

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

England & Wales - Charity number 1156626

Details

Other names MWIB

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2014-04-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: • THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, SEEKING 'TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN' • TO DEVELOP THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF WOMEN MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, FOCUSING ESPECIALLY ON AREAS OF DISADVANTAGE AND UNDER-REPRESENTATION, IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO IDENTIFY, AND HELP MEET, THEIR NEEDS AND TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN THE WIDER CHURCH AND IN SOCIETY • THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY OR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD BY SUPPORTING THROUGH AWARENESS RAISING AND ADVOCACY, AGENCIES WHO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION, TRAINING, HEALTHCARE PROJECTS AND OTHER NECESSARY SUPPORT THAT IS DESIGNED TO ENABLE INDIVIDUALS TO GENERATE A SUSTAINABLE INCOME AND BE SELF SUFFICIENT.

Activities: Encouraging fellowship & training through residential weekends and day conferences
Producing resources and materials to highlight areas of social concern in UK and worldwide
Highlighting the UN development goals & encouraging Methodist Women to engage in partnerships to achieve these goals
Providing worship resources for continuing Spiritual growth and prayer support for our partners overseas

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£69,389	£112,763	-	-
2024-08-31	£73,729	£108,741	-	-
2023-08-31	£95,519	£103,366	-	-
2022-08-31	£68,051	£89,963	-	-
2021-08-31	£51,341	£55,746	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Annah Mwadiwa		2024-09-01
BARBARA MARY EASTON		2020-02-08
Barbara Harrison		2017-09-01
Bronwen Braisdell BA BA		2018-09-01
Caroline Jill Fillery		2024-09-01
DIANA BOSMAN		2017-09-01
Deborah Anne Coggrave		2020-09-01
Gillian Lesley Pengelly		2023-02-18
Janice Mary Clark		2020-09-01
Liz Chick		2019-09-01
Madeleine Reed		2021-09-01
Margaret Elizabeth Lindley		2021-09-01
Mary Gill		2018-09-01
Olive Ruvimbo Ruzvidzo		2025-09-01
Philippa Hill		2018-09-02
Rev Charity Madenyika		2019-09-01
Rev Leonora Jane Wassell		2024-12-01
Rita Margaret Rowe		2023-02-18
Ruth Dawson		2023-02-18
Sheila Hall		2024-02-15

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Accounts

Methodist Women in Britain
Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

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Report of the Trustees

Trustees

D Bosman
B Harrison
B Braisdell
M Gill
E Banks (Resigned 31/08/2024)
P Hill
E Chick
L King (Resigned 31/08/2024)
C Madenyika
R Parrott (Resigned 31/08/2024)
B Easton
D Coggrave
J Clark
M Lindley
M Reed
S Hall
R Rowe
G Pengelly
M Woods
R Dawson
A Mwadiwa (Appointed 01/09/2024)
C Fillery (Appointed 01/09/2024)
L Wassell (Appointed 01/12/2024)
O Ruzvidzo (Appointed 01/10/2025)

Independent Examiners

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Public Benefit

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity. The Trustees have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and planning future activities.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number

1156626

Principal Address

c/o Stamford Methodist Church
11 Barn Hill
Stamford
Lincolnshire
PE9 2AE

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Trustees' Report

For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 published in October 2019.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

The advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church, seeking 'to know Christ and to make him known'.

To develop the capacity and skills of women members of the Methodist Church focusing especially on areas of disadvantage and under-representation, in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in the wider church and in society.

The prevention or relief of poverty or financial hardship anywhere in the world by supporting through awareness raising and advocacy, agencies who provide or assist in the provision of education, training, healthcare projects and the other necessary support that is designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.

Significant Activities

1. The furtherance of fellowship and training by providing ways for Methodist women and others to keep in touch with one another for mutual support, strengthening and personal and spiritual growth, through residential conferences, one day events and publications (both printed and online) at local, regional and national level.
2. Producing resources and using such gatherings to highlight situations of social concern in the British Isles and around the world in which members of MWiB can be involved in a variety of ways.
3. Our Action Plan is based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, which cover combating hunger and poverty, achieving universal primary education, highlighting gender justice, health issues relating to maternal health, infant mortality, AIDS/HIV, Malaria and other diseases, environmental sustainability and global partnership. By advocating and providing information on these goals, women are enabled to address such needs in their local communities and, through partnership with other agencies, worldwide.
4. Through partnership with Methodist mission personnel overseas and with other agencies, Christian and non-Christian, highlighting areas of need and raising funds or providing other goods required for the alleviation of such needs and injustices.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable Activities

This year has been one of consolidation and raising the profile of our organisation. To this end publicity material was produced setting out our aims and objectives, advertising our Gifts and Grants and our current campaign. Maggie Woods and Leonora Wassell, our Co-Chairs have been travelling around the country meeting our local groups and giving talks. Leonora Wassell toured Scotland and the Shetland Isles with the Trustee for Scotland, Barbara Harrison.

Maggie Woods had an overseas trip to Rwanda with the Global Relations Team to visit projects supported by Methodist Women in Britain and find out more of what the Church is doing in Rwanda.

Leonora Wassell attended the United Nations CSW(69) event in New York to take part in meetings concerning the Status of Women on a global platform.

The World Federation Day event was held at Stamford Methodist Church, in October, entitled "Put your whole self in", led by Dr Nancy Day, focusing on worshipping with our whole bodies.

Phill Davies is the host of our website and together with Bronwen Braidell, our Communications Officer keep the site up to date. Most of our online events are recorded and placed on MWiB YouTube channel. Ruth Dawson oversees our Facebook page. A campaign for the 16 Days of Activism (25 November-10 December) saw the launch of our Instagram Account.

The Trustees and Ambassador's meetings were held on Zoom in September and May.

The October Trustees meeting was held at the Hayes Christian Conference Centre, Swanwick, when the Empowerment Gifts for 2024, and the finance accounts were approved. Trustees discussed the aims and objectives, issues faced by women, how to improve our profile and our branding. The February Trustees meeting was held at Launde Abbey, Leicestershire which included an update on area activities and a discussion on the design of the new publicity material.

The Executive Committee's retreat took place in November at Kent's Hall, Milton Keynes.

The Easter Offering service for 2025, entitled Education for All, Hope for All, was written by Ruth Parrott and the Easter Offering Task Group. Donations given at this service raise money for the Methodist World Mission Fund.

The Annual Swanwick Conference was held in April, on the theme of "This Little Light of Mine", led by Rev Dr Sonia Hicks. There were a variety of workshops, an evening of entertainment, a report from two Helen Kim Memorial Scholars and the Area President of World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, Barbara Easton. The conference concluded with a communion service.

Kathy Galloway was the keynote speaker at the Mary Bosanquet lecture at the Fringe Event at the Methodist Connexional Conference in June this year. This has become an annual event which is intended to highlight Women Theologians.

A stall promoting our work was held at the Cliff Fest in May and the Methodist Conference in June. New ranges of merchandise have been sourced by our Resources Officer, Caroline Fillery.

We continue to support our partners All We Can, Action for Children, Methodist Home for the Aged, JPIT, the National Council for Women, the Domestic Abuse Steering Group, and the Global Relations Committee. We have continued support for the Dora Project in Ukraine, and for Period Poverty when we have encouraged each church to provide Period Products in the church cloakrooms.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Position

The charity had a deficit of net expenditure on unrestricted funds in the year of £30,447 (2024 – surplus £20,410). Total unrestricted funds as at 31 August 2025 were £657,904 (2024 £688,601) and restricted funds were £1,410 (2024 £1,160).

Investment Policy and Objectives

The trustees consider an investment holding with The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes suitable for the charity's requirements. The fair value of these investments as at 31 August 2025 was £554,617 (2024 £541,690).

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Reserves Policy

In line with Charity Commission recommendations, the Trustees have set the minimum level of reserves at an amount sufficient to cover all normal operating expenses for a six-month period. At the end of 2025, the charity has significantly more in reserves than this policy demands.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Constitution adopted on 9 March 2013 as amended on 22 February 2014 and 8 October 2022.

Recruitment and Appointment of New Trustees

Each geographical area of the Methodist Church GB, as agreed by the Trustees of Methodist Women in Britain shall have the right to appoint a trustee to the charity. Additional trustees can be appointed as the majority of the existing trustees so appoint. Additional representatives from associated bodies can be appointed as trustees with the agreement of the majority of the current charity trustees. The additional representatives shall include, but not be limited to, a representative of the Women's World Day of Prayer.

All trustees must be members of the Methodist Church or permitted to hold office in the Methodist Church as stipulated in the Deed of Union clause 12. The officers of the charity as defined by clause 10(2) shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the Appointments Task Group and by a majority of those voting trustees present at any general meeting.

Each trustee, except the officers and additional representatives, shall be appointed for a term of three years but shall be eligible for re-appointment at their last general meeting for one further term.

In respect of the additional representatives appointed under clause 11(1) (c) they shall be appointed for a term of three years unless dictated otherwise by the governing document of the body they represent. In respect of the additional representatives appointed under clause 11 (1) (c) they shall be eligible for re-appointment unless dictated otherwise by the governing document of the body they represent. Officers of the charity except the Co-chairs shall be appointed for a term of five years and shall be eligible for re-appointment at their last general meeting for one further term.

No-one may serve as trustee for more than two consecutive terms unless the majority of those trustees present decide otherwise at a general meeting. One Co-Chair of the charity shall normally be elected biennially at a general meeting by the majority of those trustees present, following recommended candidates being provided by the Appointments Task Group. The election shall take place the year before the year of taking office. The Co-Chairs will work closely together and may divide responsibilities between them, for example geographically North and South of the country.

The Appointments Task Group shall consist of five trustees, including two officers all of whom shall be appointed to the Appointments Task Group upon the majority vote of the trustees present at a general meeting. The trustees may not appoint a person to be an officer if a person has already been appointed to that office and has not vacated the office.

Organisational structure

Methodist Women in Britain is a movement within the Methodist Church, led by a group of volunteers and funded by donations, which aims to connect women with an interest in creative spirituality and a passion for global social justice. We hold day conferences and residential events, produce printed and online resources and engage in social justice campaigns. MWiB is about more than Methodism, more than women and more than Britain - we have strong links with the World Church and are part of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, (WFMUCW).

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Wider Network

MWiB will operate as the British Unit of the WFMUCW, so is a part of that international movement, which has its own constitution and ways of working, available separately. Through WFMUCW the movement is affiliated to the World Methodist Council and has special consultative status at the United Nations. The WFMUCW Area Officer (who will be the Area President in 2011-16, the Area Vice-President in 2017-21) will encourage the involvement of MWiB in and represent MWiB at:


- WFMUCW World Assemblies, which take place every five years, and at which WFMUCW officers take up their posts. The WFMUCW Area Officer will attend as a member of the WFMUCW World Executive. The British Unit (i.e. MWiB) will also be expected to send a number of official delegates as members of the voting body of the World Assembly, (this number depends on the current number of women within British methodism);
- WFMUCW Area Seminars, which take place every five years, in between World Assemblies. Normally the two European areas join together to host the seminar. The MWiB Executive will have to take responsibility for involvement with the joint planning of these gatherings or appoint people so to do.

