

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

England & Wales · Charity number 1169890

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [10351537](#)

Registered 2016-10-25

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC TO:3.1 ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, ZIMBABWE OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME SEE FIT;3.2 RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, ZIMBABWE OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT; AND3.3 PROMOTE SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF THE TRUSTEES, FURTHER THE WORK OF THE CHARITY.

Activities: REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES, CHRISTIAN CONVENTIONS, CRUSADES AND MINISTERING THE WORD OF GOD. THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY ARE TO PROMOTE AND ADVANCE CHRISTIAN RELIGION, WORSHIP AND ALSO TO PROMOTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CENTRES OF WORSHIP.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Zimbabwe
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£1,465,136	£1,151,509	£3,698,853	9
2023-12-31	£1,334,316	£1,046,980	£3,385,226	5
2022-12-31	£821,796	£533,634	£3,097,890	4
2021-12-31	£905,935	£374,835	£2,809,728	4
2020-12-31	£924,141	£393,914	£2,278,628	4

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Morgan Munyebvu	Chair	2025-02-16
Egipher Masenda		2025-01-11
Elphas Gunguwo		2025-01-11
Hilda Muranda		2025-06-25
James Kapumha		2023-01-01
Mudiwa Shakespear Chikukwa		2025-01-11
Musarurwa Kanyoka		2025-07-01
Priscilla Agnes Karumazondo		2025-01-11
Rugare Musekiwa Mojapelo		2023-01-01
Ruvimbo Betsva		2025-01-11
Shelton Musafare		2025-01-11
Simon Betsva		2025-01-11
Tavonashe Hungwe		2025-01-11
Tutsirai Godfrey Fusire		2025-03-26
Walter Danai Kanjanda		2025-01-11
Xmas Gombakomba		2019-01-01
Zvikomborero Patience Mudambanuki		2021-05-17

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 10351537 (England and Wales)
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024
FOR
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

Leroy Reid & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
299 Northborough Road
Norbury
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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

TRUSTEES	Mrs K Manyika (resigned 26.3.25) G T Mataranyika (resigned 5.3.25) Mrs Z P Mudambanuki X Gombakomba Mrs L Chandigere (resigned 5.3.25) Mr Z Magomo (resigned 5.3.25) Mrs J Sibanda (resigned 5.3.25) T B Muchenje (resigned 5.3.25) J Kapumha J Mataranyika (resigned 5.3.25) Mrs R M Mojapelo Miss F Chingwena (resigned 5.3.25) A M Soko (resigned 5.3.25) Mrs A Mutyora (resigned 11.5.25) Dr U Mupambireyi (resigned 5.3.25) Miss P N Makunike (resigned 5.3.25) F Mutsipa (resigned 5.3.25) Ms R Betsva (appointed 5.3.25) S Betsva (appointed 5.3.25) M S Chikukwa (appointed 5.3.25) T G Fusire (appointed 26.3.25) E Gunguwo (appointed 5.3.25) T Hungwe (appointed 5.3.25) W D Kanjanda (appointed 5.3.25) M Kanyoka (appointed 4.7.25) Ms P A Karumazondo (appointed 5.3.25) E Masenda (appointed 5.3.25) M Munyebvu (appointed 19.2.25) Ms H Muranda (appointed 4.7.25) Ms S Musafare (appointed 5.3.25)
REGISTERED OFFICE	Mayflower Methodist Church Ethel Road Leicester LE5 5ND
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	10351537 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1169890
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS	Leroy Reid & Co Chartered Certified Accountants and Statutory Auditors 299 Northborough Road Norbury London SW16 4TR

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The main objectives of the charity are to promote and advance the Christian religion, worship and to promote the United Methodist Church centres of worship in furtherance of its public benefit objective.

The strategy employed to achieve the objectives of the charity has continued to be regular church services, Christian conventions, crusades, and ministering the word of God. The strategy also involves help with financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods, or services of any kind in such parts of the United Kingdom, Zimbabwe, or the world as the Church shall determine.

Public benefit

The Trustees of the United Methodist Church (UK) confirm that they are satisfied that they have complied with their duty with regards to ensuring that the Charity has undertaken suitable works for the benefit of the public as required by the Charity Commission.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievements and performance

1. Key Charitable activities

The Trustees are able to report another good year of growth in membership and expansion into fully fledged local church in other areas of the UK such as Newcastle. The Church's annual conference which is usually held towards the end of the year was postponed to early 2025 due to a major bereavement in the Church when the then District Superintendent passed away. The Church continued to demonstrate its solidarity in supporting the bereaved spiritually, morally and financially. A delegation representing the church attended the funeral of the late District Superintendent which was held in Zimbabwe. This practice has made an impact on societies where members live.

The UK Mission Area of The United Methodist Church (UK) has been involved in visibly inspiring worship during Sunday services and at the Revival meetings. Notable revivals include the Easter revival and those hosted by Women, Men and Youths groups during the course of the year. Believers have encountered the Lord in individual and corporate worship resulting in the deepening of their faith in the risen Lord. This has been evidenced by personal testimonies at worship places and in conversations. Love, forgiveness, patience and kindness as Christian virtues have been noticed in our social interactions. Church support through giving has been witnessed in Local Churches, especially during Harvest Thanksgiving. Some members have moved from pledging to tithing according to our teaching in the United Methodist Church; (The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church 2012 para 630€).

The Church has a responsibility in stewardship; "To educate the Local church that tithing is the minimum goal of giving in the United Methodist Church." The Church calendar has been closely followed, and members have enjoyed life in Christ as they have been praying for unity in the Church, peace in the world and observance of Christian norms and values during Sunday School, section meetings and Church organisations' meetings. The Church continues to witness increased growth in numbers arising from the Healthcare Sponsorship visa scheme. Programs have been put in place to assist these members acclimatize to their new environment and its challenges.

2. Four Focus Areas

- Develop Principled Christian Leaders
- Congregational Development
- Alleviation of Poverty
- Improved Global Health

The work done throughout the UK Mission Area continue to be concentrated to these four focus areas. We are happy and encouraged by the impact of our efforts locally and globally.

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The United Methodist Church (UK) continue to work in partnership with various institutions in less developed countries, responding to disasters and being involved in various poverty alleviation programmes. Our partnership with various churches in Zimbabwe enables us to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through vital missions' work.

Through the work generously funded by our Charges, below are examples of the United Methodist Church (UK)'s continued participation and engagement with communities and Churches in deprived societies and communities.

Annually and through the authority of the UK Mission Area Annual Conference, the church in the UK organises its members to raise funds to support two community programmes in Zimbabwe. The programmes are Pastoral Appeal and Orphanage funds. These have been ongoing programmes since the Church began its operations in the UK in 2000.

(a) Pastoral Appeal

Last year a total of £6,945.47 and this year £6,545.00. was raised during the Pastoral Appeal Sunday held on 30th June 2024.

(b) Orphanage Funds

A total of £11,062.05 was raised in 2023 and this year £13,398.18 was contributed by members during the Orphans Sunday which was held on June 30th. These funds we divided between two orphanages, Home of Hope in Mutoko and Fairfield Orphanage at Old Mutare Mission both of which are in Zimbabwe. A representative of the Church witnessed the handover of the donation to the beneficiary organisations.

(c) Mission Hospitals Fund

A total of £9,082.00 was raised in 2023. The amount raised this year is £14,321.93. The funds. were disbursed to beneficiary mission hospitals in Zimbabwe namely Old Mutare Mission and Nyadire Mission hospitals for the purchase of operating tables.

CHARGE HIGHLIGHTS

(i). Central Charge

- They raised £101,611.00 towards their Harvest and Thanksgiving, this being the highest raised in whole Area in 2024
- A total of £2,881.20 was raised towards assisting our Mission hospitals in Zimbabwe
- The Youths and Juniors were being allocated time to lead and conduct worship services. They had 4 weddings of their youth members.
- Purchased a house in Kettering for use as a parsonage

(ii) Midland Charge

- Their Local Churches continued with their twinned programmes including rural Churches in Masvingo District in Zimbabwe in which they provided funds for the drilling of a borehole and purchase of school uniforms and school fees for needy children.
- Raised a total of £72,674.20 as Harvest Thanksgiving.
- They have a vibrant program involving Youth as preachers and have some English services especially for them.

(iii) North Charge

- They promoted Youth and Juniors activities and allowed them to lead whenever they are gathered.
- They raised a total of £32,114.00 for Harvest Thanksgiving
- Raised £574.00 towards the Pastoral Appeal Sunday
- Raised £356.25 towards the Orphans fund

(v) South Charge

- Raised £98,172.26 towards Harvest Thanksgiving
- They raised £2,400.00 towards the Zimbabwe rural pastors, car fund
- They raised £5,310.00 towards supporting UMC Hospitals in Zimbabwe

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STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial review

Financial position

The church's main source of income is member donations. We retain strong financial backing for our work from our members.

Income

Total incoming resources for the year under review was £1,465,136 (2023: £1,334,316), an increase of 9.80% compared to the previous year.

The increase was mainly attributed to a marked increase in membership in 2024, which translated to general donations going up.

Expenditure

Total resources expended increased by about 10% during the year to 31 December 2024 to £1,151,509 (2023: £1,046,980). The charity reported a Net Surplus of £313,627 (2023: £287,336). The surplus can be explained to the increase in general donations in 2024 compared to 2023.

The increase is directly linked to the ongoing face-to-face gatherings and the costs involved in their holding.

Capital expenditure

Following the 2020 End of Year Conference resolution, the Church embarked on a strategy to invest resources in acquiring immovable assets. Following on to the purchase of a property in the South Charge and Midlands Charge, we are happy to report that the Central Charge has now acquired a property of their own.

Fixed Assets

The carrying value of our tangible fixed assets decreased by 2% to £865,380 (2023: £884,339).

Current Assets

Current assets increased minimally by £334,047 to £2,847,074 for the year ended 31 December 2024 (2023; £2,513,027).

Reserves policy

General reserves are set according to the Church's reserves policy at 25% of total annual expenditure.

The objective of our reserves policy is to ensure that the Charity maintains sufficient cash and readily realizable assets to enable it to withstand the impact of a possible drop in income for any reason or unplanned increase in general operational expenditure.

Reserves will help ease financial pressure while necessary adjustments are being made to the Church's operations.

General reserves are not restricted to or designated for a particular purpose. As at 31 December 2024, the reserves position was well above the church reserves policy at £2,833,473. (2023:£2,500,887)

The total of the unrestricted general funds balance was £3,698,853. (2023: £3,385,226). Within this figure, £865,380. (2023: £884,339) was invested in fixed assets that are used for the day-to-day running of the Church's activities. It is therefore not available for use as a reserve.

Going concern

The Charitable company, for the year under review, is in a firm financial position and as Trustees, we are of the opinion that the financial statements should continue to be prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern for the next 12 months.

Based on our forecasts and the charity's available resources, the Trustees feel that the charity has sufficient resources to continue for the foreseeable future and therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing these Financial Statements.

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STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial review

As shown in the financial statements, it is evident that the charity has adequate financial resources to enable it to manage short to medium-term business and finance.

LOOKING AHEAD

The United Methodist Church (UK) commits to continue pursuing objectives for the future spiritual health and growth of the Church, in particular objectives that focus on educating and evangelizing to our young adults and children under the age of 12. As a forward-thinking Church we will continue to invest in our youth to ensure and guarantee the future of the Church.

We will continue to encourage the purchase of buildings to be used as places of worship. The Church currently spends a sizeable amount of money on rental for such places and in the long run this will prove as savings to the Church.

With the aforementioned growth in membership, the Church will be looking to restructure its Charges for effective administration and ministry. Taking into account some of the distances being undertaken by the clergy there will be need to increase the number of clergy personnel.

Lastly the Church will continue to embark on a programme to ensure that its policies and governing documents are relevant and up to date.

Evangelism

The Church in the UK strives to ensure that the Gospel reaches everyone as it exists primarily to spread the Word of God to all nations worldwide and serve communities locally and abroad.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

United Methodist Church (UK) is a charitable company limited by guarantee and incorporated on 30 August 2016 as defined by the Companies Act 2006. It is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association and controlled by a Board of Trustees who are directors for the purpose of Company law and trustees for the purpose of Charity law.

The incorporated company registration number is 10351537 and the Charity Commission number is 1169890.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are elected and inducted into office at the UK Mission Area Conference which also doubles as the Charity Annual General Meeting and serve for two years. At the beginning of the year, the Church organizes training and workshops for trustees, so they receive induction on their roles and responsibilities. Where a need arises, additional training can be organized at any point throughout the year to keep trustees and staff abreast of new developments.

Organisational structure

The governance of the United Methodist Church (UK) is the responsibility of the UK Mission Area Conference. The UK Mission Area meets annually to receive and discuss reports from four main boards and committees. The United Methodist Church (UK) is organized in a methodical way using specific structures introduced by its founder, John Wesley. There are defined Church structures that enable decision making. God is the supreme authority and consultation is vital. Our Churches work within a shared vision, disciplines, and protocols.

The United Methodist Church (UK) Mission Area comprises four Charges namely Central, Midlands, North and South.

The UK Mission Area is the umbrella body into which local Churches in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland report. The District Superintendent is appointed to lead the UK Mission Area. The UK Mission Area falls under the United Methodist Church Zimbabwe Episcopal Area which is the supreme decision-making body.

