

A company limited by guarantee registration number 1580871 (England & Wales)
Registered Charity Number 1028540

Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st August 2020



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Legal and Administrative Information

Status

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 18th August 1981 and registered as a charity on 19th November 1993.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. Under those Articles, the Trustees (Directors) are elected at the AGM to serve a period of 3 years and shall hold office until the third AGM. At each AGM one third of their number shall retire but are eligible for re-election.

Trustees (Directors)

Rev. Christopher J. Ambler

Rev. Malcolm Benton

John Boyd

Robert N Hodges

Kevin Lee

Rev David Marshall (Chairman)

Peter Mitchell (Treasurer)

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Company Number

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Trustees' Annual Report for 2020

The Trustees submit their Annual Report and the Independently Examined Financial Statements for the year ended 31st August 2020.

Objectives and Activities

The company is a charity and exists to provide for young people to achieve their potential through physical, mental and spiritual growth. To achieve this object, the charity gives grant aid to such young people or projects benefiting such young people. Efforts are made to encourage grant applications by advertising and word of mouth.

Governance

The company is governed by its Trustees (Directors).

Public Benefit

The Company's objectives are:

- 1. To help young people to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals, and their condition of life may be improved.
- 2. And to awaken, or strengthen, in them their desire for a full and active Christian life.

These are achieved by offering grants to individual young people and to organizations and projects working to achieve the same objectives. Within the stated objectives, all young people may benefit. The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in setting the grant making policy for the year.

During the year 2019/20 the Company's activities have benefited 6 (2019:10) individual young people and 9 (2019:14) organisations serving young people. Further information is given under the Review of Activities.

Investment Policy

To maintain and expand the real value of the Charity's assets in order to provide regular income for grants to support young people. This to be done in such a way as to minimise any conflict between the objectives of the Charity and the investments made on its behalf.

A balanced approach, in capital growth and income terms.

To achieve an investment income of at least £20,000 p.a., with an emphasis on rising in line with inflation.

To minimise investment exposure to any company whose activities are considered likely to increase sickness or poverty. These include businesses involved with tobacco, alcohol, gambling and defence.

To seek exposure to those companies which take seriously their role as corporate citizens. In particular improving environment standards and other activities likely to improve health and reduce poverty.

All investments are with the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and monitored by the Board on behalf of the Charity. In July 2017 the trustees adopted a new policy on use of resources. From September 2017 the trustees aim to use resources of up to 5% of the 31 August valuation of total funds. This enables part of any increase in valuation to be utilised to benefit current applicants and may at times require the sale of assets to make a suitable amount of money available.

Risk Review

The Trustees have conducted their own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate these risks. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

Reserves Policy

The fund is unrestricted and is maintained at a level which will enable the charity to meet necessary expenses and make grants to applicants who meet its objects having regard to the volatility of the investment market and the number of grant applicants.

Review of Activities

Unsurprisingly in a year of disruption due to Covid19 the incoming resources for the year of £26,632 are a reduction on last year's figure of £30,764. Dividends from the Managed Equity Fund, the Managed Fixed Interest Fund and the Property Fund all decreased, whilst there was a small increase in income from interest on the Deposit Fund.

In July 2019 trustees had instructed the investment managers to sell sufficient assets to transfer a further £20,000 to the deposit account to facilitate grant-making. No further transfer has been made in 2019/20. Total funds at 31 August 2019 were £935,348 giving the trustees a possible expenditure budget of £46,767 during 2019/20.

Resources expended totalled £37,503 (2019 £47,647). There was a net realised deficit of £10,871 compared with a deficit last year of £16,883.

In 2019/2020 grants allocated totalled £34,950 (2019 £44,700)

To individual young people:

6 (2019: 10) awards ranging from £100 to £500 and totalling £1,850 (2019: £3,350) were allocated. Of these, one grant of £250 awarded in June 2020 was conditional upon the proposed expedition going ahead in 2021. This grant will be released during 2021 if appropriate. Several individual grants had been issued before the disruption caused by Covid19 but the relevant expeditions have been postponed to 2021. Those young people have been instructed to hold their grant until the situation is clear.

To charitable organisations serving young people:

9 awards (2019:14), ranging from £2,000 to £5,000 and totalling £33,350 (2019: £41,350):

Café 100	Core funding of a youth project	£3,750
Leek & District Churches	Core funding of 3 youth workers	£5,000
Hexham Trinity Methodist Church	Youth worker	£5,000
Kings Cross Church Hexthorpe	Full-time family worker	£4,000
Charing Cross Methodist Church	Youth music workers	£2,000
Wesley Ebenezer Methodist Church	Pre-teen & youth worker	£3,000
OneSound	Towards fees of musical director	£3,600
Sunderland Samba FC	Youth work using medium of football	£3,000
Thrive Leeds	Core funding of 3 youth workers	£4,000

In the next two years, there are commitments to future grants, depending on acceptable progress reports, totalling £23,850.

