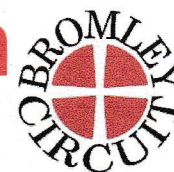


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Trustees' Annual Report

Bromley Methodist Circuit - legal and administrative information

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1151857

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The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st August 2020. The trustees have accepted a Church House dispensation to report on a Receipts and Payments (R&P) basis, and decided to take advantage of the available audit exemption and have the accounts independently examined. The trustees are listed on page 4.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and with such guidance and best practice for those reporting on an R&P basis as is contained in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

Structure, governance and management

The charity was established under the Deed of Union 1932, the Methodist Church Act 1976 and by Standing Orders of the Methodist Church. Eligible trustees are proposed by local Methodist Churches within the Circuit and appointed by existing trustees. Ministers of Methodist Churches within the Circuit are automatically appointed as trustees.

There is a range of guidance produced by the Methodist Connexion and appointed trustees have access to these documents. There is briefing on the roles and responsibilities of a trustee in the Methodist Church. Existing trustees also assist in familiarising new trustees with the role. The London District provides training sessions for officers who hold specific responsibilities.

The Circuit is part of the London Methodist District, which is in turn accountable to the Methodist Conference (Connexion). The Circuit is responsible for funding the payment of Methodist clergy stipends and related expenses, the provision of manses, and the general oversight of the three churches (four church buildings) within the Circuit.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks. Financial governance is documented, and the subject authorities, processes and procedures are reviewed at least annually.

Objectives and activities

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 and 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.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In order to achieve these objectives the charity undertakes a number of activities, which are summarised below.

The Circuit provides oversight of churches, manses and ministers in its area of responsibility. Through this and the delivery of services of worship by the churches it is providing public benefit. The Circuit oversees the worship and preaching by the ministry team in the three churches of the Circuit. It is also responsible for the provision and upkeep of the three manses in the Circuit.

The Circuit is committed to maintaining regular worship and services to the communities in which our churches are sited. We shall offer further training opportunities to our people, to improve and enhance the ways in which we do this. We shall use the resources entrusted to us and at our disposal to enrich the life of all we do through our ministry together.

The Circuit has adapted its worship and pastoral care models during the periods of lockdown caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. We have offered services online, on Zoom and written services for those who have no access to the internet. WhatsApp groups keep members informed of rapidly changing guidelines, and robust risk assessments are carried out to ensure the safety of those who have attended when the buildings have been open. Looking forward, we have considered the challenges posed by the pandemic and will be reviewing our activities over coming months to adjust our worship and other practices to extend the Kingdom in the most effective form.

Achievements and performance

Property and Finance

The Circuit receives virtually all its regular income from an assessment collected from each church in proportion to their membership. A proposal to adjust this method of calculation, for instance in respect of a church's level of income or assets, was not proceeded with. Additionally, small amounts of bank interest are earned.

Proceeds from the sale of properties (minus the levy collected, upon sale, by the Connexion) are held in a Circuit Model Trust Fund (CMTF), from which the District Advance Fund collects a further levy each financial year. The Circuit Meeting may approve the spending of the CMTF according to guidelines laid down by Conference, and £10,000 was drawn from the CMTF in the year as a one-off contribution to the future costs of Beckenham church in hiring a church administrator. The CMTF balance at financial year-end was reduced to £69,212.

The manses and other dwellings managed by the charity, if in occupation, are occupied by clergy and their families. None are let. Quinquennial inspections of all the properties are arranged on a regular basis, and this year were carried out at the Beckenham church. Boiler servicing, gas safety, intruder alarm system and drainage/gutter inspections are carried out annually at each of the manses.

We have continued to maintain and insure our properties, and respond to the challenges of determining the resources appropriate to the life of the circuit. Circuit funds have continued to support ministerial staff to provide pastoral and preaching for four Methodist congregations.

The members and adherents of the churches in our circuit have continued in their generosity towards the common good and the spreading of the Gospel through their time, talents and resources, including financially. The Circuit Officers and paid staff have done outstanding work on the back of such generosity and continue to keep the Circuit moving forward whilst fulfilling all other obligations.

Safeguarding

The safeguarding policies and practice of the Circuit and its constituent churches continue to develop in line with Methodist Church guidelines and best practice. Opportunities for safeguarding training have been provided during the year, especially for those newly appointed to serve in particular ways in our churches, although not during the period March to August 2020 due to lockdown and other Covid restrictions, in line with Methodist guidelines.

