

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
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For the year ended 31 August 2021

**METHODIST CENTRAL HALL
Westminster**

Registered Charity No 1145076

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit No. 35 / 03

SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER

Revd Tony Miles

CIRCUIT STEWARDS

**Genevieve Patnelli (Senior)
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LONDON MISSION (WESTMINSTER) CIRCUIT 35 / 03

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

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

Aims and Organisation

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

Review of the Year

75 years ago, as the world recovered from the trauma of the Second World War, the United Nations chose Methodist Central Hall Westminster to be the venue for the first meeting of its General Assembly. In 1946 the church had to vacate the building so that the UN could move in, marking the first time when we could not hold weekly church services in our Great Hall. In 2020, as the Covid-19 pandemic swept the world, we again had to leave our building, not so that the world could move in, but as it turned out, so that we could move out into the world. Like the whole world, we moved from being in the unknown about the virus to being aware and then into a rapid series of action steps that ultimately led to our church reaching over 6.1 million people during this period.

The Church's vision is to be a 'Global Christian Family Following Jesus at the Heart of London.' Little did we know how prophetic this was to become. In response to the first lockdown, we launched **mchw.live** as a brand and new website to host our online worship. It has now opened up our work to serve the Connexion and World Church as well as catering to our own members and regular worshippers. This has led to our local congregation having a better grasp of what it means to be a 'Cathedral for Methodism'. We now have people regularly involved in our worship from Australia, Sri Lanka, India, Sicily, West Africa, Germany, etc., some of whom are joining Bible studies and fellowship groups.

After using SmartStage technology offered by our Audio-Visual partners, White Light Ltd, initially at no cost, we eventually installed our own equipment and settled into our chapel for online worship to keep costs down. We are extremely grateful to the Connexion and all our supporters for their generosity, which enabled us to do this.

In addition to our weekly services, which regularly attracted 2,000 individuals and families live and grew to about 4,000, we moved many of our other events online – for example:

For our **Annual Carol Service**, we were able to delve into previous years recordings for Premier Christian Radio alongside readings from our congregation and Premier around our historic building. Nearly 8,000 people

have watched our Carol Service online, and many people commented how blessed they were.

In January 2021, during the third 'lockdown' in the UK, we held a very special service online to commemorate **75 years since the first meeting of the UN's General Assembly in our Great Hall** (6,400 views). This included contributions from the UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, Fabrizio Hochschild of the UN 75th anniversary team and Sir Peter Marshall, a former British Diplomat.

Also in January, we had the first **Parliamentary Covenant Service** to be held online with contributions from MPs and the preacher was the Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons, Revd Tricia Hillas (2,100 views).

For the second year in succession, **Holy Week 2021** took place online and our services had a total online attendance of over 35,000 individuals and families.

BBC Broadcast – On Pentecost/Aldersgate Sunday, we produced a radio programme that was broadcast on all 39 BBC Local Radio stations in the English Regions at 8 a.m. and reached 700,000 listeners.

Healing Conference – This annual event had to be live-streamed this year from the chapel on 22 May. This was led by Rev Lansford Penn-Timothy and our co-ordinator of our healing ministry, Alison Bryan. Our theme was 'It is well with my soul: healing and restoration in a pandemic'. Dave Bilbrough led the worship, and the teaching was from Roy Godwin - a well-known international speaker and author. Roy is the founder of the global Local Houses of Prayer movement, and The Caleb Initiative. 286 tickets were sold and the peak number of people viewing live at any one time was 256. The conference remained on the unlisted YouTube channel for another week for those who had bought tickets. This led to a total of 1,207 unique views [i.e., not repeated on the same device]. We received extremely positive feedback about the impact of the conference, with both inner healing and physical healing being reported.

As we started to return to worship together in person in May 2021, our online services have continued, albeit at the new time of 9:30am. It has proved a vital service to those unable to reach their own church, or those that choose to watch our service later in the day or week, attracting numbers that would fill the Great Hall many times over.

Relationship with the Connexional Team – Another benefit of having online worship was being able to host Revd Richard Teal, President of the Methodist Conference and Mrs Carolyn Lawrence, Vice President, on far more occasions than usual. We were blessed by this and it enabled them to reach far more people that they would have done otherwise. This included our ministerial team hosting **Sunday Worship for the Methodist Conference 2020** (12,500 views) for them. They also participated in **Daffodil Day 2021** (5,500 views), with other special guests including, The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Jonathan Glanz, Pam Rhodes, Simeon Wood, Anando Mukerjee, the Methodist Youth President, Phoebe Parkin, and the President of Methodist Women in Britain, Hilary Evans. Our President and Vice President also took part in our Parliamentary Covenant Service. Additionally, we have had a

member of the Connexional Team join us for most of our online services, which has given them an opportunity to sustain a relationship with a significant number of people. We hope to build on this relationship to see how we can better serve Methodism connexionally and globally in the future.

Small groups – We had about between 50-80 people joining our Lent course on Zoom led by Revd Dr Howard Mellor, and an average of about 18 for our Bible study series, the ‘Generosity Project’. Our Online Alpha Course also attracted 18 regular members. We are discussing which courses will return to ‘in-person’ and which remain online in future. Alpha is likely to remain online because of the larger numbers we have had attending, compared to courses in the past.

‘Church Online Every Sunday’ has become a vital Christian mission that serves the Global church family, we pray that it will continue.

2020/21 was Revd Tony Miles’s first full year as Superintendent Minister. Little did we or anyone know that he and his team would have so much to offer to provide the Church with a lifeline during this unprecedented time. The Revd Dr William Sangster filled the Great Hall during the war years by effective leadership and a powerful preaching ministry. By God’s grace MCHW sought to respond to the war against a virus and has arguably reached even more people than the great Dr Sangster. To God be the glory!

Plans for 2021/22

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

Circuit expenditure is expected to increase by 4% in 2021/22 due to inflationary increases in stipends and manse costs and a contribution of £5.2k to the Methodist Church pension fund deficit.

Financial Review

The Circuit’s statement of accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 is attached and shows a surplus of £12,128 relating to the Restricted and Designated Funds after a transfer of £15,200 from the General Fund.

Income

Circuit income has been drawn primarily from the assessment paid by the church (there being only one church within the Circuit). Income of £19,202 was generated from the temporary renting of a manse. There was a net decrease in income of £2,690 (from £216,246 in 2019/20 to £213,556 in 2020/21).

