

Trustee Report 2021

The Circuit Funds essentially provide for

- The ministerial oversight, pastoral care of the 17 active local churches
- The support of a ministry team of five presbyters and a deacon
- The maintenance of seven Circuit manses and two churches where we have ceased to meet
- The resources for 2 lay employees and running costs of the Circuit Resources Centre
- District Assessment
- Assistance to the churches in the Circuit to help develop their property for mission
- Expenses in relation to Local Preaching and the life of the Circuit in worship, mission and cate

The Circuit Budget is reviewed annually ideally in conjunction with the Church Treasurers- the pandemic and subsequent uncertainty prevented this happening last year. The budget covers the costs of the above and the assessment for each church is agreed in consultation with the church treasurers

Like all walks of life, the last 12 months have been challenging for the Methodist Church at all levels- be that Connexionally, District and Circuit

Prior to the pandemic we had several churches that were struggling due to decreasing active members which naturally links to financial pressures- Unfortunately in the last 12 months we have had one church that has ceased to worship

As a circuit we have a policy of supporting the local churches- and at the start of the pandemic we issued an assurance to the treasurers that if they were struggling due to the loss of income then we would help- As such we agreed an assessment holiday for one church and a reduced amount for a couple of the others

In addition, we have supported another with an interest free loan to cover some unexpected expenditure.

We also have been supporting the running costs of 2 redundant properties – again delay in either the sale or possibilities for future use has been delayed due to the pandemic.

Of course – going forward the financial impact because of the pandemic is still unknown – As a circuit we initially agreed not to fill one of our ministerial vacancies for 12 months from September 2021- This has now increased to a second vacancy due to another colleague been successful in being stationed to a critical post in another District.

We are at the start of undertaking a full review of the mission and structure of the Circuit. The result of this review will naturally impact our financial thinking.

NORTH KIRKLEES AND MORLEY METHODIST CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS 2020/2021

INCOME		2020/2021	2019/2020	EXPENDITURE	2020/2021	2019/2020
Assessments		348,015.50	349,147.10	Stipends, NI contributions etc.	216,900.24	208602.77
Interest		69.99	402.27	Ministers Travel --Expenses	6211.79	8730.15
Connexional Funds/ Circuit Collections		1209.61	5498.75	Ministers Telephone/Broadband Costs	5338.56	5830.04
Other Circuit Income		40185.61	25283.31	Supernumery Preachers fee and travel	359	2478.94
CRC-Net income from printing after expenses		0	2000	Local Preachers Expenses	100	546.1
Payment from Circuit Advance Fund		60000	52000	District Assessment	91432	95244
Spen Valley Youth Project			11256.69	CRC- Administrative Staff	22142.59	18412.21
TOTAL		449480.71	445588.12	CRC- Expenditure	4811.47	7661.83
				Manses Council Tax	11,834.48	13190.83
				Manses Water Rates	1825.2	2490.79
				Manses Insurance	4736.83	5109.85
BALANCES AT 31/08/2021				Manses Maintenance	26345.56	21754.16
CO-OP	21,846.50			Manses Alarm- Heating Contracts	1729	1355.55
CFB	88,530.00			Church Property Costs	2268.71	6041.62
HSBC	26.6			Loan to Church	6000	29000
HSBC	0.28			Ministers Removal Costs/Grant	1189.54	3301.84
Cash	16.68			Other Expenditure	23400.32	23461.25
TOTAL	110420.06			Connexional Funds/ Circuit Collections	1209.61	5498.75
				Youth Work Expenditure		1720.2
ST ANDREWS MIRFIELD	19215.09			TOTAL	427834.9	460430.88
NEWLANDS	1642.46			INCOME 2020/2021	449480.71	445588.12
				OVERALL SURPLUS FOR YEAR	21645.81	-14842.76
				CFWD FROM 2019/2020	67916.7	82759.46
CIRCUIT BALANCE	89562.51			TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD TO 2021/2022	89562.51	67916.7

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Name of Circuit North Kirklees and Morley Methodist

Circuit..... No

27/36

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.~~ *the ICAEW*

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 *MARK ANDREW GIBSON*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner *ICAEW*

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