EALING TRINITY CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH (35/24) ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Circuit's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The charity's objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around Ealing 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 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; and
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution or subsidiary to the Methodist Church.
- d) The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.
- e) The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- f) The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
- g) Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
- h) Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
- i) Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Aims and activities

The Circuit's mission is to be a powerful spiritual influence in the community and a visible expression of God's inclusive love. We aim to achieve this by encouraging, through the churches in our Circuit, the worship, social, and outreach activities that currently exist; seeking new ways to extend to others the fellowship of the Church family; and through these to develop the life of the Circuit and its churches.

Aims and activities within the objectives and purposes are:

- a) To resource worship in each of the churches and congregations of the Circuit and in a weekly ecumenical act of worship in Southall.
- b) To hold worship and social gatherings for the whole circuit gathered as one on at least 4 occasions each year.
- c) To resource regular events to develop discipleship, knowledge and practice of faith;
- d) To provide a ministerial staff to support, organise and care for those volunteers who offer pastoral care within our churches and indeed to provide pastoral care themselves. To offer training on pastoral care, safeguarding etc;
- e) To offer training to officers, both volunteers and employed, to enable their development and the practice of their tasks within the organisation;
- f) To identify missional needs and to work with partners to fulfil them;
- g) To provide town centre chaplaincy in Greenford alongside ecumenical partners.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

The significant activities which have contributed to the achievement of aims and objectives:

- a) Worship has been regularly held in each of the Circuit's churches and congregations and in a joint service with a local Anglican Church each week in Southall.
- b) The Circuit has led and resourced Bible Studies and begun a discipleship development programme in order to help our members deepen their faith and practice.
- c) The Circuit actively supports the work of various social mission projects in which we are a partner, including Foodbanks, Nightshelters, an Interfaith Project in Secondary Schools in Southall and a scheme offering support, social interaction, exercise etc. to the elderly living in their own homes. These are supported financially through grants but also through the time and attention of our members.

The achievement of these aims will further our primary purpose to advance the Christian faith by bringing people into contact with the Methodist Church in our area.

The Circuit uses reflective practice to assess and develop its work. This takes place within the Circuit Staff Meeting, the Circuit Policy Committee and the Circuit Stewards Meeting.

Given the nature of the Circuit's aims and objectives, the Circuit does not set criteria or measures to assess success. It will continue to promote its aims regardless of any temporary setbacks.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Circuit should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The Circuit Stewards are pleased to report on how these objectives have been pursued during 2019/20:

- The Circuit Policy Committee was replaced by a tighter Circuit Leadership Team comprised of ministerial staff and Circuit Stewards.
- The Circuit has continued to encourage missional thinking and involvement through night shelter projects, Food Bank, the Live at Home Scheme and a new project raising money for Christian Aid. This last named has succeeded in engaging a wide cross-section of the Circuit with enthusiasm.
- Circuit identity and unity has visibly improved in and through an increasingly successful series of Circuit Services and events planned jointly by the team of ordained ministers.
- The Circuit has begun to create a plan for future maintenance using quinquennial inspection reports as a base. Due to the complexity of the Circuit's property portfolio this has not been as straightforward as had been hoped. The Circuit continues to seek ways to move this forward.
- The Circuit has responded to the changes in working practices demanded by COVID 19 by providing video worship and worship on Zoom, Zoom Bible Studies and discussions and by supporting churches as they created risk assessments etc to ensure their activities are COVID secure.
- Due to the global pandemic the Circuit has moved many of its governance activities online and has adapted its procedures as necessary in line with Methodist CPD and the advice from the Methodist Connexional Team.

Review of the year

The Circuit prepares accruals financial statements. The Circuit budget is prepared by first anticipating the expenditure for the forthcoming year and then determining, in discussion with the individual churches, how that sum will be raised. Normally about 70% of the Circuit income comes from the individual churches within the Circuit by means of an Assessment agreed with each church.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Financial review

The value of Circuit funds as at 31 August 2020 was £4,869,823, which is a increase of £74,129 from the previous year.

