

SETTLE METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1189053

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2020-04-14

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

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Activities

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

Activities: The Circuit:organises worship in each Church through the Preaching Plan. trains local preachers to spread the Gospel of Jesus;pays ministers to serve their communities and witness to the Gospel. provides administrative support to its churches and offers a source of initiative and decision making through the Circuit Leadership Team.

Classification

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

Geography

- Lancashire
- North Yorkshire

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| 2025-08-31 | £129,911 | £155,198 | - | - |
| 2024-08-31 | £500,850 | £235,598 | £1,187,887 | 4 |
| 2023-08-31 | £90,140 | £132,708 | - | - |
| 2022-08-31 | £109,073 | £121,363 | - | - |
| 2021-08-31 | £244,104 | £157,370 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|--------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Rev Timothy Charles Broughton | Chair | 2018-09-01 |
| Anne Duncan | | 2022-09-01 |
| Averil Belinda Bayes | | 2022-09-01 |
| Brian Whitfield Lawson | | 2019-03-07 |
| Carol Blacow | | 2019-03-07 |
| Christine Lawson | | 2019-03-07 |
| Clifford Park | | 2019-03-07 |
| Deborah Anne Meikle | | 2021-09-01 |
| Dr Judith Allinson | | 2019-03-07 |
| Eileen Pittendreigh Edwards | | 2023-09-28 |
| Elizabeth Jane Proctor | | 2019-03-07 |
| Hilary Kay Lund | | 2023-11-01 |
| Irene Elizabeth Whitfield | | 2024-10-24 |
| Janet Wigfield | | 2020-10-07 |
| Jeffrey Perris | | 2019-03-07 |
| Jonny Lawson | | 2019-03-07 |
| Joyce Park | | 2019-03-07 |
| Judith Dorothy Dawson | | 2019-03-07 |
| Judith Marshall | | 2021-09-01 |
| Lucy Jane Atkinson | | 2023-11-15 |
| Margery Dowling | | 2021-10-06 |
| Martin Peter Hodgson | | 2025-09-22 |
| Martyn Park | | 2022-09-01 |
| Pamela Jean Lister | | 2019-03-07 |
| Pauline Wright | | 2022-09-01 |
| Philip Robert Taylor | | 2019-03-07 |
| Priscilla Jane Mansergh | | 2019-03-07 |

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-----------------------|------|------------|
| Richard Pike | | 2019-03-07 |
| Susan Elizabeth Park | | 2019-03-07 |
| Thomas Anthony Blacow | | 2019-03-07 |
| WENDY VIVIENNE HOLT | | 2008-09-01 |

SETTLE METHODIST CIRCUIT

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Accounts

Introduction

Welcome to the annual report for the Settle Methodist Circuit, part of the Methodist Church. We are a small circuit of six churches on the Western edge of the Yorkshire Dales.

This has been a year of transition from one organisation structure to another. In August 2023 our Superintendent Minister retired and our current Superintendent took over as a single station circuit. Agreement had previously been given to recruit lay staff to support the ministerial roles and this recruitment process began in the summer of 2023. We appointed a Finance and Administration Officer in the Autumn of 2023 and two new part time lay Circuit Mission Enablers to support the work of ministry in the churches in the summer of 2024.

Both of the existing circuit manses were sold and a new manse purchased, this completing in March 2024. A bridging loan from Methodist Chapel Aid helped to facilitate the purchase, which has now been fully repaid following the successful completion of both existing manses. It is expected that the new manse, which is a new build property in Settle, will significantly reduce management costs and maintenance overheads.

Churches continued their patterns of regular services and home groups with a few outreach activities, though these are planned to develop more fully as the new Mission Enabler roles take full effect.

Aims and Organisation

The Circuit Mission statement is:

- To bring people into a relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ
- To nurture them in that faith and encourage discipleship
- To seek to deepen our faith through worship, fellowship and service
- To celebrate the gifts and ministry of the whole people of God and to nurture the fruit of the life of the Spirit in our everyday lives.

Each church offers a weekly Sunday service except Newby where services are fortnightly.

Plans for 2024/25

We are looking forward to seeing the work of our Circuit Mission Enablers spread and grow throughout the circuit.

We remain focused on encouraging all our churches to become Eco Churches.

Rev'd Tim Broughton is due to take his Sabbatical in spring 2025

Brief financial review of the year

Income trends

Circuit income has been primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the six circuit churches. This year we had a significant income from property sales, and we currently have one more church property on the market.

Expenditure trends

Due to the reduction in ministers the stipend expenditure has fallen but it is expected that ongoing employment costs for the lay employees will match the previous cost of a second minister.

The circuit has borne the cost of insuring and maintaining empty chapels and manses through this year until their sale along with the costs related to setting up the new manse.

The Circuit contribution to our District was 16.76% of expenditure, this is used to fund the District and the work of the wider Methodist Church.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2024 the net current assets of the Circuit were £368,887, giving approximately 31 months cover for expenditure.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

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

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| Full Name of Charity: | Settle Methodist Circuit |
| Registration Charity Number: | 1189053 |
| Date of registration | 14th April 2020 |
| Main communication address: | 8 Ingfield Lane, Settle, North Yorkshire, BD24 9BA |

The members of the Settle Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches. Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Circuit Ministers and officers as at 1st September 2024

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Superintendent Minister | Revd Tim Broughton |
| Circuit Lay Workers | Mrs Chevonne Womack – Mission Enabler Mrs Nicola Fawcett – Mission Enabler |
| Circuit Stewards | Mrs Joyce Park Mr Jeff Perris Mrs Margery Dowling |
| Administrator | Miss Lucy Atkinson |

Name of treasurer who acted as the principal officer overseeing the day-to-day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year:

Miss Lucy Atkinson

Independent examiner: Xeinadin
Dalton House
9 Dalton Square
Lancaster
LA1 1WD

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Bankers: CAF Bank Ltd

Aims and organisation

Charity objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around Settle, Bentham and North Craven for the Methodist Church:

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

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church.
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church including:
 - The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.
 - The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
 - The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
 - Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
 - Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
 - Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union {1932} and Methodist Church Act (1976) Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team along with the Local Preachers meeting.

Trustee Training

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

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Yorkshire West District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit: -

- Bentham
- Burton-in-Lonsdale
- Hellifield
- Ingleton
- Newby
- St John's, Settle

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Leadership Team with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

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

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

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

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

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

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is shown as Appendix B to this report.

MEMBERSHIP OF CIRCUIT MEETING

2023 OCTOBER

Circuit Minister

Tim Broughton

Circuit Stewards

Jeff Perris

Joyce Park

Marjery Dowling

Circuit Admin & Finance Officer

Lucy Atkinson

Liz Whitfield (until handover)

Circuit Meeting Secretaries

Debbie Meikle

Judith Marshall

Local Preachers' Secretary

Jane Mansergh

Circuit Manses Steward

Jonny Lawson

Circuit Property Secretary

Vacancy

World Church Secretary

Vacancy

Representatives from LP meeting

Wendy Holt

District ecumenical group representative

Richard Pike

Circuit Safeguarding Coordinator

Rhys Evans

Appointments from Circuit Meeting

Representatives to Synod

Joyce Park

Wendy Holt

Richard Pike

District Policy Committee member

Rev Tim Broughton

From LOCAL CHURCHES

Burton-in-Lonsdale

S: Tony Blacow

T: Jean Brown

R: David Brown

R: Carol Blacow

Hellifield

S: Jeff Perris

T: Jean Lister

R: Pauline Wright

High Bentham

S: Averil Bayes

T: Jane Proctor

R: Anne Duncan

R: Keith Hartley

R: Mavis Speight

Ingleton

S:

T: Christine Lawson

R: Martyn Park

R: Brian Lawson

R.

Newby

S: Clifford Park

T: Judith Dawson

R: Sue Park

Settle

S: Philip Taylor

T: Eileen Edwards

R: Judith Allinson

R: Richard Pike

R: Wendy Holt

R: Janet Wigfield

S = Senior Steward

T = Treasurer

R = Representative appointed by Church Council

Church Representatives: 1 per 15 members or part thereof for

first 15 members

updated 03/10/2023

RESERVES POLICY of

Settle Circuit Meeting

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| 1. General Funds held at Y/E 31/08/2024 | £369,531 (£1,188,531 less £819,000 property) |
| 2. Restricted Funds held “ | £676 |
| 3. Endowment Funds held “ | £NIL |

4. Reserves policy for General Funds

The circuit reserves policy is to maintain general reserves of at least 33% of normal revenue expenditure. The actual ratio at August 2024 was 302%

The sum of £369,531 comprises £30,671 held locally and £338,860 in the Model Trust Fund.