MWiB will also retain close links with the worldwide work of the British Methodist church. To ensure this:

- the WFMUCW Area Officer will attend meetings of the Connexional World Mission Forum or equivalent body;
- the Executive will liaise with World Church Relationships, (WCR) to organise annual overseas visits by an officer, at the invitation of WCR through their partnership relationships;
- the MWiB Forum will, through a task group, be responsible for the production of the annual Easter Offering service, promoted by WCR and used widely throughout the Methodist Church of Britain.

As the British Unit of WFMUCW, we are in partnership with Methodist Women in Ireland (MWI) who form the other unit comprising the Europe: Britain and Ireland Area of WFMUCW.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on5/2/26..... And signed on its behalf by:


.....
Rev Leonora Wassell - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Committee of

Methodist Women in Britain

Year Ended 31 August 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Methodist Women in Britain

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Methodist Women in Britain for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 (ICAEW), 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 the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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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Independent Examiner

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Date: 17/02/26

Methodist Women in Britain
Unaudited Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income					
Donations and Legacies	2	18,067	2,256	20,323	22,371
Other Trading Activities	3	34,652	-	34,652	31,914
Investment Income	4	14,414	-	14,414	19,444
Total Incoming Resources		67,133	2,256	69,389	73,729
Expenditure on Charitable Activities					
Charitable Activities	5	(113,757)	(2,006)	(115,763)	(114,741)
Movement in stock		3,000	-	3,000	6,000
Total		(110,757)	(2,006)	(112,763)	(108,741)
Net Gains/(Losses) on Investments		12,927	-	12,927	55,422
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(30,697)	250	(30,447)	20,410
Net Movement in Funds		(30,697)	250	(30,447)	20,410
Transfer between Funds		-	-	-	-
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds brought forward		688,601	1,160	689,761	669,351
Total Funds carried forward		657,904	1,410	659,314	689,761

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements


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Unaudited Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Investments	9	554,617	541,690
Currents Assets			
Stock		9,000	6,000
Debtors	10	11,152	10,304
Cash at Bank		92,247	137,403
		<u>112,399</u>	<u>153,707</u>
Creditors			
Amounting falling due in one year	11	<u>(7,702)</u>	<u>(5,636)</u>
Net Current Assets		104,697	148,071
Net Assets		<u>659,314</u>	<u>689,761</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted Funds	12	657,904	688,601
Restricted Funds	12	1,410	1,160
Total Funds		<u>659,314</u>	<u>689,761</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for the issue on 5/2/26 and were signed on its behalf by:

 _____ Trustee

Methodist Women in Britain
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

These unaudited financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with:

- i) the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 (SORP 2019)
- ii) the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- iii) the Charities Act 2011.

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

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds; it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation, and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Income from other trading activities includes income from the sale of resources and contributions to Swanwick residential weekend and is recognised when received.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes, namely bank deposits and the Womens Network Welfare Fund (TMCP). It includes dividends and interest arising on these investments. It is included when the income can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the cost for which the expenditure arose.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

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Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Accounting Policies (continued)

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds – these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

Cash at bank

The charity holds sufficient funds in order to meet its short-term cash commitments as they fall due.

Debtors and Creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and Creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at the transaction price.

2. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations	18,067	2,256	20,323	22,371
	<u>18,067</u>	<u>2,256</u>	<u>20,323</u>	<u>22,371</u>

Income from donations in 2024 was £22,371 of which £21,211 was restricted and £1,160 was unrestricted.

3. Other Trading Activities

	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Sales of Resources	3,339	4,242
Swanwick Weekend Income	30,403	27,672
World Federation	910	-
	<u>34,652</u>	<u>31,914</u>

Income from other trading activities are all unrestricted.

4. Investment Income

	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Investment Income	14,414	19,444
	<u>14,414</u>	<u>19,444</u>

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5. Expenses

Charitable Activities	2025	2024
Insurance	1,293	1,286
Office Expenses	3,789	3,931
Committee Expenses	15,124	14,483
Empowerment Gifts	15,000	14,422
Swanwick Weekend Expenditure	46,750	41,650
Other Payments	3,649	4,607
Publicity	3,665	-
WF Day	635	667
Discretionary Grants	300	400
Enabling Grants	520	7,410
Resources	2,048	3,859
Pastoral Care Fund	-	200
Trustee expenses	12,451	11,257
WFMUCW	5,494	6,027
Social & Community Action Grants	900	900
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	111,618	111,099
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Finance		
Bank Charges	177	253
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Governance Costs		
Investment Management Fees	1,760	1,377
Independent Examiner's Fee	2,208	2,012
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	3,968	3,389
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Total Resources Expended	115,763	114,741

Total expenses was £110,269 (2024: £114,741) of which £2,006 (2024: £Nil) was restricted and £108,263 (2024: £114,741) was unrestricted.

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6 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

There were no trustee' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2025 nor for the tax year ended 31 August 2024.

Trustees' expenses

During the year reimbursed expenses were paid to 21 Trustees totalling £10,054 (2024: 23 trustees totalling £4,290)

7. Governance Costs

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Independent Examiner's Fee	2,208	2,012
	2,208	2,012

8. Grants Payable

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Empowerment Gifts	15,000	14,422
Discretionary Grants	300	400
Enabling Grants	520	7,410
Social & Community Action Grants	900	900
	16,720	23,132

	Number	2025 £	Number	2024 £
Individuals	0	-	4	2,510
Institutions	10	16,720	9	20,622
	10	16,720	13	23,132

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9. Fixed Asset Investments

	Listed Investments £
Market Value	
At 1 September 2024	541,690
Revaluation	12,319
Additions	25,410
Disposals	(25,410)
Realised gain	608
	554,617
Net Book Value	
At 31 August 2025	554,617
At 31 August 2024	541,690

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

10. Debtors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025 £	2024 £
Debtors	76	107
Prepayments	11,076	10,197
	11,152	10,304

11. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other Creditors	7,702	5,636
	7,702	5,636

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12 Movement in Funds

	At 01.09.24 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31.08.25 £
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	612,026	80,060	(110,757)		581,329
Visual Impairment Fund	24,665	-			24,665
Hearing Impairment Fund	51,910	-			51,910
Restricted Funds					
Tabitha House	930	-		230	1,160
Period Poverty	230	250		(230)	250
DORA project	-	1,506	(1,506)	-	-
Individual donation	-	500	(500)	-	-
Total Funds	689,761	82,316	(112,763)	-	659,314

Net movement in funds, including in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains/ Losses £	Movement In Funds £
Summary of Funds				
General Fund	67,133	(110,757)	12,927	(30,697)
Restricted Fund	2,256	(2,006)	-	250
Total Funds	69,389	(112,763)	12,927	(30,447)

12 Comparatives for Movement in Funds

	At 01.09.23 £	Net Movement In Funds £	At 31.08.24 £
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	592,776	19,250	612,026
Visual Impairment Fund	24,665	-	24,665
Hearing Impairment Fund	51,910	-	51,910
Restricted Funds			
Tabitha House	-	930	930
Period Poverty	-	230	230
Total Funds	669,351	20,410	689,761

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12. (Continued)

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains/ Losses £	Movement In Funds £
Summary of Funds				
General Fund	73,569	(109,741)	55,422	19,250
Restricted Fund	1,160	-	-	1,160
Total Funds	<u>74,729</u>	<u>(109,741)</u>	<u>55,422</u>	<u>20,410</u>

13. Related Party Disclosure

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Methodist Women in Britain
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Income and Endowments		
Donations and Legacies		
Donations	20,323	22,371
	<u>20,323</u>	<u>22,371</u>
Other Trading Activities		
Sales of Resources	3,339	4,242
Swanwick Weekend Income	30,403	27,672
World Federation Day	910	-
Opening Stock	(6,000)	-
Closing Stock	9,000	6,000
	<u>37,652</u>	<u>37,914</u>
Investment Income		
Investment Income	14,414	19,444
	<u>14,414</u>	<u>19,444</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>72,389</u>	<u>79,729</u>
Expenditure		
Charitable Activities		
Insurance	1,293	1,286
Office Expenses	3,789	3,931
Committee Expenses	15,124	14,483
Empowerment Gifts	15,000	14,422
Swanwick Weekend Expenditure	46,750	41,650
Other Payments	3,649	4,607
Publicity	3,665	-
WF Day	635	667
Discretionary Grants	300	400
Enabling Grants	520	7,410
Resources	2,048	3,859
Pastoral Care Fund	-	200
Methodist Conference	12,451	11,257
WFMUCW	5,494	6,027
Social & Community Action Grants	900	900
	<u>111,618</u>	<u>111,099</u>

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Methodist Women in Britain
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31 August 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Support Cost		
Finance		
Bank Charges	177	253
Governance Costs		
Investment Management Fees	1,760	1,377
Independent Examiners Fee	2,208	2,012
Total Funds	<u>3,968</u>	<u>3,389</u>
Total Resources Expended	<u>115,763</u>	<u>114,741</u>
Net Gains/(Losses) on Investments	12,927	55,422
Net Surplus/(deficit)	<u>(30,447)</u>	<u>20,410</u>

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

England & Wales - Charity number 1156626

Accounts

Registered Charity Number: 1156626

Methodist Women in Britain

**Report of the trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements**

for the year ended 31 August 2024

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Trustees

N Rawlins (Resigned 29/02/2024)
D Bosman
B Harrison
B Braisdell
M Gill
E Banks
P Hill
E Chick
L King
C Madenyika
R Parrott
B Easton
D Coggrave
J Clark
M Lindley
M Reed
S Hall (Appointed 15/02/2024)
R Rowe
G Pengelly
M Woods
R Dawson

Independent Examiners

Torgersens
East Suite Ground Floor
Avalon House
St Catherine's Court
Sunderland
SR5 3XJ

Public Benefit

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity. The Trustees have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and planning future activities.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1156626

Principal address
c/o Stamford Methodist Church
11 Barn Hill
Stamford
Lincolnshire
PE9 2AE

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 published in October 2019.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church, seeking 'to know Christ and to make him known'.

To develop the capacity and skills of women members of the Methodist Church focusing especially on areas of disadvantage and under-representation, in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in the wider church and in society.

The prevention or relief of poverty or financial hardship anywhere in the world by supporting through awareness raising and advocacy, agencies who provide or assist in the provision of education, training, healthcare projects and the other necessary support that is designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.

