carol Service	2,775		42	
Anniversary Dinner	1,160		0	
Church Fun Fellowship Retreat	4,421		0	
Bookstall Sales	125		0	
Miscellaneous	12		27	
		14,020		3,288
Note 18 - Church Groups & Ministries				
JC Live	22		375	
		22		375

		2021/22		2020/21
EXPENDITURE	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Note 19 Office Supplies				
Photocopying	1,337		2,247	
General Stationery	889		897	
Printing	3,203		1,459	
Literature	349		2,157	
Easter Offering / Gift envelopes	458		0	
Postage	3,648		976	
Computer supplies & software incl Digital Outreach	4,867		4,535	
Office Equipment & Supplies	740		0	
		15,491		12,271
Note 20 Church Groups				
JC Live	152		465	
YPF	56		0	
		208		465
Notes 21 -Special Projects & Events				
Daffodil Day	5,372		250	
Christmas lunch & party	3,917		0	
Prayer and Healing Ministry including Conference	3,529		1,385	
Gathering	3,243		250	
Fun and Fellowship Weekend	7,648		0	
Carol Service	7,506		0	
Anniversary Dinner	2,268		0	
Cathedral Events	2,948		0	
Good Friday in Victoria Street	295		0	
		36,726		1,885
Note 22 Music Account				
Fees for Directors of Music / Musicians / Choirs	55,149		32,035	
Music Expenses	775		0	
		55,924		32,035

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

		2021/22		2020/21
RESOURCES EXPENDED	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Note 23 - Other expenditure				
Pulpit supply	1,849		305	
Lay training	163		1,228	
Website development & maintenance	1,479		12,059	
In-house hospitality / Volunteers				
Dinner	168		0	
Hospitality & Restaurant Vouchers	600		110	
Bank charges	625		246	
Miscellaneous	7,718		3,407	
Materials and Items for Services	2,055		719	
Subscriptions	357		450	
Independent Examiners Fees	1,680		1,680	
		16,694		20,204
Note 24 Grants & Donations				
The Fund for the Support of Presbyters and Deacons (previously Auxiliary Fund) Payment	200		200	
Property Fund	330		330	
London Mission Fund	200		200	
		730		730
St Vincent's Family Project		10,000		5,560
The Gate Crisis Pregnancy Centre		0		1,500
		10,730		7,790

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BALANCE SHEET NOTES	**£**	**2021/22 £**	**£**	**2020/21 £**
Note 25 - Debtors and Prepayments				
Debtors				
Accrued Income				
Gift Aid for General Fund	29,637		29,536	
Covid-19 Furlough	0		13,737	
Owed by Circuit	0		2,687	
		29,637		45,960
Note 26 - Cash at Bank and in hand				
General Fund - HSBC Current Account				
General Fund - HSBC Current Account		(7,631)		73,321
General Fund Sanctuary Account		309		309
General Fund Petty Cash		247		247
Restricted Funds HSBC		28,691		0
		21,616		73,877
Note 27 - Central Finance Board				
Designated Funds	232,559		258,813	
Restricted Funds	53,161		75,844	
General Fund	0		(6,050)	
		285,720		328,607
		285,720		328,607
Note 28 - Creditors (due in under 1 year)				
Accrued Expenses				
Independent Examiners Fees	1,680		1,680	
Staff expenses / Musicians	5,113		9,368	
Hospitality	0		70	
Digital Outreach Salary & Expenses	788		1,269	
Photocopying & Printing	1,953		1,998	
Computer Supplies & Multi Media	751		180	
Website Maintenance & Development	164		116	
Advertising	5,472		0	
Miscellaneous & items for Services	119		200	
Owed to Circuit	21,506		38,619	
Designated / Restricted Funds	80		1,915	
Circuit Expenses	0		293	
		37,626		55,708
Prepaid Expenses				
Staff Expenses & Salaries	0		1,961	
Miscellaneous & items for Services	179		13	
Hospitality	41		0	
Circuit Expenses	0		218	
Printing and Stationery	633		0	
Designated / Restricted Funds	1,184		0	
		2,037		2,192
		39,663		57,900

Church Trustees as at 31 August 2022

The following served as trustees during the year and/or were trustees at the date of signing the accounts.

Revd. Tony Miles	Ollie McEwen
Revd. Lansford Penn-Timity	Joe Awotwi
Deacon Alison McMillan	Tony Ackah-Yensu
Revd. Gordon Newton	Alison Bryan
Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu	Judith Mitchell
Helen Tudor	Philippa Muir
Wesley Gibbs	Christina Asare Owusu
Esther Buckman	Charlotte Rankin
Emmanuel Asante	Sarita Lightfoot-Taylor
Abdul Bah	Esther Thomas
Michael Davies	Mark Williamson
Regina Boye	Jacob Baiden
Denzil Cummings-John	Kate Jones
Comfort Golightly	Seth Kofi Otoo
Joseph Adjei	Grace Sangmuah
Shirley Bernisto	Christina Fashola
Grace Kermah	Chika Unaka
Sabrina Malcolm	Aretha Solanke
Ama Ackah-Yensu	Charles Bushell
Jocelyn Boafo	MS Kim
John Philips	Omotayo Roberts
Dinah Longdon	Marko Joensuu

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Methodist Central Hall Westminster Church

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

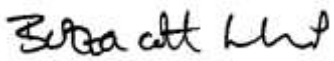
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, 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 my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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.



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23 March 2023

WESTMINSTER METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1145076

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

ACCRUALS BASIS

For the year ended 31 August 2021

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL
Westminster

Registered Charity No 1145076

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit No. 35 / 03

SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER

Revd Tony Miles

CIRCUIT STEWARDS

Genevieve Patnelli (Senior)
Wesley Gibbs
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Helen Tudor
Ama Ackah-Yensu (Treasurer)

LONDON MISSION (WESTMINSTER) CIRCUIT 35 / 03
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction
This Annual Report gives an account of the mission and ministry of The London Mission (Westminster) Methodist Circuit, through its single society Methodist Central Hall Westminster. It represents considerable commitment on the part of its members, who both gather for worship and learning, and disperse in witness, being involved in a variety of means of service.

Aims and Organisation
Our mission is to be a vital Christian presence in the heart of London. Our vision statement declared on the order of worship each week is: "Methodist Central Hall Westminster – a global Christian family following Jesus at the heart of London."

Review of the Year
75 years ago, as the world recovered from the trauma of the Second World War, the United Nations chose Methodist Central Hall Westminster to be the venue for the first meeting of its General Assembly. In 1946 the church had to vacate the building so that the UN could move in, marking the first time when we could not hold weekly church services in our Great Hall. In 2020, as the Covid-19 pandemic swept the world, we again had to leave our building, not so that the world could move in, but as it turned out, so that we could move out into the world. Like the whole world, we moved from being in the unknown about the virus to being aware and then into a rapid series of action steps that ultimately led to our church reaching over 6.1 million people during this period.

The Church's vision is to be a 'Global Christian Family Following Jesus at the Heart of London.' Little did we know how prophetic this was to become. In response to the first lockdown, we launched **mchw.live** as a brand and new website to host our online worship. It has now opened up our work to serve the Connexion and World Church as well as catering to our own members and regular worshippers. This has led to our local congregation having a better grasp of what it means to be a 'Cathedral for Methodism'. We now have people regularly involved in our worship from Australia, Sri Lanka, India, Sicily, West Africa, Germany, etc., some of whom are joining Bible studies and fellowship groups.

After using SmartStage technology offered by our Audio-Visual partners, White Light Ltd, initially at no cost, we eventually installed our own equipment and settled into our chapel for online worship to keep costs down. We are extremely grateful to the Connexion and all our supporters for their generosity, which enabled us to do this.
In addition to our weekly services, which regularly attracted 2,000 individuals and families live and grew to about 4,000, we moved many of our other events online – for example:

For our **Annual Carol Service**, we were able to delve into previous years recordings for Premier Christian Radio alongside readings from our congregation and Premier around our historic building. Nearly 8,000 people

have watched our Carol Service online, and many people commented how blessed they were.

In January 2021, during the third 'lockdown' in the UK, we held a very special service online to commemorate **75 years since the first meeting of the UN's General Assembly in our Great Hall** (6,400 views). This included contributions from the UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, Fabrizio Hochschild of the UN 75th anniversary team and Sir Peter Marshall, a former British Diplomat.

Also in January, we had the first **Parliamentary Covenant Service** to be held online with contributions from MPs and the preacher was the Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons, Revd Tricia Hillas (2,100 views).

For the second year in succession, **Holy Week 2021** took place online and our services had a total online attendance of over 35,000 individuals and families.

BBC Broadcast – On Pentecost/Aldersgate Sunday, we produced a radio programme that was broadcast on all 39 BBC Local Radio stations in the English Regions at 8 a.m. and reached 700,000 listeners.

Healing Conference – This annual event had to be live-streamed this year from the chapel on 22 May. This was led by Rev Lansford Penn-Timity and our co-ordinator of our healing ministry, Alison Bryan. Our theme was 'It is well with my soul: healing and restoration in a pandemic'. Dave Bilbrough led the worship, and the teaching was from Roy Godwin - a well-known international speaker and author. Roy is the founder of the global Local Houses of Prayer movement, and The Caleb Initiative. 286 tickets were sold and the peak number of people viewing live at any one time was 256. The conference remained on the unlisted YouTube channel for another week for those who had bought tickets. This led to a total of 1,207 unique views [i.e., not repeated on the same device]. We received extremely positive feedback about the impact of the conference, with both inner healing and physical healing being reported.

As we started to return to worship together in person in May 2021, our online services have continued, albeit at the new time of 9:30am. It has proved a vital service to those unable to reach their own church, or those that choose to watch our service later in the day or week, attracting numbers that would fill the Great Hall many times over.

Relationship with the Connexional Team – Another benefit of having online worship was being able to host Revd Richard Teal, President of the Methodist Conference and Mrs Carolyn Lawrence, Vice President, on far more occasions than usual. We were blessed by this and it enabled them to reach far more people that they would have done otherwise. This included our ministerial team hosting **Sunday Worship for the Methodist Conference 2020** (12,500 views) for them. They also participated in **Daffodil Day 2021** (5,500 views), with other special guests including, The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Jonathan Glanz, Pam Rhodes, Simeon Wood, Anando Mukerjee, the Methodist Youth President, Phoebe Parkin, and the President of Methodist Women in Britain, Hilary Evans. Our President and Vice President also took part in our Parliamentary Covenant Service. Additionally, we have had a

member of the Connexional Team join us for most of our online services, which has given them an opportunity to sustain a relationship with a significant number of people. We hope to build on this relationship to see how we can better serve Methodism connexionally and globally in the future.

Small groups – We had about between 50-80 people joining our Lent course on Zoom led by Revd Dr Howard Mellor, and an average of about 18 for our Bible study series, the 'Generosity Project'. Our Online Alpha Course also attracted 18 regular members. We are discussing which courses will return to 'in-person' and which remain online in future. Alpha is likely to remain online because of the larger numbers we have had attending, compared to courses in the past.

'Church Online Every Sunday' has become a vital Christian mission that serves the Global church family, we pray that it will continue.

2020/21 was Revd Tony Miles's first full year as Superintendent Minister. Little did we or anyone know that he and his team would have so much to offer to provide the Church with a lifeline during this unprecedented time. The Revd Dr William Sangster filled the Great Hall during the war years by effective leadership and a powerful preaching ministry. By God's grace MCHW sought to respond to the war against a virus and has arguably reached even more people than the great Dr Sangster. To God be the glory!

Plans for 2021/22

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there remain three full-time ordained staff members.

Circuit expenditure is expected to increase by 4% in 2021/22 due to inflationary increases in stipends and manse costs and a contribution of £5.2k to the Methodist Church pension fund deficit.

Financial Review

The Circuit's statement of accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 is attached and shows a surplus of £12,128 relating to the Restricted and Designated Funds after a transfer of £15,200 from the General Fund.

Income

Circuit income has been drawn primarily from the assessment paid by the church (there being only one church within the Circuit). Income of £19,202 was generated from the temporary renting of a manse. There was a net decrease in income of £2,690 (from £216,246 in 2019/20 to £213,556 in 2020/21).

- Manse rental income increased by £14.5k, as one manse was rented for the whole of 2020/21, whereas in 2019/20 the manse was empty for much of the year whilst being refurbished and therefore generated minimal income.
- The increase in rental income was offset by a £17.8k decrease in the payment made by the Church to the Circuit, reflecting the increase in rental income and the decrease in expenditure.

Expenditure

Circuit expenditure decreased by £38,945 (from £240,373 in 2019/20 to £201,428 in 2020/21), which was mainly due to:

- Decrease in Manse Maintenance costs (£34.3k) – There were only minor works taking place in 2020/21 compared to major refurbishments of two properties in 2019/20.
- Decrease in travel and accommodation due to reduced activity during Covid-19 restrictions (£3.0k).
- Decrease in Removal Fund costs as there were no ministerial changes in 2020/21 compared to one change in 2019/20.
- Decrease in Administration costs due to staff being on furlough for the whole of the year and reduced administrative activities as a result of Covid-19 restrictions.

These decreases were partly offset by increases in:

- stipends in line with annual Conference recommendations (£1.6k).
- manse running expenditure (£1.3k), resulting from general rise in prices.

The District Assessment of £43,720, accounted for 21.7% of expenditure (the increase for the year was £3.8k). A significant part of this is passed on to the Connexion to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

Fund Balances

The balance on the Circuit General Fund is £1,942,756, of which £1,932,713 represents the book value of the manses.

Circuit Restricted and Designated Funds have increased by £13,721 to £330,410 in 2020/21 (£316,689 in 2019/20). £15.2k was allocated to the Manse Maintenance Fund and the Manse Replacement Fund had income of £2.5k. There was only £3.9k of expenditure across all funds.

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in July 2014.

Full Name of Church**:**	**London Mission (Westminster) Circuit**
Charity Registration Number:	**1145076**
Date of registration:	**15 December 2011**
Main communication address:	**Methodist Central Hall, Storey's Gate, Westminster, London SW1H 9NH**

The members of the London Mission (Westminster) Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual Church Meeting. A full list of members is shown in the notes to this report.

Circuit Stewards:	**Genevieve Patnelli (Senior)** **Wesley Gibbs** **Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu** **Helen Tudor** **Ama Ackah-Yensu**
Treasurer:	**Ama Ackah-Yensu**
Independent Examiner:	**Buzzacott LLP** 130 Wood St London EC2V 6DL
Bank:	**HSBC** The Peak 333 Vauxhall Bridge Road Victoria London SW1V 1EJ
Investment Bankers:	**Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church** **Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes**

Aims and Objectives
The charity's objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around Westminster for the Methodist Church:

It aims to be a vital Christian presence in the heart of London.

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

1. The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
2. Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
3. Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church; and
4. Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

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

Structure, Governance and Management
The governing document for the Methodist Church of Great Britain is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).
Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual Conference (CPD).
Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Stewards and Ministerial Team with input from the Circuit Leadership team.
Trusteeship is exercised by the elected members of the Circuit Meeting.

Trustee Training
Trustees are pointed to a range of guidance produced by The Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees.

Related Parties
The Circuit is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. It consequently locates itself in both its polity and structure. In structural terms the Westminster Circuit is one of some 35 circuits (groupings of local churches) making up the London Methodist District. In terms of Polity and Constitution it, like all Methodist circuits, is accountable to the annual Methodist Conference.

Somewhat unusually, the Westminster Circuit consists of only one local society (church): Methodist Central Hall Westminster, which consequently is constituted so that wherever possible, local church and local circuit matters share the same constitution (by applying annually Methodist Standing Order 511).

Another unusual aspect of the Circuit/Church is the fact that its Trustees *of the Building* are appointed annually by the annual Conference of the Methodist Church of Great Britain, rather than, more commonly, the circuit meeting.

A third related party, in addition to the Circuit and the Trustees is Central Hall Westminster Ltd, a not-for-profit company formed in 1999 to run an events and conference business using the large and prestigious premises in central London.

Regular meetings of each of these three entities take place, with the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent ministers being members of each of the three, thereby having a strategic overview of the total ministry of the Circuit and its related parties.

Risk Management

The major risks associated with the life and ministry of the Circuit, located in Methodist Central Hall Westminster, are identified and recorded by the Trustees, with professional advice taken as required. An annual review process is undertaken and recorded. In terms of financial governance, income and expenditure are regularly and routinely monitored, and are compared with the approved annual budget on at least a quarterly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

We note the following items, all of which are noted on the Risk Register.

- An annual grant to the Church, which is the main source of funding for the Circuit is given by the Trustees. This is made possible by profits made by Central Hall Westminster Ltd. Any 'lean years' – and particularly several lean years – would affect the ability of the Trustees to award the grant.

- The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the operations of Central Hall Westminster Ltd has been immense. The building's closure and consequent hibernation of the business has meant that profits which would have been tithed to the Trustees have dried up, thus impacting their ability to provide the same level of grant to the Church, as with previous years.

- The as yet unknown plan relating to the 'decanting' of the House of Commons and House of Lords from the Palace of Westminster. Methodist Central Hall Westminster is, because of its proximity, one of a handful of buildings currently in conversation with 'Black Rod' about what are termed "business continuity talks".

- The ever-present risk of terror attacks and security breaches, given the location of the church. For the past three years the Metropolitan Police have estimated the risk of such as 'severe' and give regular security briefings to Circuit officials as to office holders of other large buildings in and around Parliament Square.

- The damage to reputation, given the high usage of the premises by very many clients.

- Safeguarding risks, exacerbated by the very high numbers of people using the building each week. In line with Methodist rulings, safeguarding procedures have, and continue to be improved and overhauled.

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

1. The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults.
2. The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
3. The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
4. We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
5. We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
6. We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
7. We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
8. We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
9. In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit commits itself to: -

1. Ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.
2. The provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

The Safeguarding Policy is approved annually by the Circuit Meeting and revised in line with guidelines and directives from the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Reserves Policy

The policy is for the Circuit itself to hold minimal free reserves, as it is able to rely on the reserves held within its one church. The aim, therefore, is for the Church to hold a designated contingency fund at a level, which can sustain six months' worth of average expenditure for both Church and Circuit. The Contingency Fund has not been increased in 2020/21 and so remains at £148k, which is equivalent to approximately six months' average expenditure. Despite the limitations on church activities in 2020/21 due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Church was able to generate a surplus and so no reduction in contingency was needed.

However, in 2021/22 the church is expecting a deficit, which could lead to the Contingency Fund reducing by approximately £20k. The balance would still support approximately five months' worth of average expenditure.

Signed: _____ **Date:** 27 March 2022

Revd Tony Miles (Chair of Trustees)

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit 35/03

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment (Restricted)	2020/21 Totals		2019/20 Totals
		£	£	£		£		£
Income and Endowments from:								
Donations and Legacies Income	**4**	0	0	0	0	0		0
Bank Interest	**5**	30	839	0	0	868		347
Assessments Church & Trustees to Circuit including Repayment of Loan		193,485	0	0	0	193,485		211,239
Lettings (Manse Rental Income)	**10**	19,202	0	0	0	19,202		4,660
Total Income		**212,717**	**839**	**0**	**0**	**213,556**		**216,246**
Expenditure								
Stipends, Salaries and Associated Costs		116,760	0	0	0	116,760		115,175
District Assessment		43,720	0	0	0	43,720		39,884
Travel Expenses		2,000	0	0	0	2,000		5,027
Ministerial Training		438	0	0	0	438		357
Insurance, Utilities, etc.	**11**	22,360	0	0	0	22,360		21,064
Maintenance on Manses	**12**	5,201	2,855	0	0	8,056		42,398
Removal Costs		0	600	0	0	600		3,898
Mortgage Interest	**13**	0	0	0	0	0		0
Other Expenditure								
Administration, Staff & Copying etc.	**14**	4,815	0	0	0	4,815		9,443
Independent Examiner Fee		1,680	0	0	0	1,680		2,570
Professional fees		500	499	0	0	999		534
Media Chaplaincy Expenses	**15**	0	0	0	0	0		23
Total Expenditure		**197,474**	**3,954**	**0**	**0**	**201,428**		**240,373**
Net Income / (Expenditure)		**15,243**	**(3,115)**	**0**	**0**	**12,128**		**(24,127)**
Transfer between Funds & General Account		**(15,200)**	**15,200**	**0**	**0**	**0**		0
Total Funds brought forward		**1,942,713**	**316,631**	**58**	**0**	**2,259,402**		**2,283,529**
Correction for Prior Year		0	1,636	0	0	1,636		0
Total funds carried forward at end of year		**1,942,756**	**330,352**	**58**	**0**	**2,273,166**		**2,259,402**

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit 35/03
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment (Restricted)	2020/21 Totals	2019/20 Totals
Fixed Assets		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Manses etc.	**16**	1,932,713	0	0	0	1,932,713	1,932,713
Total Fixed Assets		**1,932,713**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,932,713**	**1,932,713**
Current Assets							
Debtors and prepayments	**17**	54,727	0	0	0	54,727	55,222
TMCP Deposit Account		0	249,684	0	0	249,684	247,707
CFB Deposit	**18**	0	14,098	58	0	14,156	32,842
Cash at bank and in hand	**19**	(36,876)	66,570	0	0	29,694	1,267
Total current assets		**17,851**	**330,352**	**58**	**0**	**348,261**	**337,038**
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	**20**	(7,808)	0	0	0	(7,808)	(10,352)
Net current assets		10,043	330,352	58	0	340,453	326,686
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,942,756**	**330,352**	**58**	**0**	**2,273,166**	**2,259,402**
Loans and creditors due after 1 year		0	0	0	0	0	0
Net assets		**1,942,756**	**330,352**	**58**	**0**	**2,273,166**	**2,259,402**
Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,942,756	0	0	0	1,942,756	1,942,713
Other Funds (Designated and Restricted)		0	330,352	58	0	330,410	316,689
Total funds		**1,942,756**	**330,352**	**58**	**0**	**2,273,166**	**2,259,402**

I confirm that these accrual-based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting.

