

Beckenham Methodist Church Bromley Road BR3 5JE and Clock House Road BR3 4JP

Registered Charity No. 1138006

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for year ending 31st August 2017

Purpose

We are a body of people, drawn together by the love of God to worship, pray and try to follow the teaching of Jesus. To fulfil our purpose, we will:

Glorify God in worship

Develop our understanding of the love of God and the way of Jesus

Deepen our commitment to the Christian life

Enable and encourage our community to develop and use all their God-given talents

Offer Christian love and friendship to all

Respond to the needs of God's world, especially the people of Beckenham

The Methodist Church exists to exercise the whole ministry of Christ. The Local Church in Beckenham, with its membership and larger church community, exercises this ministry where it is and shares in the wider ministry of the Church in the world. In this one ministry worship, fellowship, pastoral care, mission and service are essential elements, enabled by training and prudent administration.

Organisation and governance

Beckenham Methodist Church (BMC) is part of the Bromley Circuit (No 35/42) of the Methodist Church, and arose from a merger of the Bromley Road and Clock House Road churches on 1 September 2004.

Ministers are appointed to the Circuit and given Pastoral Charge of the Local Church by the Circuit, usually staying for a term of 5 years. The Rev. Barbara Calvert, who was appointed as Superintendent Minister from 1 September 2015 with pastoral charge of the Beckenham and West Wickham churches, gave notice of her decision to retire with effect from 31 August 2017. As her resignation came too late for the church to apply for a new minister in the regular stationing process, the church invited the Very Reverend Ray Coster from New Zealand to serve in the Circuit for one year.

The various tasks in carrying out our ministry are undertaken by the local Church, through its Church Council and committees, in union with the ministry of the Circuit of which it is constituent. In accordance with its governing document, the Constitution Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church, the Trustees are all the members of the Church Council who are over the age of 18 years, some by virtue of posts they hold and some as elected representatives of the whole congregation.

Worship and Prayer

BMC normally gives worshippers the choice of two services on a Sunday: at 9.30 a.m. at the Clock House Road site and at 11.00 at Bromley Road. The preachers at each service are appointed by the Circuit following suggestions made by our Worship Consultation meeting which is open to anyone. Occasionally on special occasions, combined services are held at one or other venue. Holy Communion is normally celebrated at Bromley Road on the first Sunday of the month and at Clock House Road on the second. A weekly class meeting or Bible Study is held on a Wednesday evening at Clock House Road and other fellowship meetings are also arranged.

The regular congregations at both sites are a mixture of age groups, nationalities and backgrounds and everyone who comes through the doors is afforded a friendly welcome. Service books, hymn books and pew Bibles are provided, as well as printed sheets when appropriate. Audiovisual projection is now normally used at both sites and all appropriate copyright licences are held.

Membership stands at 120 with a further 24 adherents. Average attendance at Bromley Road is 50 and at Clock House Road 13 with many housebound or infirm and others not attending regularly because of work or family commitments. A tape recording of each service at Bromley Road is made available for the housebound.

Circuit Meeting

Several Members of the Church Council also hold posts at Circuit level and the Church Council elects four representatives from amongst its number. The Circuit Meeting is a separate charity and its members are its trustees. The Local Church pays an assessment to the Circuit each year to cover the stipends and housing of ministerial staff and contributions to the Methodist Church nationally. BMC's assessment for this year was £50,220.

The Church Premises

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance of the premises at Bromley Road (BR3 5JE) and Clock House Road (BR3 4JP) Beckenham. The Church premises at both sites are extensively used by the local community as well as by Church members. At Clock House Road there is a long-established pre-school playgroup. Various evening activities include yoga and dance classes and other community meetings. The main halls at both sites are available at weekends for children's birthday parties.

The premises at Bromley Road are more extensive and are used by some 35-40 community groups on a regular basis as well as for annual meetings of local residents groups and management committees. Activities for young children and the elderly are all available as well as the Church's own sponsored Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Badminton Club and Social gatherings. According to Methodist Practice (CPD) no alcohol is allowed to be brought onto or consumed on the premises. A weekly AA meeting has been held on the premises for many years.

At Bromley Road we have been running a Community Café called TCs since July 2000 when a similar project run by Churches Together in Beckenham (CTiB) was forced to close. This has been very successfully staffed by volunteers from among the church membership as well as non members. It is open for four hours a day Monday – Friday and enables the Church to be kept open for prayer at these times. Once again, a surplus of £4,500 for the year was sent to a charitable project to fund the digging of a well and the provision of good clean water to a village community in Zimbabwe. The management committee reports to the Church Council.