- Manse rental income increased by £14.5k, as one manse was rented for the whole of 2020/21, whereas in 2019/20 the manse was empty for much of the year whilst being refurbished and therefore generated minimal income.
- The increase in rental income was offset by a £17.8k decrease in the payment made by the Church to the Circuit, reflecting the increase in rental income and the decrease in expenditure.

Expenditure

Circuit expenditure decreased by £38,945 (from £240,373 in 2019/20 to £201,428 in 2020/21), which was mainly due to:

- Decrease in Manse Maintenance costs (£34.3k) – There were only minor works taking place in 2020/21 compared to major refurbishments of two properties in 2019/20.
- Decrease in travel and accommodation due to reduced activity during Covid-19 restrictions (£3.0k).
- Decrease in Removal Fund costs as there were no ministerial changes in 2020/21 compared to one change in 2019/20.
- Decrease in Administration costs due to staff being on furlough for the whole of the year and reduced administrative activities as a result of Covid-19 restrictions.

These decreases were partly offset by increases in:

- stipends in line with annual Conference recommendations (£1.6k).
- manse running expenditure (£1.3k), resulting from general rise in prices.

The District Assessment of £43,720, accounted for 21.7% of expenditure (the increase for the year was £3.8k). A significant part of this is passed on to the Connexion to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

Fund Balances

The balance on the Circuit General Fund is £1,942,756, of which £1,932,713 represents the book value of the manses.

Circuit Restricted and Designated Funds have increased by £13,721 to £330,410 in 2020/21 (£316,689 in 2019/20). £15.2k was allocated to the Manse Maintenance Fund and the Manse Replacement Fund had income of £2.5k. There was only £3.9k of expenditure across all funds.

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

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

Full Name of Church: **London Mission (Westminster) Circuit**

Charity Registration Number: **1145076**

Date of registration: **15 December 2011**

Main communication address: **Methodist Central Hall, Storey's Gate,
Westminster, London SW1H 9NH**

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

Circuit Stewards: **Genevieve Patnelli (Senior)
Wesley Gibbs
Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu
Helen Tudor
Ama Ackah-Yensu**

Treasurer: **Ama Ackah-Yensu**

Independent Examiner: **Buzzacott LLP
130 Wood St
London
EC2V 6DL**

Bank: **HSBC
The Peak
333 Vauxhall Bridge Road
Victoria
London SW1V 1EJ**

Investment Bankers: **Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes**

Aims and Objectives

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

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

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

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

Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

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

Trusteeship is exercised by the elected members of the Circuit Meeting.

Trustee Training

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

Related Parties

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

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

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

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

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

Risk Management

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

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

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

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

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

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit commits itself to: -

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

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

Reserves Policy

The policy is for the Circuit itself to hold minimal free reserves, as it is able to rely on the reserves held within its one church. The aim, therefore, is for the Church to hold a designated contingency fund at a level, which can sustain six months' worth of average expenditure for both Church and Circuit. The Contingency Fund has not been increased in 2020/21 and so remains at £148k, which is equivalent to approximately six months' average expenditure. Despite the limitations on church activities in 2020/21 due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Church was able to generate a surplus and so no reduction in contingency was needed.

However, in 2021/22 the church is expecting a deficit, which could lead to the Contingency Fund reducing by approximately £20k. The balance would still support approximately five months' worth of average expenditure.



Signed:

Revd Tony Miles (Chair of Trustees)

Date: 27 March 2022


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

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment (Restricted)	2020/21 Totals	2019/20 Totals
		£	£	£		£	£
Income and Endowments from:							
Donations and Legacies Income	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bank Interest	5	30	839	0	0	868	347
Assessments Church & Trustees to Circuit including Repayment of Loan		193,485	0	0	0	193,485	211,239
Lettings (Manse Rental Income)	10	19,202	0	0	0	19,202	4,660
Total Income		212,717	839	0	0	213,556	216,246
Expenditure							
Stipends, Salaries and Associated Costs		116,760	0	0	0	116,760	115,175
District Assessment		43,720	0	0	0	43,720	39,884
Travel Expenses		2,000	0	0	0	2,000	5,027
Ministerial Training		438	0	0	0	438	357
Insurance, Utilities, etc.	11	22,360	0	0	0	22,360	21,064
Maintenance on Manses	12	5,201	2,855	0	0	8,056	42,398
Removal Costs		0	600	0	0	600	3,898
Mortgage Interest	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenditure							
Administration, Staff & Copying etc.	14	4,815	0	0	0	4,815	9,443
Independent Examiner Fee		1,680	0	0	0	1,680	2,570
Professional fees		500	499	0	0	999	534
Media Chaplaincy Expenses	15	0	0	0	0	0	23
Total Expenditure		197,474	3,954	0	0	201,428	240,373
Net Income / (Expenditure)		15,243	(3,115)	0	0	12,128	(24,127)
Transfer between Funds & General Account		(15,200)	15,200	0	0	0	0
Total Funds brought forward		1,942,713	316,631	58	0	2,259,402	2,283,529
Correction for Prior Year		0	1,636	0	0	1,636	0
Total funds carried forward at end of year		1,942,756	330,352	58	0	2,273,166	2,259,402

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit 35/03
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

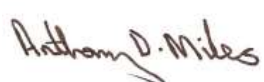
	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment (Restricted)	2020/21 Totals	2019/20 Totals
Fixed Assets		£	£	£	£	£	£
Manses etc.	16	1,932,713	0	0	0	1,932,713	1,932,713
Total Fixed Assets		1,932,713	0	0	0	1,932,713	1,932,713
Current Assets							
Debtors and prepayments	17	54,727	0	0	0	54,727	55,222
TMCP Deposit Account		0	249,684	0	0	249,684	247,707
CFB Deposit	18	0	14,098	58	0	14,156	32,842
Cash at bank and in hand	19	(36,876)	66,570	0	0	29,694	1,267
Total current assets		17,851	330,352	58	0	348,261	337,038
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	20	(7,808)	0	0	0	(7,808)	(10,352)
Net current assets		10,043	330,352	58	0	340,453	326,686
Total assets less current liabilities		1,942,756	330,352	58	0	2,273,166	2,259,402
Loans and creditors due after 1 year		0	0	0	0	0	0
Net assets		1,942,756	330,352	58	0	2,273,166	2,259,402
Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,942,756	0	0	0	1,942,756	1,942,713
Other Funds (Designated and Restricted)		0	330,352	58	0	330,410	316,689
Total funds		1,942,756	330,352	58	0	2,273,166	2,259,402

I confirm that these accrual-based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting.