The Circuit does not use performance indicators to measure 'outputs' as these are not appropriate for the type of activities undertaken by the Circuit.

The principal sources of funds are assessments paid by churches within the Circuit and income from let properties. These finance ministers' stipends and the general running costs of the Circuit.

Funds held by the circuit are invested with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes nationally in accordance with the social investment policies of the Methodist Church.

Properties

The King's Hall, Southall

King's Hall has remained closed since 2013 as the building had become unsafe for public use. Two churches worshipped at Kings Hall, an English language congregation on Sunday mornings and an Urdu-speaking congregation on Sunday afternoons. Following the closure, the morning congregation joined Kingsdown Methodist Church as a 'Class Meeting' and worship on Sunday mornings at Hanwell Methodist Church. The afternoon, Urdu-speaking congregation hold their worship in the premises of a nearby school, which they rent. The Circuit is in negotiation with a developer to redevelop the site to provide church and community space and affordable residential accommodation.

Grants

Grants totaling £1,926 were awarded during the year.

The Circuit supports the Southall Group Ministry, based at St George's Parish Southall, to provide a Christian Worker to witness in the Southall Schools. Funding of £100,000 over 5 years was agreed by the Circuit Meeting on 26 March 2014. The project also attracted successful grants of £45,000 over 3 years from the All Saints Educational Trust and £30,000 over 2 years from the London District Advance fund. Though these grants pass through the Circuit accounts the commitment from reserves is up to £100,000.

Other notes

During the year the Circuit was a member of the Association of Church Accountants and Treasurers. The repairs and maintenance expenditure during the year on property was written off and not capitalised. At no time during the year was the Circuit insolvent either in terms of its assets or in terms of its ability to pay its debts as they became due.

Reserves Policy

The Circuit believes that it should ensure that it has reserves sufficient to cover the stipends and employment costs of its Presbyters, Deacons and part-time Administrators for the full ensuing year but not to meet any redundancy pay should this be payable. This sum is estimated at £275,658 for the next financial year. At the balance sheet date the Circuit held £254,660 in reserve; the Trustees believe that through effective management of their expenses and increased income the reserve position should improve.

Other fixed costs of the Circuit, including the District Levy and District Assessments, are estimated at £167,402 for a full year. The Circuit deems it prudent to hold sufficient to cover these costs for six months, i.e. £83,701.

The total of these possible costs is £359,359.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Principal risks and uncertainties

The ongoing financial deficit: The Circuit is seeking to minimise this risk by reducing its staffing by one
ordained presbyter in September 2020 and by carefully reviewing its budgets and raising awareness
of the problem across the Circuit.

Management and administrative structure: At present the Circuit's organisation does not have the
capacity or structure to meet the needs of its activities. In the year 2019/20 the Circuit will seek to
review its governance and management structures to make them more appropriate for the Circuit's

mission and activities.

- King's Hall: As stated above the King's Hall building remains derelict. This poses public liability risks including the risk of occupation by squatters. There is also a risk of reputational damage and pastoral risk to the two churches who previously used the building. In the coming year the Circuit will negotiate redevelopment. This will bring its own risks both financial and not achieving the desired accommodation. To mitigate all these risks the Circuit has weekly security inspections and public liability insurance. The Circuit is also receiving substantial support from the Methodist connexional property team, has commissioned a Qualified Surveyor's Report to ensure 'best value' and has carefully established a governance process in line with Methodist standing orders for the development process.
- Schools Worker Project: The project's main phase reached its end during the year and it was decided that for the time being its life and work would be expressed through a website. Its employee resigned having found another post during the year.
- The Global Pandemic has brought with it a decrease in income for our member churches and an uncertainty regarding future income. The treasurer and CLT has been monitoring this throughout the period since March

Plans for the future

The Circuit's mission arises from the mission statement of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. In working this out in the Circuit's particular context, the Circuit aims to develop a Christ-centred, confident and clear approach for Circuit-wide mission whilst supporting each church in their individual mission in their local neighbourhoods.

