STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1161615

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2015-05-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH ARE AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN SINCE THE DATE OF UNION THE ADVANCEMENT OF -(A) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(B) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CONNEXIONAL, DISTRICT, CIRCUIT, LOCAL OR OTHER ORGANISATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(C) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY SOCIETY OR INSTITUTION SUBSIDUARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH;(D) ANY PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CHARITY BEING A CHARITY SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Activities: religious activities

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- Staffordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£300,866	£335,600	-	-
2023-08-31	£601,876	£379,960	£1,936,276	7
2022-08-31	£736,049	£344,005	£1,623,048	7
2021-08-31	£198,505	£272,330	-	-
2020-08-31	£208,526	£296,615	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JULIE HASSALL	Chair	2016-09-01
ANN THORLEY		2014-09-17
ARTHUR WILLIAM MASSEY		2014-09-17
Angela Mary Brammer		2016-09-20
BARRY MEREDITH DAVIES		2014-09-17
BERYL STEW		2014-09-17
Brian Edmund Lawrence		2022-06-01
Carol Burton		2021-05-01
Charles Peter Scales		2017-09-01
Christopher James Aston		2022-09-15
DAVID WHEELDON		2014-09-17
DENNIS JOHNSON		2015-09-01
DR MAUREEN WISKIN		2021-10-01
Deacon George Peter Ogle		2022-09-15
Denise Williamson		2025-04-09
Dr Lynne Bradbury		2018-09-05
GILLIAN DOREEN MEREDITH		2014-09-17
HEATHER BATES		2014-09-17
Howard Cedric Monks		2018-09-05
JOAN LISTER		2014-09-17
Jane Ratcliffe		2014-09-17
Joan Shenton		2015-09-01
June Walker		2021-10-01
LESLEY ROBINSON RICHARDS		2014-09-17
Margaret Roberts		2023-06-28
Marion June Aston		2017-09-01
Mark Antony Fallows		2018-08-01

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Name	Role	Appointed
Mazel Anne Woodward		2022-12-08
PATRICIA ANN PROPHETT		2014-09-17
PAULINE SMITH		2014-09-17
Peter Raymond Stretch		2025-04-08
Philip David Mann		2022-09-01
Rev Ashley Robert Cooper		2022-07-15
Rev COLIN STANLEY COOPER		2014-09-17
Rev DAVID WILFRED WATSON		2014-09-17
Rev JOHN ALFRED BATES		2014-09-17
Rev Joyce Edith Smith		2022-09-15
Robin Grenville McDuell		2019-09-01
Roger Cutts		2021-10-01
STEPHEN KEITH THOMPSON		2014-09-17
Susan Mary Nutting		2023-03-28
Suzanne Sheldon		2023-06-28
Sylvia Theone Mary Richards		2025-04-08
Zachariah William Mark Warrington		2021-10-01

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Circuit **11/24**

Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit

Financial Statements for the

Year to 31 August 2024

Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit

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Introduction and aims

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The past year has for many of our churches seen partnership working within local communities to bring about opportunities for mutual support in many areas of shared life. Local Trustees have been grappling with the questions of how and where resources are best used, and what specific needs are around us.

In a time of ever scarcer resources we have tried to be imaginative in working with other organisations, finding common ground and supporting each other where we can.

Brief financial review of the year

The financial offering of individual churches to our Circuit budget is supplemented in our commitment to investing in people by a regular and planned withdrawal from what have been significant reserves. However, during this year we have seen the departure of two children and families workers and two pastoral workers as people have left us and not been replaced. In addition we have taken the decision as a circuit to reduced our level of ordained staff from 3 to 2 (from September 1st 2024) At the end of this year that team comprises 1 children and family's worker, 1 administrator, 2 ordained Ministers. This continues to be a significant investment, but the Circuit remains committed to this level of church and community engagement and is grateful for the gifts and graces our staff offer.

Income and expenditure were broadly in line with our mission statement and policy, we continued to invest from reserves to fund our staffing costs of £190,756. Our net movement on funds is £263,497 for the year. Our carried forward funds are £2,199,773 – we anticipate these funds will be required to fund working capital needs as well as being available for investment to local churches for mission projects.

The level of reserves is under constant review by the Circuit Treasurer and Leadership Team.

The work of ministry in the circuit is a partnership between lay and ordained, paid and volunteer workers, and we offer our grateful thanks to each one. We are especially thankful for the continued work and witness of our Local Preachers, some of whom are no longer leading worship week by week but are supportive in prayer, alongside the significant support provided by our supernumerary ministers.

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. We have seen first hand the struggles of local congregations to maintain their giving in the light of the economic situation and the falling numbers of attendees. We are grateful for the continued commitment to that discerning.
Our income from local churches this year was £175,009 – supplemented by income on invested funds of £46,591 and Capital receipts of £79,222.

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with the Methodist Conference approved increases.
16% of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the District annd Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

We anticipate further income in the year to August 2025 in respect of other Methodist Churches approved for sale.

The balance on Circuit Model Trust Fund balance amounted to £608,555 which was held on deposit with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

Plans for 2024/2025

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there will be 2 full time ordained staff with anticipated cost of living stipend increases combined with the assessment paid to the district.

The basis for fulfilling our financial commitments remains a pledge system for individual churches. This system will need to be reviewed if it continues to fall short of the budget required, in the longer term.