Significant activities

1. The furtherance of fellowship and training by providing ways for Methodist women and others to keep in touch with one another for mutual support, strengthening and personal and spiritual growth, through residential conferences, one day events and publications (both printed and online) at local, regional and national level.
2. Producing resources and using such gatherings to highlight situations of social concern in the British Isles and around the world in which members of MWiB can be involved in a variety of ways.
3. Our Action Plan is based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, which cover combating hunger and poverty, achieving universal primary education, highlighting gender justice, health issues relating to maternal health, infant mortality, AIDS/HIV, Malaria and other diseases, environmental sustainability and global partnership. By advocating and providing information on these goals, women are enabled to address such needs in their local communities and, through partnership with other agencies, worldwide.
4. Through partnership with Methodist mission personnel overseas and with other agencies, Christian and non-Christian, highlighting areas of need and raising funds or providing other goods required for the alleviation of such needs and injustices.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

This year has been one of establishing the restructuring of Methodist Women in Britain. Maggie Woods (Co-Chair South) and Ruth Parrott (Co-Chair North) are working together to make the lead role more manageable. We now have twelve Area Trustees, plus a representative from the World Day of Prayer. Each Trustee is responsible for an Area consisting of two or three Districts, each having an ambassador, with whom they are asked to keep in regular contact, thus improving the line of communication between the local units and the Executive Committee. This new strategy is being kept under constant review.

The World Federation Day event was held at Trinity Methodist Church, Congleton, in October. This focused on Water – 'Encounters at the Well'. The Executive Committee's Retreat took place in November at the Foundation of St Kathrine, London.

Phil Davies is the host of our website and together with Bronwen Braidell, our Communications Officer, they are keeping it up to date. Most of our online events are recorded and placed on our MWiB YouTube Channel. Ruth Dawson is overseeing our Facebook page. Sheila Hall has now taken over the position of Finance Officer from Nina Rawlins, we are grateful to Nina for her years of excellent service.

The October Trustees Meeting was held at The Hayes, Christian Conference Centre, Swanwick, when the Empowerment Gifts for 2023, and the Finance Accounts were approved. The February Trustees Meeting was held at Hinsley Hall, Leeds, and the Trustees and Ambassadors meeting was held on Zoom in May.

The Easter Offering Service for 2024, entitled 'Let Justice Roll', was written by Maggie Woods and the Easter Offering Task Group. Donations given at this service raise money for the Methodist World Mission Fund.

The Annual Swanwick Conference was held in April, on the theme of 'Words Create Worlds', led by Rev Jenny Pathmarajah, and Becca Byass, from All We Can. There were a variety of workshops, and the conference concluded with a Service led by our chaplain, Rev Ann Cash.

Chine MacDonald, Director of Theos, was the keynote speaker at 'The Mary Bosanquet Lecture' at the Fringe Event at Methodist Connexional Conference in June this year. This has become an annual event which is intended to highlight women theologians.

In May, we held a Garden Party at Epworth Old Rectory, with afternoon tea, when Dr Ruth Slatter and Dr Hannah Worthen, gave a talk about their research using the Methodist Women's Collection, in their project about women in the Methodist Church and the resulting exhibition at the Rectory. Rev Angy Long closed the afternoon with a short service.

We continue to support our partners – All We Can, Action for Children, Methodist Homes for the Aged, JPIT, The National Council for Women, The Domestic Abuse Planning Committee, Solidarity Circles, and the Global Relations Committee.

Our projects this year have been for the Dana project in Ukraine and for Period Poverty, when we have encouraged each church to provide period products in the church cloakrooms.

We have increased the amount allotted to the yearly Empowerment Gifts from £10,000 to £15,000.

We have also given Social and Community Action Grants, Enabling Grants, Discretionary Grants, and introduced a Pastoral Care Fund in support of projects in Britain.

This year has been one of the adjustments to a new situation. Our new structure is in its infancy and is being constantly reviewed. We have embraced new initiatives and supported women both at home and abroad. We continue to work 'for women, for justice, for Christ'

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The charity had a surplus of net expenditure on unrestricted funds in the year of £20,410 (2023 – deficit £6,220). Total unrestricted funds as at 31 August 2024 were £689,761 (2023 £669,351) and restricted funds were £1,160 (2023 £Nil).

Investment policy and objectives

The trustees consider an investment holding with The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes suitable for the charity's requirements. The fair value of these investments as at 31 August 2024 was £541,690 (2023 £486,268).

Reserves policy

In line with Charity Commission recommendations, the Trustees have set the minimum level of reserves at an amount sufficient to cover all normal operating expenses for a six-month period. At the end of 2024, the charity has significantly more in reserves than this policy demands.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Constitution adopted on 9 March 2013 as amended on 22 February 2014 and 8 October 2022.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Each geographical area of the Methodist Church GB, as agreed by the Trustees of Methodist Women in Britain shall have the right to appoint a trustee to the charity. Additional trustees can be appointed as the majority of the existing trustees so appoint. Additional representatives from associated bodies can be appointed as trustees with the agreement of the majority of the current charity trustees. The additional representatives shall include, but not be limited to, a representative of the Women's World Day of Prayer.

All trustees must be members of the Methodist Church or permitted to hold office in the Methodist Church as stipulated in the Deed of Union clause 12. The officers of the charity as defined by clause 10(2) shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the Appointments Task Group and by a majority of those voting trustees present at any general meeting.

Each trustee, except the officers and additional representatives, shall be appointed for a term of three years but shall be eligible for re-appointment at their last general meeting for one further term.

In respect of the additional representatives appointed under clause 11(1) (c) they shall be appointed for a term of three years unless dictated otherwise by the governing document of the body they represent. In respect of the additional representatives appointed under clause 11 (l) (c) they shall be eligible for re-appointment unless dictated otherwise by the governing document of the body they represent. Officers of the charity except the Co-chairs shall be appointed for a term of five years and shall be eligible for re-appointment at their last general meeting for one further term.

No-one may serve as trustee for more than two consecutive terms unless the majority of those trustees present decide otherwise at a general meeting. One Co-Chair of the charity shall normally be elected biennially at a general meeting by the majority of those trustees present, following recommended candidates being provided by the Appointments Task Group. The election shall take place the year before the year of taking office. The Co-Chairs will work closely together and may divide responsibilities between them, for example geographically North and South of the country.

The Appointments Task Group shall consist of five trustees, including two officers all of whom shall be appointed to the Appointments Task Group upon the majority vote of the trustees present at a general meeting. The trustees may not appoint a person to be an officer if a person has already been appointed to that office and has not vacated the office.

Organisational structure

Methodist Women in Britain is a movement within the Methodist Church, led by a group of volunteers and funded by donations, which aims to connect women with an interest in creative spirituality and a passion for global social justice. We hold day conferences and residential events, produce printed and online resources and engage in social justice campaigns. MWiB is about more than Methodism, more than women and more than Britain - we have strong links with the World Church and are part of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, (WFMUCW).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Wider network

MWiB will operate as the British Unit of the WFMUCW, so is a part of that international movement, which has its own constitution and ways of working, available separately. Through WFMUCW the movement is affiliated to the World Methodist Council and has special consultative status at the United Nations. The WFMUCW Area Officer (who will be the Area President in 2011-16, the Area Vice-President in 2017-21) will encourage the involvement of MWiB in and represent MWiB at:

- WFMUCW World Assemblies, which take place every five years, and at which WFMUCW officers take up their posts. The WFMUCW Area Officer will attend as a member of the WFMUCW World Executive. The British Unit (i.e. MWiB) will also be expected to send a number of official delegates as members of the voting body of the World Assembly, (this number depends on the current number of women within British methodism);

- WFMUCW Area Seminars, which take place every five years, in between World Assemblies. Normally the two European areas join together to host the seminar. The MWiB Executive will have to take responsibility for involvement with the joint planning of these gatherings, or appoint people so to do.

MWiB will also retain close links with the worldwide work of the British Methodist church. To ensure this:

- the WFMUCW Area Officer will attend meetings of the Connexional World Mission Forum or equivalent body;
- the Executive will liaise with World Church Relationships, (WCR) to organise annual overseas visits by an officer, at the invitation of WCR through their partnership relationships;
- the MWiB Forum will, through a task group, be responsible for the production of the annual Easter Offering service, promoted by WCR and used widely throughout the Methodist Church of Britain.

As the British Unit of WFMUCW, we are in partnership with Methodist Women in Ireland (MWI) who form the other unit comprising the Europe: Britain and Ireland Area of WFMUCW.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 13/2/2025 And signed on its behalf by:

Bonnie G Braisden

AP

B BRAISOELL - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the
Committee of**

Methodist Women in Britain

year ended 31 August 2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Methodist Women in Britain

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Bradley Lowery Foundation ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 (ICAEW), 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 the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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.



Alison Henshaw FCCA
Independent Examiner

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Date: 27/02/25

Methodist Women in Britain
Unaudited Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income:					
Donations and legacies	2	21,211	1,160	22,371	45,788
Other trading activities	3	31,914	-	31,914	31,695
Investment income	4	19,444	-	19,444	18,036
Total incoming resources		<u>72,569</u>	<u>1,160</u>	<u>73,729</u>	<u>95,519</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities:					
General		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	5	(114,741)	-	(114,741)	(103,366)
Closing stock		6,000	-	6,000	-
Total		<u>(108,741)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(108,741)</u>	<u>(103,366)</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		55,422	-	55,422	1,627
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>19,250</u>	<u>1,160</u>	<u>20,410</u>	<u>(6,220)</u>
Net movement in funds		19,250	1,160	20,410	(6,220)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		669,351	-	669,351	675,571
Total funds carried forward		<u>688,601</u>	<u>1,160</u>	<u>689,761</u>	<u>669,351</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

Methodist Women in Britain

Unaudited Balance Sheet

as at 31 August 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Investments	9	541,690	486,268
Current Assets			
Stock		6,000	-
Debtors	10	10,304	11,820
Cash at bank		137,403	172,963
		<u>153,707</u>	<u>184,783</u>
Creditors:			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(5,636)</u>	<u>(1,700)</u>
Net Current Assets		148,071	183,083
Net Assets		<u>689,761</u>	<u>669,351</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	12	688,601	669,351
Restricted funds	12	1,160	-
Total Funds		<u>689,761</u>	<u>669,351</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for the issue on 13/2/2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Bronwen G. Baisden Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

These unaudited financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with:

- i) the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 (SORP 2019)
- ii) the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- iii) the Charities Act 2011.

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

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds; it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation, and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Income from other trading activities includes income from the sale of resources and contributions to Swanwick residential weekend and is recognised when received.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes, namely bank deposits and the Womens Network Welfare Fund (TMCP). It includes dividends and interest arising on these investments. It is included when the income can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the cost for which the expenditure arose.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the yearend date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Accounting Policies (continued)

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds – these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

Cash at bank

The charity holds sufficient funds in order to meet its short-term cash commitments as they fall due.

Debtors and Creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and Creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at the transaction price.

2 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations	21,211	1,160	22,371	21,523
Legacies	-	-	-	18,869
Mexico/Malawi	-	-	-	5,396
	<u>21,211</u>	<u>1,160</u>	<u>22,371</u>	<u>45,788</u>

Income from donations in 2023 was all unrestricted.

	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
3 Other Trading Activities		
Sale of resources	4,242	1,719
Swanwick weekend income	27,672	29,976
	<u>31,914</u>	<u>31,695</u>

Income from other trading activities are all unrestricted.