Within this, in 2020/21, the Circuit intends to:

Organisation

- Actively look to appoint a further two Circuit Stewards, preferably from churches who do not yet have representation among the current group of Circuit Stewards.
- Appoint a new diaconal minister to focus on the Circuit's policy and practice for outward-facing mission.
- Review management structures
- Develop Planned Maintenance Strategies for Circuit properties.

Mission

- · Continue to encourage change and renewal of mission culture in the Circuit churches.
- Continue ecumenical mission work with the Anglican churches in Southall re-framing the Southall Schools Worker project for the next phase of its life.

· Continue and develop the MHA 'Live at Home' scheme.

Continue to increase the Circuit's awareness of the need for work with street sex workers in Southall
and how that might be achieved to enable the re-establishment of the Ruby Project and to look for
ecumenical partners to work with the Circuit.

Discipleship and spiritual development

- Continue to develop Circuit identity and unity through Circuit events and services and through a
 partner project fundraising for Christian Aid.
- Develop discipleship through conversations regarding marriage and relationships and Circuit-wide opportunities for spiritual reflection and learning.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Structure, governance and management

The Circuit is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church. The Ealing Trinity Methodist Circuit is registered as a charity.

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

The principle office address is Kingsdown Methodist Church, Kingsdown Avenue, London, W13 9PR.

The Circuit is a group of local churches, some of which are Local Ecumenical Partnerships (LEPs) with other denominations. Circuits combine to form about 30 districts in Great Britain. Although there is some autonomy, all Methodist organisations in Great Britain are governed by statutes determined by the Methodist Conference and which are published in the Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church. Conference is the supreme body within the church and it delegates much of its authority to the Methodist Council. Both Conference and Council consist of lay and clerical members.

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

The stipends paid to ministers are set by the Methodist Church of Great Britain and are published in the Minutes of the Annual Conference.

The relationships with other charities and organisations with which it co- operates in the pursuit of its charitable objectives:

- The Circuit forms part of the London District of the Methodist Church, which is itself a part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain.
- Schools worker: Southall Anglican Group, All Saints Educational Trust, London District of the Methodist Church.
- · Live at Home Scheme: MHA, London District of the Methodist Church, London Borough of Ealing.
- · Ecumenical Communion Service: Holy Trinity Southall, London Diocese of the Church of England.
- Other Partners: Trussell Trust, Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter, West London Leaders, various Churches Together groups.

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.

- · Overall control rests with the Methodist Conference.
- The Connexional Office implements decisions made by Conference and is also responsible for the stationing of Ministers in individual Circuits.
- Connexional decisions are passed to the Chair of the District and the appropriate Officers of the District for regional implementation.
- The Districts pass the control down to Circuit level for local implementation by the Superintendent Minister, Ministerial staff and Circuit Stewards and authority is delegated to the Circuit Meeting for certain matters.
- The Circuit Meeting passes control down to Church Councils for local implementation by the Minister, the Church Stewards and other officers and authority is delegated to Church Councils acting as Managing Trustees.
- The Circuit Superintendent chairs meetings of the Circuit Policy Committee (CLC) and the Circuit Meeting, which Trustees are expected to attend. Policy decisions are taken at the Circuit Meeting.
- The Methodist Connexional year runs from 1 September to 31 August.