We continue to review our calling in the light of the restrictions faced by society at large, the age profile of our congregations and likely resources going forward. We will be aiming to work more closely together as local congregations over the coming years.

It in anticipated that although the size of the circuit may diminish in terms of numbers of churches, our commitment to working more closely together will in fact mean that we have a greater capacity for outreach in towns and villages than has been the case for a number of years.

We are actively seeking partnerships with groups which foster flourishing within society.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRS) 102

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Registration Charity Number: 1161615

Date of registration: 11 May 2015

Main communication address Tean Methodist Church, Gorsty Hill Road, Tean

StaffordshireST10 4EQ

The members of the Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Circuit Ministers and officers (at August 31st 2024 or serving during the year)

Active Circuit Ministers	Rev Julie Hassall (Superintendent)
	Rev Richard Pope
	Rev Eleanor Smith
Circuit Lay Workers	
	Mr Mark Hatcher
	Miss Abigail Ratcliffe
	Mr Jonathon Newbould
	Mrs Margaret Parkinson
	Ms Rachel Moore
Circuit Meeting Secretary	Mrs Heather Bates
Circuit Stewards	Mrs Jane Ratcliffe (Senior)
	Mr Philip Mann
	Dr Lynne Bradbury
	Mr David Wheeldon
Administrator:	Mrs Janette Barber

Mr Robin McDuell acted as the principal officer overseeing the day-to-day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year.

Independent examiner	Mr Oliver Newey ACA, Dove Cottage, Route de Cobo, Castel, Guernsey, Channel Islands, GY5 7HD
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc
Investment Bankers	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Aims and organisation

Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Leek and Cheadle, Staffordshire for the Methodist Church:

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

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;

b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit. local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;

c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;

d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions

Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers meeting, the Circuit Finance and Property Committee and the Circuit Policy Committee.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Chester and Stoke on Trent District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit as at 31.8.2024

Boundary, Wellspring (Cheadle and Tean), Endon, Ipstones, Onecote, Rudyard, St Andrews Cheddleton, Waterhouses and Wetley Rocks.

Trinity Church in Leek, which is a Methodist & URC Local Ecumenical Partnership, is also part of this circuit.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Finance and Property Committee with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

• the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults

• the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable

• the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.

• We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.

• We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.

• We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.

• We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.

• We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

• In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Staffordshire Moorlands Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Staffordshire Moorlands Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 12 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

J Hassall

Rev Julie Hassall
Superintendent Minister

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit

I report on the accounts of the Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024, set out on pages 10 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent Examiners statement

I have completed my examination. I can 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 accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements 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.



Oliver Newey FCA

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Castel

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March 2025

Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting.

Robin McDuell

21 Lorien Close, Leek, Staffordshire ST13 8NY

29th March 2025

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on 21st March 2024 and were approved.

Rev Julie Hassall (Chair)

29th March 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Restricted)	Endowment Funds	Total 2023-24
		£	£	£	£
Income					
1 Donations and legacies					0
2 Income from monetary investments		9,556	37,035		46,591
3 Income from investment properties					0
4 Assessments on Churches		175,009			175,009
5 Capital Receipts			79,222		79,222
6 Grants received					0
7 Other charitable income		43			43
8 Total income		184,608	116,258	-	300,866
Expenditure					
9 Grants and donations					0
10 Salaries and associated costs	6	190,756			190,756
11 Property maintenance		23,040			23,040
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			36,459		36,459
13 District Assessment & Levy		52,625			52,625
14 Depreciation					0
15 Office expenses		6,723			6,723
16 Other outgoings		25,997			25,997
17 Total charitable expenditure		299,141	36,459	0	335,600
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments					0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties					
20 Net income/(expenditure)		-114,533	79,799	0	-34,734
21 Transfers between funds					0
22 Other gains/(losses)		298,231			298,231
23 Net movement in funds		183,698	79,799	0	263,497
24 Total funds brought forward		1,337,577	598,699	-	1,936,276
25 Total funds carried forward		1,521,275	678,498	-	2,199,773

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Restricted)	Endowment Funds	Total 2022-23
		£	£	£	£
Income					
1 Donations and legacies					0
2 Income from monetary investments		2,770	24,725		27,495
3 Income from investment properties					0
4 Assessments on Churches		180,034			180,034
5 Capital Receipts			393,419		393,419
6 Grants received					0
7 Other charitable income		928			928
8 **Total income**		183,732	418,144	-	601,876
Expenditure					
9 Grants and donations					0
10 Salaries and associated costs	6	194,341			194,341
11 Property maintenance		31,304			31,304
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			49,622		49,622
13 District Assessment & Levy		48,100			48,100
14 Depreciation					0
15 Office expenses		6,905			6,905
16 Other outgoings		49,688			49,688
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		330,337	49,622	0	379,960
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments					0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties					
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		-146,605	368,521	0	221,916
21 Transfers between funds					0
22 Other gains/(losses)		91,312			91,312
23 **Net movement in funds**		-55,293	368,521	0	313,228
24 Total funds brought forward		1,392,870	230,178	-	1,623,048
25 **Total funds carried forward**		1,337,577	598,699	-	1,936,276