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Charges comprise of cluster of local Churches as detailed below. They are served by an Ordained or Local Pastor and a team of local preachers. The local Church is a congregational place of worship where United Methodist members are nurtured and have their membership registered.

Central Charge	Midlands Charge	North Charge	South Charge
1. Cambridge	1. Coventry	1. Leeds	1. Chelmsford
2. Hatfield	2. Birmingham	2. Manchester	2. London
3. Leicester	3. Wolverhampton	3. Sheffield	3. Portsmouth
4. Luton	4. Bristol	4. Newcastle	4. Slough
5. Northampton	5. Crewe		
6. Nottingham			
7. Oxford			
8. Norwich			
9. Peterborough			

Related parties

The trustees are aware of those persons considered as related parties. For the year under review, the trustees confirm that there were no material related party transactions that should be disclosed in the financial statements.

Risk management

The trustees are responsible for identifying the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate written procedures, policies, and internal controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed have been identified as the safeguarding of assets of the Charity and ensuring funds are applied for charitable purposes according to set objectives and financial plans. Internal control systems and strategies have been put in place to mitigate these risks. Income and expenditure are monitored through budget setting and are periodically compared against actual performance. Quarterly internal audits are performed throughout the year, which allows for regular monitoring of key risks and the effectiveness of internal control systems.

Annually, the executive reviews the Church's approach to risk and recommends changes or improvements to key processes and procedures.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of United Methodist Church (UK) for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Leroy Reid & Co, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a Strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 24th September 2025 and signed on the board's behalf by:



M Munyebvu - Trustee

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of United Methodist Church (UK) (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31st December 2024 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Statement of financial position, the Statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the independent auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the independent auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of our planning process:

- We enquired of management the systems and controls the company has in place, the areas of the financial statements that are mostly susceptible to the risk of irregularities and fraud, and whether there was any known, suspected or alleged fraud. The charitable company did not inform us of any known, suspected or alleged fraud.

-We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charitable company.

-We considered the incentives and opportunities that exist in the company, including the extent of management bias, which present a potential for irregularities and fraud to be perpetuated, and tailored our risk assessment accordingly.

-Using our knowledge of the company, together with the discussions held with the company at the planning stage, we formed a conclusion on the risk of misstatement due to irregularities including fraud and tailored our procedures according to this risk assessment.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
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As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Report of the independent auditors to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Report of the independent auditors. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company's to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Mr Ebenezer Okai, (BSc), FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Leroy Reid & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
299 Northborough Road
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London
SW16 4TR

Date: *25/09/2025*

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

		2024	2023
		Unrestricted	Total
		fund	funds
		£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	1,450,255	1,330,446
Investment income	3	14,881	3,870
Total		<u>1,465,136</u>	<u>1,334,316</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4	91,470	35,394
Charitable activities	5		
Direct charitable activity		236,612	165,903
Support charitable activity		205,828	231,811
Governance		11,304	9,492
Evangelism and stewardship		606,295	604,380
Total		<u>1,151,509</u>	<u>1,046,980</u>
NET INCOME		313,627	287,336
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		3,385,226	3,097,890
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>3,698,853</u>	<u>3,385,226</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11	865,380	884,339
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	103,703	95,516
Cash at bank		<u>2,743,547</u>	<u>2,417,511</u>
		2,847,250	2,513,027
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(13,777)	(12,140)
		<u>2,833,473</u>	<u>2,500,887</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>2,833,473</u>	<u>2,500,887</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,698,853	3,385,226
		<u>3,698,853</u>	<u>3,385,226</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>3,698,853</u>	<u>3,385,226</u>
FUNDS	14		
Unrestricted funds		<u>3,698,853</u>	<u>3,385,226</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>3,698,853</u>	<u>3,385,226</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 24th September 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



M Munyebvu - Trustee

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	318,264	276,292
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>318,264</u>	<u>276,292</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(359,253)
Interest received		7,772	3,870
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>7,772</u>	<u>(355,383)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
		326,036	(79,091)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period			
		<u>2,417,511</u>	<u>2,496,602</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period			
		<u>2,743,547</u>	<u>2,417,511</u>

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of financial activities)	313,627	287,336
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	18,959	19,156
Interest received	(7,772)	(3,870)
Increase in debtors	(8,187)	(28,116)
Increase in creditors	1,637	1,786
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Net cash provided by operations	318,264	276,292
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2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.1.24	Cash flow	At 31.12.24
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	2,417,511	326,036	2,743,547
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	2,417,511	326,036	2,743,547
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Total	2,417,511	326,036	2,743,547
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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

INCOME

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

EXPENDITURE

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

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	-2% on straight line
Plant and machinery	-25% on reducing balance basis
Fixtures and fittings	-25% on reducing balance basis.

TAXATION

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

FUND ACCOUNTING

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

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

PENSION COSTS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

The amount recognised as an expenditure in relation to the pension scheme operated by the company was £2,379 (2023 - £1,941).

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Tithes and offerings	1,316,923	1,193,106
Special fund donations	26,322	31,851
Gift aid	107,010	105,489
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	1,450,255	1,330,446
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3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Rents received	7,109	-
Deposit account interest	7,772	3,870
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	14,881	3,870
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4. RAISING FUNDS

RAISING DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Hire charges	34,639	10,833
Catering & entertainment	29,458	23,353
Other office costs	27,373	1,208
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	91,470	35,394
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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 6)	Support costs (see note 7)	Totals
	£	£	£
Direct charitable activity	236,612	-	236,612
Support charitable activity	204,260	1,568	205,828
Governance	-	11,304	11,304
Evangelism and stewardship	606,295	-	606,295
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	1,047,167	12,872	1,060,039
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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	172,899	127,322
Rates and water	9,377	4,839
Insurance	4,519	8,983
Light and heat	-	320
Telephone	6,120	6,039
Postage and stationery	3,230	2,378
Other office costs	31,423	19,425
Laytraining	-	4,471
Legal and professional fees	6,437	5,046
Special fund expenses	6,894	1,380
Rent	121,524	158,344
Motor & travel costs	59,490	38,301
Evangelism and stewardship	606,295	604,380
Depreciation	18,959	19,156
	<u>1,047,167</u>	<u>1,000,384</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance	Information technology	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Support charitable activity	908	660	-	1,568
Governance	-	-	11,304	11,304
	<u>908</u>	<u>660</u>	<u>11,304</u>	<u>12,872</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	Support charitable activity	Governance	2024	2023
	£	£	Total activities	Total activities
	£	£	£	£
Bank charges	908	-	908	774
Website expenses	660	-	660	936
Auditors' remuneration	-	5,892	5,892	4,932
Accountancy and legal fees	-	5,412	5,412	4,560
	<u>1,568</u>	<u>11,304</u>	<u>12,872</u>	<u>11,202</u>

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	5,892	4,932
Depreciation - owned assets	18,959	19,155
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2024 nor for the year ended 31st December 2023.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2024 nor for the year ended 31st December 2023.

10. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	163,455	122,557
Social security costs	7,065	2,824
Other pension costs	2,379	1,941
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	172,899	127,322
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Pastors and administrators	9	5
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST				
At 1st January 2024 and 31st December 2024	918,578	34,759	5,363	958,700
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1st January 2024	36,591	33,250	4,520	74,361
Charge for year	18,371	377	211	18,959
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31st December 2024	54,962	33,627	4,731	93,320
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st December 2024	863,616	1,132	632	865,380
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31st December 2023	881,987	1,509	843	884,339
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12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		2024	2023
		£	£
HMRC - Gift aid		103,703	95,516
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		2024	2023
		£	£
Social security and other taxes		3,086	2,648
Other creditors		10,691	9,492
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		13,777	12,140
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		Net	
	At 1.1.24	movement	At
	£	in funds	31.12.24
		£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,385,226	313,627	3,698,853
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	3,385,226	313,627	3,698,853
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Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming	Resources	Movement
	resources	expended	in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,465,136	(1,151,509)	313,627
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	1,465,136	(1,151,509)	313,627
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Comparatives for movement in funds

		Net	
	At 1.1.23	movement	At
	£	in funds	31.12.23
		£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,097,890	287,336	3,385,226
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	3,097,890	287,336	3,385,226
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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,334,316	(1,046,980)	287,336
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,334,316</u>	<u>(1,046,980)</u>	<u>287,336</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,097,890	600,963	3,698,853
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>3,097,890</u>	<u>600,963</u>	<u>3,698,853</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,799,452	(2,198,489)	600,963
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,799,452</u>	<u>(2,198,489)</u>	<u>600,963</u>

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Tithes and offerings	1,316,923	1,193,106
Special fund donations	26,322	31,851
Gift aid	107,010	105,489
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	1,450,255	1,330,446
Investment income		
Rents received	7,109	-
Deposit account interest	7,772	3,870
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	14,881	3,870
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Total incoming resources	1,465,136	1,334,316
 EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Hire charges	34,639	10,833
Catering & entertainment	29,458	23,353
Other office costs	27,373	1,208
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	91,470	35,394
 Charitable activities		
Wages	163,455	122,557
Social security	7,065	2,824
Pensions	2,379	1,941
Rates and water	9,377	4,839
Insurance	4,519	8,983
Light and heat	-	320
Telephone	6,120	6,039
Postage and stationery	3,230	2,378
Other office costs	31,423	19,425
Laytraining	-	4,471
Legal and professional fees	6,437	5,046
Special fund expenses	6,894	1,380
Rent	121,524	158,344
Motor & travel costs	59,490	38,301
Evangelism and stewardship	606,295	604,380
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	18,959	19,156
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	1,047,167	1,000,384
 Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	908	774

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Finance		
Information technology		
Website expenses	660	936
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	5,892	4,932
Accountancy and legal fees	5,412	4,560
	<u>11,304</u>	<u>9,492</u>
Total resources expended	<u>1,151,509</u>	<u>1,046,980</u>
Net income	<u>313,627</u>	<u>287,336</u>

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

England & Wales - Charity number 1169890

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 10351537 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1169890

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023
FOR
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

Leroy Reid & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
299 Northborough Road
Norbury
London
SW16 4TR

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

TRUSTEES	Mrs K Manyika G T Mataranyika Mrs Z P Mudambanuki X Gombakomba Mrs L Chandigere Mr Z Magomo Dr I Mupambireyi Mrs J Sibanda T B Muchenje (appointed 1.1.23) J Kapumha (appointed 1.1.23) J Mataranyika (appointed 1.1.23) Mrs R M Mojapelo (appointed 1.1.23) Miss F Chingwena (appointed 1.1.23) A M Soko (appointed 1.1.23) Mrs A Mutyora (appointed 1.1.23) Dr U Mupambireyi (appointed 2.1.23) Miss P N Makunike (appointed 1.1.23) F Mutsipa (appointed 1.1.23)
REGISTERED OFFICE	Mayflower Methodist Church Ethel Road Leicester LE5 5ND
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	10351537 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1169890
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS	Leroy Reid & Co Chartered Certified Accountants and Statutory Auditors 299 Northborough Road Norbury London SW16 4TR

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The main objectives of the charity are to promote and advance the Christian religion, worship and to promote the United Methodist Church centres of worship in furtherance of its public benefit objective.

The strategy employed to achieve the objectives of the charity have continued to be regular church services, Christian conventions, crusades, and ministering the word of God. The strategy also involves help with financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods, or services of any kind in such parts of the United Kingdom, Zimbabwe, or the world as the Church shall determine.

Public benefit

The trustees of United Methodist Church (UK) confirm that they are satisfied that they have complied with their duty with regards to ensuring that the Charity has undertaken suitable works for the benefit of the public; as required by the Charity Commission.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

1. Key Charitable activities

The Trustees are able to report another good year of growth in membership and expansion into other areas of the UK like Norwich and Peterborough. Towards the end of the year Church organized its annual conference which was again well attended and held on Zoom. The attendees included the Mission Area Superintendent, Central, South, North and Midlands Pastors, the Mission Area Leadership, Charge Delegates, Organizations' Delegates and some notable Church leadership from Zimbabwe as observers. The Church continued to demonstrate its solidarity in supporting the bereaved spiritually, morally and financially.

This practice has made an impact on societies where members live. The UK Mission Area of The United Methodist Church (UK) has been involved in visibly inspiring worship during Sunday services and at the Revival meetings. Believers have encountered the Lord in individual and corporate worship resulting in the deepening of their faith in the risen Lord. This has been evidenced by personal testimonies at worship places and in conversations. Love, forgiveness, patience and kindness as Christian virtues have been noticed in our social interactions. Church support through giving has been witnessed in Local Churches, especially during Harvest Thanksgiving. Some members have moved from pledging to tithing according to our teaching in the United Methodist Church; (The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church 2012 para 630E).

The Church has a responsibility in stewardship; "To educate the Local church that tithing is the minimum goal of giving in the United Methodist Church." The Church calendar has been closely followed and members have enjoyed life in Christ as they have been praying for unity in the Church, peace in the world and observance of Christian norms and values during Sunday School, section meetings and Church organisations' meetings. The Church witnessed a big growth in numbers because of the Healthcare Sponsorship visa scheme. Programs have been put in place to assist these new members to acclimatize to their new environment and its challenges.

