

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
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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:

Revd Anthony Miles (Chair of Trustees)

Date: 17th March 2021

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)		0	5,142		5,142	3,857
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	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)

Balance brought forward from last year

Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations

Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations

Balance carried forward

2019/20 £	2018/19 £
2,201	2,403
12,441	15,027
12,318	15,229
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
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>		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: 
Ama Ackah-Yensu (Treasurer)

Date: 17th March 2021

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 2021 and were approved.

Signed: 
Revd Anthony Miles (Chair of the Church Council)

Date: 17th March 2021

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

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
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>		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

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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.

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
4. Donations and legacies	£	£	£	£
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

	Balance B/F 01/09/19	2019/20			Balance C/F 31/08/20
CHURCH FUNDS				Transfer Between Funds	
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

	2019 / 20		2018 / 19	
INCOME	£	£	£	£
General Funds (Unrestricted)				
<i>Note 13 - Offerings and tax recoverable</i>				
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
		<u>178,742</u>		<u>197,501</u>
<i>Note 14 - Trustees Grant</i>				
SVFP Grant	18,468		17,964	
SVFP Rent	26,016		25,308	
Church Grant General	215,844		204,612	
		<u>260,328</u>		<u>247,884</u>
<i>Note 15 - Visitors Services</i>				
Visitor services - Donations	1,131		2,257	
		<u>1,131</u>		<u>2,257</u>
<i>Note 16 - Interest & investment income</i>				
Dividend Income	37		22	
Deposit interest	2,194		2,055	
		<u>2,231</u>		<u>2,077</u>
<i>Note 17 -Special Events</i>				
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)	
		<u>23,043</u>		<u>18,031</u>
<i>Note 18 - Church Groups & Ministries</i>				
JC Live	65		330	
YPF	0		148	
Sanctuary	0		302	
Does God go to Work?	483		480	
Sermon CDs	156		451	
		<u>704</u>		<u>1,711</u>

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	
		<u>26,271</u>		<u>20,853</u>
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	
		<u>6,109</u>		<u>4,244</u>
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	
		<u>34,001</u>		<u>29,971</u>
Note 22 Music Account				
Fees for Directors of Music / Musicians /				
Choirs	43,082		50,894	
Music Expenses	1,758		3,079	
		<u>44,840</u>		<u>53,973</u>

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2019 / 20		2018 / 19	
RESOURCES EXPENDED	£	£	£	£
<i>Note 23 - Other expenditure</i>				
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	
		<u>20,233</u>		<u>15,730</u>
<i>Note 24 Grants & Donations</i>				
The Fund for the Support of Presbyters and Deacons (previously Auxiliary Fund)				
Payment	200		400	
Property Fund	330		660	
London Mission Fund	200		400	
		<u>730</u>		<u>1,460</u>
St Vincent's Family Project		44,480		43,097
The Gate Crisis Pregnancy Centre		<u>2,000</u>		<u>2,000</u>
		<u>47,210</u>		<u>46,557</u>

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2019 / 20		2018 / 19
	£	£	£
BALANCE SHEET NOTES			
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	Joe Awotwi
Revd. Tony Miles	Esther Thomas
Deacon Alison McMillan	Philippa Muir
Revd. Gordon Newton	Grace Sangmuah
Genevieve Patnelli	Ron Fennell
Wesley Gibbs	Charlotte Rankin
Marie Rose Cameron	Christina Asare Owusu
Ynes Lightfoot-Taylor	Sarita Lightfoot-Taylor
Dinah Longdon	Mark Williamson
Omotayo Roberts	Judith Mitchell
Esther Buckman	Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu
Tony Ackah-Yensu	Helen Onilado
Emmanuel Asante	Rebecca Biney
Abdul Bah	Dr Oprah Scott
Michael Davies	Susan Solanke
Ada Onwubiko	Christine Wykes
Ama Ackah-Yensu	Jacob Baiden
Jocelyn Boafo	Kate Jones
John Philips	Don Nunn
Ollie McEwen	Seth Kofi Otoo
Marko Joensuu	Anthony Boateng
Christina Fashola	Stephen Olusola
Denzil Cummings-John	Dr Michael Fennell
Regina Boye	Chika Unaka
Alison Bryan	Aretha Solanke
Comfort Golightly	Charles Bushell
Myoung Soon Kim	

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:

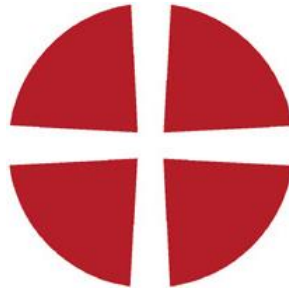
- ◆ accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- ◆ the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- ◆ the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts 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.



