



**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

Yorkshire West	District	Circuit No	27/21
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Ministers

Rev Stephen Caddy
Rev Tim Broughton

Circuit Stewards

Jeff Perris
Joyce Park
Marjery Dowling

Circuit Treasurer

Liz Whitfield

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	1	65	556		4	1	626
3 Income from investment properties							0
4 Assessments on Churches	2	104,258					104,258
5 Capital Receipts	3						0
6 Grants received	4	3,000					3,000
7 Other charitable income	5	1,750					1,750
8 Total income		109,073	556	-	4	1	109,634
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations	6	3,000					3,000
10 Salaries and associated costs	7	78,057					78,057
11 Property maintenance	8	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	9	664					664
16 Other outgoings	10	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							
20 Net income/(expenditure)		-12,290	-3,363	0	2	1	-15,650
21 Transfers between funds							0
22 Other gains/(losses)							
23 Net movement in funds		-12,290	-3,363	0	2	1	-15,650
24 Total funds brought forward		39,423	121,430		867	209	161,929
25 Total funds carried forward		27,133	118,067	-	869	210	146,279

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							
20 Net income/(expenditure)		-10,796	97,628	0	-99	1	86,734
21 Transfers between funds							0
22 Other gains/(losses)							
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

Name of Circuit

SETTLE

Circuit No 27/21

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	882,228
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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2021-22							0	
Loans to the Circuit							0	
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Net assets		772,133	118,281	0	869	209	891,492	882,228

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Funds of the Circuit

Funds of the District							
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	0	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.

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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
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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	425.00	26314.25
Telephone	103.15		
zoom	14.39		
visiting preac	105.75		
Rathmell	38.39		



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

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World Church Secretary

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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

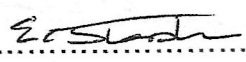
[The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of (insert name of applicable listed body)]. Delete [] if not applicable.

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:

- 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 i.e. all R&P accounts
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts Delete if not applicable i.e. 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: RETIRED AAT.

Name of firm (where appropriate):

Address: 7 MANOR CLOSE

BURTON IN LONSDALE Post Code: LA6 3NE

Date: 16 JAN 2023.

* delete or circle as appropriate

September 2022