Signed: _____ **Date:** 27 March 2022

Ama Ackah-Yensu (Treasurer)

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were, presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on 27 March 2022 and were approved

Signed: _____ **Date:** 27 March 2022

Revd Tony Miles (Chair of the Circuit Meeting)

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit 35/03
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment (Restricted)	2019/20 Totals
Income and Endowments from:		**£**	**£**	**£**		**£**
Donations and Legacies Income		0	0	0	0	0
Bank Interest		347	0	0	0	347
Assessments Church & Trustees to Circuit including Repayment of Loan		211,239	0	0	0	211,239
Lettings (Manse Rental Income)	**10**	4,660		0		4,660
Total Income		**216,246**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**216,246**
Expenditure						
Stipends, Salaries and Associated Costs		115,175	0	0	0	115,175
District Assessment		39,884	0	0	0	39,884
Travel Expenses		5,027	0	0	0	5,027
Ministerial Training		357	0	0	0	357
Insurance, Utilities, etc.	**11**	21,064	0	0	0	21,064
Maintenance on Manses	**12**	3,991	38,407	0	0	42,398
Removal Costs		0	3,898	0	0	3,898
Mortgage Interest	**13**	0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenditure						
Administration, Staff & Copying etc.	**14**	9,443	0	0	0	9,443
Audit Fee		2,570	0	0	0	2,570
Professional fees		535	0	0	0	535
Media Chaplaincy Expenses	**15**	0	0	23	0	23
Total Expenditure		**198,046**	**42,305**	**23**	**0**	**240,374**
Net Income		**18,200**	**(42,305)**	**(23)**	**0**	**(24,128)**
Transfer between Funds & General Account		(18,200)	18,200	0	**0**	**0**
Other Recognised Gains						
Total Funds brought forward		1,924,713	340,736	81	**0**	**2,283,530**
Total funds carried forward at end of year		**1,924,713**	**316,631**	**58**	**0**	**2,259,402**

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit 35/03
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment (Restricted)	2019/2020 Totals
Fixed Assets		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Manses etc.	**16**	1,932,713	0	0	0	1,932,713
Total Fixed Assets		**1,932,713**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,932,713**
Current Assets						
Debtors and prepayments	**17**	55,221	0	0	0	55,221
TMCP Deposit Account		0	247,707	0		247,707
CFB Deposit	**18**	0	32,784	58	0	32,842
Cash at bank and in hand	**19**	(34,872)	36,139	0	0	1,268
Total current assets		**20,350**	**316,631**	**58**	**0**	**337,038**
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	**20**	(10,351)		0	0	(10,351)
Net current assets		**9,999**	**316,631**	**58**	**0**	**326,687**
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,942,713**	**316,631**	**58**	**0**	**2,259,402**
Loans and creditors due after 1 year		0		0	0	0
Net assets		**1,942,713**	**316,631**	**58**	**0**	**2,259,402**
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,942,713	0	0	0	1,942,713
Other Funds (Designated & Restricted)		0	316,630	58	0	316,689
Total funds		**1,942,713**	**316,631**	**58**	**0**	**2,259,402**

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2021

Basis of accounting
These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost Convention.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The Charity is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102 and therefore the Charity also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the 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 (The FRS 102 Charities SORP) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

1. Going Concern
After making reasonable enquiries the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and do not consider there to be any threat to the going concern status. Therefore, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements and confirm there are no material uncertainties at the date of the approval of these financial statements.

2. Funds
The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit, which are unrestricted, and restricted funds, which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the notes to the Accounts.

3. Accounting Policies

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

Income
Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the funds, the receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an

outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Cash and Cash Equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Grants
Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit
These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.

The freehold property comprises the Circuit's manses and is shown in the accounts at 2014 deemed values, with the exception of the Shirley manse, which is shown at the purchase value in 2016.

At the time of valuation, purchase and disposal, the value of the properties was not spilt between land and buildings. However, based on an estimate of 25% land and 75% buildings, the total land value at 31 August 2021 would be £483,179 and the total building value would be £1,449,534. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value.

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

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

Financial instruments
Basic financial instruments are measured at amortised cost.

Debtors and creditors
Debtors and creditors receivable or payable within one year of the reporting date are carried at their transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost less any impairment.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement
In preparing financial statements it is necessary to make certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. There are no judgements and estimates considered by the Trustees to have a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

4. Donations and legacies	Unrestricted & Designated	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Legacies	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
5. Investment income					
Central Finance Board	869	0	0	869	347
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**869**	**0**	**0**	**869**	**347**

6. Payment to Trustees
None of the Trustees, or persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the Church or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31 August 2021.

	2020/21	2019/20
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	5	5
	£	£
Total amount paid	2,157	6,258

Nature of expenses claimed: Car mileage, public transport, hospitality and miscellaneous. These expenses have been incurred by the trustees in the course of fulfilling their pastoral responsibilities.

7. Independent Examiner's Fees

	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
Fees for reporting on the accounts	1,680	1,680
Other fees (for advice, accountancy services etc)	0	0
Total	**1,680**	**1,680**

8. Paid Employees

Staff costs during the year were as below: -

	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	3,115	4,779
Employer's National Insurance	259	323
Pension costs	343	598
Total Staff Costs	3,717	5,700
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were	0.2	0.2

The charity considers that the key management personnel comprise the Trustees. There was no remuneration paid to the Trustees during 2020/ 21.

9 Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation	Residential Land	Manses	Total
	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	**483,179**	**1,449,534**	**1,932,713**
Balance carried forward	**483,179**	**1,449,534**	**1,932,713**
Accumulated depreciation	**0**	**0**	**0**
Net Book Value brought forward	**483,179**	**1,449,534**	**1,932,713**
Net Book Value carried forward	**483,179**	**1,449,534**	**1,932,713**

9a Investments

No other investments are held by the Circuit.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2020/21		2019/20	
INCOME	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Note 10 Rental Income				
Pond Green	19,202		4,660	
		19,202		4,660
EXPENDITURE	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Note 11 - Insurance, Utilities etc.				
Manse expenditure				
Insurance	1,603		1,552	
Telephone (incl mobiles & broadband)	1,184		1,227	
Water Rates	1,936		929	
Service Charges & Utility Maintenance				
Contracts	9,743		7,460	
Council Tax	4,976		6,944	
Utilities	2,918		2,951	
		22,360		21,063
Note 12 - Repairs and Maintenance				
Manse repairs & maintenance	5,201		3,991	
		5,201		3,991
Note 13 Manse Mortgage				
Capital Repayments	0		0	
Interest Payments	0		0	
		0		0
Note 14 Office Staff & Supplies				
Staff Costs	4,451		6,516	
Photocopying	(220)		1,549	
Computer supplies & software	584		1,378	
		4,815		9,443
Note 15 Media Chaplaincy				
Media Chaplaincy - Hospitality	0		23	
		0		23

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	2020/21		2019/20	
	£	£	£	£
BALANCE SHEET NOTES				
Note 16 Property Revaluation (*Valuations Made 2014*)	**Property Value**	**Circuit Value**		**Circuit Value**
	£	**£**		**£**
6 Exbury House (25% owned by Circuit)	550,000	137,500		137,500
4 Cotton Row (50.25% owned by Circuit)	1,485,000	746,213		746,213
16 Pond Green (100% Owned by Circuit)	400,000	400,000		400,000
108A Shirley Avenue (100% Owned by Circuit)	649,000	649,000		649,000
TOTAL VALUE		**1,932,713**		**1,932,713**
Prior Valuation		1,142,685		1,142,685
Revaluation Reserve		**790,028**		**790,028**
Note 17 -Prepayments				
Stipends	9,750		9,643	
Manse Expenses	4,051		3,779	
Photocopying	586		0	
Accrued Income				
Donations from Church for General Fund	38,619		38,314	
Owed by Church				
Church Expenses Paid by Circuit	1,721		3,486	
		54,727		55,222
Note 18 - Central Finance Board				
Restricted Funds	58		58	
Designated Funds	14,098		32,784	
General Fund	0		0	
		14,156		32,842
Note 18 - TMCP				
Manse Sale and Purchase Fund	248,579		246,603	
Other Designated Funds	1,105		1,104	
		249,684		247,707
Note 19 - Cash at Bank& In Hand				
General Fund	(36,876)		(34,872)	
Restricted Funds	66,570		36,139	
		29,694		1,267
BALANCE SHEET NOTES				
Note 20 - Creditors & Accruals				
Ministers Travel & Accommodation	267		0	
Manse Costs	2,460		3,863	
Photocopying	964		1,176	
Independent Examiners Fee	1,680		3,420	
Administration Staff Costs	2,198		1,893	
Ministerial Training	239		0	
		7,808		10,352
Designated Funds	0		0	
		0		0
		7,808		10,352

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CIRCUIT FUNDS	BALANCE B/F 01/09/20	2020/21				BALANCE C/F 31/08/21
		Income	Expenditure	Transfer Between Funds	Correction Re Prior Year	
FUNDS	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Restricted						
Media Chaplaincy	58	0	0	0	0	58
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	**58**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**58**
Designated						
Removals Fund	7,274	0	(600)	0	0	6,674
Manse Maintenance Fund	62,754	0	(2,855)	15,200	0	75,099
Manse Replacement Fund	246,603	839	(499)	0	1,636	248,579
Total Designated Funds	**316,631**	**839**	**(3,954)**	**15,200**	**1,636**	**330,352**
TOTAL RESTRICTED & DESIGNATED FUNDS	**316,689**	**839**	**(3,954)**	**15,200**	**1,636**	**330,410**
GENERAL FUND	**1,942,713**	**212,717**	**(197,474)**	**(15,200)**	**0**	**1,942,756**
TOTAL	**2,259,402**	**213,556**	**(201,428)**	**0**	**1,636**	**2,273,166**

The Balance for Restricted and Designated Funds have increased to £330,410 from £316,689 in 2019/20.

The Circuit Meeting decided to allocate £15,200 from the General Fund to the Manse Maintenance Fund in line with amounts recommended by the Connexion.

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Circuit Trustees as at 31 August 2021

The following served as trustees during the year and/or were trustees at the date of signing the accounts.

Revd. Tony Miles
Revd. Lansford Penn-Timity
Deacon Alison McMillan
Revd. Gordon Newton
Genevieve Patnelli
Wesley Gibbs
Ynes Lightfoot-Taylor
Omotayo Roberts
Esther Buckman
Tony Ackah-Yensu
Emmanuel Asante
Abdul Bah
Michael Davies
Ama Ackah-Yensu
Jocelyn Boafo
John Philips
Ollie McEwen
Marko Joensuu
Christina Fasola
Denzil Cummings-John
Regina Boye
Joe Awotwi
Esther Thomas
Philippa Muir
Grace Sangmuah
Helen Tudor
Charlotte Rankin
Christina Asare Owusu
Sarita Lightfoot-Taylor
Mark Williamson
Judith Mitchell
Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu
Helen Onilado
Dr Oprah Scott
Susan Solanke
Christine Wykes
Jacob Baiden
Kate Jones
Don Nunn
Seth Kofi Otoo
Anthony Boateng
Stephen Olusola
Dr Michael Fennell
Aretha Solanke
Charles Bushell

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of London Mission (Westminster) Circuit

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Methodist Central Hall Westminster – London Mission (Westminster) Circuit No. 35/03

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the Trustees of the Charity 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, 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 my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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.

Katharine Patel ACA
Buzzacott LLP
Chartered Accountants
130 Wood Street
London EC2V 6DL

31 March 2022

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

ACCRUALS BASIS

For the year ended 31 August 2021

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER

Registered Charity No 1145076

SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER
Revd Tony Miles

CHURCH STEWARDS
Emmanuel Asante
Abdul Bah
Esther Buckman
Marie Rose Cameron
Michael Davies
Ynes Lightfoot-Taylor
Anthony Boateng
Stephen Olusola
Omotayo Roberts
Regina Boye
Denzil Cummings-John

CHURCH TREASURER
Ama Ackah-Yensu

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER CHURCH
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

This Annual Report gives an account of the mission and ministry of Methodist Church Central Hall Westminster. It represents considerable commitment on the part of its members, who both gather for worship and learning, and disperse in witness, being involved in a variety of means of service.

Aims and Organisation

Our mission is to be a vital Christian presence in the heart of London. Our vision statement declared on the order of worship each week is: "Methodist Central Hall Westminster – a global Christian family following Jesus at the heart of London."

Review of the Year

75 years ago, as the world recovered from the trauma of the Second World War, the United Nations chose Methodist Central Hall Westminster to be the venue for the first meeting of its General Assembly. In 1946 the church had to vacate the building so that the UN could move in, marking the first time when we could not hold weekly church services in our Great Hall. In 2020, as the Covid-19 pandemic swept the world, we again had to leave our building, not so that the world could move in, but as it turned out, so that we could move out into the world. Like the whole world, we moved from being in the unknown about the virus to being aware and then into a rapid series of action steps that ultimately led to our church reaching over 6.1 million people during this period.

The Church's vision is to be a 'Global Christian Family Following Jesus at the Heart of London.' Little did we know how prophetic this was to become. In response to the first lockdown, we launched **mchw.live** as a brand and new website to host our online worship. It has now opened up our work to serve the Connexion and World Church as well as catering to our own members and regular worshippers. This has led to our local congregation having a better grasp of what it means to be a 'Cathedral for Methodism'. We now have people regularly involved in our worship from Australia, Sri Lanka, India, Sicily, West Africa, Germany, etc., some of whom are joining Bible studies and fellowship groups.

After using SmartStage technology offered by our Audio-Visual partners, White Light Ltd, initially at no cost, we eventually installed our own equipment and settled into our chapel for online worship to keep costs down. We are extremely grateful to the Connexion and all our supporters for their generosity, which enabled us to do this. In addition to our weekly services, which regularly attracted 2,000 individuals and families live and grew to about 4,000, we moved many of our other events online – for example:

For our **Annual Carol Service**, we were able to delve into previous years' recordings for Premier Christian Radio alongside readings from our congregation and Premier around our historic building. Nearly 8,000 people have watched our Carol Service online, and many people commented how blessed they were.

In January 2021, during the third 'lockdown' in the UK, we held a very special service online to commemorate **75 years since the first meeting of the UN's General Assembly in our Great Hall** (6,400 views). This included contributions from the UN

Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, Fabrizio Hochschild of the UN 75th anniversary team and Sir Peter Marshall, a former British Diplomat. Also in January, we had the first **Parliamentary Covenant Service** to be held online with contributions from MPs and the preacher was the Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons, Revd Tricia Hillas (2,100 views).

For the second year in succession, **Holy Week 2021** took place online and our services had a total online attendance of over 35,000 individuals and families.

BBC Broadcast – On Pentecost/Aldersgate Sunday, we produced a radio programme that was broadcast on all 39 BBC Local Radio stations in the English Regions at 8 a.m. and reached 700,000 listeners.

Healing Conference – This annual event had to be live-streamed this year from the chapel on 22 May. This was led by Rev Lansford Penn-Timity and our co-ordinator of our healing ministry, Alison Bryan. Our theme was 'It is well with my soul: healing and restoration in a pandemic'. Dave Bilbrough led the worship, and the teaching was from Roy Godwin - a well-known international speaker and author. Roy is the founder of the global Local Houses of Prayer movement, and The Caleb Initiative. 286 tickets were sold and the peak number of people viewing live at any one time was 256. The conference remained on the unlisted YouTube channel for another week for those who had bought tickets. This led to a total of 1,207 unique views [i.e. not repeated on the same device]. We received extremely positive feedback about the impact of the conference, with both inner healing and physical healing being reported.

As we started to return to worship together in person in May 2021, our online services have continued, albeit at the new time of 9:30am. It has proved a vital service to those unable to reach their own church, or those that choose to watch our service later in the day or week, attracting numbers that would fill the Great Hall many times over.

Relationship with the Connexional Team – Another benefit of having online worship was being able to host Revd Richard Teal, President of the Methodist Conference and Mrs Carolyn Lawrence, Vice President, on far more occasions than usual. We were blessed by this and it enabled them to reach far more people that they would have done otherwise. This included our ministerial team hosting **Sunday Worship for the Methodist Conference 2020** (12,500 views) for them. They also participated in **Daffodil Day 2021** (5,500 views), with other special guests including, The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Jonathan Glanz, Pam Rhodes, Simeon Wood, Anando Mukerjee, the Methodist Youth President, Phoebe Parkin, and the President of Methodist Women in Britain, Hilary Evans. Our President and Vice President also took part in our Parliamentary Covenant Service. Additionally, we have had a member of the Connexional Team join us for most of our online services, which has given them an opportunity to sustain a relationship with a significant number of people. We hope to build on this relationship to see how we can better serve Methodism connexionally and globally in the future.

Small groups – We had about between 50-80 people joining our Lent course on Zoom led by Revd Dr Howard Mellor, and an average of about 18 for our Bible study series, the 'Generosity Project'. Our Online Alpha Course also attracted 18 regular members. We are discussing which courses will return to 'in-person' and which remain online in future. Alpha is likely to remain online because of the larger numbers we have had attending, compared to courses in the past.

'Church Online Every Sunday' has become a vital Christian mission that serves the Global church family, we pray that it will continue.

2020/21 was Revd Tony Miles's first full year as Superintendent Minister. Little did we or anyone know that he and his team would have so much to offer to provide the Church with a lifeline during this unprecedented time.

The Revd Dr William Sangster filled the Great Hall during the war years by effective leadership and a powerful preaching ministry. By God's grace MCHW sought to respond to the war against a virus and has arguably reached even more people than the great Dr Sangster. To God be the glory!

Plans for 2021/22

Financial plans have been prepared on the basis that staff levels within the Church will remain the same. The grant from the Managing Trustees will again be 50% of the 2019/20 (pre Covid-19) levels. Together with a reduced level of giving, we are budgeting for a deficit of £95.6k in 2021/22, which will result in all free reserves being used and a £20k reduction in the Contingency Fund.

In spite of this, we cannot afford to lose the momentum built up during the lockdown and so the church and its leadership are considering prayerfully how to move forward with the Kingdom Agenda.

Financial Review

Due to the activities of the church being severely impacted throughout the year by the Covid-19 pandemic, we were forecasting a deficit, but our God is indeed faithful in answering our prayers and not only kept us afloat but blessed us with a surplus!

The Church finished the year with net income of £33,769 (£3,030 in 2019/20) and therefore increased its funds from £361,159 in 2019/20 to £394,928 in 2020/21 (£62,186 in the General Fund and £332,742 in restricted and designated funds).

Church income in total was £415,377, which is below the £500,000 threshold requiring a Statement of Cash Flows to be prepared and so this has not been included in the 2020/21 Annual Accounts. The decrease in cash and cash equivalents in 2020/21 has mainly been due to grant income being reduced by 50%, equivalent to a loss of income of £130,164 in the year.

The statement of accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 is attached.

<u>Income</u>

General Fund income decreased to £366,790 (£503,466 in 2019/20). The main movements are shown below:

- Decrease in offerings and tax recoverable (£25.4k).
- Increase in donations (£41.2k) and decrease in Anniversary Giving (£8.6k). The changes in giving are mainly due to the church being closed for a significant part of the year as a result of Covid-19 restrictions. This has led to offerings and in-person giving decreasing, whilst donations, given mainly via bank transfers and other electronic means, have increased.