Date: 08 April 2021

Katharine Patel ACA
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**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
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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-Timothy 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.

Income

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.

Expenditure

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:

Revd Anthony Miles (Chair of Trustees)

Date: 17th March 2021

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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		£	£	£	£	£	£
Manse 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: 
Ama Ackah-Yensu (Treasurer)

Date: 17th March 2021

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:
Revd Tony Miles (Chair of the Circuit Meeting)

Date: 17th March 2021

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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 (Designated & Restricted)		0	81	340,735	0	340,816
Total funds		1,942,712	81	340,735	0	2,283,528

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 split 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
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	£	£
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
<p>The charity considers that the key management personnel comprise the Trustees. There was no remuneration paid to the Trustees during 2019 and 2020.</p> <p>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.</p>		

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	£	£	£	£
<i>Note 10 Rental Income</i>				
Pond Green	4,660		13,223	
Exbury House	0		18,275	
		4,660		31,498
EXPENDITURE	£	£	£	£
<i>Note 11 - Insurance, Utilities etc.</i>				
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
<i>Note 12 - Repairs and Maintenance</i>				
Manse repairs & maintenance	3,991		1,049	
		3,991		1,049
<i>Note 13 Manse Mortgage</i>				
Capital Repayments	0		0	
Interest Payments	0		0	
		0		0
<i>Note 14 Office Staff &Supplies</i>				
Staff Costs	6,516		7,499	
Photocopying	1,549		1,754	
Computer supplies & software	1,378		708	
		9,443		9,961
<i>Note 15 Media Chaplaincy</i>				
Media Chaplaincy - Hospitality	23		25	
		23		25

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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		<u>1,932,713</u>	<u>1,932,713</u>
Prior Valuation		1,142,685	1,142,685
Revaluation Reserve		<u>790,028</u>	<u>790,028</u>

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
	<u>51,735</u>	<u>32,384</u>

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)
	<u>32,842</u>	<u>72,378</u>

Note 18 - TMCP

Manse Sale and Purchase Fund	246,603	246,603
Other Designated Funds	1,104	1,104
	<u>247,707</u>	<u>247,707</u>

Note 19 - Cash at Bank& In Hand

General Fund	(34,872)	15,030
Restricted Funds	36,139	0
	<u>1,268</u>	<u>15,030</u>

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
	<u>10,351</u>	<u>16,684</u>

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		2019/20			
CIRCUIT FUNDS	BALANCE B/F 01/09/19	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	Joe Awotwi
Revd. Tony Miles	Esther Thomas
Deacon Alison McMillan	Philippa Muir
Revd. Gordon Newton	Grace Sangmuah
Genevieve Patnelli	Ron Fennell
Wesley Gibbs	Charlotte Rankin
Marie Rose Cameron	Christina Asare Owusu
Ynes Lightfoot-Taylor	Sarita Lightfoot-Taylor
Dinah Longdon	Mark Williamson
Omotayo Roberts	Judith Mitchell
Esther Buckman	Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu
Tony Ackah-Yensu	Helen Onilado
Emmanuel Asante	Rebecca Biney
Abdul Bah	Dr Oprah Scott
Michael Davies	Susan Solanke
Ada Onwubiko	Christine Wykes
Ama Ackah-Yensu	Jacob Baiden
Jocelyn Boafo	Kate Jones
John Philips	Don Nunn
Ollie McEwen	Seth Kofi Otoo
Marko Joensuu	Anthony Boateng
Christina Fashola	Stephen Olusola
Denzil Cummings-John	Dr Michael Fennell
Regina Boye	Chika Unaka
Alison Bryan	Aretha Solanke
Comfort Golightly	Charles Bushell
Myoung Soon Kim	

**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:

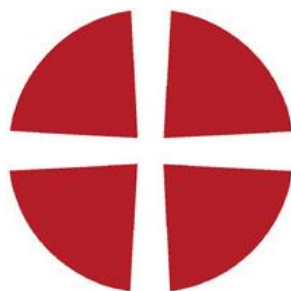
- ♦ accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- ♦ the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- ♦ the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts 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.