Lay Employees

There are currently no lay employees at Circuit level.

Financial review

The trustees report a deficit for the year of £12,728, after a prior year deficit of £11,378 and a budgeted deficit of £5,573.

Expenses on manses exceeded budget by c.£9,000 because remedial work to the Rochester Avenue bathroom was found to be urgent, and was duly carried out. Other expenses were close within budget. Receipts were on budget. Revenue from the Circuit Assessment on constituent churches, which we try to hold as low as practicable, increased marginally by 2.1%, but the apportionment of this recharge between the three churches changed to reflect movements in membership numbers.

The Circuit reserves policy is to hold a sum in general fund net current assets equivalent to six months average general fund expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of larger expenditure on manses and enable the Circuit to function in the short term in the event of an unexpected circumstance or inability to raise the full Circuit assessment from churches. This would require reserves of £80,000.

At 31 August 2020, total Circuit liquid resources were £188,000. One third to half of this is 'earmarked' for further work on the manse in Rochester Avenue to bring it up to the desired good standard. That leaves adequate funds to meet the reserves policy, plus a contingency buffer. The development project at Beckenham church achieved Practical Completion effective in June 2020 without the need for further call on Circuit resources for construction work.

Plan for the future

It is our intention to use any significant resources that flow into the Circuit in ways that continue to improve and enhance the life of our churches and the communities they serve. Churches in the Circuit are likely to continue to need financial support as they expand their community and mission work. We have also contributed in solidarity to a Connexional fund for churches hard pressed by the Covid19 pandemic's impact on their finances.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable charities law and the requirements of the Methodist Connexion.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This Report was approved at the Bromley Methodist Circuit Meeting on Tuesday 9 March 2021, on which date the trustees were the following:

Rev. Alexandra Terrett
Rev Derek Stanworth
Irene Antwi
Mark Cheesman
Charmaine Dennis
Janet Hrebien
Barbara Kyei
Joanna Powell
Caroline Thomas
Simon Young

Rev. Karen George
Gillian Baldwin
Hilary Cheverton
Alison Driscoll
Mary Jackson
Mary Lancaster
Sheila Priestman
Beverly Vanterpool

Deacon Laura MacBean
Maureen Bazeley
Joan Clark
Patricia Edo
Jozef Krywko
Jenny Nichols
Judith Seldon
Lynda Watson

Other trustees during the financial year 2019-20 covered by this Report were: Ann Fox.

On behalf of the trustees,

Alex Terrett
Superintendent Minister and Chair of the Circuit Meeting



Dated: 9 March 2021

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

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Mark Cheesman

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	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Assessment/Share	144,618			144,618	141,635.00
a3	Capital receipts					14,796.00
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	746	678		1,424	1,467.00
a5	Grants					
a6	Other receipts	9,395			9,395	8,540.00
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	154,759	678		155,437 (a8)	166,438

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	99,562			99,562	100,399
b3	Manse Costs	23,977			23,977	26,684
b4	Administration etc	14,464	161		14,625	22,263
b5	District Assessment	28,284	2,018		30,302	26,748
b6	Grants & donations	1,200			1,200	1,200
b7	Capital Payments		10,000		10,000	17,231
b8	Other payments					
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	167,487	12,179		179,666 (b9)	194,525

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(12,728)	(11,501)	(24,229)	(28,087)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	131,177	80,713		211,890 (c6)	239,977
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	118,449	69,212	187,661	211,890
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	118,449	69,212	187,661 (c8)	211,890 (c6)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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d1	Balance brought forward from last year					
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					
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d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					

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e2						
e3						
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e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	155,437 (a8)	179,666 (b9)	(24,229)	(c7)	211,890 (c6)	187,661 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	155,437	179,666	(24,229)		211,890 (x)	187,661 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2020**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	10,703	4,196
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	120,474	114,253
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	80,713	69,212
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	211,890 (c6)	187,661 (c8)
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SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
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I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 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.

Signature of treasurer  Date..... 11/09/2020

Name and address of treasurer Mark Cheesman, 81 Kings Hall Road, Beckenham, Kent

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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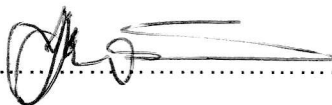
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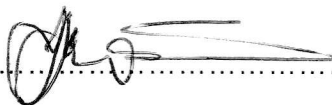
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