Committed expenditure at 31/08/2024 is:

£40,760 to provide 4 months' running costs

£100,000 to support the Circuit's forecasted deficits for the next 5 years of approx. £20,000 per year.

£10,000 to allow for grants for church projects and mission work

£16,665 towards Model Trust Fund levy, which contributes to the wider mission of the Methodist Church

The remainder will be used to support future projects.

5. Policy for Restricted Funds

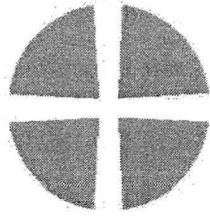
The small fund of £676 was established many years ago as a means of helping the needy of Settle Circuit. It is accessed infrequently at the discretion of the Superintendent and the Circuit Leadership Team.

6. Terms relating to Endowment Funds held

N/A

This Reserves Policy has been approved by **Settle Circuit Meeting**

| | |
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| Treasurer | Trustee |
| Full name | Full Name |
| Signature | Signature |



**THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT and ACCOUNTS
ACCRUALS BASIS
for the year ended 31 August 2024**

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| SETTLE CIRCUIT |
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Yorkshire West District Circuit no. 27/21

Registered Charity - Registration number 1189053

Ministers

| |
|--------------------|
| Revd Tim Broughton |
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Circuit Stewards

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| Mr Jeff Perris |
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| Mrs Joyce Park |
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| Mrs Margery Dowling |
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Circuit Treasurer

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| Miss Lucy Atkinson |
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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

| | Notes to the accounts | General Fund (Unrestricted) | Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) | Designated Funds (unrestricted) | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 2023-24 |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Income | | | | | | | |
| 1 Donations and legacies | | | | | | | - |
| 2 Income from monetary investments | 2 | 985 | 11,513 | | 35 | | 12,532 |
| 3 Income from investment properties | | | | | | | - |
| 4 Assessments on Churches | 3 | 89,174 | | | | | 89,174 |
| 5 Capital Receipts | 4 | 27,114 | 366,280 | | | | 393,394 |
| 6 Grants received | | | | | | | - |
| 7 Other charitable income | 5 | 5,750 | | | | | 5,750 |
| 8 Total income | | 123,022 | 377,793 | - | 35 | - | 500,850 |
| Expenditure | | | | | | | |
| 9 Grants and donations | 6 | 40 | | | | | 40 |
| 10 Salaries and associated costs | 7 | 65,214 | | | | | 65,214 |
| 11 Property maintenance | 8 | 30,819 | | | | | 30,819 |
| 12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy | 9 | | 94,652 | | | | 94,652 |
| 13 District Assessment & Levy | | 23,580 | | | | | 23,580 |
| 14 Depreciation | | | | | | | - |
| 15 Office expenses | 10 | 4,194 | 245 | | 2 | | 4,441 |
| 16 Other outgoings | 11 | 16,852 | | | | | 16,852 |
| 17 Total charitable expenditure | | 140,699 | 94,897 | - | 2 | - | 235,598 |
| 18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | | | | | | - |
| 19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | | | | | | - |
| 20 Net income/(expenditure) | | - 17,677 | 282,896 | - | 33 | - | 265,252 |
| 21 Transfers between funds | | 30,000 | 30,000 | | | | - |
| 22 Other gains/(losses) | 12 | 341,500 | | | | | 341,500 |
| 23 Net movement in funds | | - 329,177 | 252,896 | - | 33 | - | 76,248 |
| 24 Total funds brought forward | | 1,177,528 | 85,964 | | 643 | | 1,264,134 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 848,351 | 338,860 | - | 676 | - | 1,187,887 |

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

| | Notes to the accounts | General Fund (Unrestricted) | Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) | Designated Funds (unrestricted) | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 2022-23 |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Income | | | | | | | |
| 1 Donations and legacies | | | | | | | - |
| 2 Income from monetary investments | | 296 | 3,324 | | 26 | 4 | 3,650 |
| 3 Income from investment properties | | | | | | | - |
| 4 Assessments on Churches | | 89,174 | | | | | 89,174 |
| 5 Capital Receipts | | | | | | | - |
| 6 Grants received | | | | | | | - |
| 7 Other charitable income | | 670 | | | | | - |
| 8 Total income | | 90,140 | 3,324 | - | 26 | 4 | 93,494 |
| Expenditure | | | | | | | |
| 9 Grants and donations | | 12,000 | | | | | 12,000 |
| 10 Salaries and associated costs | | 80,952 | | | | | 80,952 |
| 11 Property maintenance | | 8,518 | | | | | 8,518 |
| 12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy | | | 3,404 | | | | 3,404 |
| 13 District Assessment & Levy | | 22,244 | | | | | 22,244 |
| 14 Depreciation | | | | | | | - |
| 15 Office expenses | | 739 | | | | | 739 |
| 16 Other outgoings | | 8,255 | 338 | | 3 | | 8,596 |
| 17 Total charitable expenditure | | 132,708 | 3,742 | - | 3 | - | 136,453 |
| 18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | | | | | | - |
| 19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | | | | | | - |
| 20 Net income/(expenditure) | | - 42,568 | - 418 | - | 23 | 4 - | 42,959 |
| 21 Transfers between funds | | 32,463 | 32,000 | | 250 | 213 | - |
| 22 Other gains/(losses) | | 415,500 | | | | | 415,500 |
| 23 Net movement in funds | | 405,395 | - 32,418 | - - | 227 - | 209 | 372,541 |
| 24 Total funds brought forward | | 772,133 | 118,382 | | 869 | 209 | 891,593 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 1,177,528 | 85,964 | - | 642 | - | 1,264,134 |

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

| Notes to the Accounts | | General Fund (Unrestricted) | Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) | Designated Funds (Unrestricted) | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Totals 2023/24 | Totals 2022/23 |
|---|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed Assets | | | | | | | | |
| | Circuit Manses & Equipment | 13 | 669,000 | | | | 669,000 | 790,000 |
| | Investment properties | 14 | 150,000 | | | | 150,000 | 370,500 |
| | Investments | | | | | | 0 | |
| | Total fixed assets | | 819,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 819,000 | 1,160,500 |
| Current Assets | | | | | | | | |
| | Debtors | 15 | 4,560 | | | | 4,560 | 5,357 |
| | Loans by the Circuit | | 0 | | | | 0 | 2,750 |
| | Investments with TMCP | | | 338,860 | 676 | | 339,535 | 86,606 |
| | Central Finance Board Deposits | | 29,799 | | | | 29,799 | 16,087 |
| | Cash at Bank and in hand | 16 | 30,098 | | | | 30,098 | 14,853 |
| | Total current assets | | 64,457 | 338,860 | 0 | 676 | 403,992 | 125,653 |
| Current liabilities | | | | | | | | |
| | Creditors (due in under 1 year) | 17 | 35,105 | | | | 35,105 | 22,019 |
| | Grants payable within 2022-23 | | | | | | 0 | |
| | Total current liabilities | | 35,105 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35,105 | 22,019 |
| | Net current assets/liabilities | | 29,351 | 338,860 | 0 | 676 | 368,887 | 103,634 |
| | Total assets less current liabilities | | 848,351 | 338,860 | 0 | 676 | 1,187,887 | 1,264,134 |
| Long term liabilities (due after more than one year) | | | | | | | | |
| | Grants payable after 2022-23 | | | | | | 0 | |
| | Loans to the Circuit | | | | | | 0 | |
| | | | | | | | 0 | |
| | Net assets | | 848,351 | 338,860 | 0 | 676 | 1,187,887 | 1,264,134 |
| Funds of the Circuit | | | | | | | | |
| | General Fund (Unrestricted) | | 848,351 | | | | 848,351 | 1,177,528 |
| | Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted) | | | 338,860 | | | 338,860 | 85,964 |
| | Designated Funds (Unrestricted) | | | 0 | | | 0 | |
| | Total Unrestricted Funds | | | | | | 1,187,211 | 1,263,492 |
| | Restricted Funds | | | | 676 | | 676 | 642 |
| | Endowment Funds | | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| | Total Funds | | 848,351 | 338,860 | 0 | 676 | 1,187,887 | 1,264,134 |

Signed

Circuit Treasurer

Settle Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for year ending 31 August 2024

1. Basis of accounting and accounting policies

i *Accounting standard*

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

ii *Public benefit entity*

The Circuit is a public benefit entity under the definition in FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

iii *Basis*

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

iv *Content*

The financial information presented is relevant, reliable, comparable and complete. Where estimates are used these are based on experience, research and judgement. The accounts are expressed in £ Sterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

v *Going concern*

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31 August 2024, the trustees believe that the Circuit is a going concern.