- Decrease in Trustees' Grant (£130.2k). The closure of the conference centre, again due to Covid-19 restrictions, meant that the Connexional Trustees' income decreased significantly and so they have had to reduce the grant to the church by 50% in 2020/21.
- Decrease in 'Use of Rooms' donations (£3.0k) and Visitor Services (£1.1k) both due to Covid-19 restrictions limiting visitors and room use.
- Decrease in interest and investment income (£1.7k) due to low interest rates.
- Decrease in 'Income from Special Events' (£19.8k) due to most events being cancelled again due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- Increase in Covid-19 Job Retention Scheme Grant (£12.3k). The grant was claimed for some members of staff for the whole of 2020/21, whereas in 2019/20 it was only available from March to August 2020.

Income received in Restricted and Designated Funds was £48.6k – a decrease of £25.5k from 2019/20, mainly for the following reasons:

- One-off donations in 2019/20 received for a specific purpose.
- Decrease of £5k in giving to the fund for Live Streaming of Services (there were one-off grants for this purpose in 2019/20).
- No income for Church Space Refurbishment nor the Chapel Renewal Fund in 2020/21, compared with £3k and £2.5k respectively in 2019/20.

Expenditure

General Fund spending has decreased by £150.6k to £333.0k (2019/20 £483.6K). There were some key variances within these total figures

- Staff salaries decreased by £10.6k, due to some staff being on furlough throughout the year, with only 80% of their salary being paid.
- The Circuit Assessment decreased by £29.3k. An increase in rental income to the Circuit, coupled with a decrease in Circuit expenditure led to the Church having a smaller shortfall to meet.
- Office Supplies and Equipment decreased by £14k, with reduced expenditure on photocopying, printing, computer supplies and office equipment.
- Expenditure on Church Groups and Events decreased by £39.7k due Covid-19 restrictions.
- Music Account expenditure decreased by £12.8k due to Covid-19 restrictions reducing the number of services with live worship.
- Advertising costs have decreased by £4.9k, due to a reduction in Methodist Recorder advertising.

Designated and Restricted Fund expenditure decreased by £41.3k to £48,572 (2019/20 £89,886). The key movements are detailed below:

- Chapel Renewal Fund had no expenditure compared to £6.9k in 2019/20
- There was no Tithe expenditure in 2020/21 compared to £22.7k in 2019/20. Due to Covid-19 the committee did not meet to approve Tithe allocations. In 2021/22 allocations will cover both 2019/20 and 2020/21 tithes.
- In 2019/20, £5k was spent on extra computer equipment, with no equivalent expenditure in 2020/21.
- Benevolent Fund expenditure in 2020/21 was £2.8k compared to £7.2k in 2019/20.
- Ghanaian Fellowship expenditure decreased by £2.6k.
- Special Offerings expenditure decreased by £10.8k mainly due to one-off gifts in 2019/20.

- Expenditure for Live Streaming of Services increased by £10.7k, reflecting the fact that live streaming was in place throughout the year.

Total Funds for the Church have increased to £394,928 (2019/20 £361,159) with £62,186 (2019/20 £60,882) in the General Fund and £332,742 in Restricted and Designated Funds (2019/20 £300,275).

In 2020/21, £32.5k has been transferred from Church General Funds to Designated and Restricted Funds, including £12k to Digital Outreach and Engagement, £20.8k to the Tithe Fund and a small transfer into General Funds.

The Contingency Fund stands unchanged at £148k, which represents approximately six months' worth of average expenditure (including payments to the Circuit). There was no increase in the Fund in 2020/21. At the start of the year, we expected that Church income may decrease to the extent that some contingency may need to be used to meet ongoing expenditure, but by the grace of God, we did not have to do so. The Reserve Fund is included within the Designated Total.

We are truly thankful for God's grace and favour, which has sustained the Church, for the Managing Trustees and the Connexion, the staff of Central Hall Westminster Ltd, our members and regular worshippers (new and not so new) and supporters from all over whose prayers, generosity and support have kept us throughout this most unusual year. To God be the glory! We look forward to exciting times ahead.

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER CHURCH

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in July 2014.

Full Name of Church**:**	**Methodist Central Hall Westminster**
Charity Registration Number:	**1145076**
Date of registration:	**15 December 2011**
Main communication address:	**Methodist Central Hall, Storey's Gate, Westminster, London SW1H 9NH**

The members of the Methodist Central Hall Westminster Church Council are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit and church office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual Church Meeting. A full list of Council membership is shown in the notes to this report.

Circuit Stewards:	**Genevieve Patnelli (Senior)** **Wesley Gibbs** **Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu** **Ama Ackah-Yensu** **Helen Tudor**
Treasurer:	**Ama Ackah-Yensu**
Independent Examiner:	**Buzzacott LLP** 130 Wood St London EC2V 6DL
Bank:	**HSBC** The Peak 333 Vauxhall Bridge Road Victoria London SW1V 1EJ
Investment Bankers:	**Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church**

Aims and Objectives

The charity's objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around Westminster for the Methodist Church:

It aims to be a vital Christian presence in the heart of London.

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

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

Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church and Circuit Stewards and Ministerial Team with input from the Leadership Team.

Trusteeship is exercised by the elected members of the Church Council.

Trustee Training

Trustees are pointed to a range of guidance produced by The Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees.

Related Parties

The Church, like all local Methodist Churches is situated in a Circuit and is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. It consequently locates itself in both its polity and structure. In structural terms the Church is the single Methodist Society in the Westminster Circuit, which is one of some 35 circuits (groupings of local churches) making up the London Methodist District. In terms of Polity and Constitution, it, like all Methodist circuits, is accountable to the annual Methodist Conference.

Somewhat unusually, the Westminster Circuit consists of only one local society (church): Methodist Central Hall Westminster, which consequently is constituted so that wherever possible, local church and local circuit matters share the same constitution (by applying annually Methodist Standing Order 511).

Another unusual aspect of the Circuit/Church is the fact that its Trustees are appointed annually by the annual Conference of the Methodist Church of Great Britain, rather than, more commonly, the circuit meeting and church council.

A third related party, in addition to the Circuit and the Trustees is Central Hall Westminster Ltd, a not-for-profit company formed in 1999 to run an events and conference business using the large and prestigious premises in central London.

Regular meetings of each of these three entities take place, with the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent Ministers being members of each of the three, thereby having a strategic overview of the total ministry of the Circuit and its related parties.

Risk Management
The major risks associated with the life and ministry of the Church, located in Methodist Central Hall Westminster, are identified and recorded by the Trustees, with professional advice taken as required. An annual review process is undertaken and recorded.

In terms of financial governance, income and expenditure are regularly and routinely monitored, and are compared with the approved annual budget on at least a quarterly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process and to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

We note the following items, all of which are noted on the Risk Register.

- An annual grant to the Circuit is given by the Trustees. This is made possible by profits made by Central Hall Westminster Ltd. Any 'lean years' – and particularly several lean years – would affect the ability of the Trustees to award the grant.

- The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the operations of Central Hall Westminster Ltd has been immense. The building's closure and consequent hibernation of the business has meant that profits which would have been tithed to the Trustees have dried up, thus impacting their ability to provide the same level of grant to the Church, as with previous years.

- The as yet unknown plan relating to the 'decanting' of the House of Commons and House of Lords from the Palace of Westminster. Methodist Central Hall Westminster is, because of its proximity, one of a handful of buildings currently in conversation with 'Black Rod' about what are termed "business continuity talks".

- The ever-present risk of terror attacks and security breaches, given the location of the church. For the past four years the Metropolitan Police have estimated the risk of such as 'severe' and give regular security briefings to Circuit officials as to office holders of other large buildings in and around Parliament Square.

- The damage to reputation, given the high usage of the premises by very many clients.

- Safeguarding risks, exacerbated by the very high numbers of people using the building each week. In line with Methodist rulings, safeguarding procedures have, and continue to be improved and overhauled.

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults.

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

The Methodist Central Hall Westminster Church commits itself to: -

- Ensuring the implementation of the Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

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

The Safeguarding Policy is approved annually by the Church Council and revised in line with guidelines and directives from the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a contingency sum equivalent to a minimum of three months', and ideally six months', average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure and/or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise funds to cover the Church's full expenses, including the assessment payable to the Circuit.

The Contingency Fund as at 31 August 2021 was £148k, which is equivalent to approximately six months' average expenditure.

In addition to the Contingency Fund there is a General Fund surplus of £62.2k

However, the continuing impact of the pandemic means that the reduced levels of grant from the Conference Property Trustees can be expected to continue through 2021/22

and 2022/23. In spite of this, the Church Council plans to take measures to maintain reserves at a healthy level.

Signed: _____ **Date:** 27 March 2022

Revd Anthony Miles (Chair of Trustees)

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2020/21 Totals		2019/20 Totals
		£	£	£	£		£
Income and Endowments From:							
Donations and Legacies							
Offerings and Tax recoverable	13	128,565	0	0	128,565		153,979
Donations	13	65,950	0	0	65,950		24,763
Anniversary Giving		4,359	0	0	4,359		13,001
Grant (Trustees)	14	130,164	0	0	130,164		260,328
Donations for Use of Rooms		250	0	0	250		3,283
Visitors Services & Catering	15	0	0	0	0		1,131
Interest and Investment Income	16	499	0	0	499		2,231
Other							
Special Events	17	3,288	0	0	3,288		23,043
Church Groups	18	375	0	0	375		704
Covid-19 Furlough		33,340	0	0	33,340		21,003
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	490	0	490		5,142
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0	0	48,097	48,097		67,991
Total Income and Endowments		**366,790**	**490**	**48,097**	**415,377**		**576,599**

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2020/21 Totals		2019/20 Totals
Expenditure		£	£	£	£		£
Office & Ministry Staff		59,709	0	0	59,709		70,317
Net Payment for Circuit Expenses		193,485	0	0	193,485		222,744
Office Supplies - Staff and Equipment	19	12,271	0	0	12,271		26,271
Internal Organisations and Events							
Sanctuary		33	0	0	33		2,131
Church Groups	20	665	0	0	665		6,109
Special Events	21	1,885	0	0	1,885		34,002
Other Expenditure							
Music Account	22	32,035	0	0	32,035		44,839
Other expenditure	23	20,204	0	0	20,204		20,233
Advertising		4,959	0	0	4,959		9,827
Grants & Donations	24	7,790	0	0	7,790		47,210
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	1,426	0	1,426		29,744
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0	0	47,146	47,146		60,142
Total Expenditure		**333,036**	**1,426**	**47,146**	**381,608**		**573,569**
Net Income / (Expenditure)		**33,754**	**(936)**	**951**	**33,769**		**3,030**
Transfers Between Restricted Funds and General Funds		(32,450)	32,487	(37)	0		0
Net Income after transfers		1,304	31,551	914	33,769		3,030
Total funds brought forward		**60,882**	**227,262**	**73,015**	**361,159**		**358,129**
Total funds carried forward		**62,186**	**258,813**	**73,929**	**394,928**		**361,159**

Money received and passed on to External Organisations (For information only)

	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
Balance brought forward from last year	2,324	2,201
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	4,447	12,441
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	(4,135)	(12,318)
Balance carried forward	**2,636**	**2,324**

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS
CHURCH BALANCE SHEET for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2020/21 Totals	2019/20 Totals
Current Assets		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Debtors and prepayments	25	48,152	0	0	48,152	56,553
Cash at bank and in hand	26	73,877	0	0	73,877	20,640
Central Finance Board deposit	27	(6,050)	258,813	75,844	328,607	333,768
Total current assets		**115,979**	**258,813**	**75,844**	**450,636**	**410,960**
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	28	(53,793)	0	(1,915)	(55,708)	(49,801)
Net current assets		**62,186**	**258,813**	**73,929**	**394,928**	**361,159**
Total assets less current liabilities		**62,186**	**258,813**	**73,929**	**394,928**	**361,159**
Net assets		**62,186**	**258,813**	**73,929**	**394,928**	**361,159**
Funds of the Church						
Unrestricted Fund (General)		62,186	0	0	62,186	60,882
Other Funds (restricted & designated)		0	258,813	73,929	332,742	300,278
Total funds		**62,186**	**258,813**	**73,929**	**394,928**	**361,159**

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Signed: _____ **Date:** 27 March 2022
Ama Ackah-Yensu (Treasurer)

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were presented to the Church Council at its meeting on 27 March 2022 and were approved.

Signed: _____ **Date:** 27 March 2022
Revd Tony Miles (Chair of the Church Council)

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General) £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2019/20 Totals £
Income and Endowments From:					
Donations and Legacies					
Offerings and Tax recoverable	13	153,979	0	0	153,979
Donations	13	24,763	0	0	24,763
Anniversary Giving		13,001	0	0	13,001
Grant (Trustees)	14	260,328	0	0	260,328
Donations for Use of Rooms		3,283	0	0	3,283
Visitors Services & Catering	15	1,131	0	0	1,131
Interest and Investment Income	16	2,231	0	0	2,231
Other					
Special Events	17	23,043	0	0	23,043
Church Groups	18	704	0	0	704
Covid-19 Furlough		21,003	0	0	21,003
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	5,142	0	5,142
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0	0	67,991	67,991
Total Income and Endowments		**503,466**	**5,142**	**67,991**	**576,599**

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METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2019/20 Totals
Expenditure		£	£	£	£
Office & Ministry Staff		70,317	0	0	70,317
Net Payment for Circuit Expenses excluding mortgage repayments		222,744	0	0	222,744
Office Supplies	19	26,271	0	0	26,271
Internal Organisations and Events					
Church Groups	20	6,109	0	0	6,109
Sanctuary		2,131	0	0	2,131
Special Events	21	34,002	0	0	34,002
Other Expenditure					
Music Account	22	44,839	0	0	44,839
Other expenditure	23	20,233	0	0	20,233
Advertising		9,827	0	0	9,827
Grants & Donations	24	47,210	0	0	47,210
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	29,744	0	29,744
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0	0	60,142	60,142
Total Expenditure		**483,683**	**29,744**	**60,142**	**573,569**
Net Income /(Expenditure)		**19,783**	**(24,602)**	**7,849**	**3,030**
Transfers Between Restricted Funds and General Funds		(25,861)	21,473	4,388	0
Net Income / (Expenditure) after transfers		(6,078)	(3,129)	12,237	3,030
Total funds brought forward		**66,960**	**230,390**	**60,778**	**358,129**
Total funds carried forward		**60,882**	**227,261**	**73,015**	**361,158**

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

CHURCH BALANCE SHEET for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2019/20 Totals
Current Assets		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Debtors and prepayments	25	48,477	0	8,076	56,553
Cash at bank and in hand	26	20,103	0	536	20,640
Central Finance Board deposit	27	41,563	227,262	64,943	333,768
Total current assets		**110,143**	**227,262**	**73,556**	**410,960**
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	28	(49,261)		(540)	(49,801)
Net current assets		**60,882**	**227,262**	**73,016**	**361,159**
Total assets less current liabilities		**60,882**	**227,262**	**73,016**	**361,159**
Net assets		**60,882**	**227,262**	**73,016**	**361,159**
Funds of the Church					
Unrestricted Fund (General)		60,882	0	0	60,882
Other Funds (restricted & designated)		0	227,262	73,016	300,278
Total funds		**60,882**	**227,262**	**73,016**	**361,159**

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2021

1. Basis of accounting

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost Convention.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The Charity is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102 and therefore the Charity also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the 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 (The FRS 102 Charities SORP) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

Going Concern

After making reasonable enquiries the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and do not consider there to be any threat to the going concern status. Therefore, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements and confirm there are no material uncertainties at the date of the approval of these financial statements.

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds, which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the notes to the Accounts.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis

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

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the funds, the receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Grants
Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church
These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. There is no freehold property owned by the Church.

Financial instruments
Basic financial instruments are measured at amortised cost.

Debtors and creditors
Debtors and creditors receivable or payable within one year of the reporting date are carried at their transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost less any impairment.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement
In preparing financial statements it is necessary to make certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. There are no judgements and estimates are considered by the Trustees to have a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

4.Donations and legacies	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**2021 Total**	**2020 Total**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Collections	99,823	48,097	**147,920**	**188,522**
Tax credits	0	0	**0**	**0**
Donations	67,902	0	**67,902**	**26,430**
Total	**167,725**	**48,097**	**215,822**	**214,952**
5. Other trading activities	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**2021 Total**	**2020 Total**
	£	£	**£**	**£**
CD Project	0	0	**0**	**0**
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
6. Investment income	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**2021 Total**	**2020 Total**
	£	£	**£**	**£**
Central Finance Board	460	0	**460**	**2,194**
Other	39	0	**39**	**37**
Total	**499**	**0**	**499**	**2,231**

7. Trustees

None of the Trustees, or persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the Church or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31 August 2021.

	2020/21	2019/20
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	5	5
	£	£
Total amount paid	2,157	6,258

Nature of expenses claimed: Car mileage, public transport, hospitality and miscellaneous. These expenses have been incurred by the trustees in the course of fulfilling their pastoral responsibilities.

8. Independent Examiners Fees

	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
Fees for reporting on the accounts	1,680	1,680
Other fees (for advice, accountancy services etc)	-	-
Total	**1,680**	**1,680**

9. Paid Employees

Staff costs (excluding stipends) during the year were as below: -

	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	70,633	79,745
Employer's National Insurance	3,805	4,212
Pension costs	6,140	9,980
Total Staff Costs	80,578	93,937
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were	3.9	3.9

10. Reserves Policy

	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
General Funds held	148,000	148,000

The current level of reserves is equivalent to nearly 6 months of average expenditure including payments made to the Circuit.

Policy for Restricted Funds

No policy as such except that such funds may only be used for the purpose for which they have been given / donated.

Terms relating to Endowment Funds
No such funds are held by the church.

This Reserves Policy has been approved by the Church Council.

11. Related Parties

Name of related party	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related parties during the year	Loans to related party during the year	Amounts owed by related party as on 31 Aug 2021
		£	£	£	£
JMA	Donations received from Church Members	-	1,025	-	-
Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons	Gift made by Church	-	200	-	-
Fund for Property		-	330	-	-
London Mission Fund Payment		-	200	-	-
Total		**-**	**1,755**	**-**	**-**

12. Details of Designated and Restricted Funds

CHURCH FUNDS	BALANCE B/F 01/09/20	2020/21			BALANCE C/F 31/08/21
		Income	Expenditure	Transfer Between Funds	
FUNDS	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	
General - Designated					
Sunday Catering	1,265	0	(936)	0	329
Tithe	19,442	0	0	20,787	40,229
Tithe Reserve	3,400	0	0	0	3,400
CD Project	13,967	0	0	0	13,967
AVA & Server Replacement	17,030	0	0	0	17,030
Church Space Refurbishment & Maintenance	23,858	0	0	0	23,858
Fees to be Paid for Special Services	300	490	(490)	(300)	0
Digital Outreach and Engagement	0	0	0	12,000	12,000
Contingency	148,000	0	0	0	148,000
TOTAL DESIGNATED	**227,262**	**490**	**(1,426)**	**32,487**	**258,813**
Restricted					
Monday Guild	362	0	0	0	362
Flower Fund	459	2,010	(2,060)	0	409
Hymn Sheet Fund	2,308	0	0	0	2,308
Special Offerings to be Donated	(13)	421	(104)	(37)	267
Night Shelter	1,488	0	0	0	1,488
Welcome Box Project	593	0	0	0	593
Christian Aid	0	2,423	(2,423)	0	0
World Mission Easter Offering	5	579	(584)	0	0
Action For Children	0	0	0	0	0
JMA	0	1,025	(1,025)	0	0
Benevolent Fund	6,948	2,589	(2,831)	0	6,706
Chapel Renewal	0	0	0	0	0
Music & Worship Legacy	45,650	0	0	0	45,650
Friends of Westminster	100	0	0	0	100
Ghana Fellowship	1,264	890	(144)	0	2,010
Service Live Streaming	13,851	38,160	(37,975)	0	14,036
Total Restricted Funds	**73,015**	**48,097**	**(47,146)**	**(37)**	**73,929**
TOTAL RESTRICTED & DESIGNATED FUNDS	**300,277**	**48,587**	**(48,572)**	**32,450**	**332,742**
General Fund	**60,882**	**366,790**	**(333,036)**	**(32,450)**	**62,186**
TOTAL FUNDS	**361,159**	**415,377**	**(381,608)**	**0**	**394,928**

The balance of Designated and Restricted Funds has increased by £32,465. There has been a net transfer from Church General Funds of £32,450, which included £12,000 into a new designated fund for Digital Outreach and Engagement and £20,787 transferred to the Tithe Fund for distribution to other charitable organisations nominated by church members.