Signed: 
Ama Ackah-Yensu (Treasurer)

Date: 27 March 2022

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were, presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on 27 March 2022 and were approved

Signed: 
Revd Tony Miles (Chair of the Circuit Meeting)

Date: 27 March 2022

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit 35/03
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment (Restricted)	2019/20 Totals
Income and Endowments from:		£	£	£		£
Donations and Legacies Income		0	0	0	0	0
Bank Interest		347	0	0	0	347
Assessments Church & Trustees to Circuit including Repayment of Loan		211,239	0	0	0	211,239
Lettings (Manse Rental Income)	10	4,660		0		4,660
Total Income		216,246	0	0	0	216,246
Expenditure						
Stipends, Salaries and Associated Costs		115,175	0	0	0	115,175
District Assessment		39,884	0	0	0	39,884
Travel Expenses		5,027	0	0	0	5,027
Ministerial Training		357	0	0	0	357
Insurance, Utilities, etc.	11	21,064	0	0	0	21,064
Maintenance on Manses	12	3,991	38,407	0	0	42,398
Removal Costs		0	3,898	0	0	3,898
Mortgage Interest	13	0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenditure						
Administration, Staff & Copying etc.	14	9,443	0	0	0	9,443
Audit Fee		2,570	0	0	0	2,570
Professional fees		535	0	0	0	535
Media Chaplaincy Expenses	15	0	0	23	0	23
Total Expenditure		198,046	42,305	23	0	240,374
Net Income		18,200	(42,305)	(23)	0	(24,128)
Transfer between Funds & General Account		(18,200)	18,200	0	0	0
Other Recognised Gains						
Total Funds brought forward		1,924,713	340,736	81	0	2,283,530
Total funds carried forward at end of year		1,924,713	316,631	58	0	2,259,402

London Mission (Westminster) Circuit 35/03
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment (Restricted)	2019/2020 Totals
Fixed Assets		£	£	£	£	£
Manses etc.	16	1,932,713	0	0	0	1,932,713
Total Fixed Assets		1,932,713	0	0	0	1,932,713
Current Assets						
Debtors and prepayments	17	55,221	0	0	0	55,221
TMCP Deposit Account		0	247,707	0		247,707
CFB Deposit	18	0	32,784	58	0	32,842
Cash at bank and in hand	19	(34,872)	36,139	0	0	1,268
Total current assets		20,350	316,631	58	0	337,038
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	20	(10,351)		0	0	(10,351)
Net current assets		9,999	316,631	58	0	326,687
Total assets less current liabilities		1,942,713	316,631	58	0	2,259,402
Loans and creditors due after 1 year		0		0	0	0
Net assets		1,942,713	316,631	58	0	2,259,402
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,942,713	0	0	0	1,942,713
Other Funds (Designated & Restricted)		0	316,630	58	0	316,689
Total funds		1,942,713	316,631	58	0	2,259,402

Basis of accounting

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

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

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

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

1. Going Concern

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

2. Funds

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

3. Accounting Policies

Basis

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

Income

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

Expenditure

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

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

Grants

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

VAT

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.

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

At the time of valuation, purchase and disposal, the value of the properties was not split between land and buildings. However, based on an estimate of 25% land and 75% buildings, the total land value at 31 August 2021 would be £483,179 and the total building value would be £1,449,534. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value.

Investment Properties

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

Investments

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

Financial instruments

Basic financial instruments are measured at amortised cost.

Debtors and creditors

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

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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

4. Donations and legacies	Unrestricted & Designated	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Legacies	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0
5. Investment income					
Central Finance Board	869	0	0	869	347
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total	869	0	0	869	347

6. Payment to Trustees

None of the Trustees, or persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the Church or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31 August 2021.

	2020/21	2019/20
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	5	5
	£	£
Total amount paid	2,157	6,258

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

7. Independent Examiner's Fees

	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
Fees for reporting on the accounts	1,680	1,680
Other fees (for advice, accountancy services etc)	0	0
Total	1,680	1,680

8. Paid Employees

Staff costs during the year were as below: -

	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	3,115	4,779
Employer's National Insurance	259	323
Pension costs	343	598
Total Staff Costs	3,717	5,700
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were	0.2	0.2

The charity considers that the key management personnel comprise the Trustees. There was no remuneration paid to the Trustees during 2020/ 21.

9 Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation	Residential Land	Manse	Total
	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	483,179	1,449,534	1,932,713
Balance carried forward	483,179	1,449,534	1,932,713
Accumulated depreciation	0	0	0
Net Book Value brought forward	483,179	1,449,534	1,932,713
Net Book Value carried forward	483,179	1,449,534	1,932,713

9a Investments

No other investments are held by the Circuit.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2020/21		2019/20	
INCOME	£	£	£	£
<i>Note 10 Rental Income</i>				
Pond Green	19,202		4,660	
		19,202		4,660
EXPENDITURE	£	£	£	£
<i>Note 11 - Insurance, Utilities etc.</i>				
Manse expenditure				
Insurance	1,603		1,552	
Telephone (incl mobiles & broadband)	1,184		1,227	
Water Rates	1,936		929	
Service Charges & Utility Maintenance				
Contracts	9,743		7,460	
Council Tax	4,976		6,944	
Utilities	2,918		2,951	
		22,360		21,063
<i>Note 12 - Repairs and Maintenance</i>				
Manse repairs & maintenance	5,201		3,991	
		5,201		3,991
<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	4,451		6,516	
Photocopying	(220)		1,549	
Computer supplies & software	584		1,378	
		4,815		9,443
<i>Note 15 Media Chaplaincy</i>				
Media Chaplaincy - Hospitality	0		23	
		0		23