2 Income from monetary investments

This income is derived from deposits with the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

3 Assessments

Cash received in August for the September quarter is shown as a liability in the accounts.

4 Capital receipts

Relates to the sales of redundant properties and the purchase of a new manse. Figures are recorded net of solicitors/agents fees and CPF Levy.

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| Chapel Aid bridging loan | £ 27,114 | |
| Westhouse Methodist Chapel | £ 240,941 | |
| Balance from sale of two manses and purchase of new manse | £ 15,023 | |
| Rathmell Methodist Chapel | £ 110,317 | |
| | | £ 393,394 |

5 Other charitable income

£250 was received from the sale of items no longer suitable due to the change of manse. The remainder was refunds received from utilities and insurance premiums following the sale of properties.

6 Grants and donations

A donation was made for resources and advice provided to our Circuit Mission Enablers.

Settle Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for year ending 31 August 2024

| | | | | |
|----|---|----|---------|------------|
| 7 | Salaries and associated costs | | | |
| | Stipends | £ | 48,876 | |
| | Pension contributions | £ | 8,243 | |
| | Employers NI | £ | 3,856 | |
| | Apprenticeship levy | £ | 358 | |
| | Travel costs | £ | 2,817 | |
| | Telephone & broadband costs | £ | 870 | |
| | Computer allowances | £ | 194 | |
| | | | | £ 65,214 |
| 8 | Property maintenance | | | |
| | Repairs & renewals | £ | 22,376 | |
| | Council tax & water | £ | 3,330 | |
| | Insurance | £ | 5,113 | |
| | | | | £ 30,819 |
| 9 | Connexional assessment & model trust levy | | | |
| | Model trust levy | £ | 2,149 | |
| | CPF Levy on Westhouse | £ | 72,376 | |
| | CPF Levy on Rathmell | £ | 20,127 | |
| | | | | £ 94,652 |
| 10 | Office expenses | | | |
| | Postage | £ | 26 | |
| | Office supplies | £ | 670 | |
| | Pastoral cards & worship resources | £ | 84 | |
| | Zoom | £ | 187 | |
| | Employee equipment | £ | 1,907 | |
| | Independent Examiners fee | £ | 1,320 | |
| | | | | £ 4,194 |
| 11 | Other outgoings | | | |
| | Visiting preachers | £ | 1,328 | |
| | Westhouse costs | £ | 577 | |
| | Mission work | £ | 2,312 | |
| | Quinquennials | £ | 960 | |
| | Rathmell costs | £ | 2,778 | |
| | Burton costs | £ | 982 | |
| | Moons Acre costs | £ | 3,391 | |
| | Misnisters moving costs | £ | 4,524 | |
| | | | | £ 16,852 |
| 12 | Other gains/losses | | | |
| | Four properties were sold during the year, two redundant churches and two manses. A new manse was purchased and one further empty church property was valued and put on the market. | | | |
| | Westhouse Methodist Church | -£ | 254,000 | |
| | Ingfield Lane Manse | £ | 669,000 | |
| | Penyghent View Manse | -£ | 395,000 | |
| | Moons Acre Manse | -£ | 395,000 | |
| | Rathmel Methodist Church | -£ | 116,500 | |
| | Revaluation of Burton Schoolroom | £ | 150,000 | |
| | | | | -£ 341,500 |

Settle Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for year ending 31 August 2024

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|----|--|---|--------|----------|
| 13 | Circuit manses & equipment This is the purchase price of the new manse, purchased February 2024. | | | |
| 14 | Investment properties This is the assessed market value of the empty schoolroom property. A Qualified Surveyor's Report has been obtained. | | | |
| 15 | Debtors | | | |
| | Insurance paid in advance | £ | 847 | |
| | Deposit for Mission event | £ | 50 | |
| | Stipends, NI & Pensions paid in advance | £ | 3,663 | |
| | | | | £ 4,560 |
| 16 | Cash at bank and in hand A current account is maintained with CAF Bank Ltd. There is no cash in hand. | | | |
| 17 | Creditors | | | |
| | Church assessments received in advance | £ | 26,344 | |
| | Stipends, NI & Pensions | £ | 482 | |
| | Travel expenses | £ | 558 | |
| | Telephone | £ | 233 | |
| | Property maintenance | £ | 5,615 | |
| | Office expenses | £ | 254 | |
| | Mission work expenses | £ | 299 | |
| | Independent Examiners fee | £ | 1,320 | |
| | | | | £ 35,105 |

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer L. Atkinson Date 27 Jan 2025

Name and address of treasurer: Miss Lucy Jane Atkinson, Kilbrook, Low Bentham Road, High Bentham, Lancaster Post Code: LA2 7BP

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on: Thursday 27th February 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: T. C. Broughton

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Revd Tim Broughton Date 27/2/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Settle Methodist Circuit

Charity Number: 1189053

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Settle Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024. As the Circuit'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 Circuit'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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ~~ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS~~.

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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

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 TM Preece

Name of independent examiner: TIMOTHY MARK PREECE

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate): XENADIN

Address: DALTON HOUSE, 9 DALTON SQUARE, LANCASTER

..... Post Code: LA1 1WD

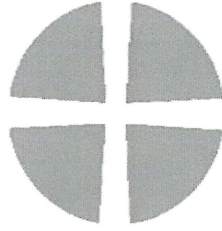
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SETTLE METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1189053

Accounts



THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT and ACCOUNTS ACCRUALS BASIS
for the year ended 31 August 2023

| | |
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| SETTLE | Circuit |
|---------------|----------------|

Registered Charity - Registration

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| 1189053 |
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|-------------------------|------------|-------|
| Yorkshire West District | Circuit No | 27/21 |
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Ministers

| |
|-------------------|
| Rev Stephen Caddy |
| Rev Tim Broughton |
| |

Circuit Stewards

| |
|-----------------|
| Jeff Perris |
| Joyce Park |
| Margery Dowling |
| |
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| |

Circuit Treasurer

| |
|---------------|
| Liz Whitfield |
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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

| | Notes to the accounts | General Fund (Unrestricted) | Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) | Designated Funds (unrestricted) | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 2022-23 | |
|--------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | |
| Income | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Donations and legacies | | | | | | 0 | |
| 2 | Income from monetary investments | 1 | 296 | 3,324 | 26 | 4 | 3,650 | |
| 3 | Income from investment properties | | | | | | 0 | |
| 4 | Assessments on Churches | 2 | 89,174 | | | | 89,174 | |
| 5 | Capital Receipts | 3 | | | | | 0 | |
| 6 | Grants received | 4 | | | | | 0 | |
| 7 | Other charitable income | 5 | 670 | | | | | |
| 8 | Total income | | 90,140 | 3,324 | - | 26 | 4 | 93,494 |
| Expenditure | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Grants and donations | 6 | 12,000 | | | | 12,000 | |
| 10 | Salaries and associated costs | 7 | 80,952 | | | | 80,952 | |
| 11 | Property maintenance | 8 | 8,518 | | | | 8,518 | |
| 12 | Connexional assessment & model trust levy | | | 3,404 | | | 3,404 | |
| 13 | District Assessment & Levy | | 22,244 | | | | 22,244 | |
| 14 | Depreciation | | | | | | 0 | |
| 15 | Office expenses | 9 | 739 | | | | 739 | |
| 16 | Other outgoings | 10 | 8,255 | 338 | 3 | | 8,596 | |
| 17 | Total charitable expenditure | | 132,708 | 3,742 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 136,453 |
| 18 | Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | | | | | 0 | |
| 19 | Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Net income/(expenditure) | | -42,568 | -418 | 0 | 23 | 4 | -42,959 |
| 21 | Transfers between funds | | 32,463 | - 32,000 | - | 250 | - 213 | 0 |
| 22 | Other gains/(losses) | 11 | 415,500 | | | | 415,500 | |
| 23 | Net movement in funds | | 405,395 | -32,418 | 0 | -227 | -209 | 372,541 |
| 24 | Total funds brought forward | | 772,133 | 118,382 | | 869 | 209 | 891,593 |
| 25 | Total funds carried forward | | 1,177,528 | 85,964 | - | 642 | - | 1,264,134 |