Our investments have decreased in value by £68,052 compared with a decrease of £26,664 last year. Last year's was largely a result of the realisation of £20,000 of assets late in the financial year whereas this year's reflects recent turbulence in the markets. At 31st August 2020 our investments were valued at £830,140 (2019: £898,192). Our total funds reduced to £856,425 from £935,348 last year.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Company and charity law requires us, as Trustees, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. We are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and, hence, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees

Trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law and trustees for the purposes of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 3.

Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of winding up. The total number of such guarantees at 31st August 2020 was 13 (31st August 2019: 13)

Independent Examiner

Mr Peter Lockwood was appointed as Independent Examiner during the year.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities FRS102 issued on 16th July 2014, the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small entities. The charitable company constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Rev R W Thompson Trustee and Secretary

13 November 2020

Independent Examiner's Report to the members on the accounts of Methodist Youth Activities

I have examined the attached accounts and statements for the year ended 31st August 2020, which are set out on pages 8 to 12

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- 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 the 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 to indicate that:

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- the accounts do not accord with such records:
- where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.

Signed

Date 5 October 2020

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Mr Peter Lockwood 28 Butt Lane, Hepworth, Holmfirth, HD9 1HT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 AUGUST 2020 (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

,		Notes	2020 £	Unrestricted	2019 £
INCOME					
Investment Income Use of printer Donations Membership Fees			26,449 183 0 0		30,626 138 0 0
and the second	TOTAL INCOME		26,632		30,764
EXPENDITURE					
Investment Manageme	nt Costs		1,796		1,850
Grants		1	34,950		44,700
Management and administration	• .	2	757		1,097
C C Greek to	TOTAL EXPE	NDITURE	37,503		47,647
Net Income/Expenditure before gains/losses of	on investments		-10,871		-16,883
GAINS/LOSSES ON IN	VESTMENTS	4			
Realised (on disposal) Unrealised (on revalua	tion)		0 -68,052		-6,662
	NET GAINS/L	OSSES	-68,052		-6,660
NET INCOME (EXPEN	IDITURE)		-78,923		-23,543
NET MOVEMENT IN	FUNDS FOR THE	YEAR	-78,923		-23,543
TOTAL FUNDS as at 1s	st September 2019		935,348		958,891
TOTAL FUNDS as at 3	1st August 2020		856,425		935,348

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020

	Notes		2020	·	2019
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets			0		e () 4 dans
Investments	4		830,140		898,192
			830,140		898,192
CURRENT ASSETS					سلته ع
CFB Deposit Account		25,053		36,650	•
Cash at Bank		1,382		1,156	
		26,435		37,806	e stew
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one					
year	5	150		650	
NET CURRENT ASSETS/LIABILIT	ΓIES		26,285	M	37,156
NET ASSETS	•	-	856,425	-	935,348
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General Funds		-	856,425		935,348

For the year ending 31st August 2020 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

The Trustees/Directors responsibilities:

- a) The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476
- b) The Trustees/Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

Approved by the Trustees/Directors on 13 November 2020 And signed on its behalf by:

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Revd R W Thompson

Notes on the Financial Accounts for the Year Ended 31st August 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICES

(a) Basis of Preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with The Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Methodist Youth Activities Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Voluntary income is received by way of subscriptions covering up to 5 years and donations and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received.

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributed VAT, which cannot be reclaimed. Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are paid.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, which in all cases is estimated at 5 years. Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £500.

Investments held as fixed assets are revalued at the Balance Sheet date and the gain or loss taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

There are no restricted funds. All the incoming resources are generated for the objects of the charity without specific purpose and are available as general funds.

		2020 £	2019 £
2.	MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION		
-	Committee Costs	330	676
	Administration	277	271
	Independent Examiner	150	150
		757	1,097
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	Travel costs reimbursed to 4 (2019: 5) of the Trustees		
	and included in above total	208	528

3. TAXATION

The company is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

4. INVESTMENTS

The investments are managed by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and are split as follows: the Managed Equity Fund (67%); the Managed Fixed Investment Fund (13%) and the Property Fund (20%).

		2020 £	2019 £
	Investments at 31st August 2019	898,192	924,856
	Profit/Loss on Investments from changes in value	-68,052	-26,664
	At 31st August 2020	830,140 ======	898,192
	Historical cost	715,008	715,008
5.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		₩
	Other creditors and accruals	150	650
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DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2020

my and and and			2020		2019
· · · · · ·		£	£	£	£
INCO	ME ·		•		
many many	Interest receivable		204		160
	Dividends		26.245		20.466
	received Donations		26,245		30,466
					0
general services and property of the control of the	Membership Fees Printing		183		138
•	rinting	•	26,632		30,764
EXPE	NDITURE				
	. Grants Given	34,950		44,700	
	Investment Management Costs	1,796		1,850	
	Administration	229		223	
	Equipment	0		0	
	Committee Costs	330		676	
	Independent Examiner	150		150	
	Annual Return & Data Protection	48		48	
			37,503		47,647
NET S	SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		-10,871		-16,883
GAIN ASSE	S/LOSSES ON INVESTMENT TS				
	Realised (on disposal)		0		2
	Unrealised (on revaluation)		-68,052		-6,662
NIESON 4			79.022		22.542
AND A	SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	=	-78,923		-23,543