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Restricted) £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2024 £	Totals 2023 £
Fixed Assets						
Circuit Manses & Equipment	9	1,365,857			1,365,857	1,068,037
Investment properties					0	0
Investments					0	0
Total fixed assets		1,365,857	0	0	1,365,857	1,068,037
Current Assets						
Debtors		0			0	0
Loans by the Circuit		0			0	0
Investments with TMCP		0	608,555		608,555	783,791
Central Finance Board Deposits		273,212			273,212	142,533
Cash at Bank and in hand		27,018			27,018	33,215
Total current assets		300,230	608,555	0	908,785	959,539
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under 1 year)		34,332			34,332	49,313
Grants payable within 2019-20					0	0
Total current liabilities		34,332	0	0	34,332	49,313
Net current assets/liabilities		265,898	608,555	0	874,453	910,226
Total assets less current liabilities		1,631,755	608,555	0	2,240,310	1,978,263
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2022-23					0	0
Loans to the Circuit		40,537			40,537	41,987
					0	0
Net assets		1,591,218	608,555	0	2,199,773	1,936,276
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,591,218			1,591,218	1,152,485
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Restricted)			608,555		608,555	783,791
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)					0	
Total Unrestricted Funds					2,199,773	1,936,276
Endowment Funds				0	0	
Total Funds		1,591,218	608,555	0	2,199,773	1,936,276

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Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as restricted. The Endowment funds held at the start of the year have been released during the year to the General Fund Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

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

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

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

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500.
The freehold property is shown in the accounts at the insurance value. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that they had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment..

Investment Properties

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

Investments

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

Debtors and Prepayments

There are no Debtors or Prepayments

Creditors

Creditors relate to the Independent Examination fees and sundry expenses.

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4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, this excludes stipends.

Trustee expenses

	2023/24	2022/23
Number of Trustees	0	0
Total amount	0	0

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and computing costs

5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2023/24 £	2022/23 £
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	750	750
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	500	500

6 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

	2023/24	2022/23
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£ 150,816	158,663
Employer's National Insurance costs	£ 12,778	10,995
Pension costs	£ 27,162	24,683
Total staff costs	£ 190,756	194,341
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:	6	7

7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2023 there are no capital commitments.
No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2023.

8 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

	2023/24 £	2022/23 £
Balance brought forward from last year	100	100
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	0	0
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	250	0
Balance carried forward	350	100

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9 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land £	Manses £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Balance brought forward	0	1,068,037	0	0	1,068037
Additions/(Disposals)	0	0	0	0	0
Revaluations (+/-)	0	297,782	0	0	297,782
Balance carried forward	0	**1,365,819**	0	0	**1,365.819**

10 Investment assets

The circuit has no Investment properties

The circuit has no common investment fund holdings

Loans

The Circuit currently has no outstanding loans after repayment of the Bridging Loan and Bounceback Loan. We are currently holding £40,537 on behalf of Tean Methodist Church

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J Hassall

Rev Julie Hassall
Superintendent Minister

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit

I report on the accounts of the Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023, set out on pages 10 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent Examiners statement

I have completed my examination. I can 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
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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.

Oliver Newey ACA

Dove Cottage

Route de Cobo

Castel

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Channel Islands

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March 2024

Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting.



Robin McDuell

21 Lorien Close, Leek, Staffordshire ST13 8NY

29th March 2024

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on 21st March 2024 and were approved.



Rev Julie Hassall (Chair)

29th March 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Restricted)	Endowment Funds	Total 2022-23
		£	£	£	£
Income					
1 Donations and legacies					0
2 Income from monetary investments		2,770	24,725		27,495
3 Income from investment properties					0
4 Assessments on Churches		180,034			180,034
5 Capital Receipts			393,419		393,419
6 Grants received					0
7 Other charitable income		928			928
8 **Total income**		183,732	418,144	-	601,876
Expenditure					
9 Grants and donations					0
10 Salaries and associated costs	6	194,341			194,341
11 Property maintenance		31,304			31,304
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			49,622		49,622
13 District Assessment & Levy		48,100			48,100
14 Depreciation					0
15 Office expenses		6,905			6,905
16 Other outgoings		49,688			49,688
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		330,337	49,622	0	379,960
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments					0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties					
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		-146,605	368,521	0	221,916
21 Transfers between funds					0
22 Other gains/(losses)		91,312			91,312
23 **Net movement in funds**		-55,293	368,521	0	313,228
24 Total funds brought forward		1,392,870	230,178	-	1,623,048
25 **Total funds carried forward**		1,337,577	598,699	-	1,936,276

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2 Income from monetary investments		563	1,307		1,870
3 Income from investment properties					0
4 Assessments on Churches		170,833			170,833
5 Capital Receipts			562,727		562,727
6 Grants received					0
7 Other charitable income		619			619
8 **Total income**		172,015	564,034	-	736,049
Expenditure					
9 Grants and donations					0
10 Salaries and associated costs	6	190,581			190,581
11 Property maintenance		14,179			14,179
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			47,171		47,171
13 District Assessment & Levy		47,528			47,528
14 Depreciation					0
15 Office expenses		6,692			6,692
16 Other outgoings		37,854			37,854
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		296,834	47,171	0	344,005
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments					0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties					
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		-124,819	516,863	0	392,044
21 Transfers between funds					0
22 Other gains/(losses)		172,957			172,957
23 **Net movement in funds**		48,138	516,863	0	565,001
24 Total funds brought forward		782,005	276,042	-	1,058,047
25 Total funds carried forward		830,143	792,905	-	1,623,048