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022

| | Notes to the accounts | General Fund (Unrestricted) | Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) | Designated Funds (unrestricted) | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 2021-22 |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Income | | | | | | | |
| 1 Donations and legacies | | | | | | | 0 |
| 2 Income from monetary investments | | 65 | 556 | | 4 | 1 | 626 |
| 3 Income from investment properties | | | | | | | 0 |
| 4 Assessments on Churches | | 104,258 | | | | | 104,258 |
| 5 Capital Receipts | | | | | | | 0 |
| 6 Grants received | | 3,000 | | | | | 3,000 |
| 7 Other charitable income | | 1,750 | | | | | 1,750 |
| 8 Total income | | 109,073 | 556 | - | 4 | 1 | 109,634 |
| Expenditure | | | | | | | |
| 9 Grants and donations | | 3,000 | | | | | 3,000 |
| 10 Salaries and associated costs | | 78,057 | | | | | 78,057 |
| 11 Property maintenance | | 11,965 | | | | | 11,965 |
| 12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy | | | 3,572 | | | | 3,572 |
| 13 District Assessment & Levy | | 22,640 | | | | | 22,640 |
| 14 Depreciation | | | | | | | 0 |
| 15 Office expenses | | 664 | | | | | 664 |
| 16 Other outgoings | | 5,037 | 347 | | 2 | | 5,386 |
| 17 Total charitable expenditure | | 121,363 | 3,919 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 125,284 |
| 18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | | | | | | 0 |
| 19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | | | | | | 0 |
| 20 Net income/(expenditure) | | -12,290 | -3,363 | 0 | 2 | 1 | -15,650 |
| 21 Transfers between funds | | | | | | | 0 |
| 22 Other gains/(losses) | | 25,000 | - | | | | 25,000 |
| 23 Net movement in funds | | 12,710 | -3,363 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 9,350 |
| 24 Total funds brought forward | | 759,423 | 121,745 | | 867 | 208 | 882,243 |
| 25 Total funds carried forward | | 772,133 | 118,382 | - | 869 | 209 | 891,593 |

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

| Notes to the Accounts | | General Fund (Unrestricted) | Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) | Designated Funds (Unrestricted) | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Totals 2022/23 | Totals 2021/22 | GN |
|---|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|----|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | |
| Fixed Assets | | | | | | | | | |
| | Circuit Manses & Equipment | 12 | 790,000 | | | | 790,000 | 570,000 | R |
| | Investment properties | 13 | 370,500 | | | | 370,500 | 175,000 | R |
| | Investments | | | | | | 0 | | |
| | Total fixed assets | | 1,160,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,160,500 | 745,000 | |
| Current Assets | | | | | | | | | |
| | Debtors | 14 | 5,357 | | | | 5,357 | 7,439 | S |
| | Loans by the Circuit | | 2,750 | | | | 2,750 | 2,750 | |
| | Investments with TMCP | | | 85,964 | 642 | | 86,606 | 119,460 | |
| | Central Finance Board Deposits | | 16,087 | | | | 16,087 | 20,124 | T |
| | Cash at Bank and in hand | 15 | 14,853 | | | | 14,853 | 23,134 | |
| | Total current assets | | 39,047 | 85,964 | 0 | 642 | 125,653 | 172,907 | |
| Current liabilities | | | | | | | | | |
| | Creditors (due in under 1 year) | 16 | 22,019 | | | | 22,019 | 26,314 | U |
| | Grants payable within 2022-23 | | | | | | 0 | 0 | V |
| | Total current liabilities | | 22,019 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22,019 | 26,314 | |
| | Net current assets/liabilities | | 17,028 | 85,964 | 0 | 642 | 103,634 | 146,593 | |
| | Total assets less current liabilities | | 1,177,528 | 85,964 | 0 | 642 | 1,264,134 | 891,593 | |
| Long term liabilities (due after more than one year) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Grants payable after 2022-23 | | | | | | 0 | | V |
| | Loans to the Circuit | | | | | | 0 | | |
| | Net assets | | 1,177,528 | 85,964 | 0 | 642 | 1,264,134 | 891,593 | W |
| Funds of the Circuit | | | | | | | | | |
| | General Fund (Unrestricted) | | 1,177,528 | | | | 1,177,528 | 772,133 | |
| | Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted) | | | 85,964 | | | 85,964 | 118,382 | W |
| | Designated Funds (Unrestricted) | | | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | |
| | Total Unrestricted Funds | | | | | | 1,263,492 | 890,515 | |
| | Restricted Funds | | | | 642 | | 642 | 869 | |
| | Endowment Funds | | | | | 0 | 0 | 209 | |
| | Total Funds | | 1,177,528 | 85,964 | 0 | 642 | 1,264,134 | 891,593 | |

Signed

Circuit Treasurer

Settle Methodist Circuit was entered on the Register of Charities on 14th April 2020

Charity Number: 1189053

- Note 1 Income from monetary investments
This income is derived from deposits with the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.
The Circuit registered with HMRC to claim Gift Aid.
- Note 2 Assessments
The treasurers of the six churches in the Circuit usually meet each February to agree the share for the coming year. These are then confirmed by the March Circuit Meeting but this year this meeting did not take place and the Circuit Meeting agreed to keep the share contribution as in the previous year.
Cash received in August for the September quarter is shown as a liability in the accounts
- Note 3 Capital receipts
none
- Note 4 Grants received
No grants received
- Note 5 Other charitable income
Churches were invited to make a contribution to a leaving gift for the retiring Superintendent minister.
- Note 6 Grants and donations
A grant of £12000 was made to one of the churches towards a new roof. This had been agreed at the Circuit Meeting on September 2019 but work was delayed due to COVID-19.
- Note 7 Salaries and associated costs
- | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Stipends | 56548.80 | |
| Pension contributions | 14487.36 | |
| Employers NI | 5466.03 | |
| Apprenticeship levy | 499.42 | |
| Travel costs | 2780.29 | |
| telephone & broadband costs | 818.22 | |
| computer allowances | 352.00 | 80952.12 |
- Note 8 Property Maintenance
- | | | |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| Repairs and renewals | 418.60 | |
| Council Tax and water | 6191.53 | |
| Insurance | 1907.78 | 8517.91 |
- Note 9 Office Expenses
- | | | |
|---------|------|--|
| postage | 9.80 | |
|---------|------|--|

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|----------------|---|-----------|-----------|----------|
| | office supplies | 533.99 | | |
| | pastoral cards, books, worship resource | 30.05 | | |
| | live streaming.zoom | 165.49 | 739.33 | |
| Note 10 | Other outgoings | | | |
| | visiting preachers | 518.75 | | |
| | Westhouse & Rathmell expenses | 4045.16 | | |
| | Quinquennial inspections | 1860.00 | | |
| | Mission & Outreach | 65.37 | | |
| | Leaving gift | 699.28 | | |
| | Superintendent's retreat | 117.00 | | |
| | Chapel Aid fees | 699.00 | | |
| | Ministry payment (from TMCP Trust) | 250.00 | 8254.56 | |
| Note 11 | Other gains (losses) | | | |
| | There was an uplift in property valuations as they were put on the market | | | |
| | Manses | 220000.00 | | |
| | Churches | 195500.00 | 415500.00 | |
| Note 12 | Circuit Manses | | | |
| | This is the assessed market value of the two manses. | | | |
| | A Qualified Surveyor's Report has been obtained for both properties | | | |
| Note 13 | Investment properties | | | |
| | This is the agreed sale price for the two closed chapels, buildings and land, | | | |
| Note 14 | Debtors | | | |
| | Stipends, NI & Pensions paid in advance | -3300.34 | | |
| | Insurance paid in advance | -1217.70 | -4518.04 | |
| Note 15 | Cash at Bank and in hand | | | |
| | A current account is maintained with CAF Bank Ltd. | | | |
| | There is no cash in hand. | | | |
| Note 16 | Creditors | | | |
| | Sept. quarter 2023 assessments received in advance | | 21455.00 | |
| | other costs | | | |
| | travel exps | 215.44 | | |
| | Telephone | 99.99 | | |
| | zoom | 29.98 | | |
| | visiting preachers | 95.30 | | |
| | Westhouse | 29.65 | | |
| | Office exps | 93.60 | 563.96 | 22018.96 |

Introduction

Welcome to the annual report for Settle Methodist Circuit, part of the Methodist Church. We are a small circuit of six churches on the Western edge of the Yorkshire Dales. This year has brought much change to the circuit, as we have reached the end of the current ministerial appointments. Our Superintendent Minister since September 2018 retired at the end of August 2023 and the other minister accepted a re-invitation to continue in the Circuit for a further two years. A decision was made and agreed to seek the employment of lay support staff by the Circuit and these will be recruited from October 2023, covering administration, finance and mission enablement work in our churches. Both current manses are up for sale and a new manse identified, which will significantly reduce potential maintenance work on the existing properties. The new manse will be purchased using a bridging loan from Methodist Chapel Aid, which has been approved though not drawn down. The Circuit churches have continued their emergence from the pandemic and have returned to a more regular programme of community engagement, home groups and service patterns.