2. Four Focus Areas

- Develop Principled Christian Leaders
- Congregational Development
- Alleviation of Poverty
- Improved Global Health

The work done throughout the UK Mission Area continue to be concentrated to these four focus areas. We are happy and encouraged by the impact of our efforts locally and globally.

The United Methodist Church (UK) continue to work in partnership with various institutions in less developed countries, responding to disasters and being involved in various poverty alleviation programmes. Our partnership with various churches in Zimbabwe enables us to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through vital missions' work.

Through the work generously funded by our charges, you'll see below examples of the United Methodist Church (UK)'s continued participation and engagement with communities and churches in deprived societies and communities.

Annually and through the authority of the UK Mission Area Annual Conference, the church in the UK organises its members to raise funds to support two community programmes in Zimbabwe. The programmes are Pastoral Appeal and Orphanage funds. These have been ongoing programmes since the church began its operations in the UK in 2000.

CHARGE HIGHLIGHTS

(i). Central Charge

- They raised £112,568 towards their Harvest this being the highest raised in the whole Area.
- A total of £916 was raised towards assisting our Mission hospitals in Zimbabwe
- The Youths and Juniors were being allocated time to lead and conduct worship services. They had 2 weddings of their youth members
- Purchased a house in Kettering for use as a parsonage

(ii) Midland Charge

- Their Local Churches continued with their twinned programmes including rural Churches in Masvingo District in Zimbabwe in which they provided funds for the drilling of a borehole and purchase of school uniforms and school fees for needy children.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

- Raised a total of £72,486 as Harvest Thanksgiving.
They have a vibrant program involving Youth as preachers and have some English services especially for them.
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(iii) North Charge

- They promoted Youth and Juniors activities and allowed them to lead whenever they are gathered.
- They raised a total of £29,927 for Harvest Thanksgiving
- Raised £635 towards the Pastoral Appeal Sunday
- Raised £305 towards the Orphans fund

(v) South Charge

- Raised £99,715 towards Harvest Thanksgiving
Their parsonage was dedicated by the Zimbabwe Episcopal Area Bishop E K Nhwatiwa on 30th September.
- They raised £2,400 towards the Zimbabwe rural pastors; car fund
- They raised £1,245 towards supporting UMC Hospitals in Zimbabwe

Financial review

Financial position

The church's main source of income is member donations. We retain strong financial backing for our work from our members.

Income

Total incoming resources for the year under review was £1,334,316 (2022: £821,796), an increase of 62% compared to the previous year. The reduction was mainly due to the general increased cost of living which resulted in the reduction of disposable income at macro level.

Expenditure

Total resources expended increased by about 96% during the year to 31 December 2023 to £1,046,980 (2022: £533,634). The increase in expenditure resulted in a decrease in Net Surplus to £287,336 (2022: £288,162). The increase was directly linked to the resumption of face-to-face gatherings and the costs involved in their holding.

Capital expenditure

We are happy to report that the Central Charge acquired a property worth £359,253 during the year. This brings our total parsonages to three.

Fixed Assets

The carrying value of our tangible fixed assets (NBV) increased by £340,098 to £884,339 (2022: £544,241). Included within this was capital additions at an initial acquisition value of £359,253.

Current Assets

Current assets decreased minimally by £50,975 to £2,513,027 for the year ended 31 December 2023 (2022; £2,564,002)

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial review

Reserves policy

General reserves are set according to the Church's reserves policy at 25% of total annual expenditure.

The objective of our reserves policy is to ensure that the Charity maintains sufficient cash and readily realizable assets to enable it to withstand the impact of possible drop in income for any reason or unplanned increase in general operational expenditure.

Reserves will help ease financial pressure while necessary adjustments are being made to the Church's operations.

General reserves are not restricted to or designated for a particular purpose. As at 31 December 2023, the reserves position was well above the church reserves policy at £2,500,887 (2022: £2,553,649).

The total of the unrestricted general funds balance was £3,385,226 (2022:£3,097,890). Within this figure, £884,339 (2022: £544,241) was invested in fixed assets that are used for the day-to-day running of the Church's activities. It is therefore not available for use as a reserve.

Going concern

The Charitable company, for the year under review, is in a firm financial position and as Trustees, we are of the opinion that the financial statements should continue to be prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern for the next 12 months.

Based on our forecasts and the charity's available resources, the Trustees feel that the charity has sufficient resources to continue for the foreseeable future and therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing these Financial Statements.

As shown in the financial statements, it is evident that the charity has adequate financial resources to enable it to manage short to medium-term business and finance.

LOOKING AHEAD

The United Methodist Church (UK) commits to continue pursuing objectives for the future spiritual health and growth of the Church, in particular objectives that focus on educating and evangelizing our young adults and children under the age of 12. As a forward-thinking Church we will continue to invest in our youth to ensure and guarantee the future of the Church.

We will continue to encourage the purchase of buildings to be used as places of worship. The Church currently spends a sizeable amount of money in rental for such places and in the long run this will prove as savings to the Church.

With the continued growth in membership, the Church will be looking to restructure its Charges for effective administration and ministry. Considering the distances being travelled by the clergy there will be need to increase the number of clergy personnel.

Lastly the Church will continue to review and update its policies and governing documents to ensure they remain compliant to legal and corporate requirements.

Evangelism

The Church in the UK strives to ensure that the Gospel reaches everyone as it exists primarily to spread the Word of God to all nations worldwide and serve communities locally and abroad.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

United Methodist Church (UK) is a charitable company limited by guarantee and incorporated on 30 August 2016 as defined by the Companies Act 2006. It is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association and controlled by a Board of Trustees who are directors for the purpose of Company law and trustees for the purpose of Charity law.

The incorporated company registration number is 10351537 and the Charity Commission number is 1169890.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are elected and inducted into office at the UK Mission Area Conference which also doubles as the Charity Annual General Meeting and serve for two years. At the beginning of the year, the Church organizes training and workshops for trustees, so they receive induction on their roles and responsibilities. Where a need arises, additional training can be organized at any point throughout the year to keep trustees and staff abreast of new developments.

Organisational structure

The governance of the United Methodist Church (UK) is the responsibility of the UK Mission Area Conference. The UK Mission Area meets annually to receive and discuss reports from four main boards and committees. The United Methodist Church (UK) is organized in a methodical way using specific structures introduced by its founder, John Wesley. There are defined Church structures that enable decision making. God is the supreme authority and consultation is vital. Our Churches work within a shared vision, disciplines, and protocols.

The United Methodist Church (UK) Mission Area comprises four Charges namely Central, Midlands, North and South. The UK Mission Area is the umbrella body into which local Churches in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland report. The District Superintendent is appointed to lead the UK Mission Area. The UK Mission Area falls under the United Methodist Church Zimbabwe Episcopal Area which is the supreme decision-making body.

Charges comprise of cluster of local Churches as detailed below. They are served by an Ordained or Local Pastor and a team of local preachers. The local Church is a congregational place of worship where United Methodist members are nurtured and have their membership registered.

Central Charge	Midlands Charge	North Charge	South Charge
1. Cambridge	1. Coventry	1. Leeds	1. Chelmsford
2. Hatfield	2. Birmingham	2. Manchester	2. London
3. Leicester	3. Wolverhampton	3. Sheffield	3. Portsmouth
4. Luton	4. Bristol	4. Newcastle	4. Slough
5. Northampton	5. Crewe		
6. Nottingham			
7. Oxford			
8. Norwich			
9. Peterborough			

Related parties

The trustees are aware of those persons considered as related parties. For the year under review, the trustees confirm that there were no material related party transactions that should be disclosed in the financial statements.

Risk management

The trustees are responsible for identifying the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate written procedures, policies, and internal controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed have been identified as the safeguarding of assets of the Charity and ensuring funds are applied for charitable purposes according to set objectives and financial plans. Internal control systems and strategies have been put in place to mitigate these risks. Income and expenditure are monitored through budget setting and are periodically compared against actual performance. Quarterly internal audits are performed throughout the year, which allows for regular monitoring of key risks and the effectiveness of internal control systems.

Annually, the executive reviews the Church's approach to risk and recommends changes or improvements to key processes and procedures.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of United Methodist Church (UK) for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Leroy Reid & Co, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a Strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 25/09/2024 and signed on the board's behalf by:



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G T Mataranyika - Trustee

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of United Methodist Church (UK) (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31st December 2023 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Statement of financial position, the Statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the independent auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)**

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)**

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the independent auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of our planning process:

- We enquired of management the systems and controls the company has in place, the areas of the financial statements that are mostly susceptible to the risk of irregularities and fraud, and whether there was any known, suspected or alleged fraud. The charitable company did not inform us of any known, suspected or alleged fraud.

-We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charitable company.

-We considered the incentives and opportunities that exist in the company, including the extent of management bias, which present a potential for irregularities and fraud to be perpetuated, and tailored our risk assessment accordingly.

-Using our knowledge of the company, together with the discussions held with the company at the planning stage, we formed a conclusion on the risk of misstatement due to irregularities including fraud and tailored our procedures according to this risk assessment.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Report of the independent auditors to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Report of the independent auditors. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company's to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)**

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Mr Ebenezer Okai, (BSc), FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Leroy Reid & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
299 Northborough Road
Norbury
London
SW16 4TR

Date:

26/09/2024

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2	1,330,446	820,744
Investment income	3	3,870	1,052
Total		<u>1,334,316</u>	<u>821,796</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4	35,394	15,580
Charitable activities	5		
Direct charitable activity		165,903	124,711
Support charitable activity		231,811	148,938
Governance		9,492	9,120
Evangelism and stewardship		604,380	235,285
Total		<u>1,046,980</u>	<u>533,634</u>
NET INCOME		287,336	288,162
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		3,097,890	2,809,728
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>3,385,226</u></u>	<u><u>3,097,890</u></u>

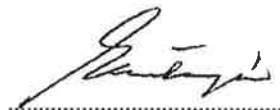
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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31ST DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11	884,339	544,241
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	95,516	67,400
Cash at bank		2,417,511	2,496,602
		<u>2,513,027</u>	<u>2,564,002</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(12,140)	(10,353)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>2,500,887</u>	<u>2,553,649</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>3,385,226</u>	<u>3,097,890</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>3,385,226</u>	<u>3,097,890</u>
FUNDS	14		
Unrestricted funds		<u>3,385,226</u>	<u>3,097,890</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>3,385,226</u>	<u>3,097,890</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25/09/2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



G T Mataranyika - Trustee

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	276,292	312,745
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>276,292</u>	<u>312,745</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(359,253)	(207,698)
Interest received		3,870	1,052
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(355,383)</u>	<u>(206,646)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
		(79,091)	106,099
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>2,496,602</u>	<u>2,390,503</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>2,417,511</u>	<u>2,496,602</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

**NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of financial activities)	287,336	288,162
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	19,156	12,233
Interest received	(3,870)	(1,052)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(28,116)	13,038
Increase in creditors	1,786	364
	<u>276,292</u>	<u>312,745</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.1.23	Cash flow	At 31.12.23
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	2,496,602	(79,091)	2,417,511
	<u>2,496,602</u>	<u>(79,091)</u>	<u>2,417,511</u>
Total	<u>2,496,602</u>	<u>(79,091)</u>	<u>2,417,511</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

INCOME

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

EXPENDITURE

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

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	-2% on straight line
Plant and machinery	-25% on reducing balance basis
Fixtures and fittings	-25% on reducing balance basis.

TAXATION

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

FUND ACCOUNTING

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

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

PENSION COSTS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

The amount recognised as an expenditure in relation to the pension scheme operated by the company was £1,941 (2022 - £1,213).

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Tithes and offerings	1,193,106	728,032
Special fund donations	31,851	15,777
Gift aid	105,489	76,935
	<u>1,330,446</u>	<u>820,744</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	3,870	1,052
	<u>3,870</u>	<u>1,052</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

RAISING DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Hire charges	10,833	2,890
Catering & entertainment	23,353	10,112
Other office costs	1,208	2,578
	<u>35,394</u>	<u>15,580</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Direct charitable activity	165,903	-	165,903
Support charitable activity	230,101	1,710	231,811
Governance	-	9,492	9,492
Evangelism and stewardship	604,380	-	604,380
	<u>1,000,384</u>	<u>11,202</u>	<u>1,011,586</u>

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

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

6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff costs	127,322	70,502
Rates and water	4,839	6,222
Insurance	8,983	5,013
Light and heat	320	2,569
Telephone	6,039	5,589
Postage and stationery	2,378	834
Other office costs	19,425	18,499
Laytraining	4,471	576
Legal and professional fees	5,046	7,124
Special fund expenses	1,380	15,777
Rent	158,344	104,663
Motor & travel costs	38,301	23,112
Evangelism and stewardship	604,380	235,285
Depreciation	19,156	12,233
	<u>1,000,384</u>	<u>507,998</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance	Information	Governance	Totals
	£	technology	costs	£
		£	£	
Support charitable activity	774	936	-	1,710
Governance	-	-	9,492	9,492
	<u>774</u>	<u>936</u>	<u>9,492</u>	<u>11,202</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	Support		2023	2022
	charitable	Governance	Total	Total
	activity		activities	activities
	£	£	£	£
Bank charges	774	-	774	936
Website expenses	936	-	936	-
Auditors' remuneration	-	4,932	4,932	4,560
Accountancy and legal fees	-	4,560	4,560	4,560
	<u>1,710</u>	<u>9,492</u>	<u>11,202</u>	<u>10,056</u>

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

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

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	4,932	4,560
Depreciation - owned assets	19,155	12,233
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2023 nor for the year ended 31st December 2022.

10. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	122,557	69,289
Social security costs	2,824	-
Other pension costs	1,941	1,213
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>127,322</u>	<u>70,502</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Pastors and administrators	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

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

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST				
At 1st January 2023	559,325	34,759	5,363	599,447
Additions	359,253	-	-	359,253
At 31st December 2023	918,578	34,759	5,363	958,700
DEPRECIATION				
At 1st January 2023	18,220	32,747	4,239	55,206
Charge for year	18,371	503	281	19,155
At 31st December 2023	36,591	33,250	4,520	74,361
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st December 2023	881,987	1,509	843	884,339
At 31st December 2022	541,105	2,012	1,124	544,241

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
HMRC - Gift aid	95,516	67,400

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Social security and other taxes	2,648	1,234
Other creditors	9,492	9,119
	12,140	10,353

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,097,890	287,336	3,385,226
TOTAL FUNDS	3,097,890	287,336	3,385,226

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

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

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,334,316	(1,046,980)	287,336
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,334,316</u>	<u>(1,046,980)</u>	<u>287,336</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,809,728	288,162	3,097,890
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,809,728</u>	<u>288,162</u>	<u>3,097,890</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	821,796	(533,634)	288,162
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>821,796</u>	<u>(533,634)</u>	<u>288,162</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,809,728	575,498	3,385,226
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,809,728</u>	<u>575,498</u>	<u>3,385,226</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,156,112	(1,580,614)	575,498
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,156,112</u>	<u>(1,580,614)</u>	<u>575,498</u>

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Tithes and offerings	1,193,106	728,032
Special fund donations	31,851	15,777
Gift aid	105,489	76,935
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	1,330,446	820,744
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	3,870	1,052
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Total incoming resources	1,334,316	821,796
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Hire charges	10,833	2,890
Catering & entertainment	23,353	10,112
Other office costs	1,208	2,578
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	35,394	15,580
Charitable activities		
Wages	122,557	69,289
Social security	2,824	-
Pensions	1,941	1,213
Rates and water	4,839	6,222
Insurance	8,983	5,013
Light and heat	320	2,569
Telephone	6,039	5,589
Postage and stationery	2,378	834
Other office costs	19,425	18,499
Laytraining	4,471	576
Legal and professional fees	5,046	7,124
Special fund expenses	1,380	15,777
Rent	158,344	104,663
Motor & travel costs	38,301	23,112
Evangelism and stewardship	604,380	235,285
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	19,156	12,233
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	1,000,384	507,998
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	774	936
Information technology		
Website expenses	936	-

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Information technology		
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	4,932	4,560
Accountancy and legal fees	4,560	4,560
	<u>9,492</u>	<u>9,120</u>
Total resources expended	<u>1,046,980</u>	<u>533,634</u>
Net income	<u>287,336</u>	<u>288,162</u>

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

England & Wales - Charity number 1169890

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 10351537 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1169890

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022
FOR
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

Leroy Reid & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

TRUSTEES

G T Mataranyika
Mrs K Manyika
Mrs Z P Mudambanuki
X Gombakomba
Ms L Chandigere
Ms Z Magomo
Dr I Mupambireyi
Ms J Sibanda

Mrs R M Mojapelo (appointed 1.1.23)
Miss F Chingwena (appointed 1.1.23)
T B Muchenje (appointed 1.1.23)
J Kapumha (appointed 1.1.23)
J Mataranyika (appointed 1.1.23)
A M Soko (appointed 1.1.23)
Mrs A Mutyora (appointed 1.1.23)
Dr U Mupambireyi (appointed 2.1.23)
Miss P N Makunike (appointed 1.1.23)
F Mutsipa (appointed 1.1.23)

Ms Z E O Mashiri (resigned 31.12.22)
D Mwandambira (resigned 31.12.22)
Ms S M Nganjo (resigned 31.12.22)
Ms A Kamutero (resigned 31.12.22)
R H Mutungamiri (resigned 31.12.22)
L T Chinodzama (resigned 31.12.22)
R B Chivasa (resigned 31.12.22)
Mrs G Nyabereka (resigned 31.12.22)
S Chipuka (resigned 31.12.22)

REGISTERED OFFICE

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**REGISTERED COMPANY
NUMBER**

10351537 (England and Wales)

**REGISTERED CHARITY
NUMBER**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The main objectives of the charity are to promote and advance the Christian religion, worship and to promote the United Methodist Church centres of worship in furtherance of its public benefit objective.

The strategy employed to achieve the objectives of the charity have continued to be regular church services, Christian conventions, crusades, and ministering the word of God. The strategy also involves help with financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods, or services of any kind in such parts of the United Kingdom, Zimbabwe, or the world as the Church shall determine.

Public benefit

The trustees of United Methodist Church (UK) confirm that they are satisfied that they have complied with their duty with regards to ensuring that the Charity has undertaken suitable works for the benefit of the public; as required by the Charity Commission.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

1. Key Charitable activities

The Trustees are able to report another good year of growth in membership and expansion into other areas of the UK. Towards the church organized its annual conference which was again well attended. The attendees included the Mission Area Superintendent, Central, South, Midlands Pastors, the Mission Area Leadership, Charge Delegates, Organisation Delegates and Observers. The church continued to demonstrate its solidarity in supporting the bereaved spiritually, morally and economically. This practice has made an impact on societies where members live.

The UK mission Area of The United Methodist Church has been involved in visibly inspiring worship during Sunday services and at the Revival meetings. Believers have encountered the Lord in individual and corporate worship resulting in the deepening of their faith in the risen Lord. This has been evidenced by personal testimonies at worship places and in conversations. Love, forgiveness, patience and kindness as Christian virtues have been noticed in our social interactions. Church support through giving has been witnessed in some Local churches, especially in Harvest Thanksgiving. Some members have moved from pledging to tithing according to our teaching in the United Methodist Church; (The Book of Discipline of the united Methodist Church 2012 para 630).

The church has a responsibility in stewardship; "To educate the Local church that tithing is the minimum goal of giving in the United Methodist Church." The church calendar has been closely followed and members have enjoyed life in Christ as they have been praying for the unity in the church, peace in the world and observance of Christian norms and values during Sunday school, section meeting and church organisations' meetings. Although the congregations in the Republic of Ireland and Scotland are still small they have a potential for growth as evidenced by their vibrant worship and giving. They have money for their church programmes and of junior Sunday school children to enable them to participate well during worship service has been noticed in the Local church in Scotland as is done in Charges in England. More such lessons should be given to our children for inclusive vibrant worship.

2. Four Focus Areas

- Develop Principled Christian Leaders
- Congregational Development
- Alleviation of Poverty
- Improved Global Health

The work done throughout the UK Mission Area continue to be concentrated to these four focus areas. We are happy and encouraged by the impact of our efforts locally and globally.

The United Methodist Church (UK) continue to work in partnership with various institutions in less developed countries, responding to disasters and being involved in various poverty alleviation programmes. Our partnership with various churches in Zimbabwe enables us to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through vital missions' work.

Through the work generously funded by our charges, you'll see below examples of the United Methodist Church (UK)'s continued participation and engagement with communities and churches in deprived societies and communities.

Annually and through the authority of the UK Mission Area Annual Conference, the church in the UK organises its members to raise funds to support two community programmes in Zimbabwe. The programmes are Pastoral Appeal and Orphanage funds. These have been ongoing programmes since the church begun its operations in the UK in 2000.

(a) Pastoral Appeal

Last year a total of £8,763 and this year £6,945 was raised during the Pastoral Appeal Sunday held on 3rd July.

(b) Orphanage Funds

A total of £13,323 was raised in 2021 and this year £10,534.

was contributed by members during the Orphans Sunday which was held on 6th March. These funds we divided between two orphanages, Home of Hope in Mutoko and Fairfield Orphanage at Old Mutare Mission both of which are in Zimbabwe.

3. Charge Highlights

- Prelude

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)
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As the Church begin to find its feet after the pandemic, a lot of missionary work was undertaken in all our Charges. The twinning of Local Churches with those in rural areas in Zimbabwe achieved great results with funds raised to provide school fees and uniforms for needy children. They also got involved in local community projects like the drilling of borehole and the building of Churches and parsonages.

Major Events

As reported last year some major events were cancelled due to the pandemic however, the below named programmes were deferred to 2024.

- Lone Parents Retreat
- Children and Youth Ministry Family Retreat
- Sports and Recreation galas
- Music Festivals
- The Cancer Research UK's Race For Life
- Visitations to detention centers, hospitals, prisons and orphanages in the UK
- Men's Retreat

(i). Central Charge

- They raised £78,048 towards their Harvest target of £80,000.
- A total of £916 was raised towards assisting our Mission hospitals in Zimbabwe
- All their Local Churches were twinned with rural Churches in Zimbabwe, and they supported various projects in these Churches.
- The Youths and Juniors were being allocated time to lead and conduct worship services. They had 4 weddings of their youth members.
- Raised £1,500 towards the purchase of vehicles for Pastors in the rural areas

(ii) Midland Charge

- Their Local Churches continued with their twinned programmes with rural Churches in Masvingo District in Zimbabwe in which they provided funds for school uniforms and school fees for needy children and were involved in community projects.
- They became the second Charge to purchase a property for use as a Parsonage at a cost of £207,698.
- Appropriate renovations were done, and their Pastor moved in September.
- Held their first physical Charge Revival since the lifting of the COVID-19 restrictions on 10th September in Wolverhampton.
- Raised a total of £54,663 as Harvest Thanksgiving against a target of £55,000
- Secured a secure data storage (One Drive) to store all their Charge documents

(iii) North Charge

- Held a Family Retreat virtually
- They have promoted Youth and Juniors activities and allowed them to lead whenever they gathered.
- They raised a total of £24,592 for Harvest Thanksgiving
- Raised £229 towards the Pastoral Appeal Sunday
- Raised £730 towards the Orphans fund

(v) South Charge

- Raised £65,487 towards Harvest Thanksgiving
- Projects with their twinned Churches in Zimbabwe were successfully completed
- They raised £910 towards the Zimbabwe rural car fund
- Renovations to their property were completed and their Pastor moved has since moved in
- Raised £3,649 towards the Orphans fund
- They raised £2,259 during the Pastoral Support Sunday

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Financial review

Financial position

The church's main source of income is member donations. We retain strong financial backing for our work from our members.

Income

Total incoming resources for the year under review was £821,796 (2021: £905,934), a decrease of 9% compared to the previous year. The reduction was mainly due to the general increased cost of living which resulted in the reduction of disposable income at macro level.

Expenditure

Total resources expended increased by about 42% during the year to 31 December 2022 to £533,634 (2021: £374,834). The increase in expenditure resulted in a decrease in Net Surplus to £288,162 (2021: £531,100)
The increase was directly linked to the resumption of face-to-face gatherings and the costs involved in their holding.

Capital expenditure

Following the 2020 End of Year Conference resolution, the church embarked on a strategy to invest resources in acquiring immovable assets. Following on to the purchase of a property in the South Charge, we are happy to report that the Midlands Charge purchased a property which is being used as a parsonage.. We hope to continue this strategy until the other 2 Charges in the UK Mission Area have a parsonage.

Fixed Assets

The carrying value of our tangible fixed assets (NBV) increased by £195,465 to £544,241 (2021: £348,776. Included within this was capital additions at an initial acquisition value of £207,698.

Current Assets

Current assets increased minimally by £93,061 to £2,564,002 for the year ended 31 December 2021 (2021;2470,941)

Reserves policy

General reserves are set according to the Church's reserves policy at 25% of total annual expenditure.

The objective of our reserves policy is to ensure that the Charity maintains sufficient cash and readily realizable assets to enable it to withstand the impact of possible drop in income for any reason or unplanned increase in general operational expenditure.

Reserves will help ease financial pressure while necessary adjustments are being made to the Church's operations.

General reserves are not restricted to or designated for a particular purpose .As at 31 December 2022, the reserves position was well above the church reserves policy at £2,553,649 (2021 £2,460,952)

The total of the unrestricted general funds balance was £3,102,044 (2021£2,809,728). Within this figure, £548,396 (2021 £348,776) was invested in fixed assets that are used for the day-to-day running of the church's activities. It is therefore not available for use as a reserve.

Going concern

The Charitable company, for the year under review, is in a firm financial position and as Trustees, we are of the opinion that the financial statements should continue to be prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern for the next 12 months.

Based on our forecasts and the charity's available resources, the Trustees feel that the charity has sufficient resources to continue for the foreseeable future and therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing these Financial Statements. We consider the dip in income temporary as this should pick up with the resumption of face-to-face gatherings.

As shown in the financial statements, it is evident that the charity has adequate financial resources to enable it to manage short to medium-term business and finance.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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LOOKING AHEAD

The United Methodist Church (UK) commits to continue pursuing objectives for the future spiritual health and growth of the Church, in particular objectives that focus on educating and evangelizing to our young adults and children under the age of 12. As a forward-thinking Church we will continue to invest in our youth to ensure and guarantee the future of the Church.

We will continue to encourage the purchase of parsonages to house resident pastors as well as buildings to be used as places of worship. The Church currently spends a sizeable amount of money in rental for such places and in the long run this will prove as savings to the Church.