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Restricted) £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2023 £	Totals 2022 £
Fixed Assets						
Circuit Manses & Equipment	9	**1,068,037**			**1,068,037**	983,483
Investment properties					0	0
Investments					0	0
Total fixed assets		**1,068,037**	**0**	**0**	**1,068,037**	**983,483**
Current Assets						
Debtors		**0**			**0**	0
Loans by the Circuit		**0**			**0**	0
Investments with TMCP Central Finance Board		**0**	**783,791**		**783,791**	641,376
Deposits		**142,533**			**142,533**	36,570
Cash at Bank and in hand		**33,215**			**33,215**	43,357
Total current assets		**175,748**	**783,791**	**0**	**959,539**	**721,303**
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under 1 year)		**49,313**			**49,313**	39,751
Grants payable within 2019-20					0	0
Total current liabilities		**49,313**	**0**	**0**	**49,313**	**39,751**
Net current assets/liabilities		**126,435**	**783,791**	**0**	**910,226**	**681,552**
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,194,472**	**783,791**	**0**	**1,978,263**	**1,665,035**
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2022-23					**0**	0
Loans to the Circuit		**41,987**			**41,987**	41,987
					0	0
Net assets		**1,152,485**	**783,791**	**0**	**1,936,276**	**1,623,048**
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,152,485			1,152,485	981,672
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Restricted)			783,791		783,791	641,376
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)					0	
Total Unrestricted Funds					**1,936,276**	**1,623,048**
Endowment Funds				**0**	0	
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2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as restricted. The Endowment funds held at the start of the year have been released during the year to the General Fund Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

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

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

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

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500.
The freehold property is shown in the accounts at the insurance value. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that they had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment..

Investment Properties

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

Investments

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

Debtors and Prepayments

The prepayment included in the accounts is in respect of assessments received in early September in respect of the year and the deposit held in respect of the letting of the Ipstones manse by the letting agents.

Creditors

Creditors relate to the Independent Examination fees the deposit in respect of the Ipstones manse and sundry expenses.

Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit

4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, this excludes stipends.

Trustee expenses

	2022/23	2021/22
Number of Trustees	0	0
Total amount	0	0

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and computing costs

5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	750	750
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	500	500

6 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

		2022/23	2021/22
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£	158,663	155,267
Employer's National Insurance costs	£	10,995	11,594
Pension costs	£	24,683	23,720
Total staff costs	£	194.341	190,581

	2022/23	2021/22
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:	7	7

7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2023 there are no capital commitments.
No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2023.

8 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Balance brought forward from last year	100	100
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	0	0
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	250	0
Balance carried forward	350	100

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9 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land £	Manses £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Balance brought forward	0	983,484	0	0	983,484
Additions/(Disposals)	0	0	0	0	0
Revaluations (+/-)	0	84,553	0	0	84,553
Balance carried forward	0	**1.068,037**	**0**	**0**	**1,068,037**

10 Investment assets

The circuit has no Investment properties

The circuit has no common investment fund holdings

Loans

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Financial Statements for the

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Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit

Trustees Annual report

Introduction and aims

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Brief financial review of the year

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2 Income from monetary investments		563	1,307		1,870
3 Income from investment properties					0
4 Assessments on Churches		170,833			170,833
5 Capital Receipts		562,727			562,727
6 Grants received					0
7 Other charitable income		619			619
8 **Total income**		734,741	1,307	-	736,049
Expenditure					
9 Grants and donations					0
10 Salaries and associated costs	6	190,581			190,581
11 Property maintenance		14,179			14,179
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			47,171		47,171
13 District Assessment & Levy		47,528			47,528
14 Depreciation					0
15 Office expenses		6,692			6,692
16 Other outgoings		37,854			37,854
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		296,834	47,171	0	344,005
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments					0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties					
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		437,908	-45,864	0	392,044
21 Transfers between funds					0
22 Other gains/(losses)		172,957			172,957
23 **Net movement in funds**		610,865	-45,864	0	565,001
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8 **Total income**		197,782	723	-	198,605
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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2022 £	Totals 2021 £
Fixed Assets						
Circuit Manses & Equipment	9	983,483			983,483	838,435
Investment properties					0	0
Investments					0	0
Total fixed assets		**983,483**	**0**	**0**	**983,483**	**838,435**
Current Assets						
Debtors		0			0	0
Loans by the Circuit		0			0	0
Investments with TMCP		0	641,376		641,376	195,219
Central Finance Board Deposits		36,570			36,570	32,004
Cash at Bank and in hand		43,357			43,357	40,998
Total current assets		**79,927**	**641,376**	**0**	**721,303**	**268,221**
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under 1 year)		39,751			39,751	2,624
Grants payable within 2019-20					0	0
Total current liabilities		**39,751**	**0**	**0**	**39,751**	**2,624**
Net current assets/liabilities		**40,176**	**641,376**	**0**	**681,552**	**265,597**
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,023,659**	**641,376**	**0**	**1,665,035**	**1,104,032**
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2021-22					**0**	0
Loans to the Circuit		41,987			**41,987**	45,985
					0	0
Net assets		**981,672**	**641,376**	**0**	**1,623,048**	**1,058,047**
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)		981,672			981,672	862,828
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			641,376		641,376	195,219
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)					0	
Total Unrestricted Funds					**1,623,048**	**1,058,047**
Endowment Funds				**0**	0	
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Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. The Endowment funds held at the start of the year have been released during the year to the General Fund Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

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

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

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

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500.
The freehold property is shown in the accounts at the insurance value. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that they had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment..