Aims and Organisation

The Circuit Mission statement is:

- To bring people into a relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ
- To nurture them in that faith and encourage discipleship
- To seek to deepen our faith through worship, fellowship and service
- To celebrate the gifts and ministry of the whole people of God and to nurture the fruit of the life of the Spirit in our everyday lives.
- Each church offers a weekly Sunday service except Newby where services are fortnightly.
The Circuit provides a weekly online service which is also open to others to access.

Brief financial review of the year

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the six circuit churches. We currently have two church properties on the market, with offers accepted on both and contracts being agreed, as well as one property where we are currently seeking planning permission for change of use prior to marketing for sale. As indicated above, we also have our two existing manses for sale one of which is sold subject to contract, whilst the other is still on the open market.

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with conference approved increases, 16.76% of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church. It is expected that ongoing employment costs for the lay employees will match the previous cost of a second minister, so no significant cost reduction or increase is anticipated.

The circuit has borne the cost of insuring and maintaining empty chapels and manses over this year and this will continue, though we expect the costs will be recovered once the properties are sold.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2023 the net current assets of the Circuit were £103,635, giving approximately 9 months cover for expenditure.

Plans for 2023/24

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that we reduce to one full time ordained member of staff with anticipated cost of living stipend increases. The Yorkshire West District has agreed an increase of 6% for this year. Two of the six Circuit churches agreed a reduced assessment for this year due to a significant reduction in income in one church and a major roof repair project in another, with four churches agreeing to continue at pre-pandemic levels. It is expected that all six churches will be able to pay a full share of the assessment next year.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRS) 102

Full Name of Charity : Settle Methodist Circuit

Registration Charity Number : 1189053

Date of registration 14th April 2020

Main communication address : 5 Moons Acre, Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7BL (will change from Sept. 2023)

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

Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Circuit Ministers and officers as at 1st September 2023

Active Circuit Minister Rev Tim Broughton

Circuit Lay Workers n/a

Circuit Stewards Mrs Joyce Park

Mr Jeff Perris

Mrs Margery Dowling

Administrator none

Name of treasurer who acted as the principal officer overseeing the day-to-day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year: Mrs Liz Whitfield

Independent examiner: Mr Andrew Wright
3 Meeting House Row
Wray
Lancaster
LA2 8QN

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Bankers: CAF Bank Ltd

Aims and organisation

Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Settle, Bentham and North Craven for the Methodist Church:

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

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church including:
 - The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.
 - The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
 - The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
 - Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
 - Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
 - Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

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

Trustee Training

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

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Yorkshire West District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit: -

- Bentham
- Burton-in-Lonsdale
- Hellifield
- Ingleton
- Newby
- St John's, Settle

Risk Management

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

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

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

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

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

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

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 4 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

MEMBERSHIP OF CIRCUIT MEETING**JANUARY 2023***all members registered with Charity Commission as at 09/03/2023***Circuit Ministers**Stephen Caddy
Tim Broughton

From LOCAL CHURCHES

Burton-in-LonsdaleS: Tony Blacow
T: Jean Brown**Circuit Stewards**Jeff Perris
Joyce Park
Marjery Dowling

R: David Brown

R: Carol Blacow

Circuit Finance Officer

Liz Whitfield

Hellifield

S: Jeff Perris

T: Jean Lister

R: Pauline Wright

Circuit Meeting SecretariesDebbie Meikle
Judith Marshall**High Bentham**

S: Averil Bayes

T: Jane Proctor

R: Anne Duncan

Local Preachers' Secretary

Jane Mansergh

R: Keith Hartley

R: Mavis Speight

Circuit Manses Steward

Jonny Lawson

Ingleton

S:

T: Christine Lawson

Circuit Property Secretary

Vacancy

R: Martyn Park

R: Brian Lawson

R.

World Church Secretary

Vacancy

Newby

S: Clifford Park

Representatives from LP meeting

Wendy Holt

T: Judith Dawson

R: Sue Park

District ecumenical group representative

Richard Pike

Settle

S: Philip Taylor

T: Robin Corbett

Circuit Safeguarding Coordinator

Rhys Evans

R: Judith Allinson

R: Richard Pike

R: Wendy Holt

R: Janet Wigfield

Appointments from Circuit Meeting**Representatives to Synod**Joyce Park
Wendy Holt
Richard Pike*S = Senior Steward**T = Treasurer***District Policy Committee member**

Rev Tim Broughton

R = Representative appointed by Church Council

Church Representatives: 1 per 15 members or part thereof for first 15 members

updated 09/03/2023

Name of Circuit SETTLE No. 27/21

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer E Whitfield Date 26th September 2023

Name and address of treasurer LIZ WHITFIELD

HIGH PARK HOUSE WRAY LANCASTER Post Code LA2 8QU

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will * be presented to the Circuit meeting held on: 2nd October 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: T.C. Broughton

Name of the Chair of the meeting: REV. T. C. BROUGHTON Date 2/10/23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... SETTLE Circuit

Charity Number 1189053

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Settle Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages ... to As the Circuit'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 Circuit'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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit SETTLE

No 27/21

Independent Examiner's Statement

~~[The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of (insert name of applicable listed body)]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

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; or
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- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts *Delete if not applicable i.e. all R&P accounts.*

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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner: ANDREW WRIGHT

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner:

Name of firm (where appropriate):

Address: 3 MEETING HOUSE ROW, HORNBY ROAD, WRAY,

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Date: 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

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SETTLE METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1189053

Accounts



**Circuit
Accruals Accounts
2021/22**

THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT and ACCOUNTS
ACCRUALS BASIS
for the year ended 31 August 2022

SETTLE Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration number

1189053

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|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Yorkshire West | District | Circuit No | 27/21 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|

Ministers

| |
|-------------------|
| Rev Stephen Caddy |
| Rev Tim Broughton |
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Circuit Stewards

| |
|-----------------|
| Jeff Perris |
| Joyce Park |
| Marjery Dowling |
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Circuit Treasurer

| |
|---------------|
| Liz Whitfield |
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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021

| | Notes to the accounts | General Fund (Unrestricted) | Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) | Designated Funds (unrestricted) | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 2020-21 |
|--------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Income | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Donations and legacies | 540 | | | | | 540 |
| 2 | Income from monetary investments | 54 | 85 | | 3 | 1 | 143 |
| 3 | Income from investment properties | | | | | | 0 |
| 4 | Assessments on Churches | 106,361 | | | | | 106,361 |
| 5 | Capital Receipts | | 130,310 | | | | 130,310 |
| 6 | Grants received | | | | | | 0 |
| 7 | Other charitable income | 6,750 | | | | | |
| 8 | Total income | 113,705 | 130,395 | - | 3 | 1 | 244,104 |
| Expenditure | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Grants and donations | | | | 100 | | 100 |
| 10 | Salaries and associated costs | 75,457 | | | | | 75,457 |
| 11 | Property maintenance | 16,958 | | | | | 16,958 |
| 12 | Connexional assessment & model trust levy | | 595 | | | | 595 |
| 13 | District Assessment & Levy | 23,104 | 32,124 | | | | 55,228 |
| 14 | Depreciation | | | | | | 0 |
| 15 | Office expenses | 1,659 | | | | | 1,659 |
| 16 | Other outgoings | 7,323 | 48 | | 2 | | 7,373 |
| 17 | Total charitable expenditure | 124,501 | 32,767 | 0 | 102 | 0 | 157,370 |
| 18 | Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | | | | | 0 |
| 19 | Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | | | | | 0 |
| 20 | Net income/(expenditure) | -10,796 | 97,628 | 0 | -99 | 1 | 86,734 |
| 21 | Transfers between funds | | | | | | 0 |
| 22 | Other gains/(losses) | | | | | | 0 |
| 23 | Net movement in funds | -10,796 | 97,628 | 0 | -99 | 1 | 86,734 |
| 24 | Total funds brought forward | 50,219 | 23,802 | | 966 | 208 | 75,195 |
| 25 | Total funds carried forward | 39,423 | 121,430 | - | 867 | 209 | 161,929 |