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	2020/21		2019/20	
	£	£	£	£
BALANCE SHEET NOTES				
Note 16 Property Revaluation (Valuations Made 2014)	Property	Circuit		Circuit
	Value	Value		Value
	£	£		£
6 Exbury House (25% owned by Circuit)	550,000	137,500		137,500
4 Cotton Row (50.25% owned by Circuit)	1,485,000	746,213		746,213
16 Pond Green (100% Owned by Circuit)	400,000	400,000		400,000
108A Shirley Avenue (100% Owned by Circuit)	649,000	649,000		649,000
TOTAL VALUE		1,932,713		1,932,713
Prior Valuation		1,142,685		1,142,685
Revaluation Reserve		790,028		790,028
Note 17 -Prepayments				
Stipends	9,750		9,643	
Manse Expenses	4,051		3,779	
Photocopying	586		0	
Accrued Income				
Donations from Church for General Fund	38,619		38,314	
Owed by Church				
Church Expenses Paid by Circuit	1,721		3,486	
		54,727		55,222
Note 18 - Central Finance Board				
Restricted Funds	58		58	
Designated Funds	14,098		32,784	
General Fund	0		0	
		14,156		32,842
Note 18 - TMCP				
Manse Sale and Purchase Fund	248,579		246,603	
Other Designated Funds	1,105		1,104	
		249,684		247,707
Note 19 - Cash at Bank& In Hand				
General Fund	(36,876)		(34,872)	
Restricted Funds	66,570		36,139	
		29,694		1,267
BALANCE SHEET NOTES				
Note 20 - Creditors & Accruals				
Ministers Travel & Accommodation	267		0	
Manse Costs	2,460		3,863	
Photocopying	964		1,176	
Independent Examiners Fee	1,680		3,420	
Administration Staff Costs	2,198		1,893	
Ministerial Training	239		0	
		7,808		10,352
Designated Funds	0		0	
		0		0
		7,808		10,352

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CIRCUIT FUNDS	BALANCE B/F 01/09/20	2020/21				BALANCE C/F 31/08/21
		Income	Expenditure	Transfer Between Funds	Correction Re Prior Year	
FUNDS	£	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted						
Media Chaplaincy	58	0	0	0	0	58
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	58	0	0	0	0	58
Designated						
Removals Fund	7,274	0	(600)	0	0	6,674
Manse Maintenance Fund	62,754	0	(2,855)	15,200	0	75,099
Manse Replacement Fund	246,603	839	(499)	0	1,636	248,579
Total Designated Funds	316,631	839	(3,954)	15,200	1,636	330,352
TOTAL RESTRICTED & DESIGNATED FUNDS	316,689	839	(3,954)	15,200	1,636	330,410
GENERAL FUND	1,942,713	212,717	(197,474)	(15,200)	0	1,942,756
TOTAL	2,259,402	213,556	(201,428)	0	1,636	2,273,166

The Balance for Restricted and Designated Funds have increased to £330,410 from £316,689 in 2019/20.

The Circuit Meeting decided to allocate £15,200 from the General Fund to the Manse Maintenance Fund in line with amounts recommended by the Connexion.

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Circuit Trustees as at 31 August 2021

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

Revd. Tony Miles	Joe Awotwi
Revd. Lansford Penn-Timity	Esther Thomas
Deacon Alison McMillan	Philippa Muir
Revd. Gordon Newton	Grace Sangmuah
Genevieve Patnelli	Helen Tudor
Wesley Gibbs	Charlotte Rankin
Ynes Lightfoot-Taylor	Christina Asare Owusu
Omotayo Roberts	Sarita Lightfoot-Taylor
Esther Buckman	Mark Williamson
Tony Ackah-Yensu	Judith Mitchell
Emmanuel Asante	Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu
Abdul Bah	Helen Onilado
Michael Davies	Dr Oprah Scott
Ama Ackah-Yensu	Susan Solanke
Jocelyn Boafo	Christine Wykes
John Philips	Jacob Baiden
Ollie McEwen	Kate Jones
Marko Joensuu	Don Nunn
Christina Fasola	Seth Kofi Otoo
Denzil Cummings-John	Anthony Boateng
Regina Boye	Stephen Olusola
	Dr Michael Fennell
	Aretha Solanke
	Charles Bushell

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of London Mission (Westminster) Circuit

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

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

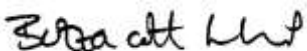
Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

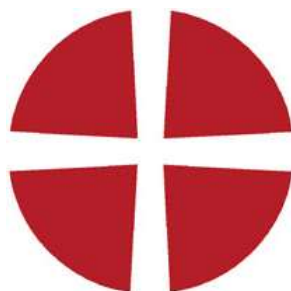
- ♦ accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- ♦ the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- ♦ the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts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

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



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

31 March 2022



**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
ACCRUALS BASIS**

For the year ended 31 August 2021

**METHODIST CENTRAL HALL
WESTMINSTER**

Registered Charity No 1145076

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METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER CHURCH

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

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

Aims and Organisation

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

Review of the Year

75 years ago, as the world recovered from the trauma of the Second World War, the United Nations chose Methodist Central Hall Westminster to be the venue for the first meeting of its General Assembly. In 1946 the church had to vacate the building so that the UN could move in, marking the first time when we could not hold weekly church services in our Great Hall. In 2020, as the Covid-19 pandemic swept the world, we again had to leave our building, not so that the world could move in, but as it turned out, so that we could move out into the world. Like the whole world, we moved from being in the unknown about the virus to being aware and then into a rapid series of action steps that ultimately led to our church reaching over 6.1 million people during this period.

The Church's vision is to be a 'Global Christian Family Following Jesus at the Heart of London.' Little did we know how prophetic this was to become. In response to the first lockdown, we launched **mchw.live** as a brand and new website to host our online worship. It has now opened up our work to serve the Connexion and World Church as well as catering to our own members and regular worshippers. This has led to our local congregation having a better grasp of what it means to be a 'Cathedral for Methodism'. We now have people regularly involved in our worship from Australia, Sri Lanka, India, Sicily, West Africa, Germany, etc., some of whom are joining Bible studies and fellowship groups.

After using SmartStage technology offered by our Audio-Visual partners, White Light Ltd, initially at no cost, we eventually installed our own equipment and settled into our chapel for online worship to keep costs down. We are extremely grateful to the Connexion and all our supporters for their generosity, which enabled us to do this. In addition to our weekly services, which regularly attracted 2,000 individuals and families live and grew to about 4,000, we moved many of our other events online – for example:

For our **Annual Carol Service**, we were able to delve into previous years' recordings for Premier Christian Radio alongside readings from our congregation and Premier around our historic building. Nearly 8,000 people have watched our Carol Service online, and many people commented how blessed they were.

In January 2021, during the third 'lockdown' in the UK, we held a very special service online to commemorate **75 years since the first meeting of the UN's General Assembly in our Great Hall** (6,400 views). This included contributions from the UN

Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, Fabrizio Hochschild of the UN 75th anniversary team and Sir Peter Marshall, a former British Diplomat. Also in January, we had the first **Parliamentary Covenant Service** to be held online with contributions from MPs and the preacher was the Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons, Revd Tricia Hillas (2,100 views).