The Church will be applying for the renewal of its employer's licence with the UK Border Agency and efforts to ensure that there is adequate clergy leadership will be continued.

Lastly the Church will be embarking on a programme to ensure that its policies and governing documents are relevant and up to date.

- Evangelism

The Church in the UK strives to ensure that the Gospel reaches everyone as it exists primarily to spread the Word of God to all nations worldwide and serve communities locally and abroad.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

United Methodist Church (UK) is a charitable company limited by guarantee and incorporated on 30 August 2016 as defined by the Companies Act 2006. It is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association and controlled by a Board of Trustees who are directors for the purpose of Company law and trustees for the purpose of Charity law.

The incorporated company registration number is 10351537 and the Charity Commission number is 1169890.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are elected and inducted into office at the UK Mission Area Conference which also doubles as the Charity Annual General Meeting and serve for two years. At the beginning of the year, the Church organizes training and workshops for trustees, so they receive induction on their roles and responsibilities. Where a need arises, additional training can be organized at any point throughout the year to keep trustees and staff abreast of new developments.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The governance of the United Methodist Church (UK) is the responsibility of the UK Mission Area Conference. The UK Mission Area meets annually to receive and discuss reports from four main boards and committees. The United Methodist Church (UK) is organized in a methodical way using specific structures introduced by its founder, John Wesley. There are defined Church strictures that enable decision making. God is the supreme authority and consultation is vital. Our Churches work within a shared vision, disciplines, and protocols.

The United Methodist Church (UK) Mission Area comprises four Charges namely Central, Midlands, North and South. The UK Mission Area is the umbrella body into which local Churches in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland report. The District Superintendent is appointed to lead the UK Mission Area. The UK Mission Area falls under the United Methodist Church Zimbabwe Episcopal Area which is the supreme decision-making body.

Charges comprise of cluster of local Churches as detailed below. They are served by an Ordained or Local Pastor and a team of local preachers. The local Church is a congregational place of worship where United Methodist members are nurtured and have their membership registered.

Central Charge	Midlands Charge	North Charge	South Charge
1. Cambridge	1. Coventry	1. Leeds	1. Chelmsford
2. Hatfield	2. Birmingham	2. Manchester	2. London
3. Leicester	3. Wolverhampton	3. Sheffield	3. Portsmouth
4. Luton	4. Bristol	4. Newcastle	4. Slough
5. Northampton	5. Crewe		
6. Nottingham			
7. Oxford			

Related parties

The trustees are aware of those persons considered as related parties. For the year under review, the trustees confirm that there were no material related party transactions that should be disclosed in the financial statements.

Risk management

The trustees are responsible for identifying the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate written procedures, policies, and internal controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed have been identified as the safeguarding of assets of the Charity and ensuring funds are applied for charitable purposes according to set objectives and financial plans. Internal control systems and strategies have been put in place to mitigate these risks. Income and expenditure are monitored through budget setting and are periodically compared against actual performance. Quarterly internal audits are performed throughout the year, which allows for regular monitoring of key risks and the effectiveness of internal control systems.

Annually, the executive reviews the Church's approach to risk and recommends changes or improvements to key processes and procedures.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of United Methodist Church (UK) for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

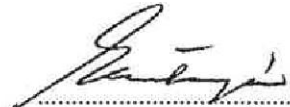
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Leroy Reid & Co, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a Strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 18th Sept. 2023 and signed on the board's behalf by:


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G T Mataranyika - Trustee

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of United Methodist Church (UK) (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31st December 2022 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Statement of financial position, the Statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st December 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the independent auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)**

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)**

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the independent auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Report of the independent auditors to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Report of the independent auditors. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company's to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

E Okai

Mr Ebenezer Okai, (BSc), FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Leroy Reid & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
299 Northborough Road
Norbury
London
SW16 4TR

Date: *19/09/2023*

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

		2022	2021
		Unrestricted	Total
		fund	funds
		£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	820,744	904,317
Investment income	3	<u>1,052</u>	<u>1,618</u>
Total		<u>821,796</u>	<u>905,935</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4	15,580	2,987
Charitable activities	5		
Direct charitable activity		124,711	114,517
Support charitable activity		148,938	103,357
Governance		9,120	9,120
Evangelism and stewardship		<u>235,285</u>	<u>144,854</u>
Total		<u>533,634</u>	<u>374,835</u>
NET INCOME		288,162	531,100
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		2,809,728	2,278,628
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>3,097,890</u>	<u>2,809,728</u>


The notes form part of these financial statements

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11	544,241	348,776
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	67,400	80,438
Cash at bank		<u>2,496,602</u>	<u>2,390,503</u>
		2,564,002	2,470,941
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(10,353)	(9,989)
		<u>2,553,649</u>	<u>2,460,952</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>2,553,649</u>	<u>2,460,952</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,097,890	2,809,728
NET ASSETS		<u>3,097,890</u>	<u>2,809,728</u>
FUNDS	14		
Unrestricted funds		<u>3,097,890</u>	<u>2,809,728</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>3,097,890</u>	<u>2,809,728</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on
18th Sept. 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
G T Mataranyika - Trustee

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>312,745</u>	<u>528,136</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>312,745</u>	<u>528,136</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(207,698)	(351,627)
Interest received		<u>1,052</u>	<u>1,618</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(206,646)</u>	<u>(350,009)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		106,099	178,127
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>2,390,503</u>	<u>2,212,376</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>2,496,602</u>	<u>2,390,503</u>

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2022	2021	
	£	£	
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of financial activities)	288,162	531,100	
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation charges	12,233	8,427	
Interest received	(1,052)	(1,618)	
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	13,038	(10,002)	
Increase in creditors	364	229	
Net cash provided by operations	<u>312,745</u>	<u>528,136</u>	
2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS	At 1.1.22	Cash flow	At 31.12.22
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>2,390,503</u>	<u>106,099</u>	<u>2,496,602</u>
	<u>2,390,503</u>	<u>106,099</u>	<u>2,496,602</u>
Total	<u>2,390,503</u>	<u>106,099</u>	<u>2,496,602</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

INCOME

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

EXPENDITURE

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

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	-2% on straight line
Plant and machinery	-25% on reducing balance basis
Fixtures and fittings	-25% on reducing balance basis.

TAXATION

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

FUND ACCOUNTING

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

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

PENSION COSTS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

The amount recognised as an expenditure in relation to the pension scheme operated by the company was £1,213 (2021 - £965).

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Tithes and offerings	728,032	796,187
Special fund donations	15,777	21,465
Gift aid	<u>76,935</u>	<u>86,665</u>
	<u><u>820,744</u></u>	<u><u>904,317</u></u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>1,052</u>	<u>1,618</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

RAISING DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Hire charges	2,890	360
Catering & entertainment	10,112	225
Other office costs	<u>2,578</u>	<u>2,402</u>
	<u><u>15,580</u></u>	<u><u>2,987</u></u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 6)	Support costs (see note 7)	Totals
	£	£	£
Direct charitable activity	124,711	-	124,711
Support charitable activity	148,002	936	148,938
Governance	-	9,120	9,120
Evangelism and stewardship	<u>235,285</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>235,285</u>
	<u><u>507,998</u></u>	<u><u>10,056</u></u>	<u><u>518,054</u></u>

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

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

6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff costs	70,502	56,456
Rates and water	6,222	3,519
Insurance	5,013	3,815
Light and heat	2,569	3,542
Telephone	5,589	5,967
Postage and stationery	834	2,800
Other office costs	18,499	20,300
Laytraining	576	412
Legal and professional fees	7,124	5,849
Special fund expenses	15,777	23,073
Rent	104,663	80,761
Motor & travel costs	23,112	1,146
Evangelism and stewardship	235,285	144,854
Depreciation	<u>12,233</u>	<u>8,427</u>
	<u>507,998</u>	<u>360,921</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance	Governance	Totals
	£	costs	£
	£	£	£
Support charitable activity	936	-	936
Governance	<u>-</u>	<u>9,120</u>	<u>9,120</u>
	<u>936</u>	<u>9,120</u>	<u>10,056</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	Support		2022	2021
	charitable	Governance	Total	Total
	activity	£	activities	activities
	£	£	£	£
Bank charges	936	-	936	1,159
Website expenses	-	-	-	648
Auditors' remuneration	<u>-</u>	<u>9,120</u>	<u>9,120</u>	<u>9,120</u>
	<u>936</u>	<u>9,120</u>	<u>10,056</u>	<u>10,927</u>

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	9,120	9,120
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>12,233</u>	<u>8,427</u>

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

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

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2022 nor for the year ended 31st December 2021.

10. STAFF COSTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	69,289	55,491
Other pension costs	<u>1,213</u>	<u>965</u>
	<u><u>70,502</u></u>	<u><u>56,456</u></u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
Pastors and administrators	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST				
At 1st January 2022	351,627	34,759	5,363	391,749
Additions	<u>207,698</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>207,698</u>
At 31st December 2022	<u>559,325</u>	<u>34,759</u>	<u>5,363</u>	<u>599,447</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1st January 2022	7,033	32,076	3,864	42,973
Charge for year	<u>11,187</u>	<u>671</u>	<u>375</u>	<u>12,233</u>
At 31st December 2022	<u>18,220</u>	<u>32,747</u>	<u>4,239</u>	<u>55,206</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st December 2022	<u>541,105</u>	<u>2,012</u>	<u>1,124</u>	<u>544,241</u>
At 31st December 2021	<u>344,594</u>	<u>2,683</u>	<u>1,499</u>	<u>348,776</u>

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	2022	2021
	£	£
HMRC - Gift aid	<u>67,400</u>	<u>80,438</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	2022	2021
	£	£
Social security and other taxes	1,234	838
Other creditors	9,119	9,119
Pensions	<u>-</u>	<u>32</u>
	<u>10,353</u>	<u>9,989</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
	At 1.1.22	Net movement	At
	£	in funds	31.12.22
		£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,809,728	288,162	3,097,890
	<u>2,809,728</u>	<u>288,162</u>	<u>3,097,890</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			
	<u>2,809,728</u>	<u>288,162</u>	<u>3,097,890</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	821,796	(533,634)	288,162
	<u>821,796</u>	<u>(533,634)</u>	<u>288,162</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			
	<u>821,796</u>	<u>(533,634)</u>	<u>288,162</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.21	Net movement	At
	£	in funds	31.12.21
		£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,278,628	531,100	2,809,728
	<u>2,278,628</u>	<u>531,100</u>	<u>2,809,728</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			
	<u>2,278,628</u>	<u>531,100</u>	<u>2,809,728</u>

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

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

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	905,935	(374,835)	531,100
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>905,935</u>	<u>(374,835)</u>	<u>531,100</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,278,628	819,262	3,097,890
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,278,628</u>	<u>819,262</u>	<u>3,097,890</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,727,731	(908,469)	819,262
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,727,731</u>	<u>(908,469)</u>	<u>819,262</u>

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

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

16. GOING CONCERN

The Charity's trustees have continued to take steps to consider the impact that the COVID 19 situation may have on the Charity and consider that the charity has adequate resources and sufficient sources of funds available for the foreseeable future. Therefore the trustees believe that it is appropriate for this reason to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

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

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Tithes and offerings	728,032	796,187
Special fund donations	15,777	21,465
Gift aid	<u>76,935</u>	<u>86,665</u>
	820,744	904,317
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	<u>1,052</u>	<u>1,618</u>
Total incoming resources	821,796	905,935
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Hire charges	2,890	360
Catering & entertainment	10,112	225
Other office costs	<u>2,578</u>	<u>2,402</u>
	15,580	2,987
Charitable activities		
Wages	69,289	55,491
Pensions	1,213	965
Rates and water	6,222	3,519
Insurance	5,013	3,815
Light and heat	2,569	3,542
Telephone	5,589	5,967
Postage and stationery	834	2,800
Other office costs	18,499	20,300
Laytraining	576	412
Legal and professional fees	7,124	5,849
Special fund expenses	15,777	23,073
Rent	104,663	80,761
Motor & travel costs	23,112	1,146
Evangelism and stewardship	235,285	144,854
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>12,233</u>	<u>8,427</u>
	507,998	360,921
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	936	1,159
Information technology		
Website expenses	-	648

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Information technology		
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	<u>9,120</u>	<u>9,120</u>
Total resources expended	<u>533,634</u>	<u>374,835</u>
Net income	<u>288,162</u>	<u>531,100</u>

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

England & Wales - Charity number 1169890

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 10351537 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1169890

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021
FOR
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

Leroy Reid & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
299 Northborough Road
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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

TRUSTEES	Mrs K Manyika R H Mutungamiri L T Chinodzama R B Chivasa G T Mataranyika (appointed 10.4.21) Mrs Z P Mudambanuki (appointed 1.6.21) Mrs G Nyabereka (appointed 6.2.21) J D T Muranda (resigned 10.4.21) O Ndagurwa (resigned 6.2.21) J K L Nyakatawa (resigned 13.2.21) N C Mvere (resigned 21.2.21) S Chipuka X Gombakomba Ms L Chandigere (appointed 13.2.21) Ms A Kamutero (appointed 13.2.21) Ms Z Magomo Ms Z E O Mashiri (appointed 10.4.21) Dr I Mupambireyi (appointed 14.2.21) D Mwandambira (appointed 1.1.21) Ms J Sibanda (appointed 6.2.21) Ms S M Nganjo
REGISTERED OFFICE	Mayflower Methodist Church Ethel Road Leicester LE5 5ND
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	10351537 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1169890
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS	Leroy Reid & Co Chartered Certified Accountants and Statutory Auditors 299 Northborough Road Norbury London SW16 4TR

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The main objectives of the charity are to promote and advance the Christian religion, worship and to promote the United Methodist Church centres of worship in furtherance of its public benefit objective.