The Property and Finance Committee reports to the Church Council and is responsible for day-to-day management of the bookings through the offices of the four appointed Property Stewards. Cleaning of the church sanctuary at Bromley Road is carried out by volunteers, but the rest of the premises is cleaned by professionals at each site.

Maintenance of the premises is an ongoing expense: at Clock House Road re-decoration and lighting were attended to, while at Bromley Road repairs were undertaken to the roof of the halls and work started to improve the storage facilities in the Copeland Annexe.

Pastoral Care

The members of the Methodist Church are each allocated to a Pastoral Visitor who works closely with the minister to ensure all pastoral needs are met. The Pastoral Visitors and Church Stewards are members of the Pastoral Committee which reports to the Church Council. Those who are unable to attend services are visited and where requested the minister or some of the pastoral visitors are able to celebrate Holy Communion with them in their own home.

Mission

The Methodist Church supports Mission in Britain as well as Mission in the Wider World. These funds are well supported by the members of BMC as well as other charities. The work of TCs has been mentioned. Others regularly supported are Christian Aid with participation in the street collections and Action for Children, the Methodist Children's charity, one of whose founders was also a member of Beckenham Methodist Church at its original foundation in 1887. Various other charities are supported annually, both locally and worldwide, e.g. Workaid and a food bank and support for homeless men provided at another local church.

Ecumenical relationships

BMC is an active member of CTiB and participates in all its activities. On Ascension Day each year a service is shared with St. Paul's C of E Church in Brackley Road, alternating the venue and preachers. Close relationships are held with our nearest neighbours at St. George's Parish Church and the United Reformed Church, Crescent Road.

Financial review, including reserves policy, designation of material funds and likely timing of expenditure

The financial position is sound, and reflects a church with a strong sense of community purpose and mission. Continued strong personal giving, as well as receipts from letting of church premises to local community groups, led to a modest surplus for the year. A reduced Circuit assessment helped the position, as did lower than usual expenses on repairs and maintenance in view of the redevelopment project now underway.

This project, outlined in the previous year's Report, received local authority planning permission in March 2017 and at 31 August 2017 was progressing through architectural drawing and technical design stages. While this is taking longer than originally hoped, we now expect to conduct the tender process in summer 2018, at which point it is likely that our cost and funding budgets will need to be revised.

Our current reserves policy is therefore to hold a relatively high level of the undesignated reserves that have been accumulated over a number of years, with the intention of completing the project over the coming two years.

Material funds designated in the balance sheet at 31.8.2017 comprised the maintenance & development reserve (£8,200) and the printing machine reserve (£6,000), both of which it was recently decided to retain for the time being, as well as the development project fund (£35,972). The change in balance in the latter compared with the prior year reflected mainly an inward transfer of £40,000 from church reserves largely disbursed in professional fees.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others:

Such funds are not material. They may include, during the financial year:

- collections made for nominated charitable organisations, detailed in the Notes to the Receipts & Payments Account, but not yet distributed to them. Examples are Action for Children and on behalf of the Traidcraft Café. Movements of such funds, which are held temporarily on the main bank current account, are separately recorded in the Vestry Journal, receipts and payments ledgers, and documented in other papers on file.
- balances of the Benevolence Fund, to be applied at the minister's discretion.

It is policy to disburse such collections in the same financial year in which they were received into the church accounts, except for the Benevolence Fund which may accumulate across year-ends.

Thanks

The Trustees would like to thank all those who work in a volunteer capacity to enable the smooth running of the Church in all its facets. As can be seen, BMC is an organisation devoted to providing public benefit with the assistance of its members. The Trustees, in exercising their powers and duties, complied with their obligation to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

This Report was approved at BMC's Church Council meeting on 1 November 2018, on which date the Trustees were the following:

Rev. Alex Terrett Rev. Karen George **Deacon Laura MacBean** Ann Fox **Jenny Nichols Christine Handel Comfort Lawson David Dingley Graham McLeod Sheila Priestman** Barbara Kyei **Cynthia Campbell** Mark Cheesman **Judith Reep Colin Wilson Simon Young Gordon Hughes Carol Jefferies** Irene Antwi **Vicky Bessant Andrew Cloke Tina Eshun** Joe Krywko **David Jackson Lum Ntumazah Mary Jackson** Papa Boateng **Theo Farmer Kwadjo Asamoah** Ruben Martin