For the second year in succession, **Holy Week 2021** took place online and our services had a total online attendance of over 35,000 individuals and families.

BBC Broadcast – On Pentecost/Aldersgate Sunday, we produced a radio programme that was broadcast on all 39 BBC Local Radio stations in the English Regions at 8 a.m. and reached 700,000 listeners.

Healing Conference – This annual event had to be live-streamed this year from the chapel on 22 May. This was led by Rev Lansford Penn-Timothy and our co-ordinator of our healing ministry, Alison Bryan. Our theme was 'It is well with my soul: healing and restoration in a pandemic'. Dave Bilbrough led the worship, and the teaching was from Roy Godwin - a well-known international speaker and author. Roy is the founder of the global Local Houses of Prayer movement, and The Caleb Initiative. 286 tickets were sold and the peak number of people viewing live at any one time was 256. The conference remained on the unlisted YouTube channel for another week for those who had bought tickets. This led to a total of 1,207 unique views [i.e. not repeated on the same device]. We received extremely positive feedback about the impact of the conference, with both inner healing and physical healing being reported.

As we started to return to worship together in person in May 2021, our online services have continued, albeit at the new time of 9:30am. It has proved a vital service to those unable to reach their own church, or those that choose to watch our service later in the day or week, attracting numbers that would fill the Great Hall many times over.

Relationship with the Connexional Team – Another benefit of having online worship was being able to host Revd Richard Teal, President of the Methodist Conference and Mrs Carolyn Lawrence, Vice President, on far more occasions than usual. We were blessed by this and it enabled them to reach far more people than they would have done otherwise. This included our ministerial team hosting **Sunday Worship for the Methodist Conference 2020** (12,500 views) for them. They also participated in **Daffodil Day 2021** (5,500 views), with other special guests including, The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Jonathan Glanz, Pam Rhodes, Simeon Wood, Anando Mukerjee, the Methodist Youth President, Phoebe Parkin, and the President of Methodist Women in Britain, Hilary Evans. Our President and Vice President also took part in our Parliamentary Covenant Service. Additionally, we have had a member of the Connexional Team join us for most of our online services, which has given them an opportunity to sustain a relationship with a significant number of people. We hope to build on this relationship to see how we can better serve Methodism connexionally and globally in the future.

Small groups – We had about between 50-80 people joining our Lent course on Zoom led by Revd Dr Howard Mellor, and an average of about 18 for our Bible study series, the 'Generosity Project'. Our Online Alpha Course also attracted 18 regular members. We are discussing which courses will return to 'in-person' and which remain online in future. Alpha is likely to remain online because of the larger numbers we have had attending, compared to courses in the past.

‘Church Online Every Sunday’ has become a vital Christian mission that serves the Global church family, we pray that it will continue.

2020/21 was Revd Tony Miles’s first full year as Superintendent Minister. Little did we or anyone know that he and his team would have so much to offer to provide the Church with a lifeline during this unprecedented time.

The Revd Dr William Sangster filled the Great Hall during the war years by effective leadership and a powerful preaching ministry. By God’s grace MCHW sought to respond to the war against a virus and has arguably reached even more people than the great Dr Sangster. To God be the glory!

Plans for 2021/22

Financial plans have been prepared on the basis that staff levels within the Church will remain the same. The grant from the Managing Trustees will again be 50% of the 2019/20 (pre Covid-19) levels. Together with a reduced level of giving, we are budgeting for a deficit of £95.6k in 2021/22, which will result in all free reserves being used and a £20k reduction in the Contingency Fund.

In spite of this, we cannot afford to lose the momentum built up during the lockdown and so the church and its leadership are considering prayerfully how to move forward with the Kingdom Agenda.

Financial Review

Due to the activities of the church being severely impacted throughout the year by the Covid-19 pandemic, we were forecasting a deficit, but our God is indeed faithful in answering our prayers and not only kept us afloat but blessed us with a surplus!

The Church finished the year with net income of £33,769 (£3,030 in 2019/20) and therefore increased its funds from £361,159 in 2019/20 to £394,928 in 2020/21 (£62,186 in the General Fund and £332,742 in restricted and designated funds).

Church income in total was £415,377, which is below the £500,000 threshold requiring a Statement of Cash Flows to be prepared and so this has not been included in the 2020/21 Annual Accounts. The decrease in cash and cash equivalents in 2020/21 has mainly been due to grant income being reduced by 50%, equivalent to a loss of income of £130,164 in the year.

The statement of accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 is attached.

Income

General Fund income decreased to £366,790 (£503,466 in 2019/20). The main movements are shown below:

- Decrease in offerings and tax recoverable (£25.4k).
- Increase in donations (£41.2k) and decrease in Anniversary Giving (£8.6k). The changes in giving are mainly due to the church being closed for a significant part of the year as a result of Covid-19 restrictions. This has led to offerings and in-person giving decreasing, whilst donations, given mainly via bank transfers and other electronic means, have increased.

- Decrease in Trustees' Grant (£130.2k). The closure of the conference centre, again due to Covid-19 restrictions, meant that the Connexional Trustees' income decreased significantly and so they have had to reduce the grant to the church by 50% in 2020/21.
- Decrease in 'Use of Rooms' donations (£3.0k) and Visitor Services (£1.1k) both due to Covid-19 restrictions limiting visitors and room use.
- Decrease in interest and investment income (£1.7k) due to low interest rates.
- Decrease in 'Income from Special Events' (£19.8k) due to most events being cancelled again due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- Increase in Covid-19 Job Retention Scheme Grant (£12.3k). The grant was claimed for some members of staff for the whole of 2020/21, whereas in 2019/20 it was only available from March to August 2020.

Income received in Restricted and Designated Funds was £48.6k – a decrease of £25.5k from 2019/20, mainly for the following reasons:

- One-off donations in 2019/20 received for a specific purpose.
- Decrease of £5k in giving to the fund for Live Streaming of Services (there were one-off grants for this purpose in 2019/20).
- No income for Church Space Refurbishment nor the Chapel Renewal Fund in 2020/21, compared with £3k and £2.5k respectively in 2019/20.

