

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
From		Period start date			Period end date		
		1st	April	2024	To	31st	March

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Movement for Justice and Reconciliation		
Other names charity is known by	MJR		
Registered charity number (if any)	1161441		
Charity's principal address	115 Preston Hill		
	Kenton, Harrow		
	Middlesex		
	Postcode	HA3 9SQ	

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates active if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Revd Alton Bell	Chair		
3	Keith Cottrell			
4	Clive Ireson			
5	Sarah-Jane Adejei			
6	Khareem Jamal			
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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution and Governance
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by resolution in properly constituted trustee meeting

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.
- relationship with any related parties.
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

During the year, the Trustees have reviewed and ratified current policy and strategy documents.

These include:

- Trustee responsibilities and Financial Procedures Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Structure and Working Groups Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Reviewed our aims and objectives

The Trustees have also agreed a process for trustee re-election in accordance with the MJR Constitution.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

1. To advance the education of the public in general on the subject of colonial slavery and industrial exploitation in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries and the effect it has had on today's society, in particular but not exclusively by raising awareness and providing information about how this era of our nation's history is impacting on British society today, and by promoting research in all aspects of this subject and publishing the results.

2. To develop the capacity and skills of members of socially and economically disadvantaged communities in such a way that they are better able to meet their needs, identify problems and to be able to participate more fully in society.

3. Such other purposes as are exclusively charitable in accordance with the laws of England and Wales as the trustees may from time to time deem fit.

### Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Movement for Justice and Reconciliation operates in accordance with the Constitution and Governance document submitted to the Charity Commission in April 2015.

The trustees are satisfied that the charity is complying with the terms of this governance document and have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers and duties.

In particular, MJR are continuing to conduct research relating to legacy issues with the view of organising wider projects focussing on the findings. These projects will be undertaken in collaboration with academic institutions, various local community groups and faith-based organisations in Britain & Ireland.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year****1. Research**

In 2022, MJR have produced and are actively promoting our documentary film, 'After The Flood' throughout the UK and beyond. Copies for Individual hire or purchase are available on our website, [www.mjr-uk.com](http://www.mjr-uk.com). We are now developing a virtual reality project in conjunction with partners, to depict life of a slave from capture on the shores of West Africa to the horrors of transportation during the 'middle passage', and finally to the seasoning period before life on plantations in the Caribbean.

**2. The Film 'After the Flood'**

The film is both educational and redemptive. And achieves the following:

- Raise awareness of Britain's leading role in the transatlantic slave trade, and how the churches were complicit in the trade. With the aim to bring about racial reconciliation.
- Providing encouragement to existing community cohesion projects and to act as a catalyst for new local community-led projects seeking to address legacy issues identified.
- Create greater national collective understanding and sharing of information and ideas to address legacy issues relating to our core values.
- Produce concrete practical models of reconciliation.
- It is available personal hire or purchase from our website, [www.mjr-uk.com](http://www.mjr-uk.com)

**3. MJR Manchester**

In addition to the legacy of enslavement, MJR is also investigating the legacy of industrial exploitation. Our 'Proving Legacy' research on educational achievement across the board, showed that poverty affects achievement levels among the white working classes more than any other group. Our lead on this issue stepped back in 2023/2024, therefore the programmes of Manchester MJR will be incorporated into the overall programme of MJR UK.

The Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, are advisors to MJR, and continue to host a social justice course there.

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

These is no formal policy on reserves. Current fixed costs are minimal and Trustees are confident of the charity's financial security. The policy on Minimal Reserves is to always keep the equivalent of at least six months expenditure available.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

n/a

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

**Signature(s)**

*APBell*

**Full name(s)**

Alton P Bell

**Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Chair

**Date**

28/01/2026



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Movement for Justice and Reconciliation

1161441

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

1st April 2024

To

31st March 2025

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	31,778	-	-	31,778	65,075
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	31,778	-	-	31,778	65,075
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	31,778	-	-	31,778	65,075
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Trustee Expenses	-	-	-	-	635
Office costs	2,400	-	-	2,400	123
Research work	-	-	-	-	-
Zong project	-	-	-	-	-
Manchester project	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	2,400	-	-	2,400	758
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	2,400	-	-	2,400	758
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	29,378	-	-	29,378	64,317
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	-	-	-	-	12,659
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	29,378	-	-	29,378	76,976

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Unrestricted	31,778	-	-
	Manchester		-	
	Zong	-	-	-
	Research	-	2,000	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>31,778</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	None		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
APBell	Alton P Bell	28/01/2026