Other Trustees during the financial year 2016-17 covered by this Report were:

Retired 31 August 2017:

Rev. Barbara Calvert Carole Dewar

Retired 31 August 2018:

Beverley McCleary Barry Stewart Thandie Munaiwe

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS			2017 £	2016 £
RECEIPTS	Note	es		
Offertories				
		BR Envelopes	24,227.36	19,853.22
		BR Cash	3,109.34	2,844.67
		BR Specials	3,798.61	4,858.00
Offertories, donations to pass to specified other orgs		CHR	4,233.37	4,148.36
GITT day	1		5,801.91	4,367.56
Tax refunds on covenants and gift aid payments			3,320.00	5,245.00
Use of rooms		D.D.	17,041.99	110 6 00000000000000000000000000000000000
		BR	43,704.00	42,586.90
Investment income	2	CHR	14,136.00	18,572.00
	2	Property CER a/a interest		5,674.98
Printing receipts		CFB a/c interest	496.88	1,052.90
Community café (TCs)	3		261.80	270.45
Sundry income			5,000.00	
			1,213.23	16,919.80
			126,344.49	126,393.84
PAYMENTS				
Circuit Assessment				
Grants, donations and gifts	4		50,220.00	55,262.50
Offertories, donations passed to specified other orgs	1		10,550.00	4,500.00
			5,372.86	4,367.24
Church building expenses Cleaning				
			10.073.16	
Lighting and heating Repairs and renewals			10,972.16 6,655.72	11,635.52
Water, telephone and TV			15,317.91	7,093.34
Insurance			1,485.00	23,292.94
Organ and pianos			7,048.89	1,401.00
Professional fees, legal			3,582.00	6,883.89
r oressional rees, legal			736.66	4,523.00 5,207.92
Other expenses				
Ptg machine & photocopier maintenance, etc				
Stationery, books, paper, etc			2,989.96	920.62
Sundry and youth expenses			1,080.98	830.62
and youth expenses			221.26	1,200.11 1,458.82
			116,233.40	127,656.90
Surplus / Deficit			10,111.09	
			10,111.09	-1,263.06
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Signed:

Simon Young, Treasurer

Signed:

John Whittam Independent Examiner

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

				2017		
			Main	Project	TOTAL	
			£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS						
RECEIPTS	Note	•				
Offertories		BR Envelopes	24,227.36		24,227.36	19,853.22
		BR Cash	3,109.34		3,109.34	2,844.67
		BR Specials	3,798.61		3,798.61	4,858.00
		CHR	4,233.37		4,233.37	4,148.36
Offertories, donations to pass to specified other orgs	1		5,801.91	1,909.00	7,710.91	4,367.56
Gift day			3,320.00	5,973.50	9,293.50	5,245.00
Tax refunds on covenants and gift aid payments			17,041.99		17,041.99	
Use of rooms		BR	43,704.00		43,704.00	42,586.90
		CHR	14,136.00		14,136.00	18,572.00
Investment income	2	Property	0.00		0.00	5,674.98
		CFB a/c interest	496.88		496.88	1,052.90
Printing receipts			261.80		261.80	270.45
Community café (TCs)	3		5,000.00		5,000.00	
Sundry income			1,213.23	3,349.26	4,562.49	16,919.80
		141,142.22	126,344.49	11,231.76	137,576.25	126,393.84
PAYMENTS						
Circuit Assessment			50,220.00		50,220.00	55,262.50
Grants, donations and gifts	4		10,550.00		10,550.00	4,500.00
Offertories, donations passed to specified other orgs	1	429.05	5,372.86		5,372.86	4,367.24
Church building expenses						
Cleaning			10,972.16		10,972.16	11,635.52
Lighting and heating			6,655.72		6,655.72	7,093.34
Repairs and renewals			15,317.91		15,317.91	23,292.94
Water, telephone and TV			1,485.00		1,485.00	1,401.00
Insurance			7,048.89		7,048.89	6,883.89
Organ and pianos			3,582.00		3,582.00	4,523.00
Professional fees, legal			736.66		736.66	5,207.92
Other expenses	*					
Ptg machine & photocopier maintenance, etc			2,989.96		2,989.96	830.62
Stationery, books, paper, etc			1,080.98		1,080.98	
Sundry and youth expenses			221.26		221.26	1,200.11 1,458.82
LBB			44.40	770.00	770.00	1,458.82
Architects				41,880.00	41,880.00	
			116,233.40	42,650.00	158,883.40	127,656.90
			***************************************	72,030.00	130,003.40	127,030.90
Surplus / Deficit			10,111.09	-31,418.24	-21,307.15	-1,263.06

