



Borders Mission Circuit

Part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain



The **Methodist** Church

Borders Mission Circuit (22/13) Managing Trustees Report

1st September 2021 – 31st August 2022

Governance.

The Borders Mission Circuit operates under the governance of the Methodist Conference. Conference is regulated by the Deed of Union 1932 and the Methodist Church Act 1976.

Registration with the Charity Commission.

The Borders Mission Circuit has been registered with the Charity Commission since 1st April 2014 with the number 1156488.

Circuit Mission Statement.

Our calling is to demonstrate to others that the love of God is for all people. We will seek to do this in the following ways:

- As Circuit, Churches, and Individuals we will be intentional about both making and growing followers of Jesus.
- As a Circuit we will promote Christian worship of God by making worship relevant and inclusive through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- As a Circuit we will help churches to think and work collaboratively – have 'porous boundaries' – and make best use of the skills of lay and ordained ministries, developing a more flexible outlook. This will help avoid the spreading of resources too thinly and allow us to invest in areas of potential growth and distinct need.
- As a Circuit we will encourage churches to transform communities by breaking down economic, geographical and spiritual boundaries / borders and challenge injustice.
- As Circuit, Churches and Individuals we will ensure the safety of all people within our churches.
- As Circuit, Churches and Individuals we will use our God-given resources for the furtherance of the Kingdom and God's glory.
- As a Circuit we will be prayerful in all things, giving God all thanks and glory through Jesus Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit as we look for the coming Kingdom.
- As a Circuit we will encourage churches to provide opportunities for continuous learning, through: Bible study, fellowship groups, prayer meetings, quiet days and retreats. We will promote growth in both social and personal spirituality.

Nature and purpose.

Standing Order 500 of the Constitutional Discipline and Practice of the Methodist Church states that the circuit is the primary unit through which churches express their inter-connection in the Body of Christ for the purposes of mission, mutual encouragement and help.

Responsibilities.

The circuit provides ministerial oversight and pastoral care to its 18 congregations through:

- Providing a team of 4 presbyteral ministers and 2 Layworkers.
- 5 supernumerary presbyters 2 of whom have preached and helped with other tasks.
- Providing lay preachers to lead worship.
- Allocating financial and other resources.
- Providing advice through its lay officers.
- Providing training and other special events.
- Maintaining 4 circuit manses.

Organisation.

The circuit is an umbrella organisation serving 18 congregations with 504 members and with an additional number on the community roll. One congregation is a Local Ecumenical Partnership between the Methodist and Church of England churches. The circuit meeting is responsible for the affairs of the circuit and the development of circuit policy. It exercises spiritual leadership and administrative efficiency and acts as a focal point for the working fellowship of the churches, overseeing their pastoral, training and evangelistic work. Currently 4 meetings are held each year when officers are appointed, accounts adopted, grant applications approved, reports on circuit work received, good news from the churches is shared and the business of the circuit taken forward.

Between circuit meetings the circuit leadership team is responsible for the affairs of the circuit. It meets as required and consists of:

Circuit Ministers: **Rev Robert Hurley, Rev Ann Anderson,
Rev Nicola Briggs, Rev Peter Taylor.**

Circuit Stewards (who also hold responsibility for circuit finance):
 **Jill Renshaw, Joan Spray, John Whitehead,
Joanne Docherty, Margaret Lee.**

Circuit Administrator: **Amanda Hurley and Patrick Dawson**

Trustees.

The members of the circuit meeting act as trustees of the circuit property. There are currently 64 trustees being the Circuit Ministers, the Circuit Stewards, the Circuit office holders and stewards, treasurers and representatives of its constituent congregations. The circuit administrator acted as secretary during this financial year.

Contact address.

Rev Robert Hurley
7 Chapel Close
Blackwell
Alfreton
Derbyshire
DE55

Policies.

The circuit currently has policies in place with regards to safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults, data protection and reserves.

Related parties.

The circuit forms part of the Nottingham and Derby District of the Methodist Church and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. The circuit comprises the following list of churches:

Alfreton Wesley	Birchwood	Clay Cross Central
Crich Wesley	Grassmoor	Huthwaite
Kirkby The Hill	Kirkby Trinity	Newton
Old Tupton	Skegby	Pinxton Town Street
Selston	Stonebroom	South Wingfield
Swanwick	Sutton New Cross	Sutton St Johns

Outturn.