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

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| Notes to the Accounts | General Fund (Unrestricted) £ | Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £ | Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | Totals 2021/22 £ | Totals 2020/21 £ |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|

Fixed Assets

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|----------------|
| Circuit Manses & Equipment | 11 | 570,000 | | | | 570,000 | 570,000 |
| Investment properties | 12 | 175,000 | | | | 175,000 | 150,000 |
| Investments | | | | | | 0 | |
| Total fixed assets | | 745,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 745,000 | 720,000 |

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Current Assets

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----|---------------|----------------|----------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| Debtors | 13 | 7,439 | | | | 7,439 | 7,307 |
| Loans by the Circuit | | 2,750 | | | | 2,750 | 2,750 |
| Investments with TMCP | | | 118,281 | 869 | 209 | 119,359 | 122,804 |
| Central Finance Board Deposits | | 20,124 | | | | 20,124 | 38,650 |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | 14 | 23,134 | | | | 23,134 | 25,230 |
| Total current assets | | 53,447 | 118,281 | 0 | 869 | 172,806 | 196,741 |

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Current liabilities

| | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|---------------|----------------|----------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| Creditors (due in under 1 year) | 15 | 26,314 | | | | 26,314 | 34,513 |
| Grants payable within 2021-22 | | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Total current liabilities | | 26,314 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26,314 | 34,513 |
| Net current assets/liabilities | | 27,133 | 118,281 | 0 | 869 | 146,492 | 162,228 |

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|--|--|----------------|----------------|----------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 772,133 | 118,281 | 0 | 869 | 209 | 891,492 |
|--|--|----------------|----------------|----------|------------|------------|----------------|

| | | | | | | | |
|--|--|----------------|----------------|----------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Long term liabilities (due after more than one year) | | | | | | | |
| Grants payable after 2021-22 | | | | | | 0 | |
| Loans to the Circuit | | | | | | 0 | |
| | | | | | | 0 | |
| Net assets | | 772,133 | 118,281 | 0 | 869 | 209 | 891,492 |

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Funds of the Circuit

| | | | | | | | |
|---|--|----------------|----------------|----------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| General Fund (Unrestricted) | | 772,133 | | | | 772,133 | 759,424 |
| Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted) | | | 118,281 | | | 118,281 | 121,729 |
| Designated Funds (Unrestricted) | | | | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| Total Unrestricted Funds | | | | | | 890,414 | 881,153 |
| Restricted Funds | | | | 869 | | 869 | 867 |
| Endowment Funds | | | | | 209 | 209 | 208 |
| Total Funds | | 772,133 | 118,281 | 0 | 869 | 891,492 | 882,228 |

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Circuit Treasurer

Settle Methodist Circuit was entered on the Register of Charities on 14th April 2020
Charity Number: 1189053

Note 1 Income from monetary investments

This income is derived from deposits with the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

Note 2 Assessments

The treasurers of the six churches in the Circuit usually meet each February to agree the share for the coming year. These are then confirmed by the March Circuit Meeting but this year due to Covid19 restrictions this meeting did not take place and the Circuit Meeting discussed and agreed the figures.

Cash received in August for the September quarter is shown as a liability in the accounts

Note 3 Capital receipts

none

Note 4 Grants received

Yorkshire West District made a grant to circuit to be spent on the Queens Jubilee celebrations.

Note 5 Other charitable income

The redundant Methodist Church was hired out to the District Council for a polling station. The remaining furniture and equipment from the same church was sold.

Note 6 Grants and donations

churches held their own events to mark the Queens Jubilee, funds were shared between the churches.

3000.00

Note 7 Salaries and associated costs

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Stipends | 54230.40 | |
| Pension contributions | 13893.36 | |
| Employers NI | 5217.03 | |
| Apprenticeship levy | 492.47 | |
| Travel costs | 2877.09 | |
| telephone & broadband costs | 1005.30 | |
| computer allowances | 342.00 | 78057.65 |

Note 8 Property Maintenance

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|
| Repairs and renewals | 4324.12 | |
| Council Tax and water | 5939.43 | |
| Insurance | 1701.56 | 11965.11 |

Note 9 Office Expenses

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------|--|
| postage | 16.30 | |
| office supplies | 354.37 | |
| pastoral cards and books | 120.36 | |

| | | |
|---------------------|--------|--------|
| live streaming.zoom | 172.68 | 663.71 |
|---------------------|--------|--------|

Note 10 Other outgoings

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|
| visiting preachers | 308.50 | |
| Westhouse & Rathmell expenses | 4392.00 | |
| Quinquennial inspections | 0.00 | |
| Mission & Outreach | 336.76 | 5037.26 |

Note 11 Circuit Manses

This is the assessed market value of the two manses.
An independent professional valuation has not been obtained.

Note 12 Investment properties

This is the market value of the two closed chapels, buildings and land,
given by the professional agent.

Note 13 Debtors

| | | |
|---|---------|---------|
| Stipends, NI & Pensions paid in advance | 6400.73 | |
| Insurance paid in advance | 1038.00 | 7438.73 |

Note 14 Cash at Bank and in hand

A current account is maintained with CAF Bank Ltd.
There is no cash in hand.

Note 15 Creditors

| | | | |
|--|--------|----------|----------|
| Sept. quarter 2022 assessments received in advance | | 25889.25 | |
| other costs | | | |
| travel exps | 75.60 | | |
| Telephone | 103.15 | | |
| zoom | 14.39 | | |
| visiting preac | 105.75 | | |
| Rathmell | 38.39 | | |
| | | 425.00 | 26314.25 |



Welcome to the report for the Settle Circuit, part of the Methodist Church. We are six Churches and two ministers in rural north Yorkshire. The challenge this year has seen a review of staffing in anticipation of the end of the current ministers' five-year appointments. One of the current ministers has been re-invited for a further two years from 1.9.2023 when the other will retire. The Circuit is exploring to the use of Lay Workers in support of the Circuit's work and responsibilities. The Circuit will also explore the relocation of the minister – in part this is so that a new manse can comply with increased environmental standards. The churches have expanded their engagement with local communities e.g., the provision of Warm Spaces, the return of programmes halted by the pandemic lockdown and the hosting of new community groups. Some of this work is done in conjunction with ecumenical partners. Following the roll out of training in Unconscious Bias, the Circuit has appointed a Equality, Diversity and Inclusion officer and begun offering the Connexional Training package.

Aims and organisation

The Circuit Mission statement:

- To bring people into a relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ
- To nurture them in that faith and encourage discipleship
- To seek to deepen our faith through worship, fellowship and service
- To celebrate the gifts and ministry of the whole people of God and to nurture the fruit of the life of the Spirit in our everyday lives.

Each church offers a weekly Sunday service except Newby where services are fortnightly.

The Circuit provides a weekly online service which is also open to others to access.

Burton Church has voted to sell its remaining premises and continues to meet in the Parish Church with its own weekly services and monthly united services. An exploration of closer co-operation as one village church awaits the appointment of staff and in particular a lead Vicar to the Ingleborough Team Ministry.

Brief financial review of the year

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the contributions paid by the six circuit churches. Currently there are three church properties coming to the market of which two are in Circuit hands and one remains with the Burton Society. As indicated above it is expected that the Circuit will be selling two manses and purchasing a new one over the next two years.

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with conference approved increases. 18.65% , of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the Yorkshire West District and Connexion of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2022, the net current assets of the Circuit were £27133, giving approximately two and half months cover for expenditure.

