



METHODIST YOUTH ACTIVITIES LIMITED

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 2024

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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 (Chairman)
John Boyd	Jonathan Buckley
Hannah Dey (from 19 June 2024)	
Robert N Hodges	Kevin Lee
Margaret Thompson	Rev Richard W Thompson (Secretary)

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METHODIST YOUTH ACTIVITIES LIMITED

Trustees' Annual Report for 2024

The Trustees submit their Annual Report and the Independently Examined Financial Statements for the year ended 31st August 2024.

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, our website 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 2023/24 the Company's activities have benefited 3 (2023:3) individual young people and 13 (2023:13) 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 environmental 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, with some leeway currently recognising the impact of the 20/21 pandemic. 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. In June 2024 the trustees gave instructions to redeem £40,000 of our investment portfolio.

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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

Applications from individuals continued to be low and the trustees have looked at additional ways to reach individuals in future. Project applications increased slightly on the previous year and focussed mainly on supporting youth workers either with salary funding or with project funding to deliver extra experiences for young people, although one successful application specialises in supporting young people with mental health problems.

The incoming resources for the year of 27,684 are a small increase on last year's figure of £27,502. A small decrease in dividend income from our Central Finance Board fund holdings was more than compensated for by an increase in our CFB deposit account interest. Investment income this year totalled £27,656 compared to £27,404 in 2022/23.

Total funds at 31 August 2023 were £868,511 giving the trustees a guide 5% expenditure budget of £43,426 during 2023/24. Resources expended totalled £48,949 (2023 £40,952), recognising that in several recent years we have spent below budget as youth work took time to recover after the pandemic. There was a net realised deficit of £21,265 compared with a deficit last year of £13,450.

At 31st August 2024 our investments were valued at £867,079 (2023: £836,079). Our total funds increased to £918,246 from £868,511 last year.

Grants to individual young people:

3 awards were made this year, two to support degree courses and one for an overseas visit. Total £2,750 (2023: 3 awards total £1,450).

Grants to charitable organisations serving young people:

13 awards (2023:13), ranging from £910 to £5,000 and totalling £42,910 (2023: £36,100):

Sheffield Methodist Circuit	To subsidise annual youth residential	£2,000
Sunderland Samba FC	Activity costs for new project, yr 2	£2,500
Wesley Hall Methodist Church	Continuation of youth work	£5,000
Ryton Methodist Church	Towards Youth Night project, yr 2	£1,000
Thrive Leeds	Towards a youth worker, yr 2	£5,000
Market Drayton Methodist Church	Full-time youth worker	£3,000
Sprotbrough Methodist Church	Equipment for youth room	£910
Emerge Advocacy	Mental health support for young people	£4,500
Swan Bank Methodist Church, Burslem	Development of new youth work, yr 3	£3,000
Plymouth Methodist Central Hall	Towards employing a youth pastor	£5,000
The Souster Youth Trust	Towards a team of rural youth workers	£3,000
Café 100, Holmfirth	Core costs of youth café, yr 3	£3,000
Hexham Trinity Methodist Church	Continuation of youth work, yr 2	£5,000

In the next two years, there are commitments to future grants, depending on acceptable progress reports, totalling £54,500.

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Trustees' Annual Report for 2024

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 2024 was 12 (31st August 2023: 11)

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 2024

METHODIST YOUTH ACTIVITIES LIMITED

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 2024, 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 19 October 2024

Mr Peter Lockwood
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 AUGUST 2024 (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

	Notes	2024 £	Unrestricted 2023 £
INCOME			
Investment Income		27,656	27,404
Use of printer Returned Grants		28 0	98 0
TOTAL INCOME		<u>27,684</u>	<u>27,502</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Investment Management Costs		2,383	2,495
Grants	1	45,660	37,550
Management and Administration	2	906	907
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>48,949</u>	<u>40,952</u>
Net Income/Expenditure before gains/losses on investments		-21,265	-13,450
GAINS/LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS	4		
Realised (on disposal)		369	0
Unrealised (on revaluation)		70,631	-39,204
NET GAINS/LOSSES		<u>71,000</u>	<u>-39,204</u>
NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE)		<u>49,735</u>	<u>-52,654</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>49,735</u>	<u>-52,654</u>
TOTAL FUNDS at 1st September 2023		868,511	921,165
TOTAL FUNDS at 31st August 2024		918,246	868,511

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets		0	0
Investments	4	<u>867,079</u>	<u>836,079</u>
		867,079	836,079
CURRENT ASSETS			
CFB Deposit Account		49,219	31,945
Cash with Investment Manager		0	0
Cash at Bank		<u>2,098</u>	<u>645</u>
		51,317	32,590
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>150</u>	<u>158</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS/LIABILITIES		51,167	32,432
NET ASSETS		<u>918,246</u>	<u>868,511</u>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
General Funds		<u>918,246</u>	<u>868,511</u>

For the year ending 31st August 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

The Trustees'/Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476
- 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 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Rev R W Thompson
Trustee and Secretary

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Notes on the Financial Accounts for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

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.

	2024	2023
	£	£
2. MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION		
Committee Costs	455	445
Administration	301	312
Independent Examiner	150	150
	<u>906</u>	<u>907</u>
	=====	=====
Travel costs reimbursed to 6 (2023: 4) of the Trustees and included in above total	317	355
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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 (73%); the Managed Fixed Investment Fund 10%) and the Property Fund (17%).

	2024 £	2023 £
Investments at 31 st August 2023	836,079	875,283
Profit/Loss on Investments from changes in value	31,000	-39,204
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At 31 st August 2024	867,079	836,079
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Historical cost	715,008	715,008

5. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

Independent examiner	150	158
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DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME		
Deposit Account interest	1,518	1,154
Dividends received	26,138	26,250
Returned Grants	0	0
Printing	28	98
	<u>27,684</u>	<u>27,502</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Grants Given	45,660	37,550
Investment Management Costs	2,383	2,495
Administration	253	264
Equipment	0	0
Committee Costs	455	445
Independent Examiner	150	150
Annual Return & Data Protection	48	48
	<u>48,949</u>	<u>40,952</u>
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	-21,265	-13,450
GAINS/LOSSES ON INVESTMENT ASSETS		
Realised (on disposal)	369	0
Unrealised (on revaluation)	70,631	-39,204
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	<u><u>49,735</u></u>	<u><u>-52,654</u></u>