4 Investment Income

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Investment Income	19,444	18,036
	<u>19,444</u>	<u>18,036</u>

5 Expenses

Charitable activities

Insurance	1,286	1,286
Office expenses	3,931	3,584
Sundries	-	59
Committee expenses	14,483	18,835
Empowerment gifts	14,422	8,100
WFM & UCW Levy and Helen Kim Scholar	-	5,971
Swanwick weekend expenditure	41,650	37,829
Other payments	4,607	-
Pilgrimages	-	-
WF Day	667	808
Creativity Day	-	321
Heritage Bursary	-	500
Discretionary grants	400	900
Enabling grants	7,410	6,000
Resources	3,859	6,363
Pastoral Care Fund	200	1,900
Methodist Conference	11,257	2,275
WFMUCW	6,027	5,396
Social & Community Action Grants	900	625
	<u>111,099</u>	<u>100,752</u>

Finance

Bank charges	253	203
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Governance costs

Investment management fees	1,377	1,381
Independent examiners fee	2,012	1,030
	<u>3,389</u>	<u>2,411</u>

Total resources expended	<u>114,741</u>	<u>103,366</u>
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All expenses were unrestricted for 2024 & 2023.

Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 August 2024

6 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

There were no trustee' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2024 nor for the tax year ended 31 August 2023.

Trustees' expenses

During the year reimbursed expenses were paid to 23 Trustees totalling £4,290 (2023: 27 trustees totalling £7,287)

7 Governance Costs

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Independent Examiner's Fee	2,012	1,030
	<u>2,012</u>	<u>1,030</u>

8 Grants Payable

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Empowerment gifts	14,422	8,100
Discretionary grants	400	900
Enabling grants	7,410	6,000
Social & Community Action grants	900	625
	<u>23,132</u>	<u>15,625</u>

	Number	2024 £	Number	2023 £
Individuals	4	2,510	2	900
Institutions	9	20,622	6	14,725
	<u>13</u>	<u>23,132</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>15,625</u>

Methodist Women in Britain
Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 August 2024

9	Fixed Asset Investments	Listed Investments £
	Market Value	
	At 1 September 2023	486,268
	Revaluation	62,902
	Additions	44,047
	Disposals	(51,527)
	At 31 August 2024	<u>541,690</u>
	Net Book Value	
	At 31 August 2024	<u>541,690</u>
	At 31 August 2023	<u>486,268</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

10	Debtors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	2024 £	2023 £
	Debtors	107	-
	Prepayments	<u>10,197</u>	<u>11,820</u>
		<u>10,304</u>	<u>11,820</u>
11	Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	2024 £	2023 £
	Other Creditors	<u>5,636</u>	<u>1,700</u>

Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 August 2024

12 Movement In Funds

	At 01.09.23 £	Net Movement in funds £	At 31.08.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	592,776	19,250	612,026
Visual Impairment fund	24,665	-	24,665
Hearing Impairment fund	51,910	-	51,910
Restricted funds			
Tabitha House	-	930	930
Period Poverty	-	230	230
Total Funds	<u>669,351</u>	<u>20,410</u>	<u>689,761</u>

Net movement in funds, including in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains/ Losses £	Movement in funds £
Summary of funds				
General fund	73,569	(109,741)	55,422	19,250
Restricted fund	1,160	-	-	1,160
Total funds	<u>74,729</u>	<u>(109,741)</u>	<u>55,422</u>	<u>20,410</u>

12 Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 01.09.22 £	Net Movement in funds £	At 31.08.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	598,996	(6,220)	592,776
Visual Impairment fund	24,665	-	24,665
Hearing Impairment fund	51,910	-	51,910
Total Funds	<u>675,571</u>	<u>(6,220)</u>	<u>669,351</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	95,519	(103,366)	1,627	(6,220)

13 Related Party Disclosure

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 August 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income and Endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	22,371	21,523
Legacies	-	18,869
Mexico/Malawi	-	5,396
	<u>22,371</u>	<u>45,788</u>
Other trading activities		
Sales of resources	4,242	1,719
Swanwick weekend income	27,672	29,976
Closing stock	6,000	-
	<u>37,914</u>	<u>31,695</u>
Investment Income		
Investment income	19,444	18,036
Total incoming resources	<u>79,729</u>	<u>95,519</u>
Expenditure		
Charitable activities		
Insurance	1,286	1,286
Office expenses	3,931	3,584
Sundries	-	59
Committee expenses	14,483	18,835
Empowerment gifts	14,422	8,100
WFM & UCW Levy and Helen Kim Scholar	-	5,971
Swanwick weekend expenditure	41,650	37,829
Other payments	4,607	-
Pilgrimages	-	-
WF Day	667	808
Creativity Day	-	321
Heritage Bursary	-	500
Discretionary grants	400	900
Enabling grants	7,410	6,000
Resources	3,859	6,363
Pastoral Care Fund	200	1,900
Methodist Conference	11,257	2,275
WFMUCW	6,027	5,396
Social & Community Action Grants	900	625
	<u>111,099</u>	<u>100,752</u>

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for the year ended 31 August 2024

Support cost	2024	2023
	£	£
Finance		
Bank charges	253	203
Governance costs		
Investment management fees	1,377	1,381
Independent examiners fee	2,012	1,030
	<u>3,389</u>	<u>2,411</u>
Total resources expended	<u>114,741</u>	<u>103,366</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	55,422	1,627
Net surplus	<u>20,410</u>	<u>(6,220)</u>

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England & Wales - Charity number 1156626

Accounts

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023
FOR
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 published in October 2019.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church, seeking 'to know Christ and to make him known'.

To develop the capacity and skills of women members of the Methodist Church focussing especially on areas of disadvantage and under-representation, in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in the wider church and in society.

The prevention or relief of poverty or financial hardship anywhere in the world by supporting through awareness raising and advocacy, agencies who provide or assist in the provision of education, training, healthcare projects and the other necessary support that is designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.

Significant activities

1. The furtherance of fellowship and training by providing ways for Methodist women and others to keep in touch with one another for mutual support, strengthening and personal and spiritual growth, through residential conferences, one day events and publications (both printed and online) at local, regional and national level.
2. Producing resources and using such gatherings to highlight situations of social concern in the British Isles and around the world in which members of MWiB can be involved in a variety of ways.
3. Our Action Plan is based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, which cover combating hunger and poverty, achieving universal primary education, highlighting gender justice, health issues relating to maternal health, infant mortality, AIDS/HIV, Malaria and other diseases, environmental sustainability and global partnership. By advocating and providing information on these goals, women are enabled to address such needs in their local communities and, through partnership with other agencies, worldwide.
4. Through partnership with Methodist mission personnel overseas and with other agencies, Christian and non-Christian, highlighting areas of need and raising funds or providing other goods required for the alleviation of such needs and injustices.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

This year has been one of planning and restructuring Methodist Women in Britain. During covid, most of our meetings and committee meetings had to be online and people were reluctant to mix, the role of President increased as we became more dependent on technology, and it became obvious that MWiB needed to change too. Therefore, we have split the role of the President so, we welcomed Maggie Woods who has taken up the role of Co-Chair South, at the February Forum and Ruth Parrott has now become Co-Chair North. We have reduced the number of Trustees, each Trustee being responsible for an Area consisting of two or three Districts, each have an Ambassador, with whom they are asked to keep in regular contact. This will enable us to improve the line of communication between the local units and the Executive Committee. This new strategy will be kept under constant review.

In September we held a webinar with Deeptima Massey, as the speaker about her journey of Faith from India to Brighton. In October, Forum, the new strategy was discussed and finalised and the appointment of Maggie Woods as Co-Chair North was ratified. The World Federation Day was held in Gloucester in October which focused on 'Climate Change'. The Executive Committee's Retreat took place in November at The Oblate Retreat Centre, Willaston, Crewe, led by Rev Helen Stubbs.

Ruth Dawson was appointed as our Digital Media Coordinator, in January, and she is enabling us to increase our use of social media to advertise events. Phil Davies is now in charge of our website and together with Bronwen Braidell, our Communications Officer, are keeping it up to date. Most of our online events are recorded and placed on our MWiB YouTube Channel.

Ruth Parrott, President, visited Colombia, in January, organised by the Global Relations Team and hosted by the Iglesia Colombiana Metodista and CEPALC. The visit was based on the Sustainable Development Goals of Gender Equality, Education for All and Climate Change, all of which are having an influence on the lives of the indigenous people of Colombia.

The February Forum was held on Zoom and included the Induction of Maggie Woods as Co-Chair. We welcomed Maggie and said goodbye and thank you to Hilary Evans, Vice President, and also to members of Forum who had completed their term of office. Sheila Hall was interviewed for the post of Finance Officer and began shadowing Nina Rawlins in July.

Hilary Evans wrote the Easter Offering Service for 2023 entitled 'No Borders to God's Love'. Donations given at this service raise money for the World Mission Fund who fund Mission Partners. A recording of this service is on our YouTube channel.

The Annual Swanwick Conference was held in April, on the theme of 'Voices in Harmony', when Pam Rhodes, the television presenter, was the key note speaker on 'Hymns and Hers' and Rev Jenny Pathmarajah, spoke on 'The Influence of Rock and Roll on Worship Songs'. There were a variety of workshops and the conference concluded with a Service of Holy Communion led by our chaplain Rev Helen Stubbs.

We have launched two major initiatives this year, the first being a series of webinars based on Women's Health, entitled 'Bodies of Faith' which is now on our YouTube channel. The second, was the launch of 'The Mary Bosanquet Lecture' as a Fringe Event at Methodist Connexional Conference in June at which the keynote speaker was Canon Dr. Paula Gooder her subject being 'Reading Between the Lines' - Finding women in the stories of the Bible even though they look as if they are not there. The Mary Bosanquet Lectures are to be an annual event.

In June we hosted Sister Santusa, the President of Women in Bolivia. It was a challenge as she did not speak English and we did not speak Spanish, so interpreters had to be found, but it was a delight to take her to our Heritage Sites, women's meetings and to share our faith.

In July we held a 'Creativity Day' at Stamford, Barn Hill Methodist Church with weaving, creative writing, collage making, photography and a guided tour around the historic town.

We continue to support our partners - All We Can, Action for Children, Methodist Homes for the Aged, JPIT, The National Council for Women, The Domestic Abuse Planning Committee, Solidarity Circles and the Global Relations Committee.

This year we have given three Empowerment Gifts:
CONECE in Uganda, training women with disabilities and teenage mothers in entrepreneurial skills

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Rehema Centre in Kenya to empower single mothers with tailoring skills to make school uniforms and sanitary pads.
Maua Methodist Hospital Garden Project in Kenya, to help and train women to produce a kitchen garden to grow food for themselves and to pass on their skills.

We have also given Social and Community Action Grants, Enabling Grants, Discretionary Grants and a new Pastoral Care Fund in support of projects in Britain.

This year has been one of adjustment to a new situation. Our new structure is in its infancy and is being constantly reviewed. We have embraced new initiatives and supported women both at home and abroad. We continue to work 'for women, for justice, for Christ'

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The charity had a deficit of net expenditure on unrestricted funds in the year of £6,220 (2022 - £75,471). Total unrestricted funds as at 31 August 2023 were £669,351 (2022 £675,571).

Investment policy and objectives

The trustees consider an investment holding with The Trustees For Methodist Church Purposes suitable for the charity's requirements. The fair value of these investments as at 31 August 2023 was £486,268 (2022 £484,641).