Expenditure

General Fund spending has decreased by £150.6k to £333.0k (2019/20 £483.6K). There were some key variances within these total figures

- Staff salaries decreased by £10.6k, due to some staff being on furlough throughout the year, with only 80% of their salary being paid.
- The Circuit Assessment decreased by £29.3k. An increase in rental income to the Circuit, coupled with a decrease in Circuit expenditure led to the Church having a smaller shortfall to meet.
- Office Supplies and Equipment decreased by £14k, with reduced expenditure on photocopying, printing, computer supplies and office equipment.
- Expenditure on Church Groups and Events decreased by £39.7k due Covid-19 restrictions.
- Music Account expenditure decreased by £12.8k due to Covid-19 restrictions reducing the number of services with live worship.
- Advertising costs have decreased by £4.9k, due to a reduction in Methodist Recorder advertising.

Designated and Restricted Fund expenditure decreased by £41.3k to £48,572 (2019/20 £89,886). The key movements are detailed below:

- Chapel Renewal Fund had no expenditure compared to £6.9k in 2019/20
- There was no Tithe expenditure in 2020/21 compared to £22.7k in 2019/20. Due to Covid-19 the committee did not meet to approve Tithe allocations. In 2021/22 allocations will cover both 2019/20 and 2020/21 tithes.
- In 2019/20, £5k was spent on extra computer equipment, with no equivalent expenditure in 2020/21.
- Benevolent Fund expenditure in 2020/21 was £2.8k compared to £7.2k in 2019/20.
- Ghanaian Fellowship expenditure decreased by £2.6k.
- Special Offerings expenditure decreased by £10.8k mainly due to one-off gifts in 2019/20.

- Expenditure for Live Streaming of Services increased by £10.7k, reflecting the fact that live streaming was in place throughout the year.

Total Funds for the Church have increased to £394,928 (2019/20 £361,159) with £62,186 (2019/20 £60,882) in the General Fund and £332,742 in Restricted and Designated Funds (2019/20 £300,275).

In 2020/21, £32.5k has been transferred from Church General Funds to Designated and Restricted Funds, including £12k to Digital Outreach and Engagement, £20.8k to the Tithe Fund and a small transfer into General Funds.

The Contingency Fund stands unchanged at £148k, which represents approximately six months' worth of average expenditure (including payments to the Circuit). There was no increase in the Fund in 2020/21. At the start of the year, we expected that Church income may decrease to the extent that some contingency may need to be used to meet ongoing expenditure, but by the grace of God, we did not have to do so. The Reserve Fund is included within the Designated Total.

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

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER CHURCH

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

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

Full Name of Church: **Methodist Central Hall Westminster**

Charity Registration Number: **1145076**

Date of registration: **15 December 2011**

Main communication address: **Methodist Central Hall, Storey's Gate,
Westminster, London SW1H 9NH**

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

Circuit Stewards: **Genevieve Patnelli (Senior)
Wesley Gibbs
Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu
Ama Ackah-Yensu
Helen Tudor**

Treasurer: **Ama Ackah-Yensu**

Independent Examiner: **Buzzacott LLP
130 Wood St
London
EC2V 6DL**

Bank: **HSBC
The Peak
333 Vauxhall Bridge Road
Victoria
London SW1V 1EJ**

Investment Bankers: **Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church**

Aims and Objectives

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

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

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

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

Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

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

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

Trustee Training

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

Related Parties

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

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

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

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

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

Risk Management

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

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

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

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

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

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

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

The Methodist Central Hall Westminster Church commits itself to: -

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

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

Reserves Policy

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

The Contingency Fund as at 31 August 2021 was £148k, which is equivalent to approximately six months' average expenditure.

In addition to the Contingency Fund there is a General Fund surplus of £62.2k

However, the continuing impact of the pandemic means that the reduced levels of grant from the Conference Property Trustees can be expected to continue through 2021/22

and 2022/23. In spite of this, the Church Council plans to take measures to maintain reserves at a healthy level.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Anthony D. Miles". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'A' and 'M'.

Signed: _____
Revd Anthony Miles (Chair of Trustees)

Date: 27 March 2022

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

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

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

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

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

2020/21 £	2019/20 £
2,324	2,201
4,447	12,441
(4,135)	(12,318)
2,636	2,324

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

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2020/21 Totals	2019/20 Totals
Current Assets		£	£	£	£	£
Debtors and prepayments	25	48,152	0	0	48,152	56,553
Cash at bank and in hand	26	73,877	0	0	73,877	20,640
Central Finance Board deposit	27	(6,050)	258,813	75,844	328,607	333,768
Total current assets		115,979	258,813	75,844	450,636	410,960
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	28	(53,793)	0	(1,915)	(55,708)	(49,801)
Net current assets		62,186	258,813	73,929	394,928	361,159
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>		62,186	258,813	73,929	394,928	361,159
Net assets		62,186	258,813	73,929	394,928	361,159
Funds of the Church						
Unrestricted Fund (General)		62,186	0	0	62,186	60,882
Other Funds (restricted & designated)		0	258,813	73,929	332,742	300,278
Total funds		62,186	258,813	73,929	394,928	361,159

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Signed: 
Ama Ackah-Yensu (Treasurer)

Date: 27 March 2022

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were presented to the Church Council at its meeting on 27 March 2022 and were approved.

Signed: 
Rev'd Tony Miles (Chair of the Church Council)

Date: 27 March 2022

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General) £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2019/20 Totals £
Income and Endowments From:					
Donations and Legacies					
Offerings and Tax recoverable	13	153,979	0	0	153,979
Donations	13	24,763	0	0	24,763
Anniversary Giving		13,001	0	0	13,001
Grant (Trustees)	14	260,328	0	0	260,328
Donations for Use of Rooms		3,283	0	0	3,283
Visitors Services & Catering	15	1,131	0	0	1,131
Interest and Investment Income	16	2,231	0	0	2,231
Other					
Special Events	17	23,043	0	0	23,043
Church Groups	18	704	0	0	704
Covid-19 Furlough		21,003	0	0	21,003
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	5,142	0	5,142
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0	0	67,991	67,991
Total Income and Endowments		503,466	5,142	67,991	576,599