Volunteers undertake the majority of the work of the circuit and much of its management. The Circuit is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church. The Ealing Trinity Methodist Circuit is registered as a charity.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs Esther Ackah
Mr Michael Brown
Ms Fleur Hatherall
Mrs Jane Horwich
Mr George Lafford
Revd Susan Male
Dr Derek Matthews
Deacon Lemia Nkwelah
Mr Stephen Sears
Mrs Janet Smith
Revd Shirlyn Toppin
Revd Michaela Youngson

Revd Rachel Bending Mr Hector Chidiya Mrs Colleen Hicks Rev Oluyemisi Jaiyesimi Mrs Kathleen Loveridge Mr George Masih Mrs Sylvia Murray Mr George Oliver Ms Louise Singleton Mrs Gill Standfield Ms Karen Whitehouse

Mr Simon Bhatti Mr Colin Hatherall Mr Roy Hill Mr Martin Kingsnorth

Mrs Janet Malamah-Thomas Mr Harmash Masih Mrs Marion Narain Rev Tasawer Samuel Pandayar

Ms Vinette Small Mr David Street Mr Charles Wiredu

Mr Hector Chidiya (removed 20 Feb 2020, re-appointed 21 July 2020) Mr Colin Hatherall (removed 20 Feb 2020, re-appointed 14 Sept 2020) Deacon Theresa Simons-Sam (appointed 1 Sep 2020) Paul Williams (appointed 14 Sept 2020)

Trustee, Recruitment, Training and Induction Policy

All Circuit Trustees are appointed from the Managing Trustees of the individual churches, who undertake the training and induction of Trustees in accordance with guidelines from the Charities Commission and the Methodist Church published in the booklet "The Role of a Trustee in the Methodist Church", together with further guidelines published by the Methodist Church "Managing Trustees and their Responsibilities", "Safeguarding and Creating Safer Space" and "Managing Trustees and Methodist Money".

Circuit Trustees having the special duties and responsibilities of Circuit Stewards attend annual induction and refreshment courses organised by the Methodist London District Training Team, with further specific training for Stewards having financial, property and safeguarding responsibilities.

All Trustees in the Circuit and churches are encouraged to undertake further training in support of their own ministry and the Circuit maintains a Training Fund in its budget for this purpose.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Public Benefit

The Trustees have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charities Commission in compliance with its duties under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011.

This guidance sets out two key principles:

- The organisation must have an identifiable benefit.
- 2. The benefit must be to the public or a section of the public

The church exists to:

- Increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love;
- Help people to learn and grow as Christians, through mutual support and care; and
- · Be good to people in need and challenge injustice.

The Trustees consider that for these reasons the Circuit meets these public benefit requirements.

Circuit Leadership Team

During the year, the Circuit Leadership Team - the Circuit Ministerial Staff and Circuit Stewards - met regularly to keep under review the life of the Circuit and to take forward the decisions of the Circuit Meeting.

Circuit Meeting

During the year, the Circuit Meeting, made up of the CLT, representatives of the Circuit's churches and other circuit officers as defined by Methodist CPD met three times to enact governance and to keep under review the life and vision of the Circuit.

Circuit Stewards

Circuit Stewards are Trustees who have volunteered to assist the Superintendent Minister and the Ministerial staff in implementing the decisions of the Circuit Meeting and decisions passed down from the Districts. Circuit Stewards are appointed by the Circuit Meeting and are unpaid. Induction training is organised by the Districts at the start of the Connexional Year and at other times as required. Amongst other duties the Circuit Stewards are responsible for the Circuit Finances and the maintenance of Circuit property. Details of the Superintendent and Stewards can be found on the administration page.

Training

The Circuit subscribes to the importance of the whole people of God continuing to learn and develop to aid their deepening discipleship and ministry, and recognises the crucial importance of continuing learning and exploration for the development and growth of all of its members. A changing society may require new skills and expertise in different areas of knowledge. An authentic personal response to God's mission in the world is enabled through training and development of existing gifts and skills and the acquiring of new ones. In addition to academic training, grants are available for conferences, retreats, and short courses.