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INCOME	**2020/21** £	£	**2019 /20** £	£
General Funds (Unrestricted)				
Note 13 - Offerings and tax recoverable				
Envelope Scheme	53,312		56,324	
Banker's Orders	42,654		35,982	
Loose Cash	3,856		27,805	
Tax recovered	26,791		31,767	
Charities Trust	1,952		1,667	
Lunchtime Services	0		434	
		128,565		153,979
Donations		65,950		24,763
		194,515		178,742
Note 14 - Trustees Grant				
SVFP Grant	9,234		18,468	
SVFP Rent	13,008		26,016	
Church Grant General	107,922		215,844	
		130,164		260,328
Note 15 - Visitors Services				
Visitor services - Donations	0		1,131	
		0		1,131
Note 16 - Interest & investment income				
Dividend Income	39		37	
Deposit interest	460		2,194	
		499		2,231
Note 17 -Special Events				
Daffodil Day	98		2,795	
Christmas Lunch	0		1,378	
Prayer and Healing Ministry including Conference	3,121		10	
The Gathering	0		810	
Women's Conference	0		293	
Carol Service	42		5,037	
Anniversary Dinner	0		1,059	
Church Fun Fellowship Retreat	0		9,363	
Miscellaneous	27		2,298	
		3,288		23,043
Note 18 - Church Groups & Ministries				
JC Live	375		65	
Does God go to Work?	0		483	
Sermon CDs	0		156	
		375		704

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2020/21		2019 /20	
EXPENDITURE	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Note 19 Office Supplies				
Photocopying	2,247		4,710	
General Stationery	897		2,061	
Printing	1,459		1,239	
Literature	2,157		5,030	
Easter Offering / Gift envelopes	0		736	
Postage	976		1,528	
Computer supplies & software incl. Digital Outreach	4,535		8,969	
Office Equipment & Supplies	0		1,998	
		12,271		26,271
Note 20 Church Groups				
JC Live	465		553	
God at Work	0		100	
Crèche	0		3,222	
YPF	0		340	
Social Responsibility	0		343	
Hebrew Class	0		892	
Support for Missions	200		659	
		665		6,109
Notes 21 -Special Projects & Events				
Daffodil Day	250		4,031	
Christmas lunch & party	0		3,348	
Prayer and Healing Ministry including Conference	1,385		2,020	
Gathering	250		3,251	
Women's Ministry	0		520	
Church Fun and Fellowship Retreat	0		9,389	
Carol Service	0		7,659	
Anniversary Dinner	0		2,527	
Cathedral Events	0		1,196	
Good Friday in Victoria Street	0		61	
		1,885		34,002
Note 22 Music Account				
Fees for Directors of Music / Musicians / Choir	32,035		43,082	
Music Expenses	0		1,757	
		32,035		44,839

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2020/21		2019 /20	
RESOURCES EXPENDED	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Note 23 - Other expenditure				
Pulpit supply	305		3,090	
Lay training	1,228		2,006	
Website development & maintenance	12,059		7,657	
In-house hospitality / Volunteers Dinner	0		631	
Hospitality & Restaurant Vouchers	110		(1,712)	
Bank charges	246		519	
Church Insurance	0		0	
Miscellaneous	3,407		4,081	
Materials and Items for Services	719		(658)	
Subscriptions	450		1,449	
Independent Examiners Fees	1,680		3,170	
		20,204		20,233
Note 24 Grants & Donations				
The Fund for the Support of Presbyters and Deacons (previously Auxiliary Fund)				
Payment	200		200	
Property Fund	330		330	
London Mission Fund	200		200	
		730		730
St Vincent's Family Project		5,560		44,480
The Gate Crisis Pregnancy Centre		1,500		2,000
		7,790		47,210

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2020/21		2019 /20	
BALANCE SHEET NOTES	**£**	**£**	**£**	
Note 25 - Debtors and Prepayments				
Debtors				
Accrued Income				
Gift Aid for General Fund	29,536		37,552	
Covid-19 Furlough	13,737		8,401	
Overpayment to Company in Prior Years	0		404	
RESTRICTED Gift Aid for Chapel Renewal Fund	0		8,076	
Owed by Circuit	2,687		2,120	
Prepaid expenses	2,192		0	
		48,152		56,553
Note 26 - Cash at Bank and in hand				
General Fund - HSBC Current Account		73,321		19,548
General Fund Sanctuary Account		309		309
General Fund Petty Cash		247		247
Restricted Funds - Benevolent		-		536
		73,877		20,640
Note 27 - Central Finance Board				
Designated Funds	258,813		227,262	
Restricted Funds	75,844		64,943	
General Fund	(6,050)		41,563	
Restricted / Designated Funds		328,607		333,768
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Note 28 - Creditors (due in under 1 year)				
Accrued Expenses				
Independent Examiner's Fees	1,680		1,680	
Staff expenses / Musicians	9,368		1,494	
Hospitality	70		118	
Digital Outreach Salary & Expenses	1,269		29	
Photocopying & Printing	1,998		439	
Stationery / Books / Materials for Services	0		124	
Computer Supplies & Multi Media	180		1,491	
Website Maintenance & Development	116		110	
Advertising	0		4,313	
Miscellaneous & items for Services	200		1,149	
Owed to Circuit	38,619		38,314	
Designated / Restricted Funds	1,915		540	
Circuit Expenses	293		0	
		55,708		49,801

Church Trustees as at 31 August 2021

The following served as trustees during the year and/or were trustees at the date of signing the accounts.

Revd. Tony Miles
Revd. Lansford Penn-Timity
Deacon Alison McMillan
Revd. Gordon Newton
Genevieve Patnelli
Wesley Gibbs
Ynes Lightfoot-Taylor
Omotayo Roberts
Esther Buckman
Tony Ackah-Yensu
Emmanuel Asante
Abdul Bah
Michael Davies
Ama Ackah-Yensu
Jocelyn Boafo
John Philips
Ollie McEwen
Marko Joensuu
Christina Fasola
Denzil Cummings-John
Regina Boye
Joe Awotwi
Esther Thomas
Philippa Muir
Grace Sangmuah
Helen Tudor
Charlotte Rankin
Christina Asare Owusu
Sarita Lightfoot-Taylor
Mark Williamson
Judith Mitchell
Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu
Helen Onilado
Dr Oprah Scott
Susan Solanke
Christine Wykes
Jacob Baiden
Kate Jones
Don Nunn
Seth Kofi Otoo
Anthony Boateng
Stephen Olusola
Dr Michael Fennell
Aretha Solanke
Charles Bushell

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Methodist Central Hall Westminster Church

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

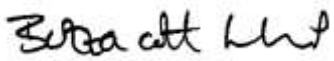
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, 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 my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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.



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31 March 2022

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WESTMINSTER METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1145076

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

ACCRUALS BASIS

For the year ended 31 August 2020

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Registered Charity No 1145076

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Ama Ackah-Yensu

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER CHURCH
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

This Annual Report gives an account of the mission and ministry of The London Mission (Westminster) Methodist Circuit, through its single society Methodist Central Hall Westminster (MCHW). It represents a considerable commitment on the part of its members, who usually gather for worship and learning and then disperse in witness, engaging in various means of service.

Since March 2020, the challenges of the global COVID-19 pandemic have impacted our routine and ways of being, but we have taken steps to be proactive rather than reactive to ensure we remain true to our aims and objectives as an organisation.

Aims and Organisation

Our mission is to be a vital Christian presence in the heart of London. Our vision statement declared on the order of worship each week is: "Methodist Central Hall Westminster – a global Christian family following Jesus at the heart of London." Surprisingly, the pandemic has opened up significant new opportunities for us to pursue this vision.

Review of the Year

Each week, and following the Christian year, people usually gather in our building from all over London and beyond for Sunday worship, midweek prayer and bible study. We also offer several opportunities for Christian learning and sharing. This routine enriches our Christian Community's life and equips individuals to live out their faith by serving their families, neighbours, workplaces, and communities.

Since March 2020 this year, much of our 'gathering' has moved online, reaching a more significant number than we ever would have done by gathering in person. In June, our annual Membership Service, at which we welcome new Church members by way of Confirmation or Transfer, was sadly postponed. Nevertheless, we have a good number of people waiting to join the Methodist Church formally after lockdown. We also have many more from around the UK and globally who can now gather with us online, and we are exploring how we can best serve them in the future.

After our online Sunday services, we offer Zoom breakout rooms to provide fellowship and encouragement for those who have been isolated or lonely. We are in the process of revising our Mission Plan in response to the challenges and opportunities presented by the pandemic. During this time, we have always sought to implement Government and Connexional Methodist Church guidelines.

As with many churches, MCHW had to respond quickly when the pandemic struck, and public worship had to stop. At first, we live-streamed from our Chapel, but when our building had to be closed, we utilised White Light Ltd's 'SmartStage'. This technology was hugely successful. The total views for YouTube Live Streamed Services after just eight weeks using the SmartStage were 49.35k families or individuals. Our services were averaging about 6.37k each week, with the highest, 7.8k. Of these viewers, about 1,500 are listening 'live' (congregation typically 200-300)!

Last year, we refurbished our Chapel on the first floor of our building. We were able to close our appeal for this by 31st September 2020. Little did we know that this ambitious project would enable us to offer live-streamed services on returning to our newly equipped Chapel. We initially experienced a slight drop in views, but this was probably due to other churches offering online services. However, the figures remained extremely encouraging, and it could be argued that during the pandemic, we started reaching significantly more people than the Revd Dr William Sangster during the wartime crisis. We had 199 YouTube subscribers at the start of the pandemic, but the figure rose quickly to 3k this year.

Throughout this time, our Young People's Fellowship and our Sanctuary congregation have continued using Zoom and seem to be thriving using this format. Our children's programme was slower to adapt, but also managed to offer something online. The future is still very uncertain. In the meantime, we will continue to provide an act of worship online and send regular emails to our members and supporters through our database, ChurchSuite. We are seeking to maintain regular contact with those who need pastoral care and support.

In July 2020, we also launched a new 'microsite' as a step towards developing a new website and platform, as vastly increased visits online during the pandemic led to our site crashing. We now have a more robust hosting service that will cope with the increased level of traffic. Our top referrals are from YouTube, the CHW Ltd site, and Facebook. As with our YouTube channel, most visitors are from the UK, i.e., we are serving the Methodist Church in Britain significantly more than anywhere else.

The decision in June 2020 to extend Congestion Charging in Westminster to seven days a week from 7 am to 10 pm and at an increased charge of £15 will affect both Sunday services and our evening meetings in the future.

Ecumenical relationships remain real and strong, particularly with neighbouring Westminster Abbey and Westminster Cathedral. The presbyteral ministers also meet regularly with other church leaders in Westminster.

The annual Methodist Covenant Service in the Palace of Westminster, a recorded Carol Service for national radio, and a service for those who have lost children during pregnancy or very young infancy, took place once again. Jazz Vespers continues to add variety to our programme of evening services, including Jazz Carols at Christmas. We also produced a Good Friday service, broadcast on BBC Local Radio stations throughout the English regions.

During 2019/20, we believe we have continued to live our aims and objectives rooted in the Methodist Christian tradition.

Financial Review

When the Covid-19 pandemic hit the world halfway through our church year, no one had any idea how long it would last. We had to revise budgets – again and again – and adjust to steep falls in income from giving, as our building closed, and church services moved online. We were forecasting a deficit, but our God is indeed faithful in answering our prayers and not only kept us afloat but blessed us with a surplus!

The Church finished the year with a net income surplus of £3,030 (£65,642 in 2018/19) and therefore increased its funds from £ £358,128 in 2018/19 to £361,158

in 2019/20 (£60,882 in the General Fund and £300,276 in restricted and designated funds).

Church income in total was £576,599 taking us over the £500k threshold again this year. As a result, we have had to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows in order to comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2015.

There was an increase in cash and cash equivalents of £6,515 compared to an increase of £77,438 in 2018/19. The higher figure in 2018/19 was mainly due to the donations made to the Chapel Refurbishment Fund in that year.

The statement of accounts for the year ended 31st August 2020 is attached.

Income

General Fund income increased to £503,466 in 2019/20 (2018/19 £495,576). Within the overall increase of £7.9k, the main movements are shown below:

- Decrease in offerings and tax recoverable (£16.6k)
- Decrease in donations (£2.2k) and decrease in Anniversary Giving (£2.3k)
- Increase in Trustees' Grant (£12.4k)
- Decrease in Use of Rooms (£7.5k)
- Increase in Income from Special Events (£5.0k) due to the Fun and Fellowship Weekend in early 2020
- Covid-19 Job Retention Scheme grant in 2019/20 of £21.0k

The decrease in all the income categories has been due to the suspension of church services and activities as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Income in Restricted and Designated Funds was £73.1k. This represented a decrease of £100k from 2018/19, largely due to a fall in: –

- Chapel Renewal Fund income (£83.1k – the appeal was launched and closed in 2018/19)
- income for the Music and Worship Legacy Fund (£49.9k – a one-off legacy received in 2018/19).

These decreases were offset by income of £43.5k to the newly set-up fund for Live Streaming of Services in 2019/20, in response to the lockdowns during the pandemic.

Expenditure

General Fund spending has increased by £78.2k to £483.6k (2018/19 £405,532). There were some key variances within these total figures:

- Staff salaries increased by £11.5k. In 2019/20, staff costs included the addition of Healing Ministry staff, but a reduction in Finance Staff Costs.
- The payment to the Circuit increased by £65.6k. A decrease in rental income to the Circuit, coupled with increasing Circuit expenditure led to the Church having to meet the bigger shortfall.
- Expenditure on Church Groups and events increased by £5.9k due the purchase of equipment for the Crèche and the Fun and Fellowship Weekend in early 2020.

- Music Account expenditure decreased by £9.1k due to Covid-19 restrictions reducing the number of services with live worship.
- Other expenditure increased by £4.5k due to Website Development in order to meet the increased demand for an online presence.
- Advertising costs have decreased by £6.2k. Apart from running fewer radio ads, in 2018/19 there was a one-off payment for outstanding invoices relating to prior years.

Designated and Restricted Fund expenditure decreased by £107.7k to £89,886 (2018/19 £197,605). The key movements are detailed below:

- Chapel Refurbishment £2.4k compared to £146k in 2018/19
- £43.5k of income in 2019/20 to support the Live Streaming of Services during Covid-19 restrictions

Total Funds for the Church have increased to £361,158 (2018/19 £358,128) with £60,882 (2018/19 £66,960) in the General Fund and £300,276 in Restricted and Designated Funds (2018/19 £291,168).

In 2019/20, £25.9k has been transferred from Church General Funds to Designated / Restricted Funds, which include:

- £4.4k to the Chapel Renewal Fund
- £21.4k to the Tithe Fund

General designated reserves (contingency) now stand at £148k, which represents approximately six months' worth of average expenditure (including payments to the Circuit). There will be no increase in the Fund in 2019/20. The Reserve Fund is included within the Designated Total.

We are truly thankful for God's grace and favour, which has sustained the Church, for the Managing Trustees and the Connexion, the staff of Central Hall Westminster Ltd, our members and regular worshippers (new and not so new) and supporters from all over whose prayers, generosity and support have sustained us throughout this most unusual year. To God be the glory! We look forward to exciting times ahead.

Plans for 2020/21

Financial plans have been prepared on the basis that staff levels within the Church will remain the same. The grant from the Managing Trustees is expected to be reduced by 50% because of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Together with a reduced level of giving, we are budgeting for a deficit of £104k, which will be absorbed by our reserves.

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER CHURCH

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in July 2014.

Full Name of Church**:**	**Methodist Central Hall Westminster**
Charity Registration Number:	**1145076**
Date of registration:	**15 December 2011**
Main communication address:	**Methodist Central Hall, Storey's Gate, Westminster, London SW1H 9NH**

The members of the Methodist Central Hall Westminster Church Council are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit and church office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual Church Meeting. A full list of Council membership is shown in the notes to this report.

Circuit Stewards:	**Genevieve Patnelli (Senior)** **Wesley Gibbs** **Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu** **Ama Ackah-Yensu**
Treasurer:	**Ama Ackah-Yensu**
Independent Examiner:	**Buzzacott LLP** 130 Wood St London EC2V 6DL
Bank:	**HSBC** The Peak 333 Vauxhall Bridge Road Victoria London SW1V 1EJ
Investment Bankers:	**Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church**

Aims and Objectives

The charity's objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around Westminster for the Methodist Church:

It aims to be a vital Christian presence in the heart of London.

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

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

Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church and Circuit Stewards and Ministerial Team with input from the Leadership Team.

Trusteeship is exercised by the elected members of the Church Council.

Trustee Training

Trustees are pointed to a range of guidance produced by The Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees.

Related Parties

The Church, like all local Methodist Churches is situated in a Circuit and is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. It consequently locates itself in both its polity and structure. In structural terms the Church is the single Methodist Society in the Westminster Circuit, which is one of some 35 circuits (groupings of local churches) making up the London Methodist District. In terms of Polity and Constitution, it, like all Methodist circuits, is accountable to the annual Methodist Conference.

Somewhat unusually, the Westminster Circuit consists of only one local society (church): Methodist Central Hall Westminster, which consequently is constituted so that wherever possible, local church and local circuit matters share the same constitution (by applying annually Methodist Standing Order 511).

Another unusual aspect of the Circuit/Church is the fact that its Trustees are appointed annually by the annual Conference of the Methodist Church of Great Britain, rather than, more commonly, the circuit meeting and church council.

A third related party, in addition to the Circuit and the Trustees is Central Hall Westminster Ltd, a not-for-profit company formed in 1999 to run an events and conference business using the large and prestigious premises in central London.

Regular meetings of each of these three entities take place, with the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent Ministers being members of each of the three, thereby having a strategic overview of the total ministry of the Circuit and its related parties.

Risk Management

The major risks associated with the life and ministry of the Church, located in Methodist Central Hall Westminster, are identified and recorded by the Trustees, with professional advice taken as required. An annual review process is undertaken and recorded.

In terms of financial governance, income and expenditure are regularly and routinely monitored, and are compared with the approved annual budget on at least a quarterly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process and to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

We note the following items, all of which are noted on the Risk Register.

- An annual grant to the Circuit is given by the Trustees. This is made possible by profits made by Central Hall Westminster Ltd. Any 'lean years' – and particularly several lean years – would affect the ability of the Trustees to award the grant.

- The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the operations of Central Hall Westminster Ltd has been immense. The building's closure and consequent hibernation of the business has meant that profits which would have been tithed to the Trustees have dried up, thus impacting their ability to provide the same level of grant to the Church, as with previous years.

- The as yet unknown plan relating to the 'decanting' of the House of Commons and House of Lords from the Palace of Westminster. Methodist Central Hall Westminster is, because of its proximity, one of a handful of buildings currently in conversation with 'Black Rod' about what are termed "business continuity talks".

- The ever-present risk of terror attacks and security breaches, given the location of the church. For the past three years the Metropolitan Police have estimated the risk of such as 'severe', and give regular security briefings to Circuit officials as to office holders of other large buildings in and around Parliament Square.

- The damage to reputation, given the high usage of the premises by very many clients.

- Safeguarding risks, exacerbated by the very high numbers of people using the building each week. In line with Methodist rulings, safeguarding procedures have, and continue to be improved and overhauled.

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

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

The Methodist Central Hall Westminster Church commits itself to: -

- Ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

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

The Safeguarding Policy is approved annually by the Church Council and revised in line with guidelines and directives from the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a contingency sum equivalent to a minimum of three months', and ideally six months', average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure and/or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to

raise funds to cover the Church's full expenses, including the assessment payable to the Circuit.

The Contingency Fund as at 31 August 2020 was £148k, which is equivalent to approximately six months' average expenditure.

In addition to the Contingency there is a General Fund surplus of £56.5k

However, with the continuing social distancing measures due to the pandemic and the resulting budgeted deficit of for 2020/21, the Contingency Fund is expected to reduce to approximately three months' worth of average expenditure.