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds	2019/20 Totals
Expenditure		£		£	£
Office & Ministry Staff		70,317	0	0	70,317
Net Payment for Circuit Expenses excluding mortgage repayments		222,744	0	0	222,744
Office Supplies	19	26,271	0	0	26,271
Internal Organisations and Events					
Church Groups	20	6,109	0	0	6,109
Sanctuary		2,131	0	0	2,131
Special Events	21	34,002	0	0	34,002
Other Expenditure					
Music Account	22	44,839	0	0	44,839
Other expenditure	23	20,233	0	0	20,233
Advertising		9,827	0	0	9,827
Grants & Donations	24	47,210	0	0	47,210
Designated Funds (See Notes Fund Details)		0	29,744	0	29,744
Restricted Funds (See Notes Fund Details)	12	0	0	60,142	60,142
Total Expenditure		483,683	29,744	60,142	573,569
Net Income /(Expenditure)		19,783	(24,602)	7,849	3,030
Transfers Between Restricted Funds and General Funds		(25,861)	21,473	4,388	0
Net Income / (Expenditure) after transfers		(6,078)	(3,129)	12,237	3,030
Total funds brought forward		66,960	230,390	60,778	358,129
Total funds carried forward		60,882	227,261	73,015	361,158

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER - CHURCH ACCOUNTS
CHURCH BALANCE SHEET for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund (General)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2019/20 Totals
Current Assets		£	£	£	£
Debtors and prepayments	25	48,477	0	8,076	56,553
Cash at bank and in hand	26	20,103	0	536	20,640
Central Finance Board deposit	27	41,563	227,262	64,943	333,768
Total current assets		110,143	227,262	73,556	410,960
Creditors (due in under 1 year) & unused funds	28	(49,261)		(540)	(49,801)
Net current assets		60,882	227,262	73,016	361,159
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>		60,882	227,262	73,016	361,159
Net assets		60,882	227,262	73,016	361,159
Funds of the Church					
Unrestricted Fund (General)		60,882	0	0	60,882
Other Funds (restricted & designated)		0	227,262	73,016	300,278
Total funds		60,882	227,262	73,016	361,159

METHODIST CENTRAL HALL

Westminster Church

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2021

1. Basis of accounting

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

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

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

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

Going Concern

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

2. Funds

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

3. Accounting Policies

Basis

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

Income

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

Expenditure

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

Grants

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

VAT

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

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

Financial instruments

Basic financial instruments are measured at amortised cost.

Debtors and creditors

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

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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

4. Donations and legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Collections	99,823	48,097	147,920	188,522
Tax credits	0	0	0	0
Donations	67,902	0	67,902	26,430
Total	167,725	48,097	215,822	214,952
5. Other trading activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
CD Project	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0
6. Investment income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board	460	0	460	2,194
Other	39	0	39	37
Total	499	0	499	2,231

7. Trustees

None of the Trustees, or persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the Church or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31 August 2021.

	2020/21	2019/20
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	5	5
Total amount paid	£ 2,157	£ 6,258

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

8. Independent Examiners Fees

	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
Fees for reporting on the accounts	1,680	1,680
Other fees (for advice, accountancy services etc)	-	-
Total	1,680	1,680

9. Paid Employees

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

	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	70,633	79,745
Employer's National Insurance	3,805	4,212
Pension costs	6,140	9,980
Total Staff Costs	80,578	93,937
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were	3.9	3.9

10. Reserves Policy

	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
General Funds held	148,000	148,000

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

Policy for Restricted Funds

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

Terms relating to Endowment Funds

No such funds are held by the church.

This Reserves Policy has been approved by the Church Council.

11. Related Parties

Name of related party	Description of transaction	Income from related party during the year	Payments to related parties during the year	Loans to related party during the year	Amounts owed by related party as on 31 Aug 2021
		£	£	£	£
JMA	Donations received from Church Members	-	1,025	-	-
Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons	Gift made by Church	-	200	-	-
Fund for Property		-	330	-	-
London Mission Fund Payment		-	200	-	-
Total		-	1,755	-	-

12. Details of Designated and Restricted Funds

CHURCH FUNDS	BALANCE B/F 01/09/20	2020/21			BALANCE C/F 31/08/21
		Income	Expenditure	Transfer Between Funds	
FUNDS	£	£	£	£	
General - Designated					
Sunday Catering	1,265	0	(936)	0	329
Tithe	19,442	0	0	20,787	40,229
Tithe Reserve	3,400	0	0	0	3,400
CD Project	13,967	0	0	0	13,967
AVA & Server Replacement	17,030	0	0	0	17,030
Church Space Refurbishment & Maintenance	23,858	0	0	0	23,858
Fees to be Paid for Special Services	300	490	(490)	(300)	0
Digital Outreach and Engagement	0	0	0	12,000	12,000
Contingency	148,000	0	0	0	148,000
TOTAL DESIGNATED	227,262	490	(1,426)	32,487	258,813
Restricted					
Monday Guild	362	0	0	0	362
Flower Fund	459	2,010	(2,060)	0	409
Hymn Sheet Fund	2,308	0	0	0	2,308
Special Offerings to be Donated	(13)	421	(104)	(37)	267
Night Shelter	1,488	0	0	0	1,488
Welcome Box Project	593	0	0	0	593
Christian Aid	0	2,423	(2,423)	0	0
World Mission Easter Offering	5	579	(584)	0	0
Action For Children	0	0	0	0	0
JMA	0	1,025	(1,025)	0	0
Benevolent Fund	6,948	2,589	(2,831)	0	6,706
Chapel Renewal	0	0	0	0	0
Music & Worship Legacy	45,650	0	0	0	45,650
Friends of Westminster	100	0	0	0	100
Ghana Fellowship	1,264	890	(144)	0	2,010
Service Live Streaming	13,851	38,160	(37,975)	0	14,036
Total Restricted Funds	73,015	48,097	(47,146)	(37)	73,929
TOTAL RESTRICTED & DESIGNATED FUNDS	300,277	48,587	(48,572)	32,450	332,742
General Fund	60,882	366,790	(333,036)	(32,450)	62,186
TOTAL FUNDS	361,159	415,377	(381,608)	0	394,928

The balance of Designated and Restricted Funds has increased by £32,465. There has been a net transfer from Church General Funds of £32,450, which included £12,000 into a new designated fund for Digital Outreach and Engagement and £20,787 transferred to the Tithe Fund for distribution to other charitable organisations nominated by church members.