Investment Properties

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

Investments

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

Debtors and Prepayments

The prepayment included in the accounts is in respect of assessments received in early September in respect of the year and the deposit held in respect of the letting of the Ipstones manse by the letting agents.

Creditors

Creditors relate to the Independent Examination fees the deposit in respect of the Ipstones manse and sundry expenses.

4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, this excludes stipends.

Trustee expenses

	2021/22	2020/21
Number of Trustees	0	2
Total amount	0	£280

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and computing costs

5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	750	750
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	500	500

6 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:		2021/22	2020/21
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£	155,267	93,248
Employer's National Insurance costs	£	11,594	7,916
Pension costs	£	23,720	17,775
Total staff costs	£	190,581	118,939
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:		7	4

7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2022 there are no capital commitments.
No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2022.

8 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
Balance brought forward from last year	100	100
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	0	0
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	0	0
Balance carried forward	100	100

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9 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land £	Manses £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Balance brought forward	0	838,435	0	0	838,435
Additions/(Disposals)	0	0	0	0	0
Revaluations (+/-)	0	145,049	0	0	145.049
Balance carried forward	0	983.484	0	0	983.484

10 Investment assets

The circuit has no Investment properties

The circuit has no common investment fund holdings

Loans

The Circuit currently has no outstanding loans, after repayment of the Bridging Loan and Bounceback Loan. We are currently holding £41,987 on behalf of Tean Methodist Church

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS METHODIST CIRCUIT

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Financial Statements for the

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Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit

Trustees Annual report

Introduction and aims

"The Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit is committed to constantly seeking opportunities to transform people's lives through an active and living faith in Jesus Christ".

through which these aims might be most fruitful in transforming lives and communities.

Our circuit profile rejoices in one Ecumenical Partnership between the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church, self-governing Methodist Churches and class fellowships. In community life together in market towns, rural villages and semi-urban settings we seek to live out our faith, supporting and encouraging each other in outreach, mission and evangelism.

The past year has been particularly challenging. A number of our churches have 'ceased to worship' and others have found it impossible at this time to maintain weekly worship in person. This has had a direct effect on individual offering and therefore on what local churches are able to pledge towards the circuit budget. Our worship is now a hybrid of online and in person interaction.

Brief financial review of the year

The financial offering of individual churches to our Circuit budget is supplemented in our commitment to investing in people by a regular and planned withdrawal from what have been significant reserves. We were pleased during this year to move over those employees we had previously known as 'District' into circuit employment. At the end of this year that team comprises 3 children and family's workers (2 full time equivalent posts), 1 pastoral visitor, 1 administrator, 3 ordained Ministers. This continues to be a significant investment, but the Circuit remains committed to this level of church and community engagement and is grateful for the gifts and graces our staff offer.

Income and expenditure were broadly in line with our mission statement and policy, our working deficit to be withdrawn from reserves of £73,825 for investment in staffing. This, combined with movement on fixed assets of £76,416 produces a net movement on funds of £(150,241) for the year. Those movements include the sale of a manse, the replacement of a second manse, and the revaluation of the now 3 circuit manses as at 31.8.2021.

The level of reserves is under constant review by the Circuit Treasurer and Leadership Team.

The work of ministry in the circuit is a partnership between lay and ordained, paid and volunteer workers, and we offer our grateful thanks to each one. We are especially thankful for the continued work and witness of our Local Preachers.

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. This has seen a decrease over the year because of reduced numbers in many of the churches, and the challenge of keeping individual properties in good order and compliant with Methodist

Standing Orders. In addition, the closure of many buildings in the latter part of the year had an impact upon giving, but we are grateful to the many people who felt able to carry on supporting the work in local churches.

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with the Methodist Conference approved increases.

17% of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the District annd Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

The Circuit currently has the sale of two chapels pending.

The balance on Circuit Model Trust Fund balance amounted to £195,219 which was held on deposit with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

Plans for 2021/22

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there remain 3 full time ordained staff with anticipated cost of living stipend increases combined with the assessment paid to the district.

The basis for fulfilling our financial commitments remains a pledge system for individual churches. This system will be reviewed if it continues to fall short of the budget required, in the longer term.

We continue to review our calling in the light of the restrictions faced by society at large, the age profile of our congregations and likely resources going forward. We will be aiming to work more closely together as local congregations over the coming years.

It in anticipated that although the size of the circuit may diminish in terms of numbers of churches, our commitment to working more closely together will in fact mean that we have a greater capacity for outreach in towns and villages than has been the case for a number of years.

We are actively seeking partnerships with groups which foster flourishing within society.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRS) 102

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Date of registration:	11 May 2015
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The members of the Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Circuit Ministers and officers (at August 31st 2021 or serving during the year)

Active Circuit Ministers	Rev Julie Hassall (Superintendent)
	Rev Richard Pope
	Rev Eleanor Smith
Circuit Lay Workers	
	Mr Mark Hatcher
	Miss Abigail Ratcliffe
	Mr Jonathon Newbould
	Mrs Margaret Parkinson
Circuit Meeting Secretary	Mrs Heather Bates
Circuit Stewards	Mrs Jane Ratcliffe (Senior)
	Mrs Ruth Grocott
	Mrs Anne Thorley
	Mrs Dorothy Dugdale
	Mr David Wheeldon
Administrator:	Mrs Nicola Turner

Mr Robin McDuell acted as the principal officer overseeing the day-to-day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year.