Signed: _____ **Date:** 17th March 2021

Revd Anthony Miles (Chair of Trustees)

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Resrticted Funds	2019/20 Totals		2018/19 Totals
		£	£	£	£		£
Income and Endowments From:							
Donations and Legacies							
Offerings and Tax recoverable	13	153,979	0		153,979		170,547
Donations	13	24,763	0		24,763		26,954
Anniversary Giving		13,001	0		13,001		15,303
Grant (Trustees)	14	260,328	0		260,328		247,884
Donations for Use of Rooms		3,283	0		3,283		10,812
Visitors Services & Catering	15	1,131	0		1,131		2,257
Interest and Investment Income	16	2,231	0		2,231		2,077
Other					0		
Special Events	17	23,043	0		23,043		18,031
Church Groups	18	704	0		704		1,711
Covid-19 Furlough		21,003			21,003		0
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	5,142		5,142		3,857
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0		67,991	67,991		169,345
Total Income and Endowments		**503,466**	**5,142**	**67,991**	**576,599**		**668,778**

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Resrticted Funds	2019/20 Totals		2018/19 Totals
Expenditure		£	£	£	£		£
Office & Ministry Staff		70,317	0		70,317		58,809
Net Payment for Circuit Expenses excluding mortgage repayments		222,744	0		222,744		157,186
Office Supplies - Staff and Equipment	19	26,271	0		26,271		20,853
Internal Organisations and Events					0		
Sanctuary		2,131			2,131		2,160
Church Groups	20	6,109	0		6,109		4,244
Special Events	21	34,002	0		34,002		29,971
Other Expenditure					0		
Music Account	22	44,839	0		44,839		53,973
Other expenditure	23	20,233	0		20,233		15,729
Advertising		9,827	0		9,827		16,049
Grants & Donations	24	47,210	0		47,210		46,557
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	29,744		29,744		27,453
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0	0	60,142	60,142		170,152
Total Expenditure		**483,683**	**29,744**	**60,142**	**573,569**		**603,136**
Net Income / (Expenditure)		**19,783**	**(24,602)**	**7,849**	**3,030**		**65,642**
Transfers Between Restricted Funds and General Funds		(25,861)	21,473	4,388	0		0
Net Income after transfers		(6,078)	(3,129)	12,237	3,030		65,642
Total funds brought forward		**66,960**	**230,390**	**60,778**	**358,128**		**292,486**
Total funds carried forward		**60,882**	**227,261**	**73,015**	**361,158**		**358,128**

Money received and passed on to External Organisations (For information only)

	2019/20 £	2018/19 £
Balance brought forward from last year	2,201	2,403
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	12,441	15,027
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	12,318	15,229
Balance carried forward	**2,324**	**2,201**

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS
CHURCH BALANCE SHEET for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2019/20 Totals	2018/19 Totals
Current Assets		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Debtors and prepayments	25	48,477	0	8,076	56,553	61,587
Cash at bank and in hand	26	20,103	0	536	20,640	102,211
Central Finance Board deposit	27	41,563	227,262	64,943	333,768	245,679
Total current assets		**110,143**	**227,262**	**73,555**	**410,960**	**409,477**
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	28	(49,261)		(540)	(49,801)	(51,350)
Net current assets		**60,882**	**227,262**	**73,016**	**361,159**	**358,128**
Total assets less current liabilities		**60,882**	**227,262**	**73,016**	**361,159**	**358,128**
Net assets		**60,882**	**227,262**	**73,016**	**361,159**	**358,128**
Funds of the Church						
Unrestricted Fund (General)		60,882		0	60,882	66,961
Other Funds (restricted & designated)		0	227,262	73,016	300,278	291,167
Total funds		**60,882**	**227,262**	**73,016**	**361,159**	**358,128**

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Signed: _____ **Date:**_17th March 2021
Ama Ackah-Yensu (Treasurer)

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 Aug 2020 were, presented to the Church Council at its meeting on 17 March 2021and were approved.

Signed: _____ **Date:** 17th March 2021
Revd Anthony Miles (Chair of the Church Council)

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

CHURCH STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR ThE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Cash flows from Operating Activities	**2019/20**	**2018/19**
	£	**£**
Net Cash provided by Operating Activities	4,284	75,359
Cash flows from Investing Activities		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	2,231	2,077
Net Cash flows used in Investing Activities	**2,231**	**2,077**
Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents in the Reporting period	**6,515**	**77,436**
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the period	347,890	270,456
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Reporting Period	**354,405**	**347,892**

CHURCH RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2019/20	**2018/19**
	£	**£**
Net Income for the Reporting Period (as per Statement of Financial Activity)	3,030	65,642
Adjustments for:		
Dividends Interest and rents from investments	(2,231)	(2,077)
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	5,035	(23,115)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	(1,549)	34,909
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	**4,285**	**75,359**

CHURCH ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2019/20	**2018/19**
	£	**£**
Cash in Hand	354,408	347,890
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	**354,408**	**347,890**

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General) £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2018/19 Totals £
Income and Endowments From:					
Donations and Legacies					
Offerings and Tax recoverable	13	170,547		0	170,547
Donations	13	26,954		0	26,954
Anniversary Giving		15,303		0	15,303
Grant (Trustees)	14	247,884		0	247,884
Donations for Use of Rooms		10,812		0	10,812
Visitors Services & Catering	15	2,257		0	2,257
Interest and Investment Income	16	2,077		0	2,077
Other					
Special Events	17	18,031		0	18,031
Church Groups	18	1,711		0	1,711
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	3,857	0	3,857
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0		169,345	169,345
Total Income and Endowments		**495,576**	**3,857**	**169,345**	**668,778**

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METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds	2018/19 Totals
Expenditure		**£**		**£**	**£**
Office & Ministry Staff		58,809		0	58,809
Net Payment for Circuit Expenses excluding mortgage repayments		157,186		0	157,186
Payment to Circuit for Mortgage Repayments				0	0
Office Supplies	19	20,853		0	20,853
Internal Organisations and Events					
Church Groups	5	2,160			2,160
Sanctuary		3,744		0	3,744
Special Events	21	29,971		0	29,971
Other Expenditure					
Music Account	22	53,973		0	53,973
Other expenditure	23	16,229		0	16,229
Advertising		16,049		0	16,049
Grants & Donations	24	46,557		0	46,557
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0	27,453		27,453
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0		170,152	170,152
Total Expenditure		**405,531**	**27,453**	**170,152**	**603,136**
Net Income /(Expenditure)		**90,045**	**(23,596)**	**(807)**	**65,642**
Transfers Between Restricted Funds and General Funds		(52,585)	(4,835)	57,420	0
Net Income / (Expenditure) after transfers		37,460	(28,431)	56,613	65,642
Total funds brought forward		**29,500**	**258,821**	**4,165**	**292,486**
Total funds carried forward		**66,960**	**230,390**	**60,778**	**358,128**

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS
CHURCH BALANCE SHEET for the Year Ended 31 August 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2018/19 Totals
Current Assets		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Debtors and prepayments	25	53,087	0	8,500	61,587
Cash at bank and in hand	26	60,103		42,108	102,211
Central Finance Board deposit	27	0	230,390	15,289	245,679
Total current assets		**113,190**	**230,390**	**65,897**	**409,477**
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	28	(46,230)	0	(5,120)	(51,350)
Net current assets		**66,961**	**230,390**	**60,777**	**358,128**
Total assets less current liabilities		**66,961**	**230,390**	**60,777**	**358,128**
Net assets		**66,961**	**230,390**	**60,777**	**358,128**
Funds of the Church					
Unrestricted Fund (General)		66,961	0	0	66,961
Other Funds (restricted & designated)		0	230,390	60,777	291,167
Total funds		**66,961**	**230,390**	**60,777**	**358,128**

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL
Westminster Church

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2020

1. Basis of accounting
These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost Convention.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The Charity is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102 and therefore the Charity also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the 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 (The FRS 102 Charities SORP) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

Going Concern
After making reasonable enquiries the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and do not consider there to be any threat to the going concern status. Therefore, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements and confirm there are no material uncertainties at the date of the approval of these financial statements.

2. Funds
The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds, which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the notes to the Accounts.

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

Income
Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the funds, the receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

Cash and Cash Equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Grants
Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church
These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. There is no freehold property owned by the Church.

Financial instruments
Basic financial instruments are measured at amortised cost.

Debtors and creditors
Debtors and creditors receivable or payable within one year of the reporting date are carried at their transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost less any impairment.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement
In preparing financial statements it is necessary to make certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. There are no judgements and estimates are considered by the Trustees to have a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

4.Donations and legacies	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**2020 Total**	**2019 Total**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Collections	120,241	68,281	**188,522**	**311,898**
Tax credits	-	-	**0**	**0**
Donations	1,667	-	**1,667**	**1,797**
Total	**121,908**	**68,281**	**190,190**	**313,695**
5. Other trading activities	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**2020 Total**	**2019 Total**
	£	£	**£**	**£**
CD Project		-	**-**	**-**
Total	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
6. Investment income	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**2020 Total**	**2019 Total**
	£	£	**£**	**£**
Central Finance Board	2,194		**2,194**	**2,055**
Other	37		**37**	**22**
Total	**2,231**	**-**	**2,231**	**2,077**

7. Trustees

None of the Trustees, or persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the Church or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31 August 2019.

	2019/20	2018/19
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	5	5
	£	£
Total amount paid	6,258	18,407

Nature of expenses claimed: Car mileage, public transport, hospitality and miscellaneous.
These expenses have been incurred by the trustees in the course of fulfilling their pastoral responsibilities.

8. Independent Examiners Fees

	2019/20	2018/19
	£	£
Fees for reporting on the accounts	1,680	2,340
Other fees (for advice, accountancy services etc)	0	0
Total	**1,680**	**2,340**

9. Paid Employees

Staff costs (excluding stipends) during the year were as below: -

	2019/20	2018/19
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	79,745	68,625
Employer's National Insurance	4,212	3,614
Pension costs	9,980	10,301
Total Staff Costs	93,937	82,540
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were	3.9	3.1

10. Reserves Policy

	2019/20	2018/19
	£	£
General Funds held	148,000	148,000

Reserves have been increased by £4k in 2019/20 and the current level is equivalent to nearly 6 months of average expenditure including payments made to the Circuit.

Policy for Restricted Funds
No policy as such except that such funds may only be used for the purpose for which they have been given / donated.

Terms relating to Endowment Funds
No such funds are held by the church.

This Reserves Policy has been approved by the Church Council.

11. Related Parties

Name of related party	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to related party during the year	Amounts owed by related party as on 31 Aug 2020
		£	£	£	£
JMA	Donations received by Church Members	0	610	0	(0)
Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons	Gift made by Church	0	200	0	0
Fund for Property		0	330	0	0
London Mission Fund Payment		0	200	0	0
Total		**0**	**1,340**	**0**	**(0)**

12. Details of Designated and Restricted Funds

CHURCH FUNDS	Balance B/F 01/09/19	2019/20 Income	Expenditure	Transfer Between Funds	Balance C/F 31/08/20
FUNDS	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	
General - Designated					
Sunday Catering	594	1,502	(831)	0	1,265
Tithe	20,729	0	(22,700)	21,413	19,442
Tithe Reserve	3,400	0	0	0	3,400
CD Project	13,967	0	0	0	13,967
AVA & Server Replacement	22,030	0	(5,000)	0	17,030
Church Space Refurbishment & Maintenance	20,858	3,000	0		23,858
Fees to be Paid for Special Services	813	640	(1,213)	60	300
Contingency	148,000	0	0	0	148,000
TOTAL DESIGNATED	**230,390**	**5,142**	**(29,744)**	**21,473**	**227,262**
Restricted					
Monday Guild	282	80	0	0	362
Flower Fund	500	1,515	(1,596)	40	459
Hymn Sheet Fund	1,691	960	(343)	0	2,308
Special Offerings to be Donated	(1)	11,057	(10,806)	(263)	(13)
Night Shelter	1,362	0	126	0	1,488
Welcome Box Project	593	0	0	0	593
Christian Aid	0	365	(365)	0	0
World Mission Easter Offering	0	205	(200)	0	5
Action For Children	0	0	0	0	0
JMA	0	610	(610)	0	0
Benevolent Fund	11,489	2,546	(7,290)	203	6,948
Chapel Renewal	0	2,475	(6,923)	4,448	0
Music & Worship Legacy	44,862	788	0	0	45,650
Friends of Westminster	0	100		0	100
Ghana Fellowship	0	4,104	(2,800)	(40)	1,264
Live Streamed Service	0	43,188	(29,336)	0	13,851
Total Restricted Funds	**60,778**	**67,993**	**(60,141)**	**4,388**	**73,009**
TOTAL RESTRICTED & DESIGNATED FUNDS	**291,169**	**73,134**	**(89,885)**	**25,861**	**300,275**
General Fund	**66,960**	**503,466**	**(483,683)**	**(25,861)**	**60,882**
TOTAL FUNDS	**358,129**	**576,600**	**(573,569)**	**0**	**361,159**

The balance of Designated and Restricted Funds has increased by £9.436. There has been a transfer from Church General Funds of £25,901. The following are the significant amounts that have been allocated:

- £4,448 to Chapel Renewal
- £21,413 to the Tithe Fund for distribution to other charitable organisations nominated by church members.

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INCOME	**2019 /20** £	£	**2018 /19** £	£
General Funds (Unrestricted)				
Note 13 - Offerings and tax recoverable				
Envelope Scheme	56,324		63,953	
Banker's Orders	35,982		37,951	
Loose Cash	27,805		40,087	
Tax recovered	31,767		26,197	
Charities Trust	1,667		1,797	
Lunchtime Services	434		562	
		153,979		170,547
Donations		24,763		26,954
		178,742		197,501
Note 14 - Trustees Grant				
SVFP Grant	18,468		17,964	
SVFP Rent	26,016		25,308	
Church Grant General	215,844		204,612	
		260,328		247,884
Note 15 - Visitors Services				
Visitor services - Donations	1,131		2,257	
		1,131		2,257
Note 16 - Interest & investment income				
Dividend Income	37		22	
Deposit interest	2,194		2,055	
		2,231		2,077
Note 17 -Special Events				
Daffodil Day	2,795		3,826	
Christmas Lunch	1,378		1,152	
Prayer and Healing Ministry including Conference	10		2,583	
The Gathering	810		630	
Women's Conference	293		1,791	
Church Outing	0		780	
Carol Service	5,037		4,455	
Special Services	0		1,605	
Anniversary Dinner	1,059		1,329	
Church Fun Fellowship Retreat	9,363		0	
Miscellaneous	2,298		(120)	
		23,043		18,031
Note 18 - Church Groups & Ministries				
JC Live	65		330	
YPF	0		148	
Sanctuary	0		302	
Does God go to Work?	483		480	
Sermon CDs	156		451	
		704		1,711

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2019 /20		2018 /19	
EXPENDITURE	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Note 19 Office Supplies				
Photocopying	4,710		7,015	
General Stationery	2,061		3,072	
Printing	1,239		3,799	
Literature	5,030		1,033	
Easter Offering / Gift envelopes	736		350	
Postage	1,528		0	
Computer supplies & software incl Digital Outreach	8,969		4,957	
Office Equipment & Supplies	1,998		627	
		26,271		20,853
Note 20 Church Groups				
JC Live	553		695	
God at Work	100		155	
Crèche	3,222		426	
Sermon CDs	0		1,048	
Wednesday Lunchtime	0		40	
YPF	340		216	
Prayer & Pilates	0		948	
Social Responsibility	343		0	
Hebrew Class	892		500	
Support for Missions	659		216	
		6,109		4,244
Notes 21 -Special Projects & Events				
Daffodil Day	4,031		5,139	
Christmas lunch & party	3,348		2,242	
Prayer and Healing Ministry including Conference	2,020		2,704	
Gathering	3,251		2,132	
Women's Ministry	520		3,746	
Church Fun and Fellowship Retreat	9,389		0	
Church Outing	0		1,966	
Carol Service	7,659		6,701	
Anniversary Dinner	2,527		3,366	
Cathedral Events	1,196		1,675	
Good Friday in Victoria Street	60		300	
		34,001		29,971
Note 22 Music Account				
Fees for Directors of Music / Musicians / Choirs	43,082		50,894	
Music Expenses	1,758		3,079	
		44,840		53,973

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2019 /20		2018 /19	
RESOURCES EXPENDED	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Note 23 - Other expenditure				
Pulpit supply	3,090		2,071	
Lay training	2,006		1,356	
Website development & maintenance	7,657		1,287	
In-house hospitality / Volunteers Dinner	631		1,422	
Hospitality & Restaurant Vouchers	(1,712)		3,286	
Bank charges	519		160	
Church Insurance	0		98	
Miscellaneous	4,081		275	
Materials and Items for Services	-658		4,578	
Subscriptions	1,449		365	
Independent Examiners Fees	3,170		832	
		20,233		15,730
Note 24 Grants & Donations				
The Fund for the Support of Presbyters and Deacons (previously Auxiliary Fund)				
Payment	200		400	
Property Fund	330		660	
London Mission Fund	200		400	
		730		1,460
St Vincent's Family Project		44,480		43,097
The Gate Crisis Pregnancy Centre		2,000		2,000
		47,210		46,557

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BALANCE SHEET NOTES	**2019 /20** £	£	**2018 /19** £	£
Note 25 - Debtors and Prepayments				
Debtors				
Accrued Income				
Gift Aid for General Fund	37,552		34,574	
Covid-19 Furlough	8,401		0	
Overpayment to Company in Prior Years	404			
RESTRICTED Gift Aid for Chapel Renewal Fund	8,076		8,500	
Owed by Circuit	2,120		0	
		56,553		43,074
Prepayments				
Fun and Fellowship Weekend	0		1,558	
Circuit	0		16,955	
		0		18,513
		56,553		61,587
Note 26 - Cash at Bank and in hand				
General Fund - HSBC Current Account		19,548		59,608
General Fund Sanctuary Account		309		309
General Fund Petty Cash		247		189
Restricted Funds - Benevolent		536		42,108
		20,640		102,214
Note 27 - Central Finance Board				
Designated Funds	227,262		245,679	
Restricted Funds	64,943		0	
General Fund	41,563		0	
Restricted / Designated Funds		333,768		245,679
		333,768		245,679
Note 28 - Creditors (due in under 1 year) and unused funds c/fwd.				
Accrued Expenses				
Independent Examiners Fees	1,680		850	
Staff expenses / Musicians	1,494		8,140	
Lay Training	0		300	
Hospitality	118		3,117	
Digital Outreach Salary & Expenses	29		1,324	
Youth Worker Salary	0		1,057	
Photocopying & Printing	439		1,638	
Stationery / Books / Materials for Services	124		4,470	
Computer Supplies & Multimedia	1,491		2,828	
Website Maintenance & Development	110		874	
Church Groups & Events	0		1,271	
Grants & Donations	0		1,460	
Advertising	4,313		2,157	
Miscellaneous & items for Services	1,149		117	
Owed to Circuit	38,314		0	
Designated / Restricted Funds	540		5,120	
		49,801		34,723
Prepaid Income				
Church General Fund	0		692	
Circuit Reallocation	0		15,935	
		0		16,627
		49,801		51,350

Church Trustees – 2019/20

The following served as trustees during the year and/or were trustees at the date of signing the accounts.

Revd. Dr. Martyn Atkins
Revd. Tony Miles
Deacon Alison McMillan
Revd. Gordon Newton
Genevieve Patnelli
Wesley Gibbs
Marie Rose Cameron
Ynes Lightfoot-Taylor
Dinah Longdon
Omotayo Roberts
Esther Buckman
Tony Ackah-Yensu
Emmanuel Asante
Abdul Bah
Michael Davies
Ada Onwubiko
Ama Ackah-Yensu
Jocelyn Boafo
John Philips
Ollie McEwen
Marko Joensuu
Christina Fashola
Denzil Cummings-John
Regina Boye
Alison Bryan
Comfort Golightly
Myoung Soon Kim
Joe Awotwi
Esther Thomas
Philippa Muir
Grace Sangmuah
Ron Fennell
Charlotte Rankin
Christina Asare Owusu
Sarita Lightfoot-Taylor
Mark Williamson
Judith Mitchell
Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu
Helen Onilado
Rebecca Biney
Dr Oprah Scott
Susan Solanke
Christine Wykes
Jacob Baiden
Kate Jones
Don Nunn
Seth Kofi Otoo
Anthony Boateng
Stephen Olusola
Dr Michael Fennell
Chika Unaka
Aretha Solanke
Charles Bushell

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Methodist Central Hall Westminster

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, 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 my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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.

Katharine Patel

Date: 08 April 2021

Katharine Patel ACA
Buzzacott LLP
Chartered Accountants
130 Wood Street
London EC2V 6DL

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

ACCRUALS BASIS

For the year ended 31 August 2020

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL
Westminster

Registered Charity No 1145076

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit No. 35 / 03

SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER

Revd Tony Miles

CIRCUIT STEWARDS

Genevieve Patnelli (Senior)
Wesley Gibbs
Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu
Ama Ackah-Yensu (Treasurer)

LONDON MISSION (WESTMINSTER) CIRCUIT 35 / 03
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

This Annual Report gives an account of the mission and ministry of The London Mission (Westminster) Methodist Circuit, through its single society Methodist Central Hall Westminster (MCHW). It represents a considerable commitment on the part of its members, who usually gather for worship and learning and then disperse in witness, engaging in various means of service.

Since March 2020, the challenges of the global COVID-19 pandemic have impacted our routine and ways of being, but we have taken steps to be proactive rather than reactive to ensure we remain true to our aims and objectives as an organisation.