Over the year the circuit ran at a deficit of £22,134
Total assets currently stand at £314,868

Income.

The circuit derives its income chiefly through the circuit assessment payments from local churches and the sale of property.

Reserves policy.

The circuit reserves policy is appended to this report.

Independent examiner.

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Accounting Matters Limited,
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Derbyshire
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CM20 9QR

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Alfreton
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DE55 7ZR

Review of activities September 2021 – August 2022.

During the year, churches continued to emerge from the effects of the COVID pandemic. Worship services were re-instated in all churches across the Circuit including those which had been reluctant to re-open due to concerns of the congregations. As time went on, the regular activities in the churches and across the Circuit also began again, sometimes in a new way but always relying on the work of the volunteers within the church.

Zoom services continue each week in two of the Circuit churches and the weekly worship sheets sent out to those who are unable to attend church are greatly appreciated.

Two churches made the decision to 'Cease to Meet' – Zion, South Normanton and Annesley, Forest Road. These decisions were confirmed by the Nottingham and Derby District Synod and the buildings were advertised for disposal. Zion, South Normanton was sold during the year and Annesley, Forest Road is due to be sold in the Autumn of 2022.

Following its quinquennial inspection, Selston Church were faced with needing to carry out extensive building repairs. Discussion on the options available for the church resulted in a decision to close the building in readiness to sell it. The members and congregation decided to move to meeting in the Parish Rooms in the village and maintains its witness on a Sunday from this new location.

The Methodist Church policies on Safeguarding are being adhered to, with courses for initial Foundation Training, Refresher Foundation Training and Advanced Safeguarding Training all having been provided by the Circuit and District.

During the year, the Revd Nicola Briggs was stationed to a new Circuit and a replacement was sought. Revd Simon Rose was invited to take up an appointment within the Circuit from September 2022. Revd Ann Anderson was moved by the Connexion to take up a new appointment in an adjacent Circuit. It was decided that, due to the lateness of this move and the current number of unfilled stations as a result of the reduction in the number of presbyters available to be stationed, the Circuit would not seek to replace Revd Ann Anderson. This meant that the number of presbyters stationed in the Circuit was reduced to 3 full-time appointments. Because of this, oversight of churches was reviewed and presbyters allocated new churches for which they had pastoral charge.

Deacon Samantha Taylor had been given permission to serve in an appointment outside of the control of the church. She took up opportunities to serve as a hospital chaplain. Deacon Sam continues to preach in churches across the Circuit.

Future Plans.

The Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) are conscious of the need to develop the life, ministry and mission of the Circuit for the next 5 years. It was agreed that the CLT would begin conversations with all Circuit churches to discover the feelings, hopes and concerns of the people at the 'grassroots' of Methodism. This will then lead into development of ideas and proposed actions for further discussions with the churches with a new vision plan being formulated by March 2024. It was felt that this is an exciting opportunity for better Circuit cohesion and support for exploring future mission opportunities. This is due to begin in the Autumn of 2022.

Approved by the Circuit Leadership Team on 6th June 2023 and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Robert Hurley (Superintendent Minister of the Borders Mission Circuit).

(Signed copy retained in Circuit Office. Signature removed in accordance with GDPR.)

Revd Robert Hurley.
Superintendent Minister.

Borders Misson Circuit
Profit and Loss (all accounts)
1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022

Income	£	£	£
Bank Interest			
Current Account	0.00		
CFB	45.54		
TMCP	1,803.38		
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Church Assessment		219,000.96	
Grants & Gifts		2,150.00	
Redundant Churches	22,292.35		
Annesley	75,274.88		
Pilsley	40,006.62		
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Other Income			
Pension Contributions	9,770.00		
Sale of Wine	49.50		
Mission	0.00		
Youth Work	0.00		
District Contribution	0.00		
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Total Income **370,393.23**