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

SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER
Revd Tony Miles

CHURCH STEWARDS

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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:

Revd Anthony Miles (Chair of Trustees)

Date: 17th March 2021

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)		0	5,142		5,142		3,857
	12						
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)

Balance brought forward from last year

Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations

Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations

Balance carried forward

2019/20 £	2018/19 £
2,201	2,403
12,441	15,027
12,318	15,229
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
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>		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: 
Ama Ackah-Yensu (Treasurer)

Date: 17th March 2021

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 2021 and were approved.

Signed: 
Revd Anthony Miles (Chair of the Church Council)

Date: 17th March 2021

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

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
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>		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

	Balance B/F 01/09/19	2019/20			Balance C/F 31/08/20
CHURCH FUNDS				Transfer Between Funds	
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

	2019 / 20		2018 / 19	
INCOME	£	£	£	£
General Funds (Unrestricted)				
<i>Note 13 - Offerings and tax recoverable</i>				
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
		<u>178,742</u>		<u>197,501</u>
<i>Note 14 - Trustees Grant</i>				
SVFP Grant	18,468		17,964	
SVFP Rent	26,016		25,308	
Church Grant General	215,844		204,612	
		<u>260,328</u>		<u>247,884</u>
<i>Note 15 - Visitors Services</i>				
Visitor services - Donations	1,131		2,257	
		<u>1,131</u>		<u>2,257</u>
<i>Note 16 - Interest & investment income</i>				
Dividend Income	37		22	
Deposit interest	2,194		2,055	
		<u>2,231</u>		<u>2,077</u>
<i>Note 17 -Special Events</i>				
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)	
		<u>23,043</u>		<u>18,031</u>
<i>Note 18 - Church Groups & Ministries</i>				
JC Live	65		330	
YPF	0		148	
Sanctuary	0		302	
Does God go to Work?	483		480	
Sermon CDs	156		451	
		<u>704</u>		<u>1,711</u>

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	
		<u>26,271</u>		<u>20,853</u>
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	
		<u>6,109</u>		<u>4,244</u>
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	
		<u>34,001</u>		<u>29,971</u>
Note 22 Music Account				
Fees for Directors of Music / Musicians /				
Choirs	43,082		50,894	
Music Expenses	1,758		3,079	
		<u>44,840</u>		<u>53,973</u>

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	
		<u>20,233</u>		<u>15,730</u>
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	
		<u>730</u>		<u>1,460</u>
St Vincent's Family Project		44,480		43,097
The Gate Crisis Pregnancy Centre		<u>2,000</u>		<u>2,000</u>
		<u>47,210</u>		<u>46,557</u>

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2019 / 20		2018 / 19
	£	£	£
BALANCE SHEET NOTES			
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	Joe Awotwi
Revd. Tony Miles	Esther Thomas
Deacon Alison McMillan	Philippa Muir
Revd. Gordon Newton	Grace Sangmuah
Genevieve Patnelli	Ron Fennell
Wesley Gibbs	Charlotte Rankin
Marie Rose Cameron	Christina Asare Owusu
Ynes Lightfoot-Taylor	Sarita Lightfoot-Taylor
Dinah Longdon	Mark Williamson
Omotayo Roberts	Judith Mitchell
Esther Buckman	Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu
Tony Ackah-Yensu	Helen Onilado
Emmanuel Asante	Rebecca Biney
Abdul Bah	Dr Oprah Scott
Michael Davies	Susan Solanke
Ada Onwubiko	Christine Wykes
Ama Ackah-Yensu	Jacob Baiden
Jocelyn Boafo	Kate Jones
John Philips	Don Nunn
Ollie McEwen	Seth Kofi Otoo
Marko Joensuu	Anthony Boateng
Christina Fashola	Stephen Olusola
Denzil Cummings-John	Dr Michael Fennell
Regina Boye	Chika Unaka
Alison Bryan	Aretha Solanke
Comfort Golightly	Charles Bushell
Myoung Soon Kim	

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.



Date: 08 April 2021

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