Aims and Organisation

Our mission is to be a vital Christian presence in the heart of London. Our vision statement declared on the order of worship each week is: "Methodist Central Hall Westminster – a global Christian family following Jesus at the heart of London." Surprisingly, the pandemic has opened up significant new opportunities for us to pursue this vision.

Review of the Year

Each week, and following the Christian year, people usually gather in our building from all over London and beyond for Sunday worship, midweek prayer and bible study. We also offer several opportunities for Christian learning and sharing. This routine enriches our Christian Community's life and equips individuals to live out their faith by serving their families, neighbours, workplaces, and communities.

Since March 2020 this year, much of our 'gathering' has moved online, reaching a more significant number than we ever would have done by gathering in person. In June, our annual Membership Service, at which we welcome new Church members by way of Confirmation or Transfer, was sadly postponed. Nevertheless, we have a good number of people waiting to join the Methodist Church formally after lockdown. We also have many more from around the UK and globally who can now gather with us online, and we are exploring how we can best serve them in the future.

After our online Sunday services, we offer Zoom breakout rooms to provide fellowship and encouragement for those who have been isolated or lonely. We are in the process of revising our Mission Plan in response to the challenges and opportunities presented by the pandemic. During this time, we have always sought to implement Government and Connexional Methodist Church guidelines.

As a 'Cathedral of Methodism', the Circuit continued to enable the hosting of several significant partnership events, including Stewardship and Premier Christian Radio events. We also hosted a Leadership Training Day for the wider Methodist Church. Up until lockdown, we continued to provide tours and talks for a wide range of Methodist touring groups visiting the UK.

As with many Circuits, we had to respond quickly when the pandemic struck, and public worship had to stop. At first, we live-streamed from our

Chapel, but when our building had to be closed, we utilised White Light Ltd's 'SmartStage'. This technology was hugely successful. The total views for YouTube Live Streamed Services after just eight weeks using the SmartStage were 49.35k families or individuals. Our services were averaging about 6.37k each week, with the highest, 7.8k. Of these viewers, about 1,500 are listening 'live' (congregation typically 200-300)!

Last year, we refurbished our Chapel on the first floor of our building. We were able to close our appeal for this by 31st September 2020. Little did we know that this ambitious project would enable us to offer live-streamed services on returning to our newly equipped Chapel. We initially experienced a slight drop in views, but this was probably due to other churches offering online services. However, the figures remained extremely encouraging, and it could be argued that during the pandemic, we started reaching significantly more people than the Revd Dr William Sangster during the wartime crisis. We had 199 YouTube subscribers at the start of the pandemic, but the figure rose quickly to 3k this year.

Throughout this time, our Young People's Fellowship and our Sanctuary congregation have continued using Zoom and seem to be thriving using this format. Our children's programme was slower to adapt, but also managed to offer something online. The future is still very uncertain. In the meantime, we will continue to provide an act of worship online and send regular emails to our members and supporters through our database, ChurchSuite. We are seeking to maintain regular contact with those who need pastoral care and support.

In July 2020, we also launched a new 'microsite' as a step towards developing a new website and platform, as vastly increased visits online during the pandemic led to our site crashing. We now have a more robust hosting service that will cope with the increased level of traffic. Our top referrals are from YouTube, the CHW Ltd site, and Facebook. As with our YouTube channel, most visitors are from the UK, i.e., we are serving the Methodist Church in Britain significantly more than anywhere else.

The decision in June 2020 to extend Congestion Charging in Westminster to seven days a week from 7 am to 10 pm and at an increased charge of £15 will affect both Sunday services and our evening meetings in the future.

Ecumenical relationships remain real and strong, particularly with neighbouring Westminster Abbey and Westminster Cathedral. The presbyteral ministers also meet regularly with other church leaders in Westminster.

The annual Methodist Covenant Service in the Palace of Westminster, a recorded Carol Service for national radio, and a service for those who have lost children during pregnancy or very young infancy, took place once again. Jazz Vespers continues to add variety to our programme of evening services, including Jazz Carols at Christmas. We also produced a Good Friday service, broadcast on BBC Local Radio stations throughout the English regions.

Staff

Revd Dr Martyn Atkins had his farewell service online on 24th May and he will be greatly missed. Revd Tony Miles took over as 'Acting Superintendent'

until the Methodist Conference 2020 approved his appointment. Ollie McEwen continues to serve as PA to the Superintendent Minister, Mark Williamson as Young Adult Leader, and Dan Forshaw, directing Communications and Digital Media. Deacon Ali McMillan joined the team as a full-time minister in September 2019, together with Alison Bryan, who took over as the Coordinator of our healing ministry. Later in the year, due to the pandemic, four other lay members of the staff team were put on furlough: our Director of Music, Assistant Director of Music, Healing Ministry Coordinator, and Church Secretary.

For many years, our ministerial team has been supported by Revd Gordon Newton, an Associate Minister. Since June 2020, we have had the additional support of three Honorary Associate Ministers – Revd Peter Edwards, Revd Howard Mellor, and Revd Tim Swindell.

The Revd Lansford Penn-Timity joined the team as Deputy Superintendent in September 2020, at the start of the new church year.

During 2019/20, we believe we have continued to live our aims and objectives rooted in the Methodist Christian tradition.

Financial Review

The Circuit has one church, which is its only source of income. When the Covid-19 pandemic hit the world halfway through the church year, no one had any idea how long it would last. We had to revise budgets – again and again – and adjust to steep falls in income from giving, as our building closed, and church services moved online. The church was forecasting a deficit, but our God is indeed faithful in answering our prayers and not only kept us afloat but blessed us with a surplus! This enabled the church to sustain the Circuit.

The Circuit's statement of accounts for the year ended 31st August 2020 is attached and shows a deficit of £24,128, which relates to the Restricted / Designated Funds after a transfer of £18,200 from the General Fund. The General Fund broke even.

<u>Income</u>
Circuit income has been drawn primarily from the assessment paid by the church (there being only one church within the Circuit). Income from the temporary renting of two manses was minimal in 2019/20 due to one manse being used by ministry staff and the other being empty for much of the year to enable refurbishments to be completed. Income increased by £20,661 (from £195,586 in 2018/19 to £216,246 in 2019/20), which was mainly due to:

- no Legacy income being received in 2019/20, (£4.6k received in 2018/19)
- a reduction of £26.8k in rental income due to one manse not being rented all year and one only being rented for part of the year to allow time for refurbishment
- the payment made by the Church to the Circuit increasing by £54.1k to cover the decrease from other income sources and increase in expenditure.

<u>Expenditure</u>

Circuit expenditure increased by £23,357 (from £217,016 in 2018/19 to £240,374 in 2019/20), which was mainly due to:

- Increase in stipends in line with annual Conference recommendations (£4.0k).
- Decrease in travel and accommodation due to reduced activity resulting from the Covid-19 restrictions (£9.8k).
- Increase in manse running costs (£1.9k), due to one property being occupied by ministry staff and other costs for the empty manse being paid for by the Circuit rather than tenants.
- Increase in Manse Maintenance Costs (£32.4k) due to major refurbishment of two properties
- Increase in Independent Examiners Fee (£1.7k) due to change of Examiner

The Circuit's contribution to the District of £39,884, accounted for 16.6% of expenditure (the increase for the year was £1.5k). A significant part of this is passed on to the Connexion to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

Fund Balances

The balance on the Circuit General Fund has remained unchanged at £1,942,712.

Circuit Restricted and Designated Funds have decreased by £24,128 to £316,688 in 2019/20 (£340,817 in 2018/19), due to Manse Maintenance expenditure. In line with previous years, £3k has been allocated to the Removals Fund, and £15.2k to the Manse Maintenance Fund.

Plans for 2020/21

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there remain three full-time ordained staff members and one lay worker to be responsible for safeguarding.

Reduced activity because of continuing social distancing measures associated with the Covid-19 pandemic, coupled with an increase in rental income is expected to result in a 13% decrease in total Circuit expenditure.

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in July 2014.

Full Name of Church**:**	**London Mission (Westminster) Circuit**
Charity Registration Number:	**1145076**
Date of registration:	**15 December 2011**
Main communication address:	**Methodist Central Hall, Storey's Gate, Westminster, London SW1H 9NH**

The members of the London Mission (Westminster) Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual Church Meeting. A full list of members is shown in the notes to this report.

Circuit Stewards:	**Genevieve Patnelli (Senior)** **Wesley Gibbs** **Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu** **Ama Ackah-Yensu**
Treasurer:	**Ama Ackah-Yensu**
Independent Examiner:	**Buzzacott LLP** 130 Wood St London EC2V 6DL
Bank:	**HSBC** The Peak 333 Vauxhall Bridge Road Victoria London SW1V 1EJ
Investment Bankers:	**Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church**

Aims and Objectives
The charity's objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around Westminster for the Methodist Church:

It aims to be a vital Christian presence in the heart of London.

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

1. The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
2. Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
3. Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
4. Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

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

Structure, Governance and Management
The governing document for the Methodist Church of Great Britain is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).
Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual Conference (CPD).
Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Stewards and Ministerial Team with input from the Circuit Leadership team.
Trusteeship is exercised by the elected members of the Circuit Meeting.

Trustee Training
Trustees are pointed to a range of guidance produced by The Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees.

Related Parties
The Circuit is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. It consequently locates itself in both its polity and structure. In structural terms the Westminster Circuit is one of some 35 circuits (groupings of local churches) making up the London Methodist District. In terms of Polity and Constitution it, like all Methodist circuits, is accountable to the annual Methodist Conference.

Somewhat unusually, the Westminster Circuit consists of only one local society (church): Methodist Central Hall Westminster, which consequently is constituted so that wherever possible, local church and local circuit matters share the same constitution (by applying annually Methodist Standing Order 511).

Another unusual aspect of the Circuit/Church is the fact that its Trustees *of the Building* are appointed annually by the annual Conference of the Methodist Church of Great Britain, rather than, more commonly, the circuit meeting.

A third related party, in addition to the Circuit and the Trustees is Central Hall Westminster Ltd, a not-for-profit company formed in 1999 to run an events and conference business using the large and prestigious premises in central London.
Regular meetings of each of these three entities take place, with the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent ministers being members of each of the three, thereby having a strategic overview of the total ministry of the Circuit and its related parties.

Risk Management
The major risks associated with the life and ministry of the Circuit, located in Methodist Central Hall Westminster, are identified and recorded by the Trustees, with professional advice taken as required. An annual review process is undertaken and recorded.

In terms of financial governance, income and expenditure are regularly and routinely monitored, and are compared with the approved annual budget on at least a quarterly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

We note the following items, all of which are noted on the Risk Register.

- An annual grant to the Church, which is the main source of funding for the Circuit is given by the Trustees. This is made possible by profits made by Central Hall Westminster Ltd. Any 'lean years' – and particularly several lean years – would affect the ability of the Trustees to award the grant.

- The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the operations of Central Hall Westminster Ltd has been immense. The building's closure and consequent hibernation of the business has meant that profits which would have been tithed to the Trustees have dried up, thus impacting their ability to provide the same level of grant to the Church, as with previous years.

- The as yet unknown plan relating to the 'decanting' of the House of Commons and House of Lords from the Palace of Westminster. Methodist Central Hall Westminster is, because of its proximity, one of a handful of buildings currently in conversation with 'Black Rod' about what are termed "business continuity talks".

- The ever-present risk of terror attacks and security breaches, given the location of the church. For the past three years the Metropolitan Police have estimated the risk of such as 'severe', and give regular security briefings to Circuit officials as to office holders of other large buildings in and around Parliament Square.

- The damage to reputation, given the high usage of the premises by very many clients.

- Safeguarding risks, exacerbated by the very high numbers of people using the building each week. In line with Methodist rulings, safeguarding procedures have, and continue to be improved and overhauled.

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

1. The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults.
2. The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
3. The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
4. We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
5. We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
6. We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
7. We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
8. We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
9. In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit commits itself to: -
1. Ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.
2. The provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

The Safeguarding Policy is approved annually by the Circuit Meeting and revised in line with guidelines and directives from the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Reserves Policy
The policy is for the Circuit itself not to hold any free reserves, as it is able to rely on the reserves held within its one church. The aim, therefore, is for the Church to hold a designated contingency fund at a level which can sustain six months' worth of average expenditure for both Church and Circuit. The contingency has not been increased in 2019/20 and so remains at £148k, which is equivalent to approximately six months' average expenditure.

However, with the continuing social distancing measures due to the pandemic and the Church budgeting for a deficit in 2020/21, the Contingency Fund is expected to reduce to approximately three months' worth of average expenditure.

Signed: _____ **Date:** 17th March 2021

Revd Anthony Miles (Chair of Trustees)

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment (Restricted)	2019/20 Totals		2018/19 Totals
Income and Endowments from:		**£**	**£**	**£**		**£**		**£**
Donations and Legacies Income	**4**	0	0	0	0	0		4,641
Bank Interest	**5**	347	0	0	0	347		2,260
District Advance Fund Grant		0	0	0	0	0		0
Assessments Church & Trustees to Circuit including Repayment of Loan		211,239	0	0	0	211,239		157,187
Income Due from Community Fund		0	0	0	0	0		0
Lettings (Manse Rental Income)	**10**	4,660	0	0		4,660		31,498
Total Income		**216,246**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**216,246**		**195,586**
Expenditure								
Stipends, Salaries and Associated Costs		115,175	0	0	0	115,175		119,242
District Assessment		39,884	0	0	0	39,884		38,368
Travel Expenses		5,027	0	0	0	5,027		14,817
Ministerial Training		357	0	0	0	357		1,861
Insurance, Utilities, etc.	**11**	21,064	0	0	0	21,064		19,112
Maintenance on Manses	**12**	3,991	38,407	0	0	42,398		10,000
Removal Costs		0	3,898	0	0	3,898		2,257
Mortgage Interest		0	0	0	0	0		0
Other Expenditure								
Administration, Staff & Copying etc.	**14**	9,443	0	0	0	9,443		9,961
Independent Examiner Fee		2,570	0	0	0	2,570		892
Professional fees		535	0	0	0	535		481
Media Chaplaincy Expenses	**15**	0	0	23	0	23		25
Total Expenditure		**198,046**	**42,305**	**23**	**0**	**240,374**		**217,016**
Net Income / (Expenditure)		**18,200**	**(42,305)**	**(23)**	**0**	**(24,128)**		**(21,430)**
Transfer between Funds & General Account		**(18,200)**	**18,200**	**0**	**0**	**0**		**0**
Total Funds brought forward		**1,942,712**	**340,736**	**81**	**0**	**2,283,529**		**2,304,959**
Total funds carried forward at end of year		**1,942,712**	**316,631**	**58**	**0**	**2,259,401**		**2,283,529**

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment (Restricted)	2019/20 Totals	2018/19 Totals
Fixed Assets		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Manses etc.	**16**	1,932,713	0	0	0	1,932,713	1,932,713
Total Fixed Assets		**1,932,713**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,932,713**	**1,932,713**
Current Assets							
Debtors and prepayments	**17**	55,221	0	0	0	55,221	32,384
TMCP Deposit Account		0	247,707	0	0	247,707	247,707
CFB Deposit	**18**	0	32,784	58	0	32,842	72,379
Cash at bank and in hand	**19**	(34,872)	36,139		0	1,268	15,030
Total current assets		**20,350**	**316,630**	**58**	**0**	**337,038**	**367,500**
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	**20**	(10,351)	0	0	0	(10,351)	(16,684)
Net current assets		9,999	316,630	58	0	326,687	350,816
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,942,712**	**316,630**	**58**	**0**	**2,259,400**	**2,283,529**
Loans and creditors due after 1 year	**21**	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net assets		**1,942,712**	**316,630**	**58**	**0**	**2,259,400**	**2,283,529**
Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,942,712	0	0	0	1,942,712	1,934,143
Other Funds (Designated and Restricted)		0	316,630	58	0	316,688	349,386
Total funds		**1,942,712**	**316,630**	**58**	**0**	**2,259,400**	**2,283,529**

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

Signed: _____ **Date:** 17th March 2021

Ama Ackah-Yensu (Treasurer)

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 Aug 2020 were, presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on 17 March 2021 and were approved

Signed: _____ **Date:** 17th March 2021

Revd Tony Miles (Chair of the Circuit Meeting)

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit 35/03

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2019

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment (Restricted)	2018/19 Totals
Income and Endowments from:		**£**	**£**	**£**		**£**
Donations and Legacies Income		4,641	0	0	0	4,641
Bank Interest		176	0	2,084	0	2,261
District Advance Fund Grant		0	0	0	0	0
Assessments Church & Trustees to Circuit including Repayment of Loan		157,187	0	0	0	157,187
Income Due from Community Fund		0	0	0	0	0
Lettings (Manse Rental Income)	**10**	31,498		0		31,498
Total Income		**193,501**	**0**	**2,084**	**0**	**195,586**
Expenditure						
Stipends, Salaries and Associated Costs		119,242	0	0	0	119,242
District Assessment		38,368	0	0	0	38,368
Travel Expenses		14,817	0	0	0	14,817
Ministerial Training		1,861	0	0	0	1,861
Insurance, Utilities, etc.	**11**	19,112	0	0	0	19,112
Maintenance on Manses	**12**	1,049	0	8,951	0	10,000
Mortgage Interest	**13**	0	0	2,257	0	2,257
Other Expenditure						
Administration, Staff & Copying etc.	**14**	9,961	0	0	0	9,961
Audit Fee		892	0	0	0	892
Professional fees		0	0	481	0	481
Media Chaplaincy Expenses	**15**	0	26	0	0	26
Total Expenditure		**205,302**	**26**	**11,689**	**0**	**217,017**
Net Income		**(11,801)**	**(26)**	**(9,605)**	**0**	**(21,431)**
Transfer between Funds & General Account		(18,200)	0	18,200	**0**	**0**
Other Recognised Gains						
Total Funds brought forward		1,972,712	107	332,140	**0**	**2,304,959**
Total funds carried forward at end of year		**1,942,712**	**81**	**340,736**	**0**	**2,283,528**

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2019

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment (Restricted)	2018/19 Totals
Fixed Assets		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Manses etc.	**16**	1,932,713	0	0	0	1,932,713
Total Fixed Assets		**1,932,713**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,932,713**
Current Assets						
Debtors and prepayments	**17**	32,384	0	0	0	32,384
TMCP Deposit Account		0	0	247,707		247,707
CFB Deposit	**18**	(25,160)	81	97,458	0	72,379
Cash at bank and in hand	**19**	15,030		0	0	15,030
Total current assets		**22,254**	**81**	**345,165**	**0**	**367,500**
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	**20**	(12,255)		(4,429)	0	(16,684)
Net current assets		**10,000**	**81**	**340,735**	**0**	**350,816**
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,942,712**	**81**	**340,735**	**0**	**2,283,529**
Loans and creditors due after 1 year	**21**	0		0	0	0
Net assets		**1,942,712**	**81**	**340,735**	**0**	**2,283,529**
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,942,712		0	0	1,942,712
Other Funds (Desiganted & Restricted)		0	81	340,735	0	340,816
Total funds		**1,942,712**	**81**	**340,735**	**0**	**2,283,528**

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2020

Basis of accounting
These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost Convention.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The Charity is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102 and therefore the Charity also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the 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 (The FRS 102 Charities SORP) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

1. Going Concern
After making reasonable enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and do not consider there to be any threat to the going concern status. Therefore, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements and confirm there are no material uncertainties at the date of the approval of these financial statements.

2. Funds
The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are unrestricted, designated funds which, though unrestricted, have been earmarked for specific purposes and restricted funds, which are held for a narrower purpose, including those for internal organisations. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the notes to the Accounts.

3. Accounting Policies

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

Income
Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the funds, the receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Cash and Cash Equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Grants
Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit
These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.

The freehold property comprises the Circuit's manses and is shown in the accounts at 2014 deemed values, with the exception of the Shirley manse, which is shown at the purchase value in 2016.

At the time of valuation, purchase and disposal, the value of the properties was not spilt between land and buildings. However, based on an estimate of 25% land and 75% buildings, the total land value at 31 August 2020 would be £483,179 and the total building value would be £1,449,534. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value.

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

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

Financial instruments
Basic financial instruments are measured at amortised cost.

Debtors and creditors
Debtors and creditors receivable or payable within one year of the reporting date are carried at their transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost less any impairment.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement
In preparing financial statements it is necessary to make certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial

statements. There are no judgements and estimates considered by the Trustees to have a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

4. Donations and legacies	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Legacies	0	-	-	0	4,641
Total	**0**	**-**	**-**	**0**	**4,641**
5. Investment income					
Central Finance Board	347	0	0	347	2,260
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**347**	**0**	**0**	**347**	**2,260**

6. Payment to Trustees

None of the Trustees, or persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the Church or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31 August 2020.