The strategy employed to achieve the objectives of the charity have continued to be regular church services, Christian conventions, crusades, and ministering the word of God. The strategy also involves help with financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods, or services of any kind in such parts of the United Kingdom, Zimbabwe, or the world as the Church shall determine.

Public benefit

The trustees of United Methodist Church (UK) confirm that they are satisfied that they have complied with their duty with regards to ensuring that the Charity has undertaken suitable works for the benefit of the public; as required by the Charity Commission.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

1. Key Charitable activities

The United Methodist Church (UK), as was alluded to in our last year's report, continued to be affected negatively by not only the restrictions imposed but with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on its members and the society in general. However, during the period under review this was lessened by the various virtual platforms where most of the programs were held. Although signs of containment of the virus via vaccinations and other interventions like the strict observance of Government guidelines become evident, the Church continued to approach the situation with cautious optimism.

2. Four Focus Areas

Develop Principled Christian Leaders

-

Congregational Development

-

Alleviation of Poverty

-

Improved Global Health

-

The work done this year throughout the UK Mission Area can easily be traced back to these four focus areas. We aim to make a real difference locally and globally to as many people as possible.

The United Methodist Church (UK) works in partnership with various institutions in less developed countries, responding to disasters and being involved in various poverty alleviation programmes. Our partnership with various churches in Zimbabwe enables us to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through vital missions' work.

Annually and through the authority of the UK Mission Area Annual Conference, the church in the UK organises its members to raise funds to support two community programmes in Zimbabwe. The programmes are Pastoral Appeal and Orphanage fund. These have been ongoing programmes since the church began its operations in the UK in 2000.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

(a) Pastoral Appeal

Last year a total of £11,488.00 was raised for this cause however this year this amount could not be matched as £8,763.44 was raised during the Pastoral Appeal Sunday held on June 13th, 2021

(b) Orphanage Funds

A total of £7,690.66 was raised in 2020 and this amount was almost doubled as £13,322.73 was raised this year. These funds were divided between two orphanages, Home of Hope in Mutoko and Fairfield Orphanage at Old Mutare Mission both of which are in Zimbabwe.

3. Charge Highlights

- Prelude

Despite the adverse conditions that the Charges have had to operate under, a lot of missionary work was undertaken. The twinning of Local Churches with those in rural areas in Zimbabwe achieved great results with funds raised to provide school fees and uniforms for needy children. They also got involved in local community projects like the drilling of borehole and the building of Churches and parsonages.

- Events cancelled

As reported last year some major events were cancelled due to the pandemic and these include;

- Lone Parents Retreat
- Children and Youth Ministry Family Retreat
- Sports and Recreation galas
- Music Festivals
- The Cancer Research UK's Race For Life
- Visitations to detention centers, hospitals, prisons and orphanages in the UK
- Men's Retreat

(i). Central Charge

- Surpassed their Harvest target of £75,000 by raising a total of £81,135
All their Local Churches were twinned with rural Churches in Zimbabwe, and they supported various projects in these Churches with £11,489
The Youths and Juniors were being allocated time to lead and conduct worship services. The Youths even held their own Revival which was a great success.
- Raised £4,729 towards Orphans funds.
- Raised £2,640 during the Pastoral Support Sunday

(ii) Midland Charge

- Their Local Churches were also twinned with rural Churches in Masvingo District in Zimbabwe in which they provided funds for school uniforms and school fees for needy children and were involved in community projects.
- They have established a Fund of which they want to purchase a house which will be used as a parsonage to house their Pastor. Currently, the fund as at year end has a balance of £70,000
 - Their Charge Women's wing is helping 9 needy children with payment of school fees
 - Raised a total of £53,033 as Harvest Thanksgiving
 - Have organized a structure for their Junior Church with its own leadership

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(iii) North Charge

- Held a Family Retreat virtually
- They have promoted Youth and Juniors activities and allowed them to lead whenever they gathered.
- They raised a total of £27,402 for Harvest Thanksgiving
- Raised £570 towards the Pastoral Appeal Sunday
- Raised £723 towards the Orphans fund

(v) South Charge

- Raised £86,899 towards Harvest Thanksgiving
- Donated PPEs to Pastors in some rural Churches in Zimbabwe
- They became the first Charge to purchase a house in which their Pastor and family will be moving into as soon as the refurbishment works are complete.
- Their Children and Youth Ministry continued promoting their activities at every Charge gathering
- Raised £4,191 towards the Orphans fund

Financial review

Financial position

The church's main source of income is member donations. This year's financial results are inevitably affected by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. We retain strong financial backing for our work from our members.

Income

Total incoming resources for the year under review was £905,935 (2020: £924,141), a decrease of 2% compared to the previous year.

The reduction was mainly due to decreased volumes of donations because of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Expenditure

Total resources expended decreased by about 5% during the year to 31 December 2021 to £374,834 (2020: £393,915). The decrease in expenditure resulted in an increase in Net Surplus to £531,100 (2020: £530,431).

The reduction was directly linked to the cancellation of church programmes and events due to the Covid-19 restrictions throughout the year.

Capital expenditure

Following the 2020 End of Year Conference resolution, the church embarked on a strategy to invest resources in acquiring immovable assets. As a result, we purchased our first property in 2021 for use as a parsonage by the South Charge pastor. We hope to continue this strategy until all 4 Charges in the UK Mission Area have a parsonage.

Fixed Assets

The carrying value of our tangible fixed assets increased by £343,200 to £348,776. Included within this was capital additions at an initial acquisition value of £351,627.

Current Assets

Current assets increased by £188,000 to £2,470,941 for the year ended 31 December 2021 (2020: £2,282,812).

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STRATEGIC REPORT

Reserves policy

General reserves are set according to the Church's reserves policy at 25% of total annual expenditure.

The objective of our reserves policy is to ensure that the Charity maintains sufficient cash and readily realizable assets to enable it to withstand the impact of possible drop in income for any reason or unplanned increase in general operational expenditure.

Reserves will help ease financial pressure while necessary adjustments are being made to the Church's operations.

General reserves are not restricted to or designated for a particular purpose

As at 31 December 2021, the reserves position was well above the church reserves policy at £2,460,952 (2020: £2,273,052).

The total of the unrestricted general funds balance was £2,809,728 (2020: £2,278,628). Within this figure, £348,776 (2020: £5,576) was invested in fixed assets that are used for the day-to-day running of the church's activities. It is therefore not available for use as a reserve.

Going concern

The Charitable company, for the year under review, is in a firm financial position and as trustees, we are of the opinion that the financial statements should continue to be prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern for the next 12 months.

Uncertainty regarding the impact of Covid-19 in the coming year remains, but the reserves policy adopted by the Trustees considers our financial risk exposure. Based on our forecasts and the charity's available resources, the Trustees feel that the charity has sufficient resources to continue for the foreseeable future and therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing these Financial Statements.

As shown in the financial statements, it is evident that the charity has adequate financial resources to enable it to manage short to medium-term business and finance.

LOOKING AHEAD

Our current immediate focus remains as that of emotional and mental support to our members during and post the COVID-19 pandemic. We will engage in programmes that we think will bring optimum results.

The United Methodist Church (UK) commits to continue pursuing objectives for the future spiritual health and growth of the Church, in particular objectives that focus on educating and evangelizing to our young adults and children under the age of 12. As a forward-thinking Church we will continue to invest in our youth to ensure and guarantee the future of the Church.

We will continue to encourage the purchase of parsonages to house resident pastors as well as buildings to be used as places of worship. The Church currently spends a sizeable amount of money in rental for such places and in the long run this will prove as savings to the Church.

As restrictions regarding the pandemic get lifted, the Church will be engaging their recently formed Health and Safety committee to formulate guidelines to be followed as members go back to face to face worship services and other engagements. We will continue to urge cautious optimism.

- Evangelism

The Church in the UK strives to ensure that the Gospel reaches everyone as it exists primarily to spread the Word of God to all nations worldwide and serve communities locally and abroad.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

United Methodist Church (UK) is a charitable company limited by guarantee and incorporated on 30 August 2016 as defined by the Companies Act 2006. It is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association and controlled by a Board of Trustees who are directors for the purpose of Company law and trustees for the purpose of Charity law.

The incorporated company registration number is 10351537 and the Charity Commission number is 1169890.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are elected and inducted into office at the UK Mission Area Conference which also doubles as the Charity Annual General Meeting and serve for two years. At the beginning of the year, the Church organizes training and workshops for trustees, so they receive induction on their roles and responsibilities. Where a need arises, additional training can be organized at any point throughout the year to keep trustees and staff abreast of new developments.

Organisational structure

The governance of the United Methodist Church (UK) is the responsibility of the UK Mission Area Conference. The UK Mission Area meets annually to receive and discuss reports from four main boards and committees. The United Methodist Church (UK) is organized in a methodical way using specific structures introduced by its founder, John Wesley. There are defined Church strictures that enable decision making. God is the supreme authority and consultation is vital. Our Churches work within a shared vision, disciplines, and protocols.

The United Methodist Church (UK) Mission Area comprises four Charges namely Central, Midlands, North and South.

The UK Mission Area is the umbrella body into which local Churches in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland report. The District Superintendent is appointed to lead the UK Mission Area. The UK Mission Area falls under the United Methodist Church Zimbabwe Episcopal Area which is the supreme decision-making body.

Charges comprise of cluster of local Churches as detailed below. They are served by an Ordained or Local Pastor and a team of local preachers. The local Church is a congregational place of worship where United Methodist members are nurtured and have their membership registered.

Central Charge	Midlands Charge	North Charge	South Charge
1. Cambridge	1. Coventry	1. Leeds	1. Chelmsford
2. Hatfield	2. Birmingham	2. Manchester	2. London
3. Leicester	3. Wolverhampton	3. Sheffield	3. Portsmouth
4. Luton	4. Bristol	4. Newcastle	4. Slough
5. Northampton	5. Crewe		
6. Nottingham			
7. Oxford			

Related parties

The trustees are aware of those persons considered as related parties. For the year under review, the trustees confirm that there were no material related party transactions that should be disclosed in the financial statements.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The trustees are responsible for identifying the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate written procedures, policies, and internal controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed have been identified as the safeguarding of assets of the Charity and ensuring funds are applied for charitable purposes according to set objectives and financial plans. Internal control systems and strategies have been put in place to mitigate these risks. Income and expenditure are monitored through budget setting and are periodically compared against actual performance. Quarterly internal audits are performed throughout the year, which allows for regular monitoring of key risks and the effectiveness of internal control systems.

Annually, the executive reviews the Church's approach to risk and recommends changes or improvements to key processes and procedures.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of United Methodist Church (UK) for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

AUDITORS

The auditors, Leroy Reid & Co, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a Strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on23/09/2022..... and signed on the board's behalf by:



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G T Mataranyika - Trustee

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of United Methodist Church (UK) (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31st December 2021 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Statement of financial position, the Statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st December 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the independent auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the independent auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
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- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Report of the independent auditors to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Report of the independent auditors. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company's to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Mr Ebenezer Okai, (BSc), FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Leroy Reid & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
299 Northborough Road
Norbury
London
SW16 4TR

Date: 23/9/2022

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted fund £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2	904,317	921,628
Investment income	3	<u>1,618</u>	<u>2,513</u>
Total		<u>905,935</u>	<u>924,141</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4	2,987	28,081
Charitable activities	5		
Direct charitable activity		114,517	91,077
Support charitable activity		103,357	115,151
Governance		9,120	9,120
Evangelism and stewardship		<u>144,854</u>	<u>150,485</u>
Total		<u>374,835</u>	<u>393,914</u>
 NET INCOME		 531,100	 530,227
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,278,628</u>	<u>1,748,401</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		 <u>2,809,728</u>	 <u>2,278,628</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
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	Notes	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11	348,776	5,576
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	80,438	70,436
Cash at bank		<u>2,390,503</u>	<u>2,212,376</u>
		2,470,941	2,282,812
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(9,989)	(9,760)
		<u>2,460,952</u>	<u>2,273,052</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>2,809,728</u>	<u>2,278,628</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>2,809,728</u>	<u>2,278,628</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>2,809,728</u>	<u>2,278,628</u>
FUNDS	14		
Unrestricted funds		<u>2,809,728</u>	<u>2,278,628</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>2,809,728</u>	<u>2,278,628</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 22/09/22 and were signed on its behalf by:



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G T Mataranyika - Trustee

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>528,136</u>	<u>507,861</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>528,136</u>	<u>507,861</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(351,627)	(2,570)
Interest received		<u>1,618</u>	<u>2,513</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(350,009)</u>	<u>(57)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		178,127	507,804
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>2,212,376</u>	<u>1,704,572</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>2,390,503</u>	<u>2,212,376</u>

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NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
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1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of financial activities)	531,100	530,227
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	8,427	1,859
Interest received	(1,618)	(2,513)
Increase in debtors	(10,002)	(14,802)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>229</u>	<u>(6,910)</u>
Net cash provided by operations	<u><u>528,136</u></u>	<u><u>507,861</u></u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.1.21	Cash flow	At 31.12.21
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>2,212,376</u>	<u>178,127</u>	<u>2,390,503</u>
	<u>2,212,376</u>	<u>178,127</u>	<u>2,390,503</u>
Total	<u><u>2,212,376</u></u>	<u><u>178,127</u></u>	<u><u>2,390,503</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

INCOME

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

EXPENDITURE

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

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	-2% on straight line
Plant and machinery	-25% on reducing balance basis
Fixtures and fittings	-25% on reducing balance basis.