Signed:

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Signed:

John Whittam Independent Examiner

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

		2017	2016	
BALANCE SHEET	Notes	£	£	
Accumulated revenue reserve	1	31,687.60	21,578.77	
Capital reserves	2	104,132.62	144,882.62	Signed:
Maintenance and development fund		8,200.00	8,200.00	570
Printing machine fund		6,000.00	6,000.00	S / Trouser
Ernest Smith bequest fund		2,465.31	2,465.31	- J. Course
Other bequests		508.58	506.32	-
Shirley Wilson recording service fund		180.00	180.00	
Open Door		497.97	297.97	
Benevolence fund		581.12	418.39	Simon Young
Property rent reserve		*		(Treasurer)
Development project fund	3	35,971.76	26,640.00	
		190,224.96	211,169.38	
Represented by :-				Signed:
Property		*		A
Property rent reserve				(1311-8
Deposit at Central Finance Board		83,702.08	156,383.21	
Fund held at TMCP		508.58	506.32	0
Cash at Bank (current a/c)		70,042.54	13,419.85	
Cash at Bank (project a/c)		35,971.76	40,860.00	
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		190,224.96	211,169.38	(Independent Examiner)
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Notes to the Balance Sheet

Benevolence a/c	£		Open Door a/c	£
Balance at 31 August 2016		418.39	Balance at 31 August 2016	297.97
Add: Offerings		362.73	Add: Receipts per Vestry Journal	200.00
Sub-total	·	781.12	Sub-total	497.97
Less: Disbursements	4	-200.00	Less: Disbursements	0.00
Balance at 31 August 2017	_	581.12	Balance at 31 August 2017	497.97
Development project fund		£	Ernest Smith Bequest Fund	£
Balance at 31 August 2016		40,860.00	Balance at 31 August 2016	2,465.31
Add: Receipts		51,981.76	Add: Receipts	0.00
Sub-total	:	92,841.76	Sub-total	2,465.31
Less: Disbursements	-4,888.24	-56,870.00	Less: Disbursements	0.00
Balance at 31 August 2017		35,971.76	Balance at 31 August 2017	2,465.31

Notes:

1) Reserves brought forward, add the surplus and subtract monies held over to pay in 17/18FY

Accumulated revenue reserve

Balance at 31 August 2016	21,578.77
Add: Net Receipts	10,111.09
Interest in net receipts taken to TMCP	-2.26
Total	31,687.60

- 2) Reduced by £40,000 re. transfer to Development project
- 3) New fund toward the church buildings development project at Bromley Road.
- 4) Fund for Human Need

PROJECT ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

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		2017	2016
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS		£	£
RECEIPTS	Notes		
Personal Donations External party donations Gift day		1,660.00 249.00 5,973.50	10,860.00
Transfer from church funds Events		40,750.00 3,349.26	40,000.00
		51,981.76	50,860.00
PAYMENTS			
LBB Architect Transfer to current a/c		770.00 41,880.00 14,220.00	520.00 9,480.00
		56,870.00	10,000.00
Surplus / Deficit		- 4,888.24	40,860.00

Signed:

Simon Young, Treasurer

Signed:

John Whittam

Independent Examiner

CHURCH RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

	Beckenham		Churc
FC	OR THE YEAR E	NDED	
	31 August 201	7	
Bromley	Circuit	Circuit no	35/42
Registered Charity - Charity Registra			1138006
If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Customs Gift Aid number			N/A
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	Minister:		
	Very Rev. Ray Coster		
la Ni L L O	Church Stewards:		
Jenny Nichols, Christine Handel	1		
Sheila Priestman, Comfort Lawson	n,		
David Dingley, Graham McLeod,	;		
Beverley McCleary, Cynthia Campb	pell,		
Barbara Kyei			
Simon Young	Treasurer:		