	2019/20	2018/19
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	5	5
	£	£
Total amount paid	6,258	18,407

Nature of expenses claimed: Car mileage, public transport, hospitality and miscellaneous.

These expenses have been incurred by the trustees in the course of fulfilling their pastoral responsibilities.

7. Independent Examiner's Fees

	2019/20	2018/19
	£	£
Fees for reporting on the accounts	1,680	1,740
Other fees (for advice, accountancy services etc)	0	0
Total	**1,680**	**1,740**

8. Paid Employees

Staff costs during the year were as below: -

	2019/20	2018/19

	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	3,739	4,779
Employer's National Insurance costs	276	322
Pension costs	598	599
Total staff costs	**4,613**	**5,700**
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were	0.2	0.2

The charity considers that the key management personnel comprise the Trustees. There was no remuneration paid to the Trustees during 2019 and 2020.

The adoption of a new financial system has meant that staff have spent less time managing the finances of the Circuit. This is reflected in the decrease in staff costs.

9 Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation	Residential Land	Manses	Total
	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	**483,179**	**1,449,534**	**1,932,713**
Balance carried forward	**483,179**	**1,449,534**	**1,932,713**
Accumulated depreciation	**0**	**0**	**0**
Net Book Value brought forward	**483,179**	**1,449,534**	**1,932,713**
Net Book Value carried forward	**483,179**	**1,449,534**	**1,932,713**

9a Investments

No other investments are held by the Circuit

	2019/20		2018/19	
INCOME	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Note 10 Rental Income				
Pond Green	4,660		13,223	
Exbury House	0		18,275	
		4,660		31,498
EXPENDITURE	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Note 11 - Insurance, Utilities etc.				
Manse expenditure				
Insurance	1,552		1,682	
Telephone (incl mobiles & broadband)	1,227		1,413	
Water Rates	929		1,813	
Service Charges & Utility Maintenance				
Contracts	7,460		6,938	
Council Tax	6,944		4,088	
Utilities	2,951		3,178	
		21,064		19,112
Note 12 - Repairs and Maintenance				
Manse repairs & maintenance	3,991		1,049	
		3,991		1,049
Note 13 Manse Mortgage				
Capital Repayments	0		0	
Interest Payments	0		0	
		0		0
Note 14 Office Staff &Supplies				
Staff Costs	6,516		7,499	
Photocopying	1,549		1,754	
Computer supplies & software	1,378		708	
		9,443		9,961
Note 15 Media Chaplaincy				
Media Chaplaincy - Hospitality	23		25	
		23		25

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BALANCE SHEET NOTES

Note 16 Property Revaluation (*Valuations Made 2014*)	**Property Value £**	**Circuit Value £**		**Circuit Value £**
6 Exbury House (25% owned by Circuit)	550,000	137,500		137,500
4 Cotton Row (50.25% owned by Circuit)	1,485,000	746,213		746,213
16 Pond Green (100% Owned by Circuit)	400,000	400,000		400,000
108A Shirley Avenue (100% Owned by Circuit)	649,000	649,000		649,000
TOTAL VALUE		**1,932,713**		**1,932,713**
Prior Valuation		1,142,685		1,142,685
Revaluation Reserve		**790,028**		**790,028**
Note 17 -Prepayments				
Stipends	9,643		10,286	
Manse Expenses	3,779		2,734	
Accrued Income				
Donations from Church for General Fund	38,314		0	
Legacy Income	0		19,364	
		51,735		32,384
Owed by Church				
Church Expenses Paid by Circuit	3,486		0	
		3,486		0
Note 18 - Central Finance Board				
Restricted Funds	58		81	
Designated Funds	32,784		97,458	
General Fund	0		(25,161)	
		32,842		72,378
Note 18 - TMCP				
Manse Sale and Purchase Fund	246,603		246,603	
Other Designated Funds	1,104		1,104	
		247,707		247,707
Note 19 - Cash at Bank& In Hand				
General Fund	(34,872)		15,030	
Restricted Funds	36,139		0	
		1,268		15,030
BALANCE SHEET NOTES				
Note 20 - Creditors & Accruals				
Ministers Travel & Accommodation	0		404	
Manse Costs	3,863		1,493	
Photocopying	1,176		2,539	
Independent Examiners Fee	3,420		850	
Administration Staff Costs	1,893		1,275	
Ministerial Training	0		238	
Church Income Prepaid	0		5,457	
		10,351		12,255
Designated Funds	0		4,429	
		0		4,429
		10,351		16,684

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CIRCUIT FUNDS	BALANCE B/F 01/09/19	2019/20 Income	Expenditure	Transfer Between Funds	BALANCE C/F 31/08/20
FUNDS	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Restricted					
Media Chaplaincy	81	0	(23)	0	58
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	**81**	**0**	**(23)**	**0**	**58**
Designated					
Removals Fund	8,172	0	(3,898)	3,000	7,274
Manse Maintenance Fund	85,961	0	(38,407)	15,200	62,754
Manse Replacement Fund	246,603	0	0	0	246,603
Total Designated Funds	**340,736**	**0**	**(42,305)**	**18,200**	**316,631**
TOTAL RESTRICTED & DESIGNATED FUNDS	**340,817**	**0**	**(42,329)**	**18,200**	**316,689**
GENERAL FUND	**1,942,712**	**216,246**	**(198,046)**	**(18,200)**	**1,942,712**
TOTAL	**2,283,529**	**216,246**	**(240,374)**	**0**	**2,259,401**

The Balance for Restricted and Designated Funds has decreased by £24,105 from £340,817 in 2018/19 to £316,631 in 2019/20.

The Circuit Meeting decided on the following allocation from the General Fund:

- £3,000 to the Removals Fund to ensure that sufficient funds are available for removal expenses in the event of a change in ministers in future years
- £15,200 to the Manse Maintenance Fund in line with amounts recommended by the Connexion.

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Circuit Trustees – 2019/20

The following served as trustees during the year and/or were trustees at the date of signing the accounts.

Revd. Dr. Martyn Atkins
Revd. Tony Miles
Deacon Alison McMillan
Revd. Gordon Newton
Genevieve Patnelli
Wesley Gibbs
Marie Rose Cameron
Ynes Lightfoot-Taylor
Dinah Longdon
Omotayo Roberts
Esther Buckman
Tony Ackah-Yensu
Emmanuel Asante
Abdul Bah
Michael Davies
Ada Onwubiko
Ama Ackah-Yensu
Jocelyn Boafo
John Philips
Ollie McEwen
Marko Joensuu
Christina Fashola
Denzil Cummings-John
Regina Boye
Alison Bryan
Comfort Golightly
Myoung Soon Kim
Joe Awotwi
Esther Thomas
Philippa Muir
Grace Sangmuah
Ron Fennell
Charlotte Rankin
Christina Asare Owusu
Sarita Lightfoot-Taylor
Mark Williamson
Judith Mitchell
Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu
Helen Onilado
Rebecca Biney
Dr Oprah Scott
Susan Solanke
Christine Wykes
Jacob Baiden
Kate Jones
Don Nunn
Seth Kofi Otoo
Anthony Boateng
Stephen Olusola
Dr Michael Fennell
Chika Unaka
Aretha Solanke
Charles Bushell

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Methodist Central Hall Westminster – London Mission (Westminster) Circuit No. 35/03

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, 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 my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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.

Katharine Patel

Date: 08 April 2021

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For the year ended 31 August 2020

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER

Registered Charity No 1145076

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METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER CHURCH
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

This Annual Report gives an account of the mission and ministry of The London Mission (Westminster) Methodist Circuit, through its single society Methodist Central Hall Westminster (MCHW). It represents a considerable commitment on the part of its members, who usually gather for worship and learning and then disperse in witness, engaging in various means of service.

Since March 2020, the challenges of the global COVID-19 pandemic have impacted our routine and ways of being, but we have taken steps to be proactive rather than reactive to ensure we remain true to our aims and objectives as an organisation.

Aims and Organisation

Our mission is to be a vital Christian presence in the heart of London. Our vision statement declared on the order of worship each week is: "Methodist Central Hall Westminster – a global Christian family following Jesus at the heart of London." Surprisingly, the pandemic has opened up significant new opportunities for us to pursue this vision.

Review of the Year

Each week, and following the Christian year, people usually gather in our building from all over London and beyond for Sunday worship, midweek prayer and bible study. We also offer several opportunities for Christian learning and sharing. This routine enriches our Christian Community's life and equips individuals to live out their faith by serving their families, neighbours, workplaces, and communities.

Since March 2020 this year, much of our 'gathering' has moved online, reaching a more significant number than we ever would have done by gathering in person. In June, our annual Membership Service, at which we welcome new Church members by way of Confirmation or Transfer, was sadly postponed. Nevertheless, we have a good number of people waiting to join the Methodist Church formally after lockdown. We also have many more from around the UK and globally who can now gather with us online, and we are exploring how we can best serve them in the future.

After our online Sunday services, we offer Zoom breakout rooms to provide fellowship and encouragement for those who have been isolated or lonely. We are in the process of revising our Mission Plan in response to the challenges and opportunities presented by the pandemic. During this time, we have always sought to implement Government and Connexional Methodist Church guidelines.

As with many churches, MCHW had to respond quickly when the pandemic struck, and public worship had to stop. At first, we live-streamed from our Chapel, but when our building had to be closed, we utilised White Light Ltd's 'SmartStage'. This technology was hugely successful. The total views for YouTube Live Streamed Services after just eight weeks using the SmartStage were 49.35k families or individuals. Our services were averaging about 6.37k each week, with the highest, 7.8k. Of these viewers, about 1,500 are listening 'live' (congregation typically 200-300)!

Last year, we refurbished our Chapel on the first floor of our building. We were able to close our appeal for this by 31st September 2020. Little did we know that this ambitious project would enable us to offer live-streamed services on returning to our newly equipped Chapel. We initially experienced a slight drop in views, but this was probably due to other churches offering online services. However, the figures remained extremely encouraging, and it could be argued that during the pandemic, we started reaching significantly more people than the Revd Dr William Sangster during the wartime crisis. We had 199 YouTube subscribers at the start of the pandemic, but the figure rose quickly to 3k this year.

Throughout this time, our Young People's Fellowship and our Sanctuary congregation have continued using Zoom and seem to be thriving using this format. Our children's programme was slower to adapt, but also managed to offer something online. The future is still very uncertain. In the meantime, we will continue to provide an act of worship online and send regular emails to our members and supporters through our database, ChurchSuite. We are seeking to maintain regular contact with those who need pastoral care and support.

In July 2020, we also launched a new 'microsite' as a step towards developing a new website and platform, as vastly increased visits online during the pandemic led to our site crashing. We now have a more robust hosting service that will cope with the increased level of traffic. Our top referrals are from YouTube, the CHW Ltd site, and Facebook. As with our YouTube channel, most visitors are from the UK, i.e., we are serving the Methodist Church in Britain significantly more than anywhere else.

The decision in June 2020 to extend Congestion Charging in Westminster to seven days a week from 7 am to 10 pm and at an increased charge of £15 will affect both Sunday services and our evening meetings in the future.

Ecumenical relationships remain real and strong, particularly with neighbouring Westminster Abbey and Westminster Cathedral. The presbyteral ministers also meet regularly with other church leaders in Westminster.

The annual Methodist Covenant Service in the Palace of Westminster, a recorded Carol Service for national radio, and a service for those who have lost children during pregnancy or very young infancy, took place once again. Jazz Vespers continues to add variety to our programme of evening services, including Jazz Carols at Christmas. We also produced a Good Friday service, broadcast on BBC Local Radio stations throughout the English regions.

During 2019/20, we believe we have continued to live our aims and objectives rooted in the Methodist Christian tradition.

Financial Review

When the Covid-19 pandemic hit the world halfway through our church year, no one had any idea how long it would last. We had to revise budgets – again and again – and adjust to steep falls in income from giving, as our building closed, and church services moved online. We were forecasting a deficit, but our God is indeed faithful in answering our prayers and not only kept us afloat but blessed us with a surplus!

The Church finished the year with a net income surplus of £3,030 (£65,642 in 2018/19) and therefore increased its funds from £ £358,128 in 2018/19 to £361,158

in 2019/20 (£60,882 in the General Fund and £300,276 in restricted and designated funds).

Church income in total was £576,599 taking us over the £500k threshold again this year. As a result, we have had to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows in order to comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2015.

There was an increase in cash and cash equivalents of £6,515 compared to an increase of £77,438 in 2018/19. The higher figure in 2018/19 was mainly due to the donations made to the Chapel Refurbishment Fund in that year.

The statement of accounts for the year ended 31st August 2020 is attached.

Income

General Fund income increased to £503,466 in 2019/20 (2018/19 £495,576). Within the overall increase of £7.9k, the main movements are shown below:

- Decrease in offerings and tax recoverable (£16.6k)
- Decrease in donations (£2.2k) and decrease in Anniversary Giving (£2.3k)
- Increase in Trustees' Grant (£12.4k)
- Decrease in Use of Rooms (£7.5k)
- Increase in Income from Special Events (£5.0k) due to the Fun and Fellowship Weekend in early 2020
- Covid-19 Job Retention Scheme grant in 2019/20 of £21.0k

The decrease in all the income categories has been due to the suspension of church services and activities as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Income in Restricted and Designated Funds was £73.1k. This represented a decrease of £100k from 2018/19, largely due to a fall in: –

- Chapel Renewal Fund income (£83.1k – the appeal was launched and closed in 2018/19)
- income for the Music and Worship Legacy Fund (£49.9k – a one-off legacy received in 2018/19).

These decreases were offset by income of £43.5k to the newly set-up fund for Live Streaming of Services in 2019/20, in response to the lockdowns during the pandemic.

Expenditure

General Fund spending has increased by £78.2k to £483.6k (2018/19 £405,532). There were some key variances within these total figures:

- Staff salaries increased by £11.5k. In 2019/20, staff costs included the addition of Healing Ministry staff, but a reduction in Finance Staff Costs.
- The payment to the Circuit increased by £65.6k. A decrease in rental income to the Circuit, coupled with increasing Circuit expenditure led to the Church having to meet the bigger shortfall.
- Expenditure on Church Groups and events increased by £5.9k due the purchase of equipment for the Crèche and the Fun and Fellowship Weekend in early 2020.

- Music Account expenditure decreased by £9.1k due to Covid-19 restrictions reducing the number of services with live worship.
- Other expenditure increased by £4.5k due to Website Development in order to meet the increased demand for an online presence.
- Advertising costs have decreased by £6.2k. Apart from running fewer radio ads, in 2018/19 there was a one-off payment for outstanding invoices relating to prior years.

Designated and Restricted Fund expenditure decreased by £107.7k to £89,886 (2018/19 £197,605). The key movements are detailed below:

- Chapel Refurbishment £2.4k compared to £146k in 2018/19
- £43.5k of income in 2019/20 to support the Live Streaming of Services during Covid-19 restrictions

Total Funds for the Church have increased to £361,158 (2018/19 £358,128) with £60,882 (2018/19 £66,960) in the General Fund and £300,276 in Restricted and Designated Funds (2018/19 £291,168).

In 2019/20, £25.9k has been transferred from Church General Funds to Designated / Restricted Funds, which include:

- £4.4k to the Chapel Renewal Fund
- £21.4k to the Tithe Fund

General designated reserves (contingency) now stand at £148k, which represents approximately six months' worth of average expenditure (including payments to the Circuit). There will be no increase in the Fund in 2019/20. The Reserve Fund is included within the Designated Total.

We are truly thankful for God's grace and favour, which has sustained the Church, for the Managing Trustees and the Connexion, the staff of Central Hall Westminster Ltd, our members and regular worshippers (new and not so new) and supporters from all over whose prayers, generosity and support have sustained us throughout this most unusual year. To God be the glory! We look forward to exciting times ahead.

Plans for 2020/21

Financial plans have been prepared on the basis that staff levels within the Church will remain the same. The grant from the Managing Trustees is expected to be reduced by 50% because of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Together with a reduced level of giving, we are budgeting for a deficit of £104k, which will be absorbed by our reserves.

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER CHURCH

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in July 2014.

Full Name of Church**:**	**Methodist Central Hall Westminster**
Charity Registration Number:	**1145076**
Date of registration:	**15 December 2011**
Main communication address:	**Methodist Central Hall, Storey's Gate, Westminster, London SW1H 9NH**

The members of the Methodist Central Hall Westminster Church Council are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit and church office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual Church Meeting. A full list of Council membership is shown in the notes to this report.

Circuit Stewards:	**Genevieve Patnelli (Senior)** **Wesley Gibbs** **Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu** **Ama Ackah-Yensu**
Treasurer:	**Ama Ackah-Yensu**
Independent Examiner:	**Buzzacott LLP** 130 Wood St London EC2V 6DL
Bank:	**HSBC** The Peak 333 Vauxhall Bridge Road Victoria London SW1V 1EJ
Investment Bankers:	**Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church**

Aims and Objectives

The charity's objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around Westminster for the Methodist Church:

It aims to be a vital Christian presence in the heart of London.

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

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

Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church and Circuit Stewards and Ministerial Team with input from the Leadership Team.

Trusteeship is exercised by the elected members of the Church Council.

Trustee Training

Trustees are pointed to a range of guidance produced by The Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees.

Related Parties

The Church, like all local Methodist Churches is situated in a Circuit and is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. It consequently locates itself in both its polity and structure. In structural terms the Church is the single Methodist Society in the Westminster Circuit, which is one of some 35 circuits (groupings of local churches) making up the London Methodist District. In terms of Polity and Constitution, it, like all Methodist circuits, is accountable to the annual Methodist Conference.

Somewhat unusually, the Westminster Circuit consists of only one local society (church): Methodist Central Hall Westminster, which consequently is constituted so that wherever possible, local church and local circuit matters share the same constitution (by applying annually Methodist Standing Order 511).

Another unusual aspect of the Circuit/Church is the fact that its Trustees are appointed annually by the annual Conference of the Methodist Church of Great Britain, rather than, more commonly, the circuit meeting and church council.

A third related party, in addition to the Circuit and the Trustees is Central Hall Westminster Ltd, a not-for-profit company formed in 1999 to run an events and conference business using the large and prestigious premises in central London.

Regular meetings of each of these three entities take place, with the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent Ministers being members of each of the three, thereby having a strategic overview of the total ministry of the Circuit and its related parties.

Risk Management

The major risks associated with the life and ministry of the Church, located in Methodist Central Hall Westminster, are identified and recorded by the Trustees, with professional advice taken as required. An annual review process is undertaken and recorded.

In terms of financial governance, income and expenditure are regularly and routinely monitored, and are compared with the approved annual budget on at least a quarterly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process and to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

We note the following items, all of which are noted on the Risk Register.

- An annual grant to the Circuit is given by the Trustees. This is made possible by profits made by Central Hall Westminster Ltd. Any 'lean years' – and particularly several lean years – would affect the ability of the Trustees to award the grant.

- The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the operations of Central Hall Westminster Ltd has been immense. The building's closure and consequent hibernation of the business has meant that profits which would have been tithed to the Trustees have dried up, thus impacting their ability to provide the same level of grant to the Church, as with previous years.

- The as yet unknown plan relating to the 'decanting' of the House of Commons and House of Lords from the Palace of Westminster. Methodist Central Hall Westminster is, because of its proximity, one of a handful of buildings currently in conversation with 'Black Rod' about what are termed "business continuity talks".

- The ever-present risk of terror attacks and security breaches, given the location of the church. For the past three years the Metropolitan Police have estimated the risk of such as 'severe', and give regular security briefings to Circuit officials as to office holders of other large buildings in and around Parliament Square.

- The damage to reputation, given the high usage of the premises by very many clients.

- Safeguarding risks, exacerbated by the very high numbers of people using the building each week. In line with Methodist rulings, safeguarding procedures have, and continue to be improved and overhauled.

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

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

The Methodist Central Hall Westminster Church commits itself to: -

- Ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

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

The Safeguarding Policy is approved annually by the Church Council and revised in line with guidelines and directives from the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a contingency sum equivalent to a minimum of three months', and ideally six months', average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure and/or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to

raise funds to cover the Church's full expenses, including the assessment payable to the Circuit.

The Contingency Fund as at 31 August 2020 was £148k, which is equivalent to approximately six months' average expenditure.

In addition to the Contingency there is a General Fund surplus of £56.5k

However, with the continuing social distancing measures due to the pandemic and the resulting budgeted deficit of for 2020/21, the Contingency Fund is expected to reduce to approximately three months' worth of average expenditure.

