

2021-22 LMC Annual Report for The Charity Commission

The highlight of the year was that the Church Council voted to welcome same-sex marriages in both of our buildings, with great delight and enthusiasm. The necessary documentation for registration with the General Registry Office has been completed and our registration has been confirmed.

Our Sunday morning Worship, and also our midweek Reflect in the City worship, have both continued to operate in a 'hybrid' manner throughout the year - enabling those who cannot attend the building to participate fully in worship - this has been very much appreciated. Our Sunday evening worship is continuing to develop in an informal and interactive style - regularly welcoming reflections and contributions from the congregation.

A number of new folk have become part of our congregations at both Scotforth Road and at The Cornerstone and we have welcomed some of them into membership.

We are seeking ways to build the relationship between the morning congregation at Scotforth Road and the evening congregation at The Cornerstone, we are planning ahead for joint services in an afternoon during the autumn - Harvest and Christmas.

Our Little Pebbles toddler group has grown, regularly welcoming over 25 families / child minders. Our work on Sundays with children and young people continues and, though we have relatively small numbers, the involvement with the youngsters is very much valued.

We completed the Church Development Plan - not as a 'finalised' document, but as a continuous 'work in progress'. Our finances have remained in a healthy position and we managed to secure a grant of £36,000 (over the next three years) towards the salary of The Cornerstone Chaplain, from the Lancashire District.

Through the work of our Centre Manager, we have continued to build relationships with the wider community and discover the needs of the community - particularly at the Scotforth Road building.

The Cornerstone continues to be a hive of activity throughout the week with hundreds of people visiting each week for a wide variety of activities. We provide a variety of different events for the community: Grief Group, Dementia Cafe, Drop-in events, Bereavement Group for those with Learning Disabilities, Moving to Freedom. We are delighted that other community organisations provide additional events and activities in the building which are very much valued by the wider community - Lancaster & District Community & Voluntary Solutions (LDCVS), Lancashire Youth Challenge, Let's Befriends, City of Sanctuary, Lancashire Adult Learning, The Making Place, Food Club, Lancaster Men's Hub, Socialease, Refugee & Asylum Immigration Support, Poverty Truth Commission. Our Chaplain has continued to offer a very valuable and effective ministry in the city centre - offering a ministry of presence through pastoral care, various support groups (eg.grief, addiction, emotions), teaching, awareness raising and events which draw-in and connect with the wider community. We made some physical alterations to the central section of The Cornerstone - to make the space more usable for ourselves and for our partners / hirers.

The Justice, Peace and Environment Group have continued to raise awareness of campaigns and also identify appropriate charities / focusses for our fundraising activities. The monthly pop-up Foodbank Collection Point has continued to be well supported by folk from within the church and also by the wider community. This was especially the case in December for the Christmas collection. We also held a very successful pop-up Toy Collection Point to collect gifts for children who are receiving support from the County Council Social Services.

Our greatest challenge through the year has been that we have struggled to recruit people to various roles and responsibilities - this seems to be a more significant issue post-lockdown - we are aware that other churches and voluntary organisations are experiencing a similar difficulty.

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Lancaster Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

North Lancashire	Circuit	Circuit no.	2116
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1170840

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Revd Stephen J Charman

Church Stewards:

Paul Bowden

Lesley Brookbanks

Treasurer:

Dr Ian Love

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		50,459		50,459	49,306
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		214		214	149
a4	Lettings		45,206		45,206	25,084
a5	Other receipts		14,334	74,725	89,059	276,618
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		110,213	74,725	184,938 (a7)	351,157
SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		36,000		36,000	36,000
b3	Donations		1,389		1,389	1,548
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		12,834		12,834	8,794
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		18,086		18,086	10,436
b6	Capital works		45,848	7,000	52,848	3,154
b7	Other payments		43,071	81,913	124,984	126,558
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		157,228	88,913	246,141 (b9)	186,490
SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(47,015)	(14,188)	(61,203)	164,667
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		277,450	16,251	293,701 (c6)	129,035
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	230,435	2,063	232,498	293,702
c4	Transfers and adjustments		(50)		(50) (c7)	(1)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	230,385	2,063	232,448 (c8)	293,701 (c6)
SECTION D						
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS						
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)				£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				297	
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				5,729	4,246
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				5,894	3,949
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			132	297

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E**

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	184,938 (a7)	246,141 (b9)	(61,203)	(50) (c7)	293,701 (c6)	232,448 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	184,938	246,141	(61,203)	(50)	293,701 (x)	232,448 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	86	381
f2 Bank Current Account	140,302	105,529
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	24,803	24,907
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	128,510	101,631
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	293,701 (c6)	232,448 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	293,701 (x)	232,448 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,441,014	4,803,319
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	(20,000)	zero
g5 Other Liabilities		

(please refer to note 1)

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

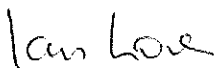
f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

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Declarations and Scrutiny

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

Signature of treasurer  Date..... 26.6.2023

Name and address of treasurer Dr Ian Love.....

10 Johnson Close, Lancaster..... Post Code LA1 5EU

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 ~~were~~/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 29.6.23.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting ...Revd Stephen J Charman... Date 26.6.23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Lancaster Methodist Church

Charity Number 1170840

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lancaster Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 2. to .b. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

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Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner (COLIN JOHNSON)

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA.

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 3 RAYGARTH, KIRKBY LONSDALE

..... Post Code LA6 2DS

Date 27 JUNE 2023

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Notes to the Accounts

Note 1:

The Church buildings are entered at their insured value, as is standard Methodist practice. However, they are not realisable by the local church (by sale or mortgage, for example) and so the church does not have the right to dispose of the buildings, or to gain from their disposal.

The two properties for which we are responsible enable the charity to carry out its objectives, and to generate income by hiring facilities to outside bodies. TMCP (Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes) is the custodian trustee.