Plans for 2022/3

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there remain two full time ordained staff with anticipated cost of living stipend increases. The Yorkshire West District agreed for this year the Circuit will pay a reduced assessment of 1.75%, two of the six churches requested a 25% decrease in their assessment, the other four churches staying the same, with the shortfall coming from reserves.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102

Full Name of Charity: Settle Methodist Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1189053

Date of registration: 14th April 2020

Main communication address: 5 Moons Acre, Bentham LA2 7BL

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

Full membership is shown as **Appendix A** to this report.

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers Rev. Stephen Caddy

 Rev Tim Broughton

Circuit Stewards Mr Jeff Perris

 Mrs Joyce Park

 Mrs Margery Dowling

Circuit Meeting Secretary the post is shared by Mrs Judith Marshall and Miss Debbie Meikle

Liz Whitfield acted as the principal officer overseeing the day-to-day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year.

Independent examiner: Carolyn Stephenson

 5 Manor Close, Burton-in-Lonsdale, LA6 3NE

Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP)

Bankers: CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

Aims and organisation

Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Settle and Bentham for the Methodist Church:

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

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit. local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

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

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

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

 Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

 Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

 Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

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

Trustee Training

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

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Yorkshire West District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Churches are linked to the circuit:

Bentham Methodist Church

Burton-in-Lonsdale Methodist Church

Hellifield Methodist Church

Ingleton Methodist Church

Newby Methodist Church

St. John's Methodist Church, Settle

Risk Management

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

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

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

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

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

The Settle Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy;

government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

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

Reserves Policy

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

Also includes a commitment to donate £12000 to Ingleton Methodist Church towards new roof costs.

MEMBERSHIP OF CIRCUIT MEETING

Circuit Ministers

Stephen Caddy
Tim Broughton

Circuit Stewards

Jeff Perris
Joyce Park
Marjery Dowling

Circuit Finance Officer

Liz Whitfield

Circuit Meeting Secretaries

Debbie Meikle
Judith Marshall

Local Preachers' Secretary

Jane Mansergh

Circuit Manses Steward

Jonny Lawson

Circuit Property Secretary

Vacancy

World Church Secretary

Vacancy

Representatives from LP meeting

Wendy Holt

District ecumenical group representative

Richard Pike

Circuit Safeguarding Coordinator

Rhys Evans

Appointments from Circuit Meeting

Representatives to Synod

Joyce Park
Wendy Holt
Richard Pike

District Policy Committee member

Rev Tim Broughton

AUGUST 2022

From LOCAL CHURCHES

Burton-in-Lonsdale

S: Tony Blacow
T: Jean Brown
R: David Brown
R: Carol Blacow

Hellifield

S: Jeff Perris
T: Jean Lister
R: Pauline Wright

High Bentham

S: Averil Bayes
T: Jane Proctor
R: Anne Duncan
R: Keith Hartley
R: Mavis Speight

Ingleton

S: Andy Mottram
T: Christine Lawson
R: Martyn Park
R: Brian Lawson
R.

Newby

S: Clifford Park
T: Judith Dawson
R: Sue Park

Settle

S: Philip Taylor
T: Robin Corbett
R: Judith Allinson
R: Richard Pike
R: Wendy Holt
R: Janet Wigfield

S = Senior Steward

T = Treasurer

R = Representative appointed by Church Council

Church Representatives: 1 per 15 members or part thereof for first 15

Name of Circuit: SETTLE No: 27/21

Independent Examiner's Statement

[The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of (insert name of applicable listed body)]. Delete [] if not applicable.

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:

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination Delete if not applicable i.e. all R&P accounts
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Signature of independent examiner *E. Stephenson*

Name of independent examiner: ELIZABETH CAROLYN STEPHENSON

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: RETIRED AAT.

Name of firm (where appropriate):

Address: 7 MANOR CLOSE

..... BURTON IN LONSDALE Post Code: LA6 3NE

Date: 16 JAN 2023 .

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SETTLE METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1189053

Accounts

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021

| | Notes to the accounts | General Fund (Unrestricted) | Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) | Designated Funds (unrestricted) | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 2020-21 |
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| Income | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Donations and legacies | 540 | | | | | 540 |
| 2 | Income from monetary investments | 54 | 85 | | 3 | 1 | 143 |
| 3 | Income from investment properties | | | | | | 0 |
| 4 | Assessments on Churches | 106,361 | | | | | 106,361 |
| 5 | Capital Receipts | | 130,310 | | | | 130,310 |
| 6 | Grants received | 5,950 | | | | | 5,950 |
| 7 | Other charitable income | 800 | | | | | 800 |
| 8 | Total income | 113,705 | 130,395 | - | 3 | 1 | 244,104 |
| Expenditure | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Grants and donations | | | | 100 | | 100 |
| 10 | Salaries and associated costs | 75,457 | | | | | 75,457 |
| 11 | Property maintenance | 16,958 | | | | | 16,958 |
| 12 | Connexional assessment & model trust levy | | 595 | | | | 595 |
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| 14 | Depreciation | | | | | | 0 |
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| 16 | Other outgoings | 7,323 | 48 | | 2 | - | 7,373 |
| 17 | Total charitable expenditure | 124,501 | 32,767 | 0 | 102 | 0 | 157,370 |
| 18 | Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | | | | | 0 |
| 19 | Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | | | | | 0 |
| 20 | Net income/(expenditure) | -10,796 | 97,628 | 0 | -99 | 1 | 86,734 |
| 21 | Transfers between funds | | | | | | 0 |
| 22 | Other gains/(losses) | | | | | | 0 |
| 23 | Net movement in funds | -10,796 | 97,628 | 0 | -99 | 1 | 86,734 |
| 24 | Total funds brought forward | 50,219 | 23,802 | | 966 | 208 | 75,195 |
| 25 | Total funds carried forward | 39,423 | 121,430 | - | 867 | 209 | 161,929 |

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| | Notes to the accounts | General Fund (Unrestricted) | Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) | Designated Funds (unrestricted) | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 2019-20 |
|--------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Income | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Donations and legacies | 500 | | | | | 500 |
| 2 | Income from monetary investments | 278 | 206 | | 8 | 2 | 494 |
| 3 | Income from investment properties | | | | | | 0 |
| 4 | Assessments on Churches | 105,906 | | | | | 105,906 |
| 5 | Capital Receipts | 27,260 | | | | | 27,260 |
| 6 | Grants received | | | | | | 0 |
| 7 | Other charitable income | 4,677 | | | | | |
| 8 | Total income | 138,621 | 206 | - | 8 | 2 | 138,837 |
| Expenditure | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Grants and donations | 600 | | | | | 600 |
| 10 | Salaries and associated costs | 75,275 | | | | | 75,275 |
| 11 | Property maintenance | 8,386 | | | | | 8,386 |
| 12 | Connexional assessment & model trust levy | | 606 | | | | 606 |
| 13 | District Assessment & Levy | 25,024 | | | | | 25,024 |
| 14 | Depreciation | | | | | | 0 |
| 15 | Office expenses | 1,456 | | | | | 1,456 |
| 16 | Other outgoings | 3,702 | 49 | | 1 | 2 | 3,754 |
| 17 | Total charitable expenditure | 114,443 | 655 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 115,101 |
| 18 | Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | | | | | 0 |
| 19 | Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | | | | | 0 |
| 20 | Net income/(expenditure) | 24,178 | -449 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 23,736 |
| 21 | Transfers between funds | | | | | | 0 |
| 22 | Other gains/(losses) | | | | | | 0 |
| 23 | Net movement in funds | 24,178 | -449 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 23,736 |
| 24 | Total funds brought forward | 26,041 | 24,550 | | 959 | 208 | 51,758 |
| 25 | Total funds carried forward | 50,219 | 24,101 | - | 966 | 208 | 75,494 |