Independent examiner	Mr Oliver Newey ACA, Dove Cottage, Route de Cobo, Castel, Guernsey, Channel Islands, GY5 7HD
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc
Investment Bankers	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Aims and organisation

Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Leek and Cheadle, Staffordshire for the Methodist Church:

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a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;

b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit. local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;

c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;

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The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions

Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers meeting, the Circuit Finance and Property Committee and the Circuit Policy Committee.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Chester and Stoke on Trent District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit as at 31.8.2021;

Blakeley Lane, Boundary, Cheadle with Alton & Whiston, Dilhorne, Endon, Ipstones, Onecote, Rudyard, Rushton, St Andrews Cheddleton, Tean with Leigh, Thorncliffe, Waterhouses and Wetley Rocks.

Trinity Church in Leek, which is a Methodist & URC Local Ecumenical Partnership, is also part of this circuit.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Finance and Property Committee with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

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

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5 Capital Receipts					0
6 Grants received					0
7 Other charitable income		3,938			3,938
8 **Total income**		207,645	882	-	208,526
Expenditure					
9 Grants and donations					0
10 Salaries and associated costs	6	115,816			115,816
11 Property maintenance		16,112			16,112
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			5,022		5,022
13 District Assessment & Levy		45,156			45,156
14 Depreciation					0
15 Office expenses		2,909			2,909
16 Other outgoings		111,600			111,600
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		291,594	5,022	0	296,615
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments					0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties					
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		-83,949	-4,140	0	-88,089
21 Transfers between funds					0
22 Other gains/(losses)		142,472			142,472
23 **Net movement in funds**		58,523	-4,140	0	54,383
24 Total funds brought forward		872,367	281,538	-	1,153,905
25 **Total funds carried forward**		930,890	277,398	-	1,208,288

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2021 £	Totals 2020 £
Fixed Assets						
Circuit Manses & Equipment	9	838,435			838,435	1,116,932
Investment properties					0	0
Investments					0	0
Total fixed assets		**838,435**	**0**	**0**	**838,435**	**1,116,932**
Current Assets						
Debtors		0			0	3,493
Loans by the Circuit					0	0
Investments with TMCP			195,219		195,219	76,993
Central Finance Board Deposits		32,004			32,004	49,612
Cash at Bank and in hand		40,998			40,998	79,284
Total current assets		**73,002**	**195,219**	**0**	**268,221**	**209,382**
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under 1 year)		2,624			2,624	2,227
Grants payable within 2019-20					0	0
Total current liabilities		**2,624**	**0**	**0**	**2,624**	**2,227**
Net current assets/liabilities		**70,378**	**195,219**	**0**	**265,597**	**207,155**
Total assets less current liabilities		**908,813**	**195,219**	**0**	**1,104,032**	**1,324,087**
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2018-19					**0**	0
Loans to the Circuit		45,985			**45,985**	115,799
					0	0
Net assets		**862,828**	**195,219**	**0**	**1,058,047**	**1,208,288**
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)		862,828			862,828	1,131,295
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			195,219		195,219	76,993
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)					0	
Total Unrestricted Funds					**1,058,047**	**1,208,288**
Endowment Funds				**0**	0	
Total Funds		**862,828**	**195,219**	**0**	1,058,047	**1,208,288**

Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit

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1 Basis of accounting

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Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit

4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, this excludes stipends.

Trustee expenses

	2020/21	2019/20
Number of Trustees	2	6
Total amount	£280	£893

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and computing costs

5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	750	888
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	500	1,212

6 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:		2020/21	2019/20
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£	93,248	90,566
Employer's National Insurance costs	£	7,916	7,709
Pension costs	£	17,775	17,541
Total staff costs	£	118,939	115,816
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:		4	4

7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2020 there are no capital commitments.
No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2020.

8 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
Balance brought forward from last year	100	100
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	0	0
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	0	0
Balance carried forward	100	100

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9 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land	Manses	Other buildings	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	0	1,116,932	0	0	1,116.932
Additions/(Disposals)	0	(292,854)	0	0	(292,854)
Revaluations (+/-)	0	14.357	0	0	14,357
Balance carried forward	0	838,435	0	0	838,435

10 Investment assets

The circuit has no Investment properties

The circuit has no common investment fund holdings

Loans

The Circuit currently has no outstanding loans, after repayment of the Bridging Loan and Bounceback Loan. We are currently holding £45,985 on behalf of Tean Methodist Church

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1161615

Accounts

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Circuit 11/24

Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit

Financial Statements for the

Year to 31 August 2020

Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit

Financial Statements for the Year to 31 August 2020

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Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit

Trustees Annual report

Introduction and aims

"The Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit is committed to constantly seeking opportunities to transform people's lives through an active and living faith in Jesus Christ".

The work of our circuit is to prayerfully discern the very particular ways and partnerships through which these aims might be most fruitful in transforming lives and communities.