Reserves policy

In line with Charity Commission recommendations, the Trustees have set the minimum level of reserves at an amount sufficient to cover all normal operating expenses for a six-month period. At the end of 2023, the charity has significantly more in reserves than this policy demands.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Constitution adopted on 9 March 2013 as amended on 22 February 2014 and 8 October 2022.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Each geographical area of the Methodist Church GB, as agreed by the Trustees of Methodist Women in Britain shall have the right to appoint a trustee to the charity. Additional trustees can be appointed as the majority of the existing trustees so appoint. Additional representatives from associated bodies can be appointed as trustees with the agreement of the majority of the current charity trustees. The additional representatives shall include, but not be limited to, a representative of the Women's World Day of Prayer.

All trustees must be members of the Methodist Church or permitted to hold office in the Methodist Church as stipulated in the Deed of Union clause 12. The officers of the charity as defined by clause 10(2) shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the Appointments Task Group and by a majority of those voting trustees present at any general meeting.

Each trustee, except the officers and additional representatives, shall be appointed for a term of three years but shall be eligible for re-appointment at their last general meeting for one further term.

In respect of the additional representatives appointed under clause 11(1) (c) they shall be appointed for a term of three years unless dictated otherwise by the governing document of the body they represent. In respect of the additional representatives appointed under clause 11 (1) (c) they shall be eligible for re-appointment unless dictated otherwise by the governing document of the body they represent. Officers of the charity except the Co-chairs shall be appointed for a term of five years and shall be eligible for re-appointment at their last general meeting for one further term.

No-one may serve as trustee for more than two consecutive terms unless the majority of those trustees present decide otherwise at a general meeting. One Co-Chair of the charity shall normally be elected biennially at a general meeting by the majority of those trustees present, following recommended candidates being provided by the Appointments Task Group. The election shall take place the year before the year of taking office. The Co-Chairs will work closely together and may divide responsibilities between them, for example geographically North and South of the country

The Appointments Task Group shall consist of five trustees including two officers all of whom shall be appointed to the Appointments Task Group upon the majority vote of the trustees present at a general meeting. The trustees may not appoint a person to be an officer if a person has already been appointed to that office and has not vacated the office.

Organisational structure

Methodist Women in Britain is a movement within the Methodist Church, led by a group of volunteers and funded by donations, which aims to connect women with an interest in creative spirituality and a passion for global social justice. We hold day conferences and residential events, produce printed and online resources and engage in social justice campaigns. MWiB is about more than Methodism, more than women and more than Britain - we have strong links with the World Church, and are part of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, (WFMUCW).

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Wider network

MWiB will operate as the British Unit of the WFMUCW, so is a part of that international movement, which has its own constitution and ways of working, available separately. Through WFMUCW the movement is affiliated to the World Methodist Council and has special consultative status at the United Nations. The WFMUCW Area Officer (who will be the Area President in 2011-16, the Area Vice-President in 2017-21) will encourage the involvement of MWiB in and represent MWiB at:

- WFMUCW World Assemblies, which take place every five years, and at which WFMUCW officers take up their posts. The WFMUCW Area Officer will attend as a member of the WFMUCW World Executive. The British Unit (i.e. MWiB) will also be expected to send a number of official delegates as members of the voting body of the World Assembly, (this number depends on the current number of women within British methodism);
- WFMUCW Area Seminars, which take place every five years, in between World Assemblies. Normally the two European areas join together to host the seminar. The MWiB Executive will have to take responsibility for involvement with the joint planning of these gatherings, or appoint people so to do.

MWiB will also retain close links with the world wide work of the British Methodist church. To ensure this:

- the WFMUCW Area Officer will attend meetings of the Connexional World Mission Forum or equivalent body;
- the Executive will liaise with World Church Relationships, (WCR) to organise annual overseas visits by an officer, at the invitation of WCR through their partnership relationships;
- the MWiB Forum will, through a task group, be responsible for the production of the annual Easter Offering service, promoted by WCR and used widely throughout the Methodist Church of Britain.

As the British Unit of WFMUCW, we are in partnership with Methodist Women in Ireland (MWI) who form the other unit comprising the Europe: Britain and Ireland Area of WFMUCW.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1156626

Principal address

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Trustees

Mrs N Rawlins
H J Evans (resigned 19.2.23)
P Gidney (resigned 19.2.23)
D Bosman
W Bridgeman (resigned 19.2.23)
B Harrison
B Braisdell
M Gill
J Thompson (resigned 19.2.23)
E Phillips (resigned 19.2.23)
E Banks
P Hill
S Murrell (resigned 19.2.23)
M Johnston (resigned 19.2.23)
S Collier (resigned 19.2.23)
J Oldroyd (resigned 19.2.23)
S Nickson (resigned 19.2.23)
E Chick
L King
Ms C Madenyika
R Parrott
B Easton
G Humphries (resigned 19.2.23)
D Coggrave
M Sachikonye (resigned 19.2.23)
P Beattie (resigned 19.2.23)
J Clark
M Lindley
A Walters (resigned 19.2.23)
M Reed
R Dawson (appointed 1.9.22)
A Taylor (appointed 1.9.22) (resigned 19.2.23)
E Colley (resigned 19.2.23)
H Cornick (resigned 19.2.23)
M A Woods (appointed 1.9.22)
R M Rowe (appointed 1.9.22)
G G Pengelly (appointed 1.9.22)

Independent Examiner

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PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity. The Trustees have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and planning future activities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 7th October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

R. Parrott
R Parrott - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Methodist Women in Britain

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Methodist Women in Britain (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. 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.



Karen Mealand

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Date: 18 October 2023

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	31.8.23 Unrestricted funds £	31.8.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2	45,788	28,571
Other trading activities	3	31,695	25,938
Investment income	4	18,036	13,542
Total		<u>95,519</u>	<u>68,051</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
General		-	-
Charitable activities		103,366	92,777
Total		<u>103,366</u>	<u>92,777</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		1,627	(50,745)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>(6,220)</u>	<u>(75,471)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		675,571	751,042
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>669,351</u>	<u>675,571</u>
CONTINUING OPERATIONS			
All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.			

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BALANCE SHEET
31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	31.8.23 Unrestricted funds £	31.8.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	8	486,268	484,641
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	11,820	13,752
Cash at bank		172,963	178,787
		<u>184,783</u>	<u>192,539</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,700)	(1,609)
		<u>183,083</u>	<u>190,930</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>669,351</u>	<u>675,571</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>669,351</u>	<u>675,571</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>669,351</u>	<u>675,571</u>
FUNDS	11		
Unrestricted funds		669,351	675,571
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>669,351</u>	<u>675,571</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 14 October 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

.....*R. Parrott*.....
R Parrott - Trustee

.....*N Rawlins*.....
N Rawlins - Trustee

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements and assessment of going concern

Methodist Women in Britain is an unincorporated charity in England. The principal address is on page 4 of these financial statements. The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 issued in October 2019, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 issued in October 2019, rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Income from other trading activities includes income from the sale of resources and contributions to Swanwick residential weekend and is recognised when received.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes, namely bank deposits and the Womens Network Welfare Fund (TMCP). It includes dividends and interest arising on these investments. It is included when the income can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the cost for which the expenditure arose.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

Cash at bank

The charity holds sufficient funds in order to meet its short term cash commitments as they fall due.

Debtors and Creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and Creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at the transaction price.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Donations	21,523	19,537
Legacies	18,869	-
Mexico/Malawi	5,396	5,334
Pilgrimage	-	3,700
	<u>45,788</u>	<u>28,571</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Sale of resources	1,719	1,691
Swanwick weekend income	29,976	24,247
	<u>31,695</u>	<u>25,938</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Investment income	<u>18,036</u>	<u>13,542</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2023 nor for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Trustees' expenses

During the year reimbursed expenses were paid to 27 Trustees totalling £7,287 (2022: 18 trustees totalling £6,062).

6. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
Independent Examiner's Fee	<u>1,030</u>	<u>954</u>

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
Empowerment gifts	8,100	8,921
Discretionary grants	900	650
Enabling grants	6,000	-
Social & Community Action grants	625	3,614
	<u>15,625</u>	<u>13,185</u>

	31.8.23		31.8.22	
	Number	£	Number	£
Individuals	2	900	2	650
Institutions	6	14,725	10	12,535
	<u>8</u>	<u>15,625</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13,185</u>

8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 September 2022	484,641
Revaluations	1,627
At 31 August 2023	<u>486,268</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 August 2023	<u>486,268</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>484,641</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Prepayments	<u>11,820</u>	<u>13,752</u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,609</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.8.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	598,996	(6,220)	592,776
Visual Impairment fund	24,665	-	24,665
Hearing Impairment fund	51,910	-	51,910
	<u>675,571</u>	<u>(6,220)</u>	<u>669,351</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>675,571</u>	<u>(6,220)</u>	<u>669,351</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	95,519	(103,366)	1,627	(6,220)
	<u>95,519</u>	<u>(103,366)</u>	<u>1,627</u>	<u>(6,220)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>95,519</u>	<u>(103,366)</u>	<u>1,627</u>	<u>(6,220)</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	674,467	(75,471)	598,996
Visual Impairment fund	24,665	-	24,665
Hearing Impairment fund	51,910	-	51,910
	<u>751,042</u>	<u>(75,471)</u>	<u>675,571</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>751,042</u>	<u>(75,471)</u>	<u>675,571</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	68,051	(92,777)	(50,745)	(75,471)
	<u>68,051</u>	<u>(92,777)</u>	<u>(50,745)</u>	<u>(75,471)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>68,051</u>	<u>(92,777)</u>	<u>(50,745)</u>	<u>(75,471)</u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2023.

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	21,523	19,537
Legacies	18,869	-
Mexico/Malawi	5,396	5,334
Pilgrimage	-	3,700
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	45,788	28,571
Other trading activities		
Sale of resources	1,719	1,691
Swanwick weekend income	29,976	24,247
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	31,695	25,938
Investment income		
Investment income	18,036	13,542
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total incoming resources	95,519	68,051
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Insurance	1,286	1,280
Office expenses	3,584	2,511
Sundries	59	2,695
Committee expenses	18,835	11,910
Empowerment gifts	8,100	8,921
WFM & UCW Levy and Helen Kim Scholar	5,971	11,376
Swanwick weekend expenditure	37,829	26,524
Other payments	-	6,309
Pilgrimages	-	2,960
WF day	808	-
Creativity Day	321	-
Heritage bursary	500	-
Discretionary grants	900	650
Enabling grants	6,000	-
Resources	6,363	1,213
Pastoral Care Fund	1,900	-
Methodist Conference	2,275	-
WFMUCW	5,396	10,000
Social & Community Action Grants	625	3,614
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	100,752	89,963
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	203	334

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Finance		
Governance costs		
Investment management fees	1,381	1,526
Independent examiners fee	1,030	954
	<u>2,411</u>	<u>2,480</u>
Total resources expended	<u>103,366</u>	<u>92,777</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(7,847)</u>	<u>(24,726)</u>

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METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

England & Wales - Charity number 1156626

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1156626

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022
FOR
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METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 published in October 2019.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church, seeking 'to know Christ and to make him known'.