AC	ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017			Be	ckenhan	Church	
	SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
			£	£	£]	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				1	
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		61,704		61,704	1	20.040
23	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income				01,704	7	36,949
a4	 		497		497		6,728
-	Other receipts		57,840		57,840		61,159
$\overline{}$	TOTAL RECEIPTS		10,024	363	10,387	_	17,571
			130,065	363	130,428	(a7)	122,407
	SECTION B						
1	PAYMENTS						
2	Circuit Assessment or Share		50,220		50,220		EE OCO
03	Donations		10,550		10,550		55,263
04	Repairs and Maintenance		26,290		26,290		4,500
55	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		1 10,200		20,250		34,928
	charges, heading & lighting)	+	15,190		15,190		15,378
6	Other						
_	Other payments		51,261	200	51,461		14,120
8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		153,511	200	153,711	(b9)	124,189
	SECTION C						
4	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS		Г				
	FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(23,446)	163	(23,283)		(1,782)
	Total funds brought forward from last year				T		
2	idot your		210,751	418	211,169	(c6)	200,991
3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	197 205	504			
_		(61762)	187,305	581	187,886	L	199,209
4	Transfers and adjustments		2,339		2,339	(c7)	11,960
5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	189,644	581	190,225		211,169 (
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5	SECTION D						
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	these amounts are not to be included					- Andrewski William	
Ť	are not to be included	in total receipts/	ayments figure	es above)	£	г	£
E	Balance brought forward from last year						
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1	Offerings/Gifts - received for external orga	anisations			7,711		4,367
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1	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organ	nisations			5,372	L	4,367
	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID					Γ	
E	ALL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			2,339		

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SUMMARY OF CHITECH ACCOUNTS	
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	SECTION E Summary of the Church account Internal Organisation would recompleted to arrive at the green and the completed to arrive at the green ar	Please follow tounts for the year	the C	Suidance Notes to d 31 August 2017	com	plete this page ternal Organisation		reporting to the Ch					
	Internal Organisation would r completed to arrive at the gro AND A DIFFERENT FORM r connected District Organisal	normally be Restri oss income and en nust be used to re tions.	icted open oport	funds unless it couditure totals of the the accounts (see	ild be Churcl Metho	clearly shown that h. If gross income dist website). Ple	t th	reporting to the Ch ley could be used for ceeds the Accruals the refer to the guidant	urch Cou or any Me threshol nce note	mcil/Church Meetin ethodist purpose. Id, then the Accrual s regarding transfer	g. Note This se s methors betw	that the funds of a ction must be od of accounting een the District and	n
	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	7	Payments	7	Net Receipts/	7		7		7		4
e	1		1	1 dyments	1	Payments	1	Adjustments	-	Opening balances	s	Closing balance	s
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e6	-					Committee Sufficients and the	1		1				1
e7	Sub total of Internal						1				-		1
e8	Organisations funds						1		1		-		_
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e9	brought forward from page 2 - totals column)												
	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD	130,428	(a7	153,711	(b9)	(23,283)	Ш	2,339	(c7)	211,169	(c6)	190,225	/
c1(BY CHURCH	130,428		153,711		(23,283)		2,339		211,169			
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the	TOTAL RECEI	PTS	TOTAL						271,103	(A)	190,225	(y)
L	totals forward		\perp	PAYMENTS									
	SECTION F		TYPES.				_			Marine Committee	-		
	STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND	LIABILITIES											
		A REDUCTION TO THE RESERVE OF THE RE						OPENING					
	CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HEL	D at 31 August 2	017	1			_	BALANCES				CLOSING BALANCES	
H	Cash in hand						L				ſ		
2	Bank Current Account		_	*				54,280				400.044	
3	Bank Deposit Account								1		+	106,014	
Н	Central Finance Board						Γ	156,383	-		$- \parallel$		
	Trustees for Methodist Church P	urposes					r				4	83,702	
	Other funds						H	506			-	509	
	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts						H				-		
ŀ	Total funds held by Internal Ornal	nisatione (the	\dashv				L	211,169	c6)			190,225	(c8)
4	closing balance total from above)	(e12)							441		Γ		100)
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Other Liabilities

¹⁴ Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
15 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5

DECLARATIONS

confirm that have	prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all
Signature of Treasu	and of the Church Council
Name	Simon J Young
Address	80 Village Way, Beckenham , Kent BR3 3NR
	he *Church Council for approval.
and were approved.	counts have been presented to the Church Council on
Signature of the C	hair of the meeting
Name of the Chair of	the meeting Very Rev Ray Coster
Date	
Independent Exam	niner's Report to the Trustees of the
В	eckenham Methodist Church
This Report is on the	Church Accounts for the year ended 31 st August 2017
Respective respor	nsibilities of Trustees and Examiner
The charity's trustees	are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is
It is my responsibility to	0:
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- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*):

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - · to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.
- * Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply appropriate
 - (3) I have obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP") or held in other Trusts, Bank balances and Funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church ("CFB"), which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.
- * Please circle as appropriate

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