Our circuit profile rejoices in one Ecumenical Partnership between the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church, self-governing Methodist Churches and class fellowships. In community life together in market towns, rural villages and semi-urban settings we seek to live out our faith, supporting and encouraging each other in outreach, mission and evangelism.

The latter part of the past year has been like no other and has made demands upon the imagination and creativity of the Methodist people in thinking through and praying about 'different' ways of worshipping and serving. Much of our worship has been online, our buildings open only for essential community provision, and our people encouraged to find new ways of being in fellowship with one another. We have suffered loss, but we have learned too – and we carry all this with us into the future.

Brief financial review of the year

The financial offering of individual churches to our Circuit budget is supplemented in our commitment to investing in people by a regular and planned withdrawal from what have been significant reserves. We are pleased to have a team of staff whose gifts are many and varied and we are thankful for the ministry of those who work with us as part of a 'District Team' alongside ordained staff. At the end of this year that team comprises 3 children and family's workers (2 full time equivalent posts), 1 pastoral visitor, 1 administrator, 3 ordained Ministers. This continues to be a significant investment, but the Circuit remains committed to this level of church and community engagement which is even more challenging given that we have many churches scattered over a wide area.

Income and expenditure were broadly in line with our mission statement and policy, our working deficit to be withdrawn from reserves of £88,089 for investment in staffing. This, combined with sale proceeds of a manse sold of £255,747 and a negative revaluation on the remaining 4 manses leaves the resulting surplus of £54,383 for the year.

The level of reserves is under constant review by the Circuit Treasurer and Leadership Team.

The work of ministry in the circuit is a partnership between lay and ordained, paid and volunteer workers, and we offer our grateful thanks to each one. During the year to August 2020, we remember and give thanks for the ministry of Debbie Beville, Circuit Administrator whose work supported ministry in so many and varied ways, and Don Haslam who served the circuit faithfully as volunteer Lay Worker over many years.

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. This has seen a slight decrease over the year because of reduced numbers in many of the churches, and the challenge of keeping individual properties in good order and compliant with Methodist Standing Orders. In addition, the closure of many buildings in the latter part of the year had an impact upon giving, but we are grateful to the many people who felt able to carry on supporting the work in local churches.

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with the Methodist Conference approved increases.

15.2% of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the District annd Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

The Circuit currently has one manse sale pending.

The balance on Circuit Model Trust Fund balance amounted to £76,993 which was held on deposit with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

The circuit recruited as part of our ministry team a Lay Mission Enabler part way through the year.

Plans for 2020/21

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there remain 3 full time ordained staff with anticipated cost of living stipend increases combined with the assessment paid to the district.

We are in the process of transferring the staff we have had sharing with us as District Team into Circuit employment, recognising their significant contribution to the overall ministry of the circuit.

The basis for fulfilling these commitments remains a pledge system for individual churches. This system will be reviewed if it continues to fall short of the budget required, in the longer term.

We continue to review our calling in the light of the restrictions faced by society at large, the age profile of our congregations and likely resources going forward. We will be aiming to work more closely together as local congregations over the coming years.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRS) 102

Full Name of Charity: Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1161615

Date of registration: 11 May 2015

Main communication address Tean Methodist Church, Gorsty Hill Road, Tean

StaffordshireST10 4EQ

The members of the Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Circuit Ministers and officers (at August 31st 2020 or serving during the year)

Active Circuit Ministers	Rev Julie Hassall (Superintendent)
	Rev Richard Pope
	Rev Eleanor Smith
Circuit Lay Workers	Miss Sarah Best - (retired 31.8.2020)
	Mr Don Haslam (decd)
	Mr Mark Hatcher
	Miss Abigail Ratcliffe
	Mr Jonathon Newbould
	Mrs Margaret Parkinson
Circuit Meeting Secretary	Mr Roger Cutts
Circuit Stewards	Mrs Maureen Wiskin (Senior)
	Mrs Jane Ratcliffe
	Mrs Heather Bates
	Mrs Ruth Grocott
	Mrs Anne Thorley
	Mrs Dorothy Dugdale
Administrator:	Mrs Debbie Beville (decd)

Mr Robin McDuell acted as the principal officer overseeing the day-to-day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year.

Independent examiner	Mr Oliver Newey ACA, Dove Cottage, Route de Cobo, Castel, Guernsey, Channel Islands, GY5 7HD
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc
Investment Bankers	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Aims and organisation

Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Leek and Cheadle, Staffordshire for the Methodist Church:

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

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;

b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit. local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;

c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;

d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions

Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers meeting, the Circuit Finance and Property Committee and the Circuit Policy Committee.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Chester and Stoke on Trent District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit: Blakeley Lane, Boundary, Cheadle with Alton & Whiston, Dilhorne, Endon, Ipstones, Onecote, Rudyard, Rushton, St Andrews Cheddleton, Tean with Leigh, Thorncliffe, Waterhouses and Wetley Rocks.

Trinity Church in Leek, which is a Methodist & URC Local Ecumenical Partnership, is also part of this circuit.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Finance and Property Committee with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

• the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults

• the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable

• the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.

• We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.

• We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.

• We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.

• We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.

• We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

• In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Staffordshire Moorlands Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Staffordshire Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 12 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

Rev Julie Hassall

Superintendent Minister

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit

I report on the accounts of the Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2020, set out on pages 10 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiners statement

I have completed my examination. I can 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 accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements 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.