To develop the capacity and skills of women members of the Methodist Church focussing especially on areas of disadvantage and under-representation, in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in the wider church and in society.

The prevention or relief of poverty or financial hardship anywhere in the world by supporting through awareness raising and advocacy, agencies who provide or assist in the provision of education, training, healthcare projects and the other necessary support that is designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.

Significant activities

1. The furtherance of fellowship and training by providing ways for Methodist women and others to keep in touch with one another for mutual support, strengthening and personal and spiritual growth, through residential conferences, one day events and publications (both printed and online) at local, regional and national level.
2. Producing resources and using such gatherings to highlight situations of social concern in the British Isles and around the world in which members of MWiB can be involved in a variety of ways.
3. Our Action Plan is based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, which cover combating hunger and poverty, achieving universal primary education, highlighting gender justice, health issues relating to maternal health, infant mortality, AIDS/HIV, Malaria and other diseases, environmental sustainability and global partnership. By advocating and providing information on these goals, women are enabled to address such needs in their local communities and, through partnership with other agencies, worldwide.
4. Through partnership with Methodist mission personnel overseas and with other agencies, Christian and non-Christian, highlighting areas of need and raising funds or providing other goods required for the alleviation of such needs and injustices.

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

This past year has been a time of adjustment after the disruption of the covid pandemic. The Executive Committee meetings, previously held face to face, have continued on Zoom and have been increased to ten times a year. A range of meetings took place with other agencies and groups online, including the supporting of ongoing work, and the future plans at Epworth Old Rectory.

Members of the Executive team met for a three-day retreat at The Royal Foundation of St Katherine, London, in November, which was led by Mrs Ruth Hilton, Director of Englesea Brook Chapel and Museum of Primitive Methodism, on the theme of 'Rocks' based on the Biblical story of 'The Samaritan Woman at the Well'. They engaged in a range of meditations and practical craft activities as they considered the future planning of Methodist Women in Britain.

The annual Swanwick Conference was held in April, and it was a joy to be able to meet in hybrid form after an absence of two years. The conference was led by Jill Baker, a previous President of MWiB, and Fiona Kendal from Mediterranean Hope on the theme 'Surviving by Hope'. A letter was sent to the Government, on behalf of the Conference, urging them to rethink the policy of sending people seeking asylum to Rwanda and other offshore destinations.

MWiB were unable to celebrate their 10th Anniversary in 2021 due to the pandemic situation, therefore a 10 +1 Anniversary Garden Party was held at Epworth Old Rectory on June 11th. Sarah Hollinsdale, the Connexional Heritage Officer, was the keynote speaker and Rev Claire Rawlinson led the service. A free afternoon tea was provided and visitors were able to tour the house and the MWiB exhibition.

The President, Mrs Ruth Parrott, attended and led meetings across the country, speaking about the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals on Climate Change, Gender Equality and Education. The emphasis being on Girl's Education and speaking about the AGLIT+ (Adolescent Girl's Literature Plus) project in Malawi in which MWiB has partnered with ALL WE CAN. She also attended and spoke at Daffodil Day in March at Westminster Methodist Central Hall and represented MWiB at the World Peace Awards in Sheffield, when the work of the Revd Inderjit Bhogal, with 'Sanctuary' was recognised. Ruth also attended the closing ceremony of Methodist Church House and represented MWiB at the Connexional Methodist Conference.

In partnership with Methodist Homes for the Aged (MHA), we have updated the 'Dementia Friendly Church' pack, now entitled 'Creating Dementia-inclusive Churches'. This is a pack of practical resources aiming to create welcoming inclusive communities for people living with dementia and those who care for them.

As personnel change within Methodist Women in Britain, and the Methodist Connexional team, we work to maintain and build upon the relationships for mutual benefit, including:

The 'Walking with Micah' project, the Domestic Abuse Planning Group, Action for Children, Global Relationships and All We Can.

Through the Forum [Trustees] we continue to encourage and support Methodist Women's groups in each District. We endeavour to keep them informed about national and international issues, to raise awareness and where appropriate raise funds. Most Districts also have local partnerships which they support.

Mrs Hilary Evans, presented the following resolution to the National Council of Women highlighting the plight of trafficked women and girls:

'We call upon the UK Government to instigate greater and more accurate data gathering to better assess the prevalence of modern slavery and human trafficking across the UK, so demonstrating the need to rapidly improve and increase facilities and services to support those rescued and traumatised by their experiences.'

She also attended the NCW's 100th Anniversary Lunch.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The Swiss World Day of Prayer Committee, have given MWiB a grant to work on an Interfaith Environmental project with Touchstone Interfaith Centre, Bradford, entitled 'Whose Bag is it Anyway? This commenced in March with an online conference when leaders of five different faiths gave their perspective on caring for the environment, based on their holy books. Planning continues to deliver a programme which will involve three groups of interfaith women who will meet to produce bags made from recyclable materials and other craft activities whilst discussing how, together, they can address the issue of climate change in their communities.

We continue to support women's education and empowerment through gifts to overseas projects, and grants and bursaries for projects and training in Britain.

Each year, a member of the Executive Committee writes the Easter Offering Service as a gift to the Connexional World Mission Fund (WMF). This year the service entitled 'Tell Her Story, Tell Our Story', was written by our Helen Kim Memorial Scholar, Rachel Allison. The money raised will help to support Global Mission Partners.

Draft plans have been formulated for the restructuring of our organisational systems which will be presented to Forum in October 2022. In doing so, we hope to strengthen our vision, to help make the world a fairer place, to fight for justice, equality, and inclusion in the name of Christ.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The charity had a deficit (2021 surplus) of net expenditure on unrestricted funds in the year of £75,471 (2021 - £94,950 surplus). Total unrestricted funds as at 31 August 2022 were £675,571 (2021 £751,042).

Investment policy and objectives

The trustees consider an investment holding with The Trustees For Methodist Church Purposes suitable for the charity's requirements. The fair value of these investments as at 31 August 2022 was £484,641 (2021 £535,386).

Reserves policy

In line with Charity Commission recommendations, the Trustees have set the minimum level of reserves at an amount sufficient to cover all normal operating expenses for a six-month period. At the end of 2021, the charity has significantly more in reserves than this policy demands.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Constitution adopted on 9 March 2013 as amended on 22 February 2014.

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Each home district of the Methodist Church, as defined by paragraph 38 of the Deed of Union, shall have the right to appoint a trustee to the charity. Additional trustees can be appointed as the majority of the existing trustees so appoint. Additional representatives from associated bodies can be appointed as trustees with the agreement of the majority of the current charity trustees. The additional representatives shall include, but not be limited to, a representative of the Women's World Day of Prayer.

All trustees must be members of the Methodist Church or permitted to hold office in the Methodist Church as stipulated in the Deed of Union clause 12. The officers of the charity as defined by clause 10(2) shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the Appointments Task Group and by a majority of those voting trustees present at any general meeting. Each trustee, except the officers and additional representatives, shall be appointed for a term of three years but shall be eligible for re-appointment at their last general meeting for one further term.

In respect of the additional representatives appointed under clause 11(1) (c) they shall be appointed for a term of three years unless dictated otherwise by the governing document of the body they represent. In respect of the additional representatives appointed under clause 11 (1) (c) they shall be eligible for re-appointment unless dictated otherwise by the governing document of the body they represent. Officers of the charity except the President and Vice President shall be appointed for a term of five years and shall be eligible for re-appointment at their last general meeting for one further term.

No-one may serve as trustee for more than two consecutive terms unless the majority of those trustees present decide otherwise at a general meeting. The President of the charity shall be elected biennially at a general meeting by the majority of those trustees present, following recommended candidates being provided by the Appointments Task Group. The election shall take place the year before the year of taking office. The President shall hold office as such for two years and during the year before taking that office and also the year after leaving office will hold the office of Vice-President.

The Appointments Task Group shall consist of five trustees including two officers all of whom shall be appointed to the Appointments Task Group upon the majority vote of the trustees present at a general meeting. The trustees may not appoint a person to be an officer if a person has already been appointed to that office and has not vacated the office.

Organisational structure

Methodist Women in Britain is a movement within the Methodist Church, led by a group of volunteers and funded by donations, which aims to connect women with an interest in creative spirituality and a passion for global social justice. We hold day conferences and residential events, produce printed and online resources and engage in social justice campaigns. MWiB is about more than Methodism, more than women and more than Britain - we have strong links with the World Church, and are part of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, (WFMUCW).

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Wider network

MWiB will operate as the British Unit of the WFMUCW, so is a part of that international movement, which has its own constitution and ways of working, available separately. Through WFMUCW the movement is affiliated to the World Methodist Council and has special consultative status at the United Nations. The WFMUCW Area Officer (who will be the Area President in 2011-16, the Area Vice-President in 2017-21) will encourage the involvement of MWiB in and represent MWiB at:

- WFMUCW World Assemblies, which take place every five years, and at which WFMUCW officers take up their posts. The WFMUCW Area Officer will attend as a member of the WFMUCW World Executive. The British Unit (i.e. MWiB) will also be expected to send a number of official delegates as members of the voting body of the World Assembly, (this number depends on the current number of women within British methodism);
- WFMUCW Area Seminars, which take place every five years, in between World Assemblies. Normally the two European areas join together to host the seminar. The MWiB Executive will have to take responsibility for involvement with the joint planning of these gatherings, or appoint people so to do.

MWiB will also retain close links with the world wide work of the British Methodist church. To ensure this:

- the WFMUCW Area Officer will attend meetings of the Connexional World Mission Forum or equivalent body;
- the Executive will liaise with World Church Relationships, (WCR) to organise annual overseas visits by an officer, at the invitation of WCR through their partnership relationships;
- the MWiB Forum will, through a task group, be responsible for the production of the annual Easter Offering service, promoted by WCR and used widely throughout the Methodist Church of Britain.

As the British Unit of WFMUCW, we are in partnership with Methodist Women in Ireland (MWI) who form the other unit comprising the Europe: Britain and Ireland Area of WFMUCW.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1156626

Principal address

c/o Touchstone
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METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Trustees

Mrs N Rawlins
H J Evans
R E Allison (resigned 31.8.22)
P Gidney
S E White (resigned 31.8.22)
D Bosman
W Bridgeman
I Hayes (appointed 1.9.21) (resigned 15.4.22)
B Harrison
B Braisdell
J Richards (resigned 31.8.22)
M Gill
J Thompson
E Phillips
E Banks
P Hill
J M James (resigned 31.8.22)
S Murrell
M Johnston
S Collier
J Oldroyd
S Nickson
A Baldock (resigned 31.8.22)
E Chick
L King
Mrs E De Graft (resigned 31.3.22)
Ms C Madenyika
R Parrott
B Easton
G Humphries
D Coggrave
M Sachikonye
P Beattie
J Clark
M Lindley (appointed 1.9.21)
A Walters (appointed 1.9.21)
M Reed (appointed 1.9.21)
R Dawson (appointed 1.9.22)
A Taylor (appointed 1.9.22)
E Colley (appointed 1.9.21)
H Cornick (appointed 1.4.22)

Independent Examiner

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PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity. The Trustees have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and planning future activities.