TAXATION

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

FUND ACCOUNTING

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

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

PENSION COSTS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

The amount recognised as an expenditure in relation to the pension scheme operated by the company was £965 (2020 - £919).

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES		2021	2020
		£	£
Tithes and offerings		796,187	793,871
Special fund donations		21,465	21,695
Gift aid		<u>86,665</u>	<u>106,062</u>
		<u>904,317</u>	<u>921,628</u>
 3. INVESTMENT INCOME			
		2021	2020
		£	£
Deposit account interest		<u>1,618</u>	<u>2,513</u>
 4. RAISING FUNDS			
RAISING DONATIONS AND LEGACIES			
		2021	2020
		£	£
Hire charges		360	6,757
Catering & entertainment		225	5,323
Other office costs		<u>2,402</u>	<u>16,001</u>
		<u>2,987</u>	<u>28,081</u>
 5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS			
	Direct	Support	
	Costs (see	costs (see	
	note 6)	note 7)	Totals
	£	£	£
Direct charitable activity	114,517	-	114,517
Support charitable activity	101,550	1,807	103,357
Governance	-	9,120	9,120
Evangelism and stewardship	<u>144,854</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>144,854</u>
	<u>360,921</u>	<u>10,927</u>	<u>371,848</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff costs	56,456	44,262
Rates and water	3,519	7,140
Insurance	3,815	3,871
Light and heat	3,542	6,232
Telephone	5,967	6,358
Postage and stationery	2,800	2,840
Other office costs	20,300	16,088
Laytraining	412	610
Legal and professional fees	5,849	6,563
Special fund expenses	23,073	21,695
Rent	80,761	77,612
Motor & travel costs	1,146	8,192
Evangelism and stewardship	144,854	150,485
Depreciation	<u>8,427</u>	<u>1,859</u>
	<u>360,921</u>	<u>353,807</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance	Information technology	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Support charitable activity	1,159	648	-	1,807
Governance	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	9,120	<u>9,120</u>
	<u>1,159</u>	<u>648</u>	<u>9,120</u>	<u>10,927</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	Support charitable activity	Governance	2021 Total activities	2020 Total activities
	£	£	£	£
Bank charges	1,159	-	1,159	1,088
Website expenses	648	-	648	1,818
Auditors' remuneration	<u>-</u>	<u>9,120</u>	<u>9,120</u>	<u>9,120</u>
	<u>1,807</u>	<u>9,120</u>	<u>10,927</u>	<u>12,026</u>

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021	2020
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	9,120	9,120
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>8,427</u>	<u>1,859</u>

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

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2021 nor for the year ended 31st December 2020.

10. STAFF COSTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	55,491	43,343
Other pension costs	<u>965</u>	<u>919</u>
	<u>56,456</u>	<u>44,262</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Pastors and administrators	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST				
At 1st January 2021	-	34,759	5,363	40,122
Additions	<u>351,627</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>351,627</u>
At 31st December 2021	<u>351,627</u>	<u>34,759</u>	<u>5,363</u>	<u>391,749</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1st January 2021	-	31,182	3,364	34,546
Charge for year	<u>7,033</u>	<u>894</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>8,427</u>
At 31st December 2021	<u>7,033</u>	<u>32,076</u>	<u>3,864</u>	<u>42,973</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st December 2021	<u>344,594</u>	<u>2,683</u>	<u>1,499</u>	<u>348,776</u>
At 31st December 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>3,577</u>	<u>1,999</u>	<u>5,576</u>

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12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		2021	2020
		£	£
HMRC - Gift aid		<u>80,438</u>	<u>70,436</u>
13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		2021	2020
		£	£
Social security and other taxes		838	436
Other creditors		9,119	9,120
Pensions		<u>32</u>	<u>204</u>
		<u>9,989</u>	<u>9,760</u>
14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
	At 1.1.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,278,628	531,100	2,809,728
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,278,628</u>	<u>531,100</u>	<u>2,809,728</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	905,935	(374,835)	531,100
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>905,935</u>	<u>(374,835)</u>	<u>531,100</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.20
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,748,401	530,227	2,278,628
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,748,401</u>	<u>530,227</u>	<u>2,278,628</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	924,141	(393,914)	530,227
	<u>924,141</u>	<u>(393,914)</u>	<u>530,227</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>924,141</u>	<u>(393,914)</u>	<u>530,227</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,748,401	1,061,327	2,809,728
	<u>1,748,401</u>	<u>1,061,327</u>	<u>2,809,728</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,748,401</u>	<u>1,061,327</u>	<u>2,809,728</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,830,076	(768,749)	1,061,327
	<u>1,830,076</u>	<u>(768,749)</u>	<u>1,061,327</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,830,076</u>	<u>(768,749)</u>	<u>1,061,327</u>

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

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16. GOING CONCERN

The Charity's trustees have continued to take steps to consider the impact that the COVID 19 situation may have on the Charity and consider that the charity has adequate resources and sufficient sources of funds available for the foreseeable future. Therefore the trustees believe that it is appropriate for this reason to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Tithes and offerings	796,187	793,871
Special fund donations	21,465	21,695
Gift aid	<u>86,665</u>	<u>106,062</u>
	904,317	921,628
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	<u>1,618</u>	<u>2,513</u>
Total incoming resources	905,935	924,141
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Hire charges	360	6,757
Catering & entertainment	225	5,323
Other office costs	<u>2,402</u>	<u>16,001</u>
	2,987	28,081
Charitable activities		
Wages	55,491	43,343
Pensions	965	919
Rates and water	3,519	7,140
Insurance	3,815	3,871
Light and heat	3,542	6,232
Telephone	5,967	6,358
Postage and stationery	2,800	2,840
Other office costs	20,300	16,088
Laytraining	412	610
Legal and professional fees	5,849	6,563
Special fund expenses	23,073	21,695
Rent	80,761	77,612
Motor & travel costs	1,146	8,192
Evangelism and stewardship	144,854	150,485
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>8,427</u>	<u>1,859</u>
	360,921	353,807
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	1,159	1,088
Information technology		
Website expenses	648	1,818

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Information technology		
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	<u>9,120</u>	<u>9,120</u>
Total resources expended	<u>374,835</u>	<u>393,914</u>
Net income	<u>531,100</u>	<u>530,227</u>

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

England & Wales - Charity number 1169890

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 10351537 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1169890

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020
FOR
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

Leroy Reid & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
299 Northborough Road
Norbury
London
SW16 4TR

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

TRUSTEES	G T Mataranyika (appointed 10.4.21) L T Chinodzama R B Chivasa S Chipuka X Gombakomba Z M Magomo K Manyika R H Mutungamiri Z P Mudambanuki (appointed 1.6.21) G Nyabereka (appointed 6.2.21) S M Nganjo D Mwandambira (appointed 1.1.21) J Sibanda (appointed 6.2.21) L Chandigere (appointed 13.2.21) A Kamutero (appointed 13.2.21) Dr U Mupambireyi (appointed 14.2.21) Z E O Mashiri (appointed 10.4.21) J D T Muranda (resigned 10.4.21) O Ndagurwa (resigned 6.2.21) J K L Nyakatawa (resigned 13.2.21) N C Mvere (resigned 21.2.21) Mrs A Ishemunyoro (resigned 22.1.20)
REGISTERED OFFICE	Mayflower Methodist Church Ethel Road Leicester LE5 5ND
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	10351537 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1169890
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS	Leroy Reid & Co Chartered Certified Accountants and Statutory Auditors 299 Northborough Road Norbury London SW16 4TR

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The main objectives of the charity are to promote and advance the Christian religion, worship and to promote the United Methodist Church centres of worship in furtherance of its public benefit objective.

The strategy employed to achieve the objectives of the charity have continued to be regular church services, Christian conventions, crusades, and ministering the word of God. The strategy also involves help with financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods, or services of any kind in such parts of the United Kingdom, Zimbabwe, or the world as the Church shall determine.

Public benefit

The trustees of United Methodist Church (UK) confirm that they are satisfied that they have complied with their duty with regards to ensuring that the Charity has undertaken suitable works for the benefit of the public; as required by the Charity Commission.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Key Charitable activities

The United Methodist Church (UK), as were other churches and organisations, was negatively impacted by the government measures designed to help slowdown the spread of Covid-19. Up until February 2020, the Charity was on track to achieve its 2020 objectives. As the Covid restrictions came into effect in March 2020, most of the activities planned for the year were either cancelled, postponed, or moved virtually as we were unable to meet physically.

Four Focus Areas

- o Developing Principled Christian leaders
- o Congregational Development
- o Alleviation of poverty
- o Improving Global health

The work done this year throughout the UK Mission Area can easily be traced back to these four focus areas. We aim to make a real difference locally and globally to as many people as possible.

The United Methodist Church (UK) works in partnership with various institutions in less developed countries, responding to disasters and being involved in various poverty alleviation programmes. Our partnership with various churches in Zimbabwe enables us to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through vital missions' work.

Through the work generously funded by our charges, you'll see below examples of the United Methodist Church (UK)'s continued participation and engagement with communities and churches in deprived societies and communities.

Annually and through the authority of the UK Mission Area Annual Conference, the church in the UK organises its members to raise funds to support two community programmes in Zimbabwe. The programmes are Pastoral Appeal and Orphanage fund. These have been ongoing programmes since the church begun its operations in the UK in 2000.

1. Pastoral Appeal

A total of £11,488.00 was raised from the special Pastoral Appeal Sunday that was held on 21 June 2020, setting a record for UMC UK as the highest ever raised since the year 2000.

2. Orphanage Funds

Orphanage funds appeal raised a total of £7,690.66. It was distributed to orphanages based at Nyadire Mission and Old Mutare Mission of the United Methodist Church, Zimbabwe.

CHARGE HIGHLIGHTS

Despite the operations and activities of the Church being curtailed by the Covid restrictions, under guidance of the Connectional Ministries Board, the Charges within the UK Mission Area supported and completed or started various projects to support communities and deprived rural churches in Zimbabwe. They also got involved in local projects, although the performance was subdued this year compared to previous years owing to the Covid pandemic restrictions.

It's also important to note that some of our programmes couldn't go ahead due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Below is a list of events that were cancelled.

- Lone parents conference
- Children and Youth Ministries Annual Family retreat
- 20th Anniversary celebrations
- Sports and Recreation Gala:
- Music Competitions
- The Cancer Research UK's Race for Life
- Visitations to detention centres, prisons, and orphanages in the UK
- Donations to food banks in the UK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

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- Soup kitchens for the homeless, elderly, and vulnerable

Central Charge

- Donated six motorbikes shared equally between two Zimbabwe East and West Annual Conferences
- Some local UK churches in Central Charge are sponsoring children at different levels of education at various schools/universities in Zimbabwe.

South Charge

- London Church donated a consignment of various PPE worth £10,000 to the United Methodist Church Zimbabwe Mission Hospitals to help with the Covid-19 pandemic. The recipients of the PPE were three hospitals, namely Mutambara Mission, Old Mutare Mission and Nyadire Mission hospitals
- Portsmouth church donated £500.00 to Home of Hope Orphanage at Nyadire Mission and a further £1,400.00 to Pfungwe Circuit Parsonage to help with the construction of a parsonage.
- Chelmsford church donated a motorcycle and helmet at a cost of £1,500.00 to a rural Mukuni North circuit.
- London church donated £3,550.48 towards the acquisition of a motor vehicle for the Mutambara West circuit. They also sent £265.00 and 2 mobiles to enable the pastor to discharge his evangelism work.
- Slough donated to Nyajena circuit a motorcycle and helmet and £80 for delivery costs.
- Slough Church continues to sponsor two students in Zimbabwe through their university education to the tune of £1,000 per year.
- Portsmouth Junior Church raised £500.00 for the Nyadire Home of Hope Orphanage.

Midlands Charge

- The Charge is pursuing plans to purchase a parsonage.
- The RRW women's group has been authorised to purchase a house in the UK. It's expected that rent proceeds from the house will help fund future projects locally and abroad.

Financial review

The church's main source of income is member donations. This year's financial results are inevitably affected by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. We retain strong financial backing for our work from our members.

Income

The impact of the pandemic on overall income cannot be underestimated, as can be witnessed in the decline by 17% to £924,141 compared to £1,109,945 in 2019. Included in the total income is gift aid reclaimed on donations for the year was £106,062 compared to £64,504 in the previous year.

Expenditure

Total expenditure decreased by 55% for the period to 31 December 2020 to £393,914 from £884,360 for the same period last year. The reduction in expenditure was directly linked to the cancellation of church programmes due to the Covid-19 restrictions in place throughout the year. It was also because of the decision by the executive to suspend some programmes and projects to deal with the Covid-19 impact on the Church's financial position.