Oliver Newey ACA

Dove Cottage

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Castel

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May 2021

Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared from the records of the circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting.

Robin McDuell

21 Lorien Close, Leek, Staffordshire ST13 8NY

15th May 2021

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on 13TH May 2021 and were approved.

Rev Julie Hassall (Chair)

15th May 2021

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Endowment Funds	Total 2019-20
		£	£	£	£
Income					
1 Donations and legacies					0
2 Income from monetary investments		1,511	15		1,526
3 Income from investment properties					0
4 Assessments on Churches		203,063			203,063
5 Capital Receipts					0
6 Grants received					0
7 Other charitable income		3,938			3,938
8 **Total income**		208,511	15	-	208,526
Expenditure					
9 Grants and donations					0
10 Salaries and associated costs	6	115,816			115,816
11 Property maintenance		16,112			16,112
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			5,022		5,022
13 District Assessment & Levy		45,156			45,156
14 Depreciation					0
15 Office expenses		2,909			2,909
16 Other outgoings		111,600			111,600
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		291,594	5,022	0	296,615
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments					0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties					
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		-83,082	-5,007	0	-88,089
21 Transfers between funds					0
22 Other gains/(losses)		142,472			142,472
23 **Net movement in funds**		59,390	-5,007	0	54,383
24 Total funds brought forward		872,367	281,538	-	1,153,905
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Income					
1 Donations and legacies					0
2 Income from monetary investments		2,197	2,017		4,214
3 Income from investment properties					0
4 Assessments on Churches		210,354			210,354
5 Capital Receipts					0
6 Grants received					0
7 Other charitable income		2,449			2,449
8 **Total income**		215,000	2,017	-	217,017
Expenditure					
9 Grants and donations					0
10 Salaries and associated costs	6	109,408			109,408
11 Property maintenance		94,837			94,837
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			13,839		13,839
13 District Assessment & Levy		45,632			45,632
14 Depreciation					0
15 Office expenses		4,754			4,754
16 Other outgoings		101,058			101,058
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		355,689	13,839	0	369,528
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments					0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties					
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		-140,689	-11,822	0	-152,511
21 Transfers between funds					0
22 Other gains/(losses)		- 14,041			-14,041
23 **Net movement in funds**		-154,730	-11,822	0	-166,552
24 Total funds brought forward		1,027,097	293,360		1,320,457
25 **Total funds carried forward**		872,367	281,538	-	1,153,905

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

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Fixed Assets						
Circuit Manses & Equipment	9	1,116,932			1,116,932	1,230,193
Investment properties					0	0
Investments					0	0
Total fixed assets		**1,116,932**	**0**	**0**	**1,116,932**	**1,230,193**
Current Assets						
Debtors		3,493			3,493	4,396
Loans by the Circuit					0	0
Investments with TMCP			76,993		76,993	144,648
Central Finance Board Deposits		49,612			49,612	39,664
Cash at Bank and in hand		79,284			79,284	27,496
Total current assets		**132,389**	**76,993**	**0**	**209,382**	**216,204**
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under 1 year)		2,227			2,227	4,992
Grants payable within 2019-20					0	0
Total current liabilities		**2,227**	**0**	**0**	**2,227**	**4,992**
Net current assets/liabilities		**130,162**	**76,993**	**0**	**207,155**	**211,212**
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,247,094**	**76,993**	**0**	**1,324,087**	**1,441,405**
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2019-20					0	0
Loans to the Circuit		115,799			115,799	287,500
					0	0
Net assets		**1,131,295**	**76,993**	**0**	**1,208,288**	**1,153,905**
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,131,295			1,131,295	1,027,097
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			76,993		76,993	293,360
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)					0	
Total Unrestricted Funds					**1,208,288**	**1,320,457**
Endowment Funds				0	0	
Total Funds		**1,131,295**	**76,993**	**0**	1,208,288	**1,320,457**

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Investment Properties

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

Investments

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Debtors and Prepayments

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Creditors

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Staffordshire Moorlands Methodist Circuit

4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, this excludes stipends.

Trustee expenses

	2019/20	2018/19
Number of Trustees	6	6
Total amount	£893	£1,417

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and computing costs

5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2019/20	2018/19
	£	£
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	888	888
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	1,212	1,212

6 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:		2019/20	2018/19
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£	90,566	84,935
Employer's National Insurance costs	£	7.709	7,512
Pension costs	£	17.541	16,961
Total staff costs	£	115,816	109,408
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:		4	4

7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2020 there are no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2020.

8 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

	2019/20	2018/19
	£	£
Balance brought forward from last year	100	100
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	0	0
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	0	0
Balance carried forward	100	100

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9 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land	Manses	Other buildings	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	0	1,230,193	0	0	1230.193
Additions	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
Revaluations (+/-)	0	(113.261)	0	0	(113.261)
Balance carried forward	0	1,116,932	0	0	1,116,932
Brought forward	0	1,230,193	0	0	1,230.193
Carried forward	0	1,116.932	0	0	1,116.932

10 Investment assets

The circuit has no Investment properties

The circuit has no common investment fund holdings

11 Loans

The Circuit currently has a loan amounting to £37.500 from the Methodist Chapel Aid and a Government Bounceback Loan of £25,000. In addition £53,299 is being held on behalf of Tean Methodist Church