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Approved by order of the board of trustees on*9th October '22*..... and signed on its behalf by:

R. Parrott
.....
R Parrott - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Methodist Women in Britain

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Methodist Women in Britain (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. 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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Date: 19 October 2022

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

		31.8.22 Unrestricted funds £	31.8.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	28,571	37,914
Other trading activities	3	25,938	2,572
Investment income	4	13,542	10,855
Total		<u>68,051</u>	<u>51,341</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities		92,777	57,731
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(50,745)	101,340
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>(75,471)</u>	<u>94,950</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		751,042	656,092
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>675,571</u>	<u>751,042</u>
CONTINUING OPERATIONS			
All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.			

The notes form part of these financial statements


METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

BALANCE SHEET

31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	31.8.22 Unrestricted funds £	31.8.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	8	484,641	535,386
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	13,752	5,400
Cash at bank		178,787	211,793
		<u>192,539</u>	<u>217,193</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,609)	(1,537)
		<u>190,930</u>	<u>215,656</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>190,930</u>	<u>215,656</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>675,571</u>	<u>751,042</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>675,571</u>	<u>751,042</u>
FUNDS	11		
Unrestricted funds		<u>675,571</u>	<u>751,042</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>675,571</u>	<u>751,042</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 9th October '22 and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
R Parrott - Trustee


.....
N Rawlins - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements and assessment of going concern

Methodist Women in Britain is an unincorporated charity in England. The principal address is on page 4 of these financial statements. The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 issued in October 2019, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 issued in October 2019, rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Income from other trading activities includes income from the sale of resources and contributions to Swanwick residential weekend and is recognised when received.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes, namely bank deposits and the Womens Network Welfare Fund (TMCP). It includes dividends and interest arising on these investments. It is included when the income can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the cost for which the expenditure arose.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

Cash at bank

The charity holds sufficient funds in order to meet its short term cash commitments as they fall due.

Debtors and Creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and Creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at the transaction price.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.8.22	31.8.21
	£	£
Donations	19,537	16,126
Legacies	-	20,260
Dalit partnership/Tabita House /Mexico	5,334	1,528
Pilgrimage	3,700	-
	<u>28,571</u>	<u>37,914</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.8.22	31.8.21
	£	£
Sale of resources	1,691	139
Swanwick weekend income	24,247	2,433
	<u>25,938</u>	<u>2,572</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.8.22	31.8.21
	£	£
Investment income	<u>13,542</u>	<u>10,855</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2022 nor for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Trustees' expenses

During the year reimbursed expenses were paid to 18 Trustees totalling £6,062 (2021: 9 trustees totalling £3,753).

6. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	31.8.22 £	31.8.21 £
Independent Examiner's Fee	954	882

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31.8.22 £	31.8.21 £
Empowerment gifts	8,921	12,565
Discretionary grants	650	840
Enabling grants	-	5,000
Social & Community Action grants	3,614	900
	<u>13,185</u>	<u>19,305</u>

	31.8.22		31.8.21	
	Number	£	Number	£
Individuals	-	-	-	-
Institutions	12	13,185	13	19,305
	<u>12</u>	<u>13,185</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>19,305</u>

8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 September 2021	535,386
Revaluations	<u>(50,745)</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>484,641</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 August 2022	<u>484,641</u>
At 31 August 2021	<u>535,386</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.22	31.8.21
	£	£
Prepayments	13,752	5,400
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.22	31.8.21
	£	£
Other creditors	1,609	1,537
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.8.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	674,467	(75,471)	598,996
Visual Impairment fund	24,665	-	24,665
Hearing Impairment fund	51,910	-	51,910
	<u>751,042</u>	<u>(75,471)</u>	<u>675,571</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>751,042</u>	<u>(75,471)</u>	<u>675,571</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	68,051	(92,777)	(50,745)	(75,471)
	<u>68,051</u>	<u>(92,777)</u>	<u>(50,745)</u>	<u>(75,471)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>68,051</u>	<u>(92,777)</u>	<u>(50,745)</u>	<u>(75,471)</u>

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	579,517	94,950	674,467
Visual Impairment fund	24,665	-	24,665
Hearing Impairment fund	51,910	-	51,910
	<u>656,092</u>	<u>94,950</u>	<u>751,042</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>656,092</u>	<u>94,950</u>	<u>751,042</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	51,341	(57,731)	101,340	94,950
	<u>51,341</u>	<u>(57,731)</u>	<u>101,340</u>	<u>94,950</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>51,341</u>	<u>(57,731)</u>	<u>101,340</u>	<u>94,950</u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2022.

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

	31.8.22	31.8.21
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	19,537	16,126
Legacies	-	20,260
Dalit partnership/Tabita House /Mexico	5,334	1,528
Pilgrimage	3,700	-
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	28,571	37,914
Other trading activities		
Sale of resources	1,691	139
Swanwick weekend income	24,247	2,433
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	25,938	2,572
Investment income		
Investment income	13,542	10,855
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Total incoming resources	68,051	51,341
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Insurance	1,280	1,565
Office expenses	2,511	10,348
Sundries	2,695	-
Committee expenses	11,910	1,568
Empowerment gifts	8,921	12,565
WFM & UCW Levy and Helen Kim Scholar	21,376	9,702
Swanwick weekend expenditure	26,524	5,769
Other payments	6,309	1,369
Pilgrimages	2,960	-
Discretionary grants	650	840
Enabling grants	-	5,000
Emergency Support Fund	-	3,140
Resources	1,213	2,980
Social & Community Action Grants	3,614	900
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	89,963	55,746
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	334	239
Governance costs		
Investment management fees	1,526	864
Independent examiners fee	954	882
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	2,480	1,746

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

	31.8.22	31.8.21
	£	£
Total resources expended	<u>92,777</u>	<u>57,731</u>
Net expenditure	<u><u>(24,726)</u></u>	<u><u>(6,390)</u></u>

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METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

England & Wales - Charity number 1156626

Accounts

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021
FOR
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METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' preparing their annual report and accounts of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 published in October 2019.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church, seeking 'to know Christ and to make him known'.

To develop the capacity and skills of women members of the Methodist Church focussing especially on areas of disadvantage and under-representation, in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in the wider church and in society.

The prevention or relief of poverty or financial hardship anywhere in the world by supporting through awareness raising and advocacy, agencies who provide or assist in the provision of education, training, healthcare projects and the other necessary support that is designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.

Significant activities

1. The furtherance of fellowship and training by providing ways for Methodist women and others to keep in touch with one another for mutual support, strengthening and personal and spiritual growth, through residential conferences, one day events and publications (both printed and online) at local, regional and national level.
2. Producing resources and using such gatherings to highlight situations of social concern in the British Isles and around the world in which members of MWiB can be involved in a variety of ways.
3. Our Action Plan is based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, which cover combating hunger and poverty, achieving universal primary education, highlighting gender justice, health issues relating to maternal health, infant mortality, AIDS/HIV, Malaria and other diseases, environmental sustainability and global partnership. By advocating and providing information on these goals, women are enabled to address such needs in their local communities and, through partnership with other agencies, worldwide.
4. Through partnership with Methodist mission personnel overseas and with other agencies, Christian and non-Christian, highlighting areas of need and raising funds or providing other goods required for the alleviation of such needs and injustices.

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The effects of the pandemic continued to affect what had become the usual practice. Meetings of the Executive group took place via Zoom, President Hilary Evans was unable to speak at face to face meetings, as many were cancelled or postponed. Gradually however groups across the country gained confidence in online meetings and she gave a number of talks via a screen, mainly focussing on her experience in northern Mexico. She also participated in the annual Daffodil Day in March, and the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women online event in August.

The five yearly meeting of the World Federation had been due to gather in Gothenburg in August, but was postponed to August 2022. So, an online global meeting was held instead. [The postponed meeting for 2022 will also be an online event as it is unlikely that members from many countries will be able to gain visas for travel]

The twice yearly Forum [Trustees] meetings in October and February were also conducted on line as one day meetings, rather than weekend gatherings.

The annual weekend conference usually held at The Hayes in Swanwick, Derbyshire, in April, similarly reverted to an online form. It was held over two days with the key note speaker Sister Imelda Poole of Mary Ward Loreto, and Renate. Sister Imelda spoke about the work of her organisation in Albania to help prevent human trafficking and rescue and rehabilitate survivors. The main input was supported by members of Executive and the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women [WFUMCW] Alison Judd [World President] Louise Wilson [British and Irish Unit President] Joan Strong [Methodist Women in Ireland President, Rachel Alison and Wanda Hogan [Helen Kim Memorial Scholars] and Phoebe Parkin [3Generate Youth President].

The link with the German Methodist Women was maintained as several members were able to join via Zoom.

An afternoon online celebration followed the conference to celebrate ten years of Methodist Women in Britain. Bunting panels created by women across the country to illustrate work in their area with charities and issues of justice featured joined in a long bunting, and glassware commissioned to commemorate ten positive years featured.

Each session of the conference and the celebration were recorded and subsequently uploaded onto a new YouTube channel.

Mrs Hilary Evans continued to attend the Global Relationships committee of the Methodist Connexion as Methodist Women in Britain's representative.

The Easter Offering service which Methodist Women write for the British Methodist Church each year, and which raises significant amounts of money for global mission work annually was prepared. However, it was felt that few, if any churches or circuits would feel safe and comfortable to meet together to share it, so the Executive team made a recording and uploaded to the YouTube channel for people to engage at home, or in small groups. It was viewed around 1200 times.

The World Federation Day in October which was due to take place in Chippenham had to be cancelled, as the hosting church had not reopened, and many people seemed nervous about gathering in face to face groups

The Executive arranged a day to be quiet in their own homes instead of gathering for a retreat in November. Deacon Sara Windsor-Hides provided some ideas for reflection on one or two psalms. At the end of the day we gathered online to share thoughts and creative ideas.

Contacts with other Methodist groups and partners were maintained, for example in producing written resources for Advent and Lent, and in supporting Epworth Old Rectory as they began to deliver webinars to retain interest as they had to close for a long period. Research carried out by two young women based at Hull University was one subject featured, and which was supported by MWiB.

We sought to maintain contact with women across the country through the year, aware that many were in situations where they were quite isolated. The weekly services from Twelvestalks continued until May, but were then discontinued as many churches were producing their own regular services. The lack of actual in person meetings has affected fund raising activities and reduced regular income.

The frequency of the President's Blogs was increased during periods of lockdown as one means of keeping contact.

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Women's education and empowerment has continued to be supported through gifts to overseas projects, despite reduced income. Grants and bursaries for projects and training in Britain have been fewer, but the introduction of a grant for Emergency Funding to churches that were beginning projects to provide help for their local community were well received.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The charity had a surplus (2020 deficit) of net income on unrestricted funds in the year of £94,950 (2020 £66,589 deficit). Total unrestricted funds as at 31 August 2021 were £751,042 (2020 £656,092).