Commitments

All known commitments are included in the financial statements.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the trust should undertake.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Revd Rachel Bending (Superintendent)

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Circuit and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Circuit for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Circuit and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Circuit and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF EALING TRINITY CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH (35/24)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Ealing Trinity Circuit of the Methodist Church (35/24) (the 'Circuit') for the year ended 31 August 2020 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Circuit's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF EALING TRINITY CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH (35/24)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF EALING TRINITY CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH (35/24)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Nicholas Corden ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Summers Morgan

Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditor

First Floor, Sheraton House Lower Road Chorleywood Hertfordshire WD3 5LH

Summers Morgan is eligible for appointment as auditor of the Circuit by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds 2019	Restricted funds 2019	Total 2019
Ma	2020	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £	2019 £	£
	tes £	L	L	L	L	2
Income and endowments	70 70	30,000	30,070	543	30,000	30,543
Donations and legacies		30,000	189,814	195,251	30,000	195,251
	3 189,814 4 31,250	_	31,250	25,000	_	25,000
	5 76,767	_	76,767	84,036	_	84,036
	3,984	322	4,306	930	_	930
Other income	3,904	322	4,300	930		950
Total income	301,885	30,322	332,207	305,760	30,000	335,760
Expenditure on: Charitable activities	7 400,445	31,633	432,078	408,026	35,227	443,253
Net outgoing resources	(98,560)	(1,311)	(99,871)	(102,266)	(5,227)	(107,493)
Other recognised gains a	nd losses					
Revaluation of investment properties	174,000	-	174,000	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	75,440	(1,311)	74,129	(102,266)	(5,227)	(107,493)
Fund balances at 1 September 2019	4,781,137	14,557	4,795,694	4,883,403	19,784	4,903,187
Fund balances at 31 August 2020	4,856,577	13,246	4,869,823	4,781,137	14,557	4,795,694

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020

		20	20	20	19
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		1,642,917		1,642,917
Investment properties	14		2,959,000		2,785,000
			4,601,917		4,427,917
Current assets					
Debtors	15	4,215		5,208	
Cash at bank and in hand		340,537		437,919	
		344,752		443,127	
Creditors: amounts falling due within					
one year	16	(76,846)		(75,350)	
Net current assets			267,906		367,777
Total assets less current liabilities			4,869,823		4,795,694
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Income funds					
Restricted funds	17		13,246		14,557
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted funds		1,921,577		2,020,137	
Revaluation reserve		2,935,000		2,761,000	
			4,856,577		4,781,137
			4,869,823		4,795,694

Revd Rachel Bending (Superintendent)

Trustee

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

		2020)	2019	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities Cash absorbed by operations	20		(174,149)		(188,805)
Investing activities Investment income received		76,767		84,036	
Net cash generated from investing activities			76,767		84,036
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net decrease in cash and cash equiva	lents		(97,382)		(104,769)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning	of year		437,919		542,688
Cash and cash equivalents at end of y	ear		340,537		437,919

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Ealing Trinity Circuit of the Methodist Church (35/24) is an unincorporated Charity in England and Wales.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Circuit's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The Circuit is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Circuit. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Circuit has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Donations and legacies are accounted for when entitlement has been confirmed, the amount can be measure and receipt is probable.

The Circuit's assessments are accounted for on a receivable basis; when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Rents received on manses currently unoccupied by a Minister and so available for letting are accounted for on a receivable basis.

Grants receivable are included when the relevant conditions for the grant have been met.

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

Other income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

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

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Land and buildings are stated at cost or in the case of donated assets at valuation at the date that the assets are gifted to the Circuit. The Trustees consider that the lives of the properties are so long and their residual values so high based on prices prevailing at the time of acquisition that any annual depreciation charge would not be material. Accordingly, no depreciation is provided on freehold properties used for charitable activities. Any material impairment in the value of such properties, following an annual review, would be chargeable to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Plant and machinery having an initial cost greater than £1,000 are capitalised and stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment

33.33% reducing balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Investment properties

Investment properties, which are residential properties held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, and which are surplus to staffing requirements, are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured using fair value model and stated at its fair value as the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Circuit reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss and any impairments are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