Name of Circuit

Settle

Circuit No 27/21

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

| Notes to the Accounts | General Fund (Unrestricted) | Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) | Designated Funds (Unrestricted) | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Totals 2020/21 | GN | |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|----|---|
| | | | | | | | £ | £ |
| Fixed Assets | | | | | | | | |
| Circuit Menses & Equipment | 11 | 570,000 | | | | 570,000 | | R |
| Investment properties | 12 | 150,000 | | | | 150,000 | | R |
| Investments | | | | | | 0 | | |
| Total fixed assets | | 720,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 720,000 | | |
| Current Assets | | | | | | | | |
| Debtors | 13 | 7,307 | | | | 7,307 | | S |
| Loans by the Circuit | | 2,750 | | | | 2,750 | | |
| Investments with TMCP | | | 121,729 | 867 | 208 | 122,804 | | T |
| Central Finance Board Deposits | | 25,230 | | | | 25,230 | | |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | 14 | 38,650 | | | | 38,650 | | |
| Total current assets | | 73,937 | 121,729 | 0 | 867 | 196,741 | | |
| Current liabilities | | | | | | | | |
| Creditors (due in under 1 year) | 15 | 34,513 | | | | 34,513 | | U |
| Grants payable within 2020-21 | | | | | | 0 | | V |
| Total current liabilities | | 34,513 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34,513 | | |
| Net current assets/liabilities | | 39,424 | 121,729 | 0 | 867 | 162,228 | | |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 759,424 | 121,729 | 0 | 867 | 882,228 | | |
| Long term liabilities (due after more than one year) | | | | | | | | |
| Grants payable after 2020-21 | | | | | | 0 | | V |
| Loans to the Circuit | | | | | | 0 | | |
| Net assets | | 759,424 | 121,729 | 0 | 867 | 882,228 | | W |
| Funds of the Circuit | | | | | | | | |
| General Fund (Unrestricted) | | 759,424 | | | | 759,424 | | W |
| Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted) | | | 121,729 | | | 121,729 | | |
| Designated Funds (Unrestricted) | | | | 0 | | 0 | | |
| Total Unrestricted Funds | | | | | | 881,153 | | |
| Restricted Funds | | | | 867 | | 867 | | |
| Endowment Funds | | | | | 208 | 208 | | |
| Total Funds | | 759,424 | 121,729 | 0 | 867 | 882,228 | | |

Signed

E Whitfield

Circuit Treasurer

Settle Methodist Circuit was entered on the Register of Charities on 14th April 2020

Charity Number: 1189053

Note 1 Income from monetary investments

This income is derived from deposits with the Central Finance board of the Methodist Church and Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

Note 2 Assessments

The treasurers of the seven churches in the Circuit usually meet each February to agree the shares for the coming year. These are then usually confirmed by the March Circuit Meeting but this year, due to Covid19 restrictions this meeting did not take place and the Circuit Leadership team agreed the figures. Cash received in August for the September quarter is shown as a liability in the accounts

Note 3 Capital receipts

The church building of one of the churches was sold for conversion to private dwellings. The balance after deduction of fees was transferred to Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

Note 4 Grants received

A claim was made to Methodist Insurance plc for major water damage on one of the Manses.

Note 5 Other charitable income

The redundant Methodist Church was hired out to the District Council for a polling station. Some of the furniture and equipment from the same church was sold.

Note 6 Grants and donations

A donation was made to a mental health charity to assist two local people with taxi fares in the absence of any public transport, in line with the rules of the restricted funds.

Note 7 Salaries and associated costs

| | | |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Stipends | 53600.40 | |
| Pension contribution | 13731.84 | |
| Employers NI | 5013.56 | |
| Apprenticeship levy | 525.71 | |
| Travel costs | 1267.20 | |
| Telephone costs | 979.92 | |
| Computer allowances | 338.00 | 75456.63 |

Note 8 Property Maintenance

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|
| Repairs and renewals | 9611.38 | |
| Council Tax and Water | 5776.72 | |
| Insurance | 1570.29 | 16958.39 |

Note 9 Office Expenses

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------|---------|
| Postage | 169.24 | |
| Office supplies | 644.15 | |
| Pastoral cards and books | 338.37 | |
| Live streaming/zoom | 506.78 | 1658.54 |

Note 10 Other outgoings

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| Visiting preachers | 418.50 | |
| Ordination gifts | 563.00 | |
| Westhouse expenses | 2889.16 | |
| Quinquennial inspections | 3300.00 | |
| Covid19 | 45.90 | |
| Mission and outreach | 106.49 | 7323.05 |

Note 11 Circuit Manses

This is the assessed market value of the two manses.

An independent professional valuation has not been obtained.

Note 12 Investment properties

This is the market value of the closed chapel, buildings and land, given by the professional agent.

| | | | |
|-----------------|---|---------|---------|
| Note 13 Debtors | Stipends, NI & Pensions paid in advance | 6097.22 | |
| | Insurance paid in advance | 960.00 | |
| | Craven District Council | 250.00 | 7307.22 |

Note 14 Cash at Bank and in hand

A current account is maintained with CAF Bank Ltd.

The current account with HSBC, Market Place, Settle was closed.

There is no cash in hand.

| | | | |
|-------------------|--|----------|----------|
| Note 15 Creditors | Sept. quarter 2021 assessments received in advance | 26590.25 | |
| | other liabilities - manse work | 7923.19 | 34513.44 |

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer *Liz Whitfield* Date *5th October 2021*

Name and address of treasurer Mrs Liz Whitfield,
High Park House, Wray, Lancaster,
Post Code: LA2 8QU

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/~~will be~~* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 6th October 2021

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Stephen Caddy*

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Stephen Caddy Date *6th OCTOBER 2021* .

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Settle Circuit

Charity Number 1189053

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Settle Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages ... to As the Circuit'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 Circuit'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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

~~[The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of (insert name of applicable listed body)]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination *Delete if not applicable ie all R&P accounts*
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts *Delete if not applicable ie all R&P accounts.*

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 ELIZABETH CAROLYN STEPHENSON

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner MAAT RETIRED

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 7 MANOR CLOSE

..... BURTON IN LONSDALE

Post Code LA6 3NE

Date 24 NOV 2021

* delete or circle as appropriate

Introduction

Welcome to the report for the Settle Circuit, part of the Methodist Church. We are six Churches and one Class with two ministers in rural north Yorkshire. The challenge this year has been the partial re-opening of activities post-Lockdown and the continuation of some of the Online initiatives begun during Covid restrictions. The re-opening of churches has seen some members continuing to stay away from public worship and weekday activities while other people have returned to attending or come for the first time because of the care shown during the lockdown.

Aims and organisation

The Circuit Mission statement:

- To bring people into a relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ
- To nurture them in that faith and encourage discipleship
- To seek to deepen our faith through worship, fellowship and service
- To celebrate the gifts and ministry of the whole people of God and to nurture the fruit of the life of the Spirit in our everyday lives.

Easter was the focus of the re-opening of most churches for worship though Ingleton waited until Whitsun -its caution relating to the increased risks for infection for a younger congregation with links to re-opening schools for the children and workplaces for the parents. Churches re-opened with one weekly service or in one case fortnightly. However weekly Circuit online services continued to be offered morning and evening. All churches, both those who used to have a weekly evening service and those who have not for sometime are encouraged to hold special evening events either as a series or as a single service.

In the West of the Circuit there has been increased collaboration with Anglican colleagues. Newby Church together with the local parish churches ran a study series on Sunday evenings on Environmental Theology led alternatively by the Methodist and Church of England ministers. Burton Church, out of its premises for building works, has met in the Parish Church with its own weekly services and monthly united services. Bentham Parish Church, while out of their premises for building work at St John the Baptist, has met in the Bentham Methodist Church for its own weekly service and there are planned united services over the Christmas period. The Methodist minister resident in Bentham has become Chair of Churches Together in Bentham and re-organised its calendar of activities. The Bentham ecumenical Pop Up Pantry has decided to continue after lockdown to meet local needs and has been rehoused temporarily in Bentham Methodist Church while it seeks new accommodation following the closure of the Council owned Youth café in which it formerly operated.

Brief financial review of the year

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the contributions paid by the seven circuit churches. Following the resignation of a whole church congregation, the Methodist monies were transferred to circuit funds, which offset the lack of income from the circuit share, which was included in the budget. The redundant church was hired out for worship, with a legal agreement, to a small fellowship for a monthly rental plus the electricity costs. The rental came to an end with lockdown, and subsequently some of the church furniture and equipment has been sold, plus a donation received from the fellowship.

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with conference approved increases. 22% of expenditure is

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

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

- The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
- Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
- Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
- Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.”

Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

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

Trustee Training

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

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Yorkshire West District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Churches are linked to the circuit:

Bentham Methodist Church
Burton-in-Lonsdale Methodist Church
Hellifield Methodist Church
Ingleton Methodist Church
Newby Methodist Church
St. John's Methodist Church, Settle & Rathmell

Risk Management

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

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

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

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

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

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

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to four months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches. It also include a commitment to donate to Ingleton Methodist Church £12000 towards the new roof costs.