Investment policy and objectives

The trustees consider an investment holding with The Trustees For Methodist Church Purposes suitable for the charity's requirements. The fair value of these investments as at 31 August 2021 was £535,386 (2020 £432,016).

Reserves policy

In line with Charity Commission recommendations, the Trustees have set the minimum level of reserves at an amount sufficient to cover all normal operating expenses for a six-month period. At the end of 2021, the charity has significantly more in reserves than this policy demands.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Constitution adopted on 9 March 2013 as amended on 22 February 2014.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Each home district of the Methodist Church, as defined by paragraph 38 of the Deed of Union, shall have the right to appoint a trustee to the charity. Additional trustees can be appointed as the majority of the existing trustees so appoint. Additional representatives from associated bodies can be appointed as trustees with the agreement of the majority of the current charity trustees. The additional representatives shall include, but not be limited to, a representative of the Women's World Day of Prayer.

All trustees must be members of the Methodist Church or permitted to hold office in the Methodist Church as stipulated in the Deed of Union clause 12. The officers of the charity as defined by clause 10(2) shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the Appointments Task Group and by a majority of those voting trustees present at any general meeting. Each trustee, except the officers and additional representatives, shall be appointed for a term of three years but shall be eligible for re-appointment at their last general meeting for one further term.

In respect of the additional representatives appointed under clause 11(1) (c) they shall be appointed for a term of three years unless dictated otherwise by the governing document of the body they represent. In respect of the additional representatives appointed under clause 11 (1) (c) they shall be eligible for re-appointment unless dictated otherwise by the governing document of the body they represent. Officers of the charity except the President and Vice President shall be appointed for a term of five years and shall be eligible for re-appointment at their last general meeting for one further term.

No-one may serve as trustee for more than two consecutive terms unless the majority of those trustees present decide otherwise at a general meeting. The President of the charity shall be elected biennially at a general meeting by the majority of those trustees present, following recommended candidates being provided by the Appointments Task Group. The election shall take place the year before the year of taking office. The President shall hold office as such for two years and during the year before taking that office and also the year after leaving office will hold the office of Vice-President.

The Appointments Task Group shall consist of five trustees including two officers all of whom shall be appointed to the Appointments Task Group upon the majority vote of the trustees present at a general meeting. The trustees may not appoint a person to be an officer if a person has already been appointed to that office and has not vacated the office.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

Methodist Women in Britain is a movement within the Methodist Church, led by a group of volunteers and funded by donations, which aims to connect women with an interest in creative spirituality and a passion for global social justice. We hold day conferences and residential events, produce printed and online resources and engage in social justice campaigns. MWiB is about more than Methodism, more than women and more than Britain - we have strong links with the World Church, and are part of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, (WFMUCW).

Wider network

MWiB will operate as the British Unit of the WFMUCW, so is a part of that international movement, which has its own constitution and ways of working, available separately. Through WFMUCW the movement is affiliated to the World Methodist Council and has special consultative status at the United Nations. The WFMUCW Area Officer (who will be the Area President in 2011-16, the Area Vice-President in 2017-21) will encourage the involvement of MWiB in and represent MWiB at:

- WFMUCW World Assemblies, which take place every five years, and at which WFMUCW officers take up their posts. The WFMUCW Area Officer will attend as a member of the WFMUCW World Executive. The British Unit (i.e. MWiB) will also be expected to send a number of official delegates as members of the voting body of the World Assembly, (this number depends on the current number of women within British methodism);
- WFMUCW Area Seminars, which take place every five years, in between World Assemblies. Normally the two European areas join together to host the seminar. The MWiB Executive will have to take responsibility for involvement with the joint planning of these gatherings, or appoint people so to do.

MWiB will also retain close links with the world wide work of the British Methodist church. To ensure this:

- the WFMUCW Area Officer will attend meetings of the Connexional World Mission Forum or equivalent body;
- the Executive will liaise with World Church Relationships, (WCR) to organise annual overseas visits by an officer, at the invitation of WCR through their partnership relationships;
- the MWiB Forum will, through a task group, be responsible for the production of the annual Easter Offering service, promoted by WCR and used widely throughout the Methodist Church of Britain.

As the British Unit of WFMUCW, we are in partnership with Methodist Women in Ireland (MWI) who form the other unit comprising the Europe: Britain and Ireland Area of WFMUCW.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1156626

Principal address

c/o Touchstone
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METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

Trustees

Mrs N Rawlins
C Thompson (resigned 31.8.21)
H J Evans
C Lawrence (resigned 31.8.21)
R E Allison
P Gidney
J Simms (resigned 31.8.21)
S E White
D Bosman
A Simpson (resigned 31.8.21)
W Bridgeman
C Tolhurst (resigned 31.8.21)
I Hayes (appointed 1.9.21)
B Harrison
B Braisdell
J Richards
M Gill
J Thompson
E Phillips
E Banks
P Hill
J M James
S Murrell
M Johnston
S Collier
J Oldroyd
S Nickson
A Baldock
E Chick
L King
Mrs E De Graft
Ms C Madenyika
R Parrott
B Easton
G Humphries (appointed 1.9.20)
D Coggrave (appointed 1.9.20)
M Sachikonye (appointed 1.9.20)
P Beattie (appointed 1.9.20)
J Clark (appointed 1.9.20)
M Lindley (appointed 1.9.21)

Independent Examiner

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PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity. The Trustees have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and planning future activities.

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 9 October 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

R Parrott - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Methodist Women in Britain

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Methodist Women in Britain (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. 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.

Karen Mealand
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Date:

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	31.8.21 Unrestricted funds £	31.8.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2	37,914	51,273
Other trading activities	3	2,572	1,421
Investment income	4	10,855	13,388
Total		<u>51,341</u>	<u>66,082</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities		57,731	99,507
Net gains/(losses) on investments		101,340	(33,164)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>94,950</u>	<u>(66,589)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		656,092	722,681
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>751,042</u></u>	<u><u>656,092</u></u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

BALANCE SHEET
31 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	31.8.21 Unrestricted funds £	31.8.20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	8	535,386	432,016
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	5,400	5,221
Cash at bank		211,793	226,213
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		217,193	231,434
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,537)	(7,358)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		215,656	224,076
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		751,042	656,092
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NET ASSETS		751,042	656,092
		<hr/>	<hr/>
FUNDS	11		
Unrestricted funds		751,042	656,092
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TOTAL FUNDS		751,042	656,092
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 9 October 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

R Parrott - Trustee

N Rawlins - Trustee

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements and assessment of going concern

Methodist Women in Britain is an unincorporated charity in England. The principal address is on page 4 of these financial statements. The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 issued in October 2019, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 issued in October 2019, rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Income from other trading activities includes income from the sale of resources and contributions to Swanwick residential weekend and is recognised when received.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes, namely bank deposits and the Womens Network Welfare Fund (TMCP). It includes dividends and interest arising on these investments. It is included when the income can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the cost for which the expenditure arose.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

Cash at bank

The charity holds sufficient funds in order to meet its short term cash commitments as they fall due.

Debtors and Creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and Creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at the transaction price.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.8.21	31.8.20
	£	£
Donations	16,126	23,635
Legacies	20,260	18,885
Dalit partnership/Tabita House /Mexico	1,528	5,593
Pilgrimage	-	3,160
	<u>37,914</u>	<u>51,273</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.8.21	31.8.20
	£	£
Sale of resources	139	986
Swanwick weekend income	2,433	-
WF day	-	435
	<u>2,572</u>	<u>1,421</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.8.21	31.8.20
	£	£
Investment income	<u>10,855</u>	<u>13,388</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2021 nor for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Trustees' expenses

During the year reimbursed expenses were paid to 9 Trustees totalling £3,753 (2020: 34 trustees totalling £14,718).

6. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	31.8.21 £	31.8.21 £
Independent Examiner's Fee	882	858

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31.8.21 £	31.8.20 £
Empowerment gifts	12,565	10,102
Discretionary grants	840	2,060
Enabling grants	5,000	1,500
Social & Community Action grants	900	4,650
	<u>19,305</u>	<u>18,312</u>

	31.8.21		31.8.20	
	Number	£	Number	£
Individuals	-	-	11	2,560
Institutions	13	19,305	15	15,752
	<u>13</u>	<u>19,305</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>18,312</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 September 2020	432,016
Additions	2,030
Revaluations	101,340
	<u>535,386</u>
At 31 August 2021	<u>535,386</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 August 2021	<u>535,386</u>
At 31 August 2020	<u>432,016</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.21 £	31.8.20 £
Prepayments	<u>5,400</u>	<u>5,221</u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.21 £	31.8.20 £
Other creditors	<u>1,537</u>	<u>7,358</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	579,517	94,950	674,467
Visual Impairment fund	24,665	-	24,665
Hearing Impairment fund	51,910	-	51,910
	<u>656,092</u>	<u>94,950</u>	<u>751,042</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>656,092</u>	<u>94,950</u>	<u>751,042</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	51,341	(57,731)	101,340	94,950
	<u>51,341</u>	<u>(57,731)</u>	<u>101,340</u>	<u>94,950</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>51,341</u>	<u>(57,731)</u>	<u>101,340</u>	<u>94,950</u>

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	641,016	(61,499)	579,517
Visual Impairment fund	24,665	-	24,665
Hearing Impairment fund	57,000	(5,090)	51,910
	<u>722,681</u>	<u>(66,589)</u>	<u>656,092</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>722,681</u>	<u>(66,589)</u>	<u>656,092</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	66,082	(94,417)	(33,164)	(61,499)
Hearing Impairment fund	-	(5,090)	-	(5,090)
	<u>66,082</u>	<u>(99,507)</u>	<u>(33,164)</u>	<u>(66,589)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>66,082</u>	<u>(99,507)</u>	<u>(33,164)</u>	<u>(66,589)</u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2021.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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	31.8.21 £	31.8.20 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	16,126	23,635
Legacies	20,260	18,885
Dalit partnership/Tabita House /Mexico	1,528	5,593
Pilgrimage	-	3,160
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	37,914	51,273
Other trading activities		
Sale of resources	139	986
Swanwick weekend income	2,433	-
WF day	-	435
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	2,572	1,421
Investment income		
Investment income	10,855	13,388
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Total incoming resources	51,341	66,082
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Insurance	1,565	2,024
Office expenses	10,348	6,377
Committee expenses	1,568	28,770
Empowerment gifts	12,565	10,102
WFM & UCW Levy and Helen Kim Scholar	9,702	10,690
Swanwick weekend expenditure	5,769	4,416
Other payments	1,369	16,347
Pilgrimages	-	3,544
WF day	-	893
Discretionary grants	840	2,060
Enabling grants	5,000	1,500
Mexico	-	6,000
Emergency Support Fund	3,140	-
Resources	2,980	-
Social & Community Action Grants	900	4,650
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	55,746	97,373
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	239	346
Governance costs		
Investment management fees	864	930
Carried forward	864	930

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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	31.8.21	31.8.20
	£	£
Governance costs		
Brought forward	864	930
Independent examiners fee	882	858
	<u>1,746</u>	<u>1,788</u>
Total resources expended	<u>57,731</u>	<u>99,507</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(6,390)</u>	<u>(33,425)</u>

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