1.10 Financial instruments

The Circuit has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Circuit's balance sheet when the Circuit becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

1.11 Taxation

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

1.12 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Circuit is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.13 Retirement benefits

Stipendiary Circuit Ministers are eligible to join the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (MMPS). The MMPS is a funded defined benefit scheme maintained by The Methodist Church of Great Britain. As the Circuit is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme, the Circuit has taken the advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard 102 Retirement Benefits, and has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The pension costs for the scheme represent the contribution payable by the Circuit in the year. The contribution rates are set each year by the Methodist Conference.

1.14 Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

1.15 Ministers' manse costs

The Circuit is required to provide accommodation for each minister in the Circuit and this is a benefit to the Circuit. Ministers are expected to occupy the manse provided for them. The Circuit bears the cost of repairs, maintenance, buildings insurance, Council tax and water charges. These figures are not separately declared as benefits-in-kind for ministers as HMRC does not tax these receipts in the hands of ministers.

1.16 Consolidation

The Circuit has denominational regulatory oversight in respect of the work of the Churches within the Circuit but has no legal or operational control of those Churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances. For this reason, the financial statements of Churches within the Circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Circuit's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Circuit assessment

	UnrestrictedUr	restricted
	Funds	Funds
	2020	2019
	£	£
Acton Hill Methodist Church	25,073	24,389
Ealing Green Methodist Church	39,593	38,514
Greenford Methodist Church	35,373	34,409
Hanwell Methodist Church	25,723	25,022
King's Hall Methodist Church	4,530	-
Kingsdown Methodist Church	33,030	42,958
Northolt Methodist Church	14,200	18,000
Pitshanger Methodist Church	12,292	11,959
	189,814	195,251

4 Rental income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
×	2020 £	2019 £
27 Rosemont Road	31,250	25,000

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

		L	Inrestricted	Unrestricted
			funds	funds
			2020	2019
			£	£
Interest			2,980	3,578
Income from investment properties			73,787	80,458
			76,767	84,036
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Other income				
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted
	funds	funds	TOTAL	funds
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	2020	2020	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Other income	334	-	334	930
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Urdu Speaking Minister	3,650	-	3,650	-
		-		
	3,984	322	4,306	930

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Charitable activities		
	2020 £	2019 £
Staff costs District assessment Expenditure on manses Expenditure on Circuit properties Other expenditure District advance fund	267,758 41,084 41,224 7,835 43,440 13,722 415,063	279,421 38,704 52,974 22,476 (1,884) 21,565 413,256
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	1,296	14,423
Share of support costs (see note 9) Share of governance costs (see note 9)	5,172 10,547	4,774 10,800
	432,078	443,253
Analysis by fund Unrestricted funds Restricted funds	400,445 31,633 ———————————————————————————————————	408,026 35,227 443,253
Grants payable		
	2020 £	2019 £
Grants to institutions: London Citizens Kings Hall Methodist Church NSPCC Beyond the Street	1,200 - - 96 - 1,296	1,200 13,000 199 24 14,423
	Staff costs District assessment Expenditure on manses Expenditure on Circuit properties Other expenditure District advance fund Grant funding of activities (see note 8) Share of support costs (see note 9) Share of governance costs (see note 9) Analysis by fund Unrestricted funds Restricted funds Grants to institutions: London Citizens Kings Hall Methodist Church NSPCC	Staff costs

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

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9	Support costs	Support Go	vernance	2020	Support	Governance	2019
		costs	costs		costs	costs	
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	Printing, postage and						
	stationary	1,938	-	1,938	3,185	-	3,185
	Sundry	1,849	_	1,849	60	-	60
	Payroll service	480	-	480	480	-	480
	TMCP management fee	742	-	742	915	-	915
	Bank charges	163	-	163	134	-	134
	Audit fees	_	5,547	5,547	-	10,800	10,800
	Accountancy	-	5,000	5,000	-	-	-
		5,172	10,547	15,719	4,774	10,800	15,574
	Analysed between						-
	Charitable activities	5,172	10,547	15,719	4,774	10,800	15,574