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INCOME	2020/21		2019 /20	
	£	£	£	£
General Funds (Unrestricted)				
<i>Note 13 - Offerings and tax recoverable</i>				
Envelope Scheme	53,312		56,324	
Banker's Orders	42,654		35,982	
Loose Cash	3,856		27,805	
Tax recovered	26,791		31,767	
Charities Trust	1,952		1,667	
Lunchtime Services	0		434	
		128,565		153,979
Donations		65,950		24,763
		<u>194,515</u>		<u>178,742</u>
<i>Note 14 - Trustees Grant</i>				
SVFP Grant	9,234		18,468	
SVFP Rent	13,008		26,016	
Church Grant General	107,922		215,844	
		<u>130,164</u>		<u>260,328</u>
<i>Note 15 - Visitors Services</i>				
Visitor services - Donations	0		1,131	
		<u>0</u>		<u>1,131</u>
<i>Note 16 - Interest & investment income</i>				
Dividend Income	39		37	
Deposit interest	460		2,194	
		<u>499</u>		<u>2,231</u>
<i>Note 17 -Special Events</i>				
Daffodil Day	98		2,795	
Christmas Lunch	0		1,378	
Prayer and Healing Ministry including				
Conference	3,121		10	
The Gathering	0		810	
Women's Conference	0		293	
Carol Service	42		5,037	
Anniversary Dinner	0		1,059	
Church Fun Fellowship Retreat	0		9,363	
Miscellaneous	27		2,298	
		<u>3,288</u>		<u>23,043</u>
<i>Note 18 - Church Groups & Ministries</i>				
JC Live	375		65	
Does God go to Work?	0		483	
Sermon CDs	0		156	
		<u>375</u>		<u>704</u>

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2020/21		2019 /20	
EXPENDITURE	£	£	£	£
Note 19 Office Supplies				
Photocopying	2,247		4,710	
General Stationery	897		2,061	
Printing	1,459		1,239	
Literature	2,157		5,030	
Easter Offering / Gift envelopes	0		736	
Postage	976		1,528	
Computer supplies & software incl. Digital				
Outreach	4,535		8,969	
Office Equipment & Supplies	0		1,998	
		12,271		26,271
Note 20 Church Groups				
JC Live	465		553	
God at Work	0		100	
Crèche	0		3,222	
YPF	0		340	
Social Responsibility	0		343	
Hebrew Class	0		892	
Support for Missions	200		659	
		665		6,109
Notes 21 -Special Projects & Events				
Daffodil Day	250		4,031	
Christmas lunch & party	0		3,348	
Prayer and Healing Ministry including				
Conference	1,385		2,020	
Gathering	250		3,251	
Women's Ministry	0		520	
Church Fun and Fellowship Retreat	0		9,389	
Carol Service	0		7,659	
Anniversary Dinner	0		2,527	
Cathedral Events	0		1,196	
Good Friday in Victoria Street	0		61	
		1,885		34,002
Note 22 Music Account				
Fees for Directors of Music / Musicians /				
Choir	32,035		43,082	
Music Expenses	0		1,757	
		32,035		44,839

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2020/21		2019 /20	
RESOURCES EXPENDED	£	£	£	£
Note 23 - Other expenditure				
Pulpit supply	305		3,090	
Lay training	1,228		2,006	
Website development & maintenance	12,059		7,657	
In-house hospitality / Volunteers Dinner	0		631	
Hospitality & Restaurant Vouchers	110		(1,712)	
Bank charges	246		519	
Church Insurance	0		0	
Miscellaneous	3,407		4,081	
Materials and Items for Services	719		(658)	
Subscriptions	450		1,449	
Independent Examiners Fees	1,680		3,170	
		20,204		20,233
Note 24 Grants & Donations				
The Fund for the Support of Presbyters and Deacons (previously Auxiliary Fund)				
Payment	200		200	
Property Fund	330		330	
London Mission Fund	200		200	
		730		730
St Vincent's Family Project		5,560		44,480
The Gate Crisis Pregnancy Centre		1,500		2,000
		7,790		47,210

CHURCH - NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2020/21		2019 /20
BALANCE SHEET NOTES	£	£	£
Note 25 - Debtors and Prepayments			
Debtors			
Accrued Income			
Gift Aid for General Fund	29,536		37,552
Covid-19 Furlough	13,737		8,401
Overpayment to Company in Prior Years	0		404
RESTRICTED Gift Aid for Chapel Renewal Fund	0		8,076
Owed by Circuit	2,687		2,120
Prepaid expenses	2,192		0
	<u>48,152</u>		<u>56,553</u>
Note 26 - Cash at Bank and in hand			
General Fund - HSBC Current Account	73,321		19,548
General Fund Sanctuary Account	309		309
General Fund Petty Cash	247		247
Restricted Funds - Benevolent	-		536
	<u>73,877</u>		<u>20,640</u>
Note 27 - Central Finance Board			
Designated Funds	258,813		227,262
Restricted Funds	75,844		64,943
General Fund	(6,050)		41,563
Restricted / Designated Funds	<u>328,607</u>		<u>333,768</u>
	<u>328,607</u>		<u>333,768</u>
Note 28 - Creditors (due in under 1 year)			
Accrued Expenses			
Independent Examiner's Fees	1,680		1,680
Staff expenses / Musicians	9,368		1,494
Hospitality	70		118
Digital Outreach Salary & Expenses	1,269		29
Photocopying & Printing	1,998		439
Stationery / Books / Materials for Services	0		124
Computer Supplies & Multi Media	180		1,491
Website Maintenance & Development	116		110
Advertising	0		4,313
Miscellaneous & items for Services	200		1,149
Owed to Circuit	38,619		38,314
Designated / Restricted Funds	1,915		540
Circuit Expenses	293		0
	<u>55,708</u>		<u>49,801</u>

Church Trustees as at 31 August 2021

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

Revd. Tony Miles	Joe Awotwi
Revd. Lansford Penn-Timity	Esther Thomas
Deacon Alison McMillan	Philippa Muir
Revd. Gordon Newton	Grace Sangmuah
Genevieve Patnelli	Helen Tudor
Wesley Gibbs	Charlotte Rankin
Ynes Lightfoot-Taylor	Christina Asare Owusu
Omotayo Roberts	Sarita Lightfoot-Taylor
Esther Buckman	Mark Williamson
Tony Ackah-Yensu	Judith Mitchell
Emmanuel Asante	Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu
Abdul Bah	Helen Onilado
Michael Davies	Dr Oprah Scott
Ama Ackah-Yensu	Susan Solanke
Jocelyn Boafo	Christine Wykes
John Philips	Jacob Baiden
Ollie McEwen	Kate Jones
Marko Joensuu	Don Nunn
Christina Fasola	Seth Kofi Otoo
Denzil Cummings-John	Anthony Boateng
Regina Boye	Stephen Olusola
	Dr Michael Fennell
	Aretha Solanke
	Charles Bushell

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

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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



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31 March 2022

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of London Mission (Westminster) Circuit

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

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