Signed: _____ **Date:** 17th March 2021

Revd Anthony Miles (Chair of Trustees)

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Resrticted Funds	2019/20 Totals		2018/19 Totals
		£	£	£	£		£
Income and Endowments From:							
Donations and Legacies							
Offerings and Tax recoverable	13	153,979	0		153,979		170,547
Donations	13	24,763	0		24,763		26,954
Anniversary Giving		13,001	0		13,001		15,303
Grant (Trustees)	14	260,328	0		260,328		247,884
Donations for Use of Rooms		3,283	0		3,283		10,812
Visitors Services & Catering	15	1,131	0		1,131		2,257
Interest and Investment Income	16	2,231	0		2,231		2,077
Other					0		
Special Events	17	23,043	0		23,043		18,031
Church Groups	18	704	0		704		1,711
Covid-19 Furlough		21,003			21,003		0
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	5,142		5,142		3,857
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0		67,991	67,991		169,345
Total Income and Endowments		**503,466**	**5,142**	**67,991**	**576,599**		**668,778**

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Resrticted Funds	2019/20 Totals		2018/19 Totals
Expenditure		£	£	£	£		£
Office & Ministry Staff		70,317	0		70,317		58,809
Net Payment for Circuit Expenses excluding mortgage repayments		222,744	0		222,744		157,186
Office Supplies - Staff and Equipment	19	26,271	0		26,271		20,853
Internal Organisations and Events					0		
Sanctuary		2,131			2,131		2,160
Church Groups	20	6,109	0		6,109		4,244
Special Events	21	34,002	0		34,002		29,971
Other Expenditure					0		
Music Account	22	44,839	0		44,839		53,973
Other expenditure	23	20,233	0		20,233		15,729
Advertising		9,827	0		9,827		16,049
Grants & Donations	24	47,210	0		47,210		46,557
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	29,744		29,744		27,453
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0	0	60,142	60,142		170,152
Total Expenditure		**483,683**	**29,744**	**60,142**	**573,569**		**603,136**
Net Income / (Expenditure)		**19,783**	**(24,602)**	**7,849**	**3,030**		**65,642**
Transfers Between Restricted Funds and General Funds		(25,861)	21,473	4,388	0		0
Net Income after transfers		(6,078)	(3,129)	12,237	3,030		65,642
Total funds brought forward		**66,960**	**230,390**	**60,778**	**358,128**		**292,486**
Total funds carried forward		**60,882**	**227,261**	**73,015**	**361,158**		**358,128**

Money received and passed on to External Organisations (For information only)

	2019/20 £	2018/19 £
Balance brought forward from last year	2,201	2,403
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	12,441	15,027
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	12,318	15,229
Balance carried forward	**2,324**	**2,201**

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS
CHURCH BALANCE SHEET for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2019/20 Totals	2018/19 Totals
Current Assets		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Debtors and prepayments	25	48,477	0	8,076	56,553	61,587
Cash at bank and in hand	26	20,103	0	536	20,640	102,211
Central Finance Board deposit	27	41,563	227,262	64,943	333,768	245,679
Total current assets		**110,143**	**227,262**	**73,555**	**410,960**	**409,477**
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	28	(49,261)		(540)	(49,801)	(51,350)
Net current assets		**60,882**	**227,262**	**73,016**	**361,159**	**358,128**
Total assets less current liabilities		**60,882**	**227,262**	**73,016**	**361,159**	**358,128**
Net assets		**60,882**	**227,262**	**73,016**	**361,159**	**358,128**
Funds of the Church						
Unrestricted Fund (General)		60,882		0	60,882	66,961
Other Funds (restricted & designated)		0	227,262	73,016	300,278	291,167
Total funds		**60,882**	**227,262**	**73,016**	**361,159**	**358,128**

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Signed: _____ **Date:**_17th March 2021
Ama Ackah-Yensu (Treasurer)

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 Aug 2020 were, presented to the Church Council at its meeting on 17 March 2021and were approved.

Signed: _____ **Date:** 17th March 2021
Revd Anthony Miles (Chair of the Church Council)

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

CHURCH STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR ThE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Cash flows from Operating Activities	**2019/20**	**2018/19**
	£	**£**
Net Cash provided by Operating Activities	4,284	75,359
Cash flows from Investing Activities		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	2,231	2,077
Net Cash flows used in Investing Activities	**2,231**	**2,077**
Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents in the Reporting period	**6,515**	**77,436**
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the period	347,890	270,456
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Reporting Period	**354,405**	**347,892**

CHURCH RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2019/20	**2018/19**
	£	**£**
Net Income for the Reporting Period (as per Statement of Financial Activity)	3,030	65,642
Adjustments for:		
Dividends Interest and rents from investments	(2,231)	(2,077)
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	5,035	(23,115)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	(1,549)	34,909
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	**4,285**	**75,359**

CHURCH ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2019/20	**2018/19**
	£	**£**
Cash in Hand	354,408	347,890
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	**354,408**	**347,890**

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General) £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2018/19 Totals £
Income and Endowments From:					
Donations and Legacies					
Offerings and Tax recoverable	13	170,547		0	170,547
Donations	13	26,954		0	26,954
Anniversary Giving		15,303		0	15,303
Grant (Trustees)	14	247,884		0	247,884
Donations for Use of Rooms		10,812		0	10,812
Visitors Services & Catering	15	2,257		0	2,257
Interest and Investment Income	16	2,077		0	2,077
Other					
Special Events	17	18,031		0	18,031
Church Groups	18	1,711		0	1,711
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	3,857	0	3,857
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0		169,345	169,345
Total Income and Endowments		**495,576**	**3,857**	**169,345**	**668,778**

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METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds	2018/19 Totals
Expenditure		**£**		**£**	**£**
Office & Ministry Staff		58,809		0	58,809
Net Payment for Circuit Expenses excluding mortgage repayments		157,186		0	157,186
Payment to Circuit for Mortgage Repayments				0	0
Office Supplies	19	20,853		0	20,853
Internal Organisations and Events					
Church Groups	5	2,160			2,160
Sanctuary		3,744		0	3,744
Special Events	21	29,971		0	29,971
Other Expenditure					
Music Account	22	53,973		0	53,973
Other expenditure	23	16,229		0	16,229
Advertising		16,049		0	16,049
Grants & Donations	24	46,557		0	46,557
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0	27,453		27,453
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0		170,152	170,152
Total Expenditure		**405,531**	**27,453**	**170,152**	**603,136**
Net Income /(Expenditure)		**90,045**	**(23,596)**	**(807)**	**65,642**
Transfers Between Restricted Funds and General Funds		(52,585)	(4,835)	57,420	0
Net Income / (Expenditure) after transfers		37,460	(28,431)	56,613	65,642
Total funds brought forward		**29,500**	**258,821**	**4,165**	**292,486**
Total funds carried forward		**66,960**	**230,390**	**60,778**	**358,128**

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS
CHURCH BALANCE SHEET for the Year Ended 31 August 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2018/19 Totals
Current Assets		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Debtors and prepayments	25	53,087	0	8,500	61,587
Cash at bank and in hand	26	60,103		42,108	102,211
Central Finance Board deposit	27	0	230,390	15,289	245,679
Total current assets		**113,190**	**230,390**	**65,897**	**409,477**
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	28	(46,230)	0	(5,120)	(51,350)
Net current assets		**66,961**	**230,390**	**60,777**	**358,128**
Total assets less current liabilities		**66,961**	**230,390**	**60,777**	**358,128**
Net assets		**66,961**	**230,390**	**60,777**	**358,128**
Funds of the Church					
Unrestricted Fund (General)		66,961	0	0	66,961
Other Funds (restricted & designated)		0	230,390	60,777	291,167
Total funds		**66,961**	**230,390**	**60,777**	**358,128**

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL
Westminster Church

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2020

1. Basis of accounting
These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost Convention.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The Charity is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102 and therefore the Charity also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the 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 (The FRS 102 Charities SORP) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

Going Concern
After making reasonable enquiries the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and do not consider there to be any threat to the going concern status. Therefore, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements and confirm there are no material uncertainties at the date of the approval of these financial statements.

2. Funds
The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Church which are Unrestricted. Restricted funds, which are held for a narrower purpose including those for internal organisations. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the notes to the Accounts.

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

Income
Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to the funds, the receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Church to pay out resources.

Cash and Cash Equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Grants
Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church
These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. There is no freehold property owned by the Church.

Financial instruments
Basic financial instruments are measured at amortised cost.

Debtors and creditors
Debtors and creditors receivable or payable within one year of the reporting date are carried at their transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost less any impairment.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement
In preparing financial statements it is necessary to make certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. There are no judgements and estimates are considered by the Trustees to have a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

4.Donations and legacies	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**2020 Total**	**2019 Total**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Collections	120,241	68,281	**188,522**	**311,898**
Tax credits	-	-	**0**	**0**
Donations	1,667	-	**1,667**	**1,797**
Total	**121,908**	**68,281**	**190,190**	**313,695**
5. Other trading activities	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**2020 Total**	**2019 Total**
	£	£	**£**	**£**
CD Project		-	**-**	**-**
Total	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
6. Investment income	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**2020 Total**	**2019 Total**
	£	£	**£**	**£**
Central Finance Board	2,194		**2,194**	**2,055**
Other	37		**37**	**22**
Total	**2,231**	**-**	**2,231**	**2,077**

7. Trustees

None of the Trustees, or persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the Church or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31 August 2019.

	2019/20	2018/19
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	5	5
	£	£
Total amount paid	6,258	18,407

Nature of expenses claimed: Car mileage, public transport, hospitality and miscellaneous.
These expenses have been incurred by the trustees in the course of fulfilling their pastoral responsibilities.

8. Independent Examiners Fees

	2019/20	2018/19
	£	£
Fees for reporting on the accounts	1,680	2,340
Other fees (for advice, accountancy services etc)	0	0
Total	**1,680**	**2,340**

9. Paid Employees

Staff costs (excluding stipends) during the year were as below: -

	2019/20	2018/19
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	79,745	68,625
Employer's National Insurance	4,212	3,614
Pension costs	9,980	10,301
Total Staff Costs	93,937	82,540
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were	3.9	3.1

10. Reserves Policy

	2019/20	2018/19
	£	£
General Funds held	148,000	148,000

Reserves have been increased by £4k in 2019/20 and the current level is equivalent to nearly 6 months of average expenditure including payments made to the Circuit.

Policy for Restricted Funds
No policy as such except that such funds may only be used for the purpose for which they have been given / donated.

Terms relating to Endowment Funds
No such funds are held by the church.

This Reserves Policy has been approved by the Church Council.

11. Related Parties

Name of related party	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related party during the year	Loans to related party during the year	Amounts owed by related party as on 31 Aug 2020
		£	£	£	£
JMA	Donations received by Church Members	0	610	0	(0)
Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons	Gift made by Church	0	200	0	0
Fund for Property		0	330	0	0
London Mission Fund Payment		0	200	0	0
Total		**0**	**1,340**	**0**	**(0)**

12. Details of Designated and Restricted Funds

CHURCH FUNDS	Balance B/F 01/09/19	2019/20 Income	Expenditure	Transfer Between Funds	Balance C/F 31/08/20
FUNDS	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	
General - Designated					
Sunday Catering	594	1,502	(831)	0	1,265
Tithe	20,729	0	(22,700)	21,413	19,442
Tithe Reserve	3,400	0	0	0	3,400
CD Project	13,967	0	0	0	13,967
AVA & Server Replacement	22,030	0	(5,000)	0	17,030
Church Space Refurbishment & Maintenance	20,858	3,000	0		23,858
Fees to be Paid for Special Services	813	640	(1,213)	60	300
Contingency	148,000	0	0	0	148,000
TOTAL DESIGNATED	**230,390**	**5,142**	**(29,744)**	**21,473**	**227,262**
Restricted					
Monday Guild	282	80	0	0	362
Flower Fund	500	1,515	(1,596)	40	459
Hymn Sheet Fund	1,691	960	(343)	0	2,308
Special Offerings to be Donated	(1)	11,057	(10,806)	(263)	(13)
Night Shelter	1,362	0	126	0	1,488
Welcome Box Project	593	0	0	0	593
Christian Aid	0	365	(365)	0	0
World Mission Easter Offering	0	205	(200)	0	5
Action For Children	0	0	0	0	0
JMA	0	610	(610)	0	0
Benevolent Fund	11,489	2,546	(7,290)	203	6,948
Chapel Renewal	0	2,475	(6,923)	4,448	0
Music & Worship Legacy	44,862	788	0	0	45,650
Friends of Westminster	0	100		0	100
Ghana Fellowship	0	4,104	(2,800)	(40)	1,264
Live Streamed Service	0	43,188	(29,336)	0	13,851
Total Restricted Funds	**60,778**	**67,993**	**(60,141)**	**4,388**	**73,009**
TOTAL RESTRICTED & DESIGNATED FUNDS	**291,169**	**73,134**	**(89,885)**	**25,861**	**300,275**
General Fund	**66,960**	**503,466**	**(483,683)**	**(25,861)**	**60,882**
TOTAL FUNDS	**358,129**	**576,600**	**(573,569)**	**0**	**361,159**

The balance of Designated and Restricted Funds has increased by £9.436. There has been a transfer from Church General Funds of £25,901. The following are the significant amounts that have been allocated:

- £4,448 to Chapel Renewal
- £21,413 to the Tithe Fund for distribution to other charitable organisations nominated by church members.

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INCOME	**2019 /20** £	£	**2018 /19** £	£
General Funds (Unrestricted)				
Note 13 - Offerings and tax recoverable				
Envelope Scheme	56,324		63,953	
Banker's Orders	35,982		37,951	
Loose Cash	27,805		40,087	
Tax recovered	31,767		26,197	
Charities Trust	1,667		1,797	
Lunchtime Services	434		562	
		153,979		170,547
Donations		24,763		26,954
		178,742		197,501
Note 14 - Trustees Grant				
SVFP Grant	18,468		17,964	
SVFP Rent	26,016		25,308	
Church Grant General	215,844		204,612	
		260,328		247,884
Note 15 - Visitors Services				
Visitor services - Donations	1,131		2,257	
		1,131		2,257
Note 16 - Interest & investment income				
Dividend Income	37		22	
Deposit interest	2,194		2,055	
		2,231		2,077
Note 17 -Special Events				
Daffodil Day	2,795		3,826	
Christmas Lunch	1,378		1,152	
Prayer and Healing Ministry including Conference	10		2,583	
The Gathering	810		630	
Women's Conference	293		1,791	
Church Outing	0		780	
Carol Service	5,037		4,455	
Special Services	0		1,605	
Anniversary Dinner	1,059		1,329	
Church Fun Fellowship Retreat	9,363		0	
Miscellaneous	2,298		(120)	
		23,043		18,031
Note 18 - Church Groups & Ministries				
JC Live	65		330	
YPF	0		148	
Sanctuary	0		302	
Does God go to Work?	483		480	
Sermon CDs	156		451	
		704		1,711

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2019 /20		2018 /19	
EXPENDITURE	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Note 19 Office Supplies				
Photocopying	4,710		7,015	
General Stationery	2,061		3,072	
Printing	1,239		3,799	
Literature	5,030		1,033	
Easter Offering / Gift envelopes	736		350	
Postage	1,528		0	
Computer supplies & software incl Digital Outreach	8,969		4,957	
Office Equipment & Supplies	1,998		627	
		26,271		20,853
Note 20 Church Groups				
JC Live	553		695	
God at Work	100		155	
Crèche	3,222		426	
Sermon CDs	0		1,048	
Wednesday Lunchtime	0		40	
YPF	340		216	
Prayer & Pilates	0		948	
Social Responsibility	343		0	
Hebrew Class	892		500	
Support for Missions	659		216	
		6,109		4,244
Notes 21 -Special Projects & Events				
Daffodil Day	4,031		5,139	
Christmas lunch & party	3,348		2,242	
Prayer and Healing Ministry including Conference	2,020		2,704	
Gathering	3,251		2,132	
Women's Ministry	520		3,746	
Church Fun and Fellowship Retreat	9,389		0	
Church Outing	0		1,966	
Carol Service	7,659		6,701	
Anniversary Dinner	2,527		3,366	
Cathedral Events	1,196		1,675	
Good Friday in Victoria Street	60		300	
		34,001		29,971
Note 22 Music Account				
Fees for Directors of Music / Musicians / Choirs	43,082		50,894	
Music Expenses	1,758		3,079	
		44,840		53,973

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2019 /20		2018 /19	
RESOURCES EXPENDED	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Note 23 - Other expenditure				
Pulpit supply	3,090		2,071	
Lay training	2,006		1,356	
Website development & maintenance	7,657		1,287	
In-house hospitality / Volunteers Dinner	631		1,422	
Hospitality & Restaurant Vouchers	(1,712)		3,286	
Bank charges	519		160	
Church Insurance	0		98	
Miscellaneous	4,081		275	
Materials and Items for Services	-658		4,578	
Subscriptions	1,449		365	
Independent Examiners Fees	3,170		832	
		20,233		15,730
Note 24 Grants & Donations				
The Fund for the Support of Presbyters and Deacons (previously Auxiliary Fund)				
Payment	200		400	
Property Fund	330		660	
London Mission Fund	200		400	
		730		1,460
St Vincent's Family Project		44,480		43,097
The Gate Crisis Pregnancy Centre		2,000		2,000
		47,210		46,557

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BALANCE SHEET NOTES	**2019 /20** £	£	**2018 /19** £	£
Note 25 - Debtors and Prepayments				
Debtors				
Accrued Income				
Gift Aid for General Fund	37,552		34,574	
Covid-19 Furlough	8,401		0	
Overpayment to Company in Prior Years	404			
RESTRICTED Gift Aid for Chapel Renewal Fund	8,076		8,500	
Owed by Circuit	2,120		0	
		56,553		43,074
Prepayments				
Fun and Fellowship Weekend	0		1,558	
Circuit	0		16,955	
		0		18,513
		56,553		61,587
Note 26 - Cash at Bank and in hand				
General Fund - HSBC Current Account		19,548		59,608
General Fund Sanctuary Account		309		309
General Fund Petty Cash		247		189
Restricted Funds - Benevolent		536		42,108
		20,640		102,214
Note 27 - Central Finance Board				
Designated Funds	227,262		245,679	
Restricted Funds	64,943		0	
General Fund	41,563		0	
Restricted / Designated Funds		333,768		245,679
		333,768		245,679
Note 28 - Creditors (due in under 1 year) and unused funds c/fwd.				
Accrued Expenses				
Independent Examiners Fees	1,680		850	
Staff expenses / Musicians	1,494		8,140	
Lay Training	0		300	
Hospitality	118		3,117	
Digital Outreach Salary & Expenses	29		1,324	
Youth Worker Salary	0		1,057	
Photocopying & Printing	439		1,638	
Stationery / Books / Materials for Services	124		4,470	
Computer Supplies & Multimedia	1,491		2,828	
Website Maintenance & Development	110		874	
Church Groups & Events	0		1,271	
Grants & Donations	0		1,460	
Advertising	4,313		2,157	
Miscellaneous & items for Services	1,149		117	
Owed to Circuit	38,314		0	
Designated / Restricted Funds	540		5,120	
		49,801		34,723
Prepaid Income				
Church General Fund	0		692	
Circuit Reallocation	0		15,935	
		0		16,627
		49,801		51,350

Church Trustees – 2019/20

The following served as trustees during the year and/or were trustees at the date of signing the accounts.

Revd. Dr. Martyn Atkins
Revd. Tony Miles
Deacon Alison McMillan
Revd. Gordon Newton
Genevieve Patnelli
Wesley Gibbs
Marie Rose Cameron
Ynes Lightfoot-Taylor
Dinah Longdon
Omotayo Roberts
Esther Buckman
Tony Ackah-Yensu
Emmanuel Asante
Abdul Bah
Michael Davies
Ada Onwubiko
Ama Ackah-Yensu
Jocelyn Boafo
John Philips
Ollie McEwen
Marko Joensuu
Christina Fashola
Denzil Cummings-John
Regina Boye
Alison Bryan
Comfort Golightly
Myoung Soon Kim
Joe Awotwi
Esther Thomas
Philippa Muir
Grace Sangmuah
Ron Fennell
Charlotte Rankin
Christina Asare Owusu
Sarita Lightfoot-Taylor
Mark Williamson
Judith Mitchell
Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu
Helen Onilado
Rebecca Biney
Dr Oprah Scott
Susan Solanke
Christine Wykes
Jacob Baiden
Kate Jones
Don Nunn
Seth Kofi Otoo
Anthony Boateng
Stephen Olusola
Dr Michael Fennell
Chika Unaka
Aretha Solanke
Charles Bushell

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Methodist Central Hall Westminster

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, 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 my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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.

Katharine Patel

Date: 08 April 2021

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