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £10,547 (2019: £10,800) comprising £5,547 for audit fees and £5,000 for statutory accounts production.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

10 Trustees

The Superintendent of the Circuit, the other Presbyters and the remaining members of the CLT are considered as Key Management Personnel. The Superintendent chairs meetings of the CLT and Circuit Meetings. The members of the Circuit Meeting are the trustees of the Circuit. The stipends, employer's NIC and employer's pension contributions and other expenses of the Presbyters of the Circuit are paid by the Circuit.

The manses are provided by the Circuit and the Circuit maintains the property. The value of the Council Tax and water charges paid by the Circuit is not disclosed here as HMRC does not regard this as a benefit-in-kind in the hands of the minister.

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Remuneration:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Stipends of Presbyters	130,788	130,358
Employer's National Insurance contributions	13,274	13,496
Employer's pension contributions to a defined benefit pension scheme	33,812	35,795
	177,874	179,649
The reimbursement of Trustees' expenses were as follows:		
	2020	2019
	£	£
Travel	1,666	2,202
Telecommunications	6,393	5,346
Postage, printing & stationary	45	378
Relocation	-	600
Training	646	1,524
	8,750	10,050

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2020 Number	2019 Number
Ministers Lay and administrative staff	5 5	5 5
Total	10	10
Employment costs	2020 £	2019 £
Stipends Wages and salaries	128,941 62,171	130,358 70,120

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

11	Employees		(Continued)
	Social security costs Other pension costs	16,977 35,872	17,319 38,218
		267,758	279,421

Stipends were paid to 5 Presbyters and were as follows:

The Circuit employs lay staff involved in both Administration and Mission work. The costs of these staff are shown below in their separate categories.

No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000. There is no accrual for holiday pay as it is immaterial; the holiday year ends on 31 August. All staff are paid at or above the living wage.

Pensions

Most ordained presbyters and deacons are members of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (MMPS). This is a defined benefit scheme. The Supreme Court held in 2014 that Methodist ministers (which term includes presbyters and deacons) are not employees of the Church. For simplicity, however, when dealing with National Insurance Contributions and pension contributions, the terms 'employer' and 'employee' are used as they would be in an employing body.

On the other hand lay employees are contractually employees and have the option of joining the Pension and Assurance Scheme for Lay Employees of the Methodist Church (PASLEMC). PASLEMC is a defined benefit scheme and the Circuit contributes as employer to this scheme.

The Connexion accounts for both the MMPS and PASLEMC pension schemes and shows the figures in the annual Methodist Church in Great Britain accounts. Both pension schemes are in deficit but a plan for removal of the deficit has been proposed and is being implemented. Details of the deficits can be found in the Annual Report and Accounts of The Methodist Church at https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/20538/1196-consolidated-report-and-accounts-2021-v7b.pdf .

12 Key management personnel

The Circuit's key management personnel are the ordained ministerial staff as listed on the legal and administative page. The only remuneration they receive directly from the circuit is the reimbursement of expenses. Their stipends are paid by the National Methodist Church but funded in full by the Circuit and are published in the minutes of the Annual Conference. Circuit Stewards make up the other half of the management team. They work on a voluntary basis and only receive occasional reimbursement of expenses.