Expenses

District Assessment	64,300.00
Staff Stipends	142,042.57
Staff Expenses	11,683.18
Lay Worker Salaries	21,809.87
Lay Worker Expenses	1,322.49
Supernumerary Expenses	303.45
Administration Expenses	
Office	4,085.41
Office Equipment	1,781.94
Treasurer Expenses	350.00
Telephone /Internet	1,061.39
Plan Printing	1,380.00
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	8,658.74

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Council Tax	9,494.38	
Insurance	2,251.79	
Water	1,566.99	
Telephone/internet	3,410.51	
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		16,723.67

Repairs / Maintenance

7 Chapel Close	721.60	
3 Grange Farm Close	18,712.00	
2 Bird's Lane	8,428.99	
Main Road, Stretton	709.62	
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		28,572.21

Existing Churches

0.00

Redundant Churches

18,869.48

Other Expenses

Quinquennial Inspections	8,310.00	
Removals	3,703.07	
Training	150.00	
Youth	0.00	
Mission	0.00	
Local Preachers	247.55	
Web Site	99.00	
Gifts & Grants	13,316.76	
Bank Charges	721.88	
Sundries	5,996.50	
Annual CMTF contribution	10,246.92	
Pension contributions	15,770.00	
Birchwood Loan	19,680.00	
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		78,241.68

Total Expenditure**392,527.34****Profit / Loss****-22,134.11**

Name of Circuit BORDERS MISSION No. 22/13

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer J. Docherty Date 12/12/22

Name and address of treasurer JOANNE DOCHERTY, 4 LARCHDALE CLOSE,
BROADMEADOWS, ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE Post Code DE55 3NZ

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were ~~will be~~* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 13/12/22

Signature of the Chair of the meeting R. Hurley

Name of the Chair of the meeting Robert Hurley Date 13/12/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... BORDERS MISSION Circuit

Charity No: 1156488

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the BORDERS MISSION Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages ... to As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit BORDERS MISSION No 22/13

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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.

I ~~have~~ have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner D.Drewry

Name of independent examiner DANIEL DREWRY

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner AAT

Name of firm (where appropriate) ACCOUNTING MATTERS LTD

Address 17 WELLINGTON SE, RIPLEY

Post Code DE5 3EH

Date 3/3/2023

* delete or circle as appropriate

RESERVES POLICY

Report on behalf of

Borders Mission

Circuit Meeting

To

Notts & Derby District

(*Circuit Meeting/District)

We submit our annual report in accordance with the requirements of the Methodist Conference and the Charity Commission guidance in CC19.

- (i) The trustees have established their mission aims taking into account all of the resources available in terms of people, property and money
- (ii) Mission initiatives/projects have been costed or estimates made of projected future costs which take into account the needs of the buildings and the requirements of the Quinquennial Inspection Report/s

(iii) We have agreed a Reserves Policy which is set out overleaf and is recorded in the trustees' minutes and our Annual Report

(iv) We recognise the need to be accountable as charity trustees for all the money which comes into our hands and will provide further information as required by the Circuit/District/Connexion

(v) Our Report is attached overleaf

* please delete as appropriate

To be completed by Receiving Body

The

*Circuit Meeting/District received the RESERVES POLICY of

*Church Council/Circuit Meeting/District

Policy accepted and acknowledgement sent to the trustees

YES ☐ / NO ☐

Policy noted and the following enquiries made of the trustees

Responses received and any further action taken

*Circuit/District

Signatures Date.....

* Please delete as appropriate

RESERVES POLICY of

Borders Mission Circuit(*Church Council ☐/Circuit Meeting ☒/District ☐)

1. General Funds held at Y/E 31/08/22

£314,868

2. Restricted Funds held "

£

3. Endowment Funds held "

£

4. Reserves policy for General Funds

£25,000	Money set aside for church projects annually
£100,000	Money drawn down from TMCP annually over 5 years
£150,000	Short term working capital based on 6 months expenses
£39,868	Money drawn down from TMCP to help with church assessments

5. Policy for Restricted Funds

6. Terms relating to Endowment Funds held

This Reserves Policy has been approved by

Borders Mission Circuit(*Church Council ☐/Circuit Meeting ☒/District ☐)

Treasurer

Trustee

Full name

JOANNE DOCHERTY

Full Name

CAROL SIMPSON

Signature

J.Docherty

Signature

C.Simpson