Reserves

The total reserves for the year under review stood at £2,278,628 (2019 - £1,748,401).

Reserves policy

General reserves are set according to the church's reserves policy at 25% of total annual expenditure.

The objective of our reserves policy is to ensure that the Charity maintains sufficient cash and readily realisable assets to enable it to withstand the impact of a possible drop in income for any reason or unplanned increase in general operational expenditure.

Reserves will help ease financial pressure while necessary adjustments are being made to the church's operations.

General reserves are not restricted to or designated for a particular purpose. As of 31 December 2020, the balance of the general reserves stood at £2,278,628, excluding designated funds. Total annual expenditure from charitable activities was £393,914.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

Financial review - continued

Going concern

The Charitable company, for the year under review, is in a very strong financial position and as trustees, we are of the opinion that the financial statements should continue to be prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern for the next 12 months.

This review has taken into consideration obvious impact the Covid-19 pandemic is having on the general operations of the charity. As shown in the financial statements, it is evident that the charity has adequate financial resources to enable it to manage short to medium-term business and financial risks.

LOOKING AHEAD

As we look ahead to 2021, our immediate focus remains as that of emotional support and encouragement of our members during the Covid-19 pandemic. As a church, we will continue to encourage members to get vaccinated to help control the spread of Coronavirus.

The United Methodist Church UK commits to continue pursuing objectives for the future spiritual health and growth of the church, in particular objectives that focus on educating and evangelising to our young adults and children under the age of 12. A forward-thinking church invests in its youth to ensure and guarantee the future of the church.

From the beginning of May 2020, the church appointed a Youth Coordinator to work within the Children and Youth Ministries. It is the church's aim to ensure resources are allocated to enable the development of programmes that focus on the growth of the Children and Youth Ministries and create a solid foundation and tools for the continued existence of the church.

Our Junior Church and the Youth constitute a large proportion of the current church membership, so we must continue to explore ways of developing future strategies that support this age group and make them stay focused and interested in the activities, objectives, and the vision of the Church.

Evangelism

The Church in the UK strives to ensure the Gospel reaches everyone as it exists primarily to spread the Word of God to all nations worldwide and serve communities locally and abroad.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

United Methodist Church (UK) is a charitable company limited by guarantee and incorporated on 30 August 2016 as defined by the Companies Act 2006. It is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association and controlled by a Board of Trustees who are directors for the purpose of Company law and trustees for the purpose of Charity law.

The incorporated company registration number is 10351537 and the new Charity Commission number is 1169890.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are elected and inducted into office at the UK Mission Area Annual Conference and serve for two years. At the beginning of the year, the Church organises training and workshops for trustees, so they receive induction on their roles and responsibilities. Where a need arises, additional training can be organised at any point throughout the year to keep trustees and staff abreast of new developments.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The governance of the United Methodist Church (UK) is the responsibility of the UK Mission Area Conference. The UK Mission Area meets annually to receive and discuss reports from four main boards.

The United Methodist Church (UK) is organised in a methodical way using specific structures introduced by its founder, John Wesley. There are defined church structures that enable decision making. God is the supreme authority and consultation is vital. Our churches work within a shared vision, disciplines, and protocols.

The United Methodist Church (UK) Mission Area comprises four Charges namely Central, Midlands, North and South.

The UK Mission Area is the umbrella body into which local Churches in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland report. The District Superintendent is appointed to lead the UK Mission Area.

The UK Mission Area falls under the United Methodist Annual Conference (Zimbabwe) which is the supreme decision-making body.

Charges comprise of a cluster of local churches as detailed below. They are served by an Ordained pastor or local pastor and a team of local preachers. The local Church is a congregational place of worship where United Methodist members are nurtured.

Central Charge	Midlands Charge	North Charge	South Charge
1. Cambridge	1. Coventry	1. Leeds	1. Chelmsford
2. Hatfield	2. Birmingham	2. Manchester	2. London
3. Leicester	3. Wolverhampton	3. Sheffield	3. Portsmouth
4. Luton	4. Bristol	4. Newcastle	4. Slough
5. Northampton	5. Crewe		
6. Nottingham			
7. Oxford			

Related parties

The trustees are aware of those persons considered as related parties. For the year under review, the trustees confirmed that there were no material related party transactions that should be disclosed in the financial statements.

Risk management

The trustees are responsible for identifying the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate written procedures, policies, and internal controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The major risks to which the charity is exposed have been identified as the safeguarding of assets of the charity and ensuring funds are applied for charitable purposes according to set objectives and financial plans. Internal control systems and strategies have been put in place to mitigate these risks. Income and expenditure are monitored through budget setting and are periodically compared against actual performance. Quarterly internal audits are performed throughout the year, which allows for regular monitoring of key risks and the effectiveness of internal control systems.

Annually, the executive reviews the church's approach to risk and recommends changes or improvements to key processes and procedures

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of United Methodist Church (UK) for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Leroy Reid & Co, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a Strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 13/09/2021 and signed on the board's behalf by:


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G T Mataranyika
Trustee

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of United Methodist Church (UK) (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31st December 2020 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Statement of financial position, the Statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st December 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the independent auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)**

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the independent auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)**

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements - continued

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Report of the independent auditors to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Report of the independent auditors. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company's to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Mr Ebenezer Okai, (BSc), FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Leroy Reid & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
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Date: 14/9/2021

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

		2020 Unrestricted fund £	2019 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	921,628	1,107,275
Investment income	3	<u>2,513</u>	<u>2,670</u>
Total		924,141	1,109,945
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4	28,081	97,580
Charitable activities	5		
Direct charitable activity		91,077	201,062
Support charitable activity		115,151	153,477
Governance		9,120	8,401
Evangelism and stewardship		150,485	423,840
Total		<u>393,914</u>	<u>884,360</u>
NET INCOME		530,227	225,585
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,748,401</u>	<u>1,522,816</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>2,278,628</u></u>	<u><u>1,748,401</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31ST DECEMBER 2020

		2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS	Notes		
Tangible assets	11	5,576	4,865
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	70,436	55,634
Cash at bank		<u>2,212,376</u>	<u>1,704,572</u>
		2,282,812	1,760,206
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(9,760)	(16,670)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>2,273,052</u>	<u>1,743,536</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>2,278,628</u>	<u>1,748,401</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>2,278,628</u>	<u>1,748,401</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	14	<u>2,278,628</u>	<u>1,748,401</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>2,278,628</u>	<u>1,748,401</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on

13/09/2021 and were signed on its behalf by:


G T Mataranyika
Trustee

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash generated from operations 1	<u>507,861</u>	<u>322,619</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>507,861</u>	<u>322,619</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(2,570)	-
Interest received	<u>2,513</u>	<u>2,670</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	<u>(57)</u>	<u>2,670</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		
	507,804	325,289
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	<u>1,704,572</u>	<u>1,379,283</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	<u>2,212,376</u>	<u>1,704,572</u>

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2020 £	2019 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of financial activities)	530,227	225,585
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	1,859	1,622
Interest received	(2,513)	(2,670)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(14,802)	100,998
Decrease in creditors	<u>(6,910)</u>	<u>(2,916)</u>
Net cash provided by operations	<u><u>507,861</u></u>	<u><u>322,619</u></u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.1.20 £	Cash flow £	At 31.12.20 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>1,704,572</u>	<u>507,804</u>	<u>2,212,376</u>
	<u>1,704,572</u>	<u>507,804</u>	<u>2,212,376</u>
Total	<u><u>1,704,572</u></u>	<u><u>507,804</u></u>	<u><u>2,212,376</u></u>

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

INCOME

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

EXPENDITURE

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

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery - 25% on reducing balance basis
Fixtures and fittings - 25% on reducing balance basis.

TAXATION

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

FUND ACCOUNTING

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

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

PENSION COSTS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

The amount recognised as an expenditure in relation to the pension scheme operated by the company was £919 (2019 - £843).

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2020	2019
	£	£
Tithes and offerings	793,871	1,006,971
Special fund donations	21,695	35,800
Gift aid	<u>106,062</u>	<u>64,504</u>
	<u><u>921,628</u></u>	<u><u>1,107,275</u></u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2020	2019
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>2,513</u>	<u>2,670</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

RAISING DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2020	2019
	£	£
Hire charges	6,757	22,983
Catering & entertainment	5,323	35,883
Other office costs	<u>16,001</u>	<u>38,714</u>
	<u><u>28,081</u></u>	<u><u>97,580</u></u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Direct charitable activity	91,077	-	91,077
Support charitable activity	112,245	2,906	115,151
Governance	-	9,120	9,120
Evangelism and stewardship	<u>150,485</u>	-	<u>150,485</u>
	<u><u>353,807</u></u>	<u><u>12,026</u></u>	<u><u>365,833</u></u>

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2020	2019
	£	£
Staff costs	44,262	53,819
Rates and water	7,140	8,452
Insurance	3,871	3,160
Light and heat	6,232	6,406
Telephone	6,358	7,053
Postage and stationery	2,840	9,658
Other office costs	16,088	19,806
Laytraining	610	28,284
Legal and professional fees	6,563	7,133
Special fund expenses	21,695	35,800
Rent	77,612	123,339
Motor & travel costs	8,192	44,940
Evangelism and stewardship	150,485	423,840
Depreciation	<u>1,859</u>	<u>1,622</u>
	<u><u>353,807</u></u>	<u><u>773,312</u></u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance	Information	Governance	Totals
	£	technology	costs	£
	£	£	£	£
Support charitable activity	1,088	1,818	-	2,906
Governance	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,120</u>	<u>9,120</u>
	<u><u>1,088</u></u>	<u><u>1,818</u></u>	<u><u>9,120</u></u>	<u><u>12,026</u></u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	Support		2020	2019
	charitable		Total	Total
	activity	Governance	activities	activities
	£	£	£	£
Bank charges	1,088	-	1,088	2,860
Website expenses	1,818	-	1,818	2,207
Auditors' remuneration	<u>-</u>	<u>9,120</u>	<u>9,120</u>	<u>8,401</u>
	<u><u>2,906</u></u>	<u><u>9,120</u></u>	<u><u>12,026</u></u>	<u><u>13,468</u></u>

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020	2019
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	9,120	8,401
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>1,859</u>	<u>1,622</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2020 nor for the year ended 31st December 2019.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2020 nor for the year ended 31st December 2019.

10. STAFF COSTS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages and salaries	43,166	52,645
Social security costs	177	331
Other pension costs	<u>919</u>	<u>843</u>
	<u>44,262</u>	<u>53,819</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2020	2019
Pastors and administrators	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1st January 2020	34,759	2,793	37,552
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>2,570</u>	<u>2,570</u>
At 31st December 2020	<u>34,759</u>	<u>5,363</u>	<u>40,122</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st January 2020	29,989	2,698	32,687
Charge for year	<u>1,193</u>	<u>666</u>	<u>1,859</u>
At 31st December 2020	<u>31,182</u>	<u>3,364</u>	<u>34,546</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31st December 2020	<u>3,577</u>	<u>1,999</u>	<u>5,576</u>
At 31st December 2019	<u>4,770</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>4,865</u>

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
HMRC - Gift aid	<u>70,436</u>	<u>55,634</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Social security and other taxes	436	579
Other creditors	9,120	15,602
Pensions	<u>204</u>	<u>489</u>
	<u>9,760</u>	<u>16,670</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,748,401	530,227	2,278,628
	<u>1,748,401</u>	<u>530,227</u>	<u>2,278,628</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,748,401</u>	<u>530,227</u>	<u>2,278,628</u>

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	924,141	(393,914)	530,227
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>924,141</u>	<u>(393,914)</u>	<u>530,227</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,522,816	225,585	1,748,401
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,522,816</u>	<u>225,585</u>	<u>1,748,401</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,109,945	(884,360)	225,585
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,109,945</u>	<u>(884,360)</u>	<u>225,585</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,522,816	755,812	2,278,628
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,522,816</u>	<u>755,812</u>	<u>2,278,628</u>

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,034,086	(1,278,274)	755,812
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,034,086</u>	<u>(1,278,274)</u>	<u>755,812</u>

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2020.

16. GOING CONCERN

The Charity's trustees have taken initial steps to consider the impact that the COVID 19 situation may have on the Charity and consider that the charity has adequate resources and sufficient sources of funds available for the foreseeable future. Therefore the trustees believe that it is appropriate for this reason to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Tithes and offerings	793,871	1,006,971
Special fund donations	21,695	35,800
Gift aid	<u>106,062</u>	<u>64,504</u>
	921,628	1,107,275
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	<u>2,513</u>	<u>2,670</u>
Total incoming resources	924,141	1,109,945
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Hire charges	6,757	22,983
Catering & entertainment	5,323	35,883
Other office costs	<u>16,001</u>	<u>38,714</u>
	28,081	97,580
Charitable activities		
Wages	43,166	52,645
Social security	177	331
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Evangelism and stewardship	150,485	423,840
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>1,859</u>	<u>1,622</u>
	353,807	773,312
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	1,088	2,860
Information technology		
Website expenses	1,818	2,207

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UK)

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

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Information technology		
Governance costs		
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Net income	<u><u>530,227</u></u>	<u><u>225,585</u></u>

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