The total amount of the employee benefits (including employer pension contributions received by the key management personnel for their services to the Circuit was £177,874 (2019: £200,572).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Tangible fixed assets			
·	Freehold land and buildings	Plant and equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 September 2019	1,642,917	3,938	1,646,855
At 31 August 2020	1,642,917	3,938	1,646,855
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 September 2019	-	3,938	3,938
At 31 August 2020	-	3,938	3,938
	4 040 047		4 640 047
At 31 August 2020	1,642,917		1,642,917
At 31 August 2019	1,642,917	-	1,642,917
Investment property			
			2020 £
Fair value			
At 1 September 2019			2,785,000
Net gains or losses through fair value adjustments			174,000
At 21 August 2020			2,959,000
At 31 August 2020			=====
	At 1 September 2019 At 31 August 2020 Depreciation and impairment At 1 September 2019 At 31 August 2020 Carrying amount At 31 August 2020 At 31 August 2019 Investment property Fair value At 1 September 2019	Cost At 1 September 2019 At 31 August 2020 1,642,917 Depreciation and impairment At 1 September 2019 At 31 August 2020 - Carrying amount At 31 August 2020 - Carrying amount At 31 August 2020 1,642,917 At 31 August 2019 Investment property Fair value At 1 September 2019 Net gains or losses through fair value adjustments	Cost At 1 September 2019 At 31 August 2020 Depreciation and impairment At 1 September 2019 At 31 August 2020 Carrying amount At 31 August 2020 At 31 August

Investment properties comprise four flats at Havelock House and the properties at 37 and 39 Newton Avenue. The Trustees obtained an independent professional valuation for these properties in the year ended 31 August 2015. During the year the Trustees used the House Price Index average movement for flats and maisonettes in the Borough of Ealing to revalue the investment properties owned by the Charity.

The carrying amount of the investment properties if valued at its original cost would have been £24,900 (2019: £24,900).

15 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2020 £	2019 £
Prepayments and accrued income	4,215	5,208

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

16	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
	Deferred income Accruals and deferred income		46,528 30,318	46,085 29,265
	Accidats and deterred income		76,846	75,350

Deferred income arises from Circuit assessments received in advance of the period to which they relate.

17 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 September 2018	Incoming Resources resources expended		Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 August 2020	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Benelovent							
fund	1,502	-	-	1,502	-	-	1,502
School-R	6,086	30,000	(34,453)	1,633	30,000	(31,633)	-
K1-Future	12,196	-	(774)	11,422		-	11,422
3 generation	-	-	-	-	322	-	322
					-		
	19,784	30,000	(35,227)	14,557	30,322	(31,633)	13,246

Benevolent fund: Circuit Benevolent Fund - Support for individuals in specific need.

School-R: The Circuit received restricted grants from All Saints Educational Trust of £15,000 and London Diocese of the Church of England of £15,000 to cover the cost of a Christian worker who is employed to visit and witness to staff and pupils within Southall School.

K1-Future: Kings Hall (K1) Future Church fund represents funds received for the re-establishment of a church at the Kings Hall site.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

18	Analysis of net assets	between funds					
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
		2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	Fund balances at 31 August 2020 are represented by:						
	Tangible assets	1,642,917	-	1,642,917	1,642,917	-	1,642,917
	Investment properties Current assets/	2,959,000	-	2,959,000	2,785,000	-	2,785,000
	(liabilities)	254,696	9,238	267,906	353,220	14,557	367,777
		4,856,613	9,238	4,869,823	4,781,137	14,557	4,795,694

19 Related party transactions

None of the Circuit Trustees made donations direct to the Circuit during the year or the preceding year. The Circuit Trustees are members of one or another church within the Circuit and may be Trustees in their churches.

Related parties include the Methodist Connexion, the London District and churches within the Circuit, other Methodist Districts in Great Britain, the Central Finance Board (CFB) and Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP).

There were no related party transactions in the year under review other than those disclosed elsewhere in the notes.

20	Cash generated from operations	2020 £	2019 £
	Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(99,871)	(107,493)
	Adjustments for: Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(76,767)	(84,036)
	Movements in working capital: Decrease in debtors Increase/(decrease) in creditors Increase in deferred income	993 1,053 443	6,545 (5,804) 1,983
	Cash absorbed by operations	(174,149)	(188,805)

21 Analysis of changes in net funds

The Circuit had no debt during the year.