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CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC104734

**North West Methodist Mission
Company Limited by Guarantee
Financial Statements
31 December 2024**

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Directors' Report)

Year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	North West Methodist Mission
Charity registration number	NIC104734
Company registration number	NI614721
Principal office and registered office	36 Clooney Terrace Londonderry BT47 6AR

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Structure, governance and management

North West Methodist Mission is part of the Methodist Church in Ireland and is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 1st October 2012, accepted as a charity by HM Revenue & Customs under reference XT39218 and registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 8th February 2017 under charity number NIC104734.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which states the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

North West Methodist Mission is a provider of Supporting People services, as accredited by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

Governance

During the year the Mission Board met quarterly. The Board membership as a whole is noted annually at the Methodist Conference in Ireland. The Board continues to monitor its membership. A skills audit of the Board membership has taken place and is reviewed on a regular basis. A Register of Interests for Board Members is also maintained. Declaration of interests is a standing item on all of the agendas for Board meetings. The Board has devised a Conflicts of Interests Policy as well as financial policies and procedures.

The Board provides training to Trustees in various areas to ensure good governance. Board members must always act in the best interests of NWMM and as such are covered by qualifying for third party indemnity provision, which has been in place throughout the past year and will remain in place.

Good Governance training, delivered by NICVA, was undertaken during the year by Board Members and the Senior Management team. Following the training two new subcommittees have been established, a Finance and General Purposes Committee and a Human Resource and Terms of Service Committee. These replace the Office Bearers group and will serve to enhance the good governance practice already established and support the work of the Board.

The Board commissioned an independent Salary and Benefits Benchmarking report undertaken by Consult HR. It is pleasing to be able to report the exercise confirmed the Mission compares extremely favourably within our sector in relation to both rates of pay and terms & conditions, with rates in some cases the highest or close to the highest paid. Terms & conditions included looking at benefits such as annual leave, occupational sick pay, pension, confidential counselling service and health benefits. Again it is pleasing to report the Mission compared well here also. We recently enhanced health benefits on renewal of our insurance cover and all staff now benefit from the enhanced AIG Smarthealth cover providing round the clock support to them and their family.

Policies are reviewed and updated on a circulatory basis and also in response to legislative changes, while new policies and procedures are devised as required. In line with new requirements the Board will review its Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults and Children Policy on an annual basis.

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Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Primary Purposes

Mission

The purpose of NWMM is to demonstrate faith in action by responding effectively to the needs of people in the North West and enable them to achieve their potential

Vision

The vision of NWMM is of a society enriched by a commitment to promote social justice in all aspects of life

Values

Social justice

A commitment to the principles of equality, solidarity and human rights that recognises the dignity of every human being

Empowerment

Supporting the development of individuals and communities to take more responsibility for, and control of, their own lives

Compassion

Living our faith in action through selfless concern for others

Inclusion & Diversity

A commitment to a welcoming hospitality that treats everyone with dignity and respect, celebrates diversity, and enables the marginalized to feel they belong

Responsiveness

Respond effectively to the changing needs and aspirations of the local community

Integrity

Being open and transparent in all our activities - doing what we say and saying what we mean

Risk management

During 2024 the Mission Board and Senior Management considered the major risks that the charity faces through its strategic planning process. This enables compliance with relevant regulations and legislation. The Mission Board has devised a Risk Register, and this is reviewed at each of our meetings. During the year risk assessments for each occupational area were reviewed and updated as appropriate by the Senior Management team.

A Fixed Assets list has been completed.

In respect of financial risk, the Board receives regular financial reports with systems and controls in place to mitigate significant financial risks. Finance policies are reviewed and updated. During these uncertain economic conditions, we continue to review our business risks. The current external environment continues to have a significant impact due to inflation and cost of living crisis.

We continue to maintain positive relations with our clients, funders and stakeholders.

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Objectives and activities

Primary Objectives

North West Methodist Mission has within its Strategic Plan 2022 - 2027 eight core objectives:

Homelessness

To respond effectively to homelessness in the North-West.

Community

To respond effectively to the needs of the local community in the North-West.

Collaboration

To ensure that NWMM collaborates effectively with other churches and organisations in achieving its mission.

Communications

To ensure effective communication with NWMM internal and external stakeholders

Finance

To ensure that NWMM has the financial resources it requires to achieve its plans and these resources are effectively and efficiently managed.

Human Resources

To ensure that NWMM has the staff and volunteers that it needs to achieve its plans and these volunteers and staff are effectively utilised, valued, supported and managed.

Premises and Physical Resources

To ensure that NWMM has the premises and other physical resources it requires to achieve its aims and priorities efficiently and effectively and these resources are well managed and maintained.

Governance

To ensure that the governance and structure of NWMM are fit for purpose and comply with the requirements of the law and best practice.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have considered relevant charity legislation, which sets out the requirements for charities to demonstrate their aims and activities are for public benefit. The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland guidance on public benefit.

Homeless

The direct benefit flowing from our purposes include reduced numbers of men, women and children experiencing homelessness. The support of clients in our service to overcome the causes that lead to them becoming homeless in the first place, enabling them to integrate back into the community and sustain tenancies. This reduces the pressure on other statutory services as a result of harm reduction interventions whilst in our service. The wider community benefits due to a reduction in rough sleeping and anti social behaviour. Society benefits as clients acquire skills and become able to live independently and seek training and/or employment.

On the basis of an established track record of providing highly regarded and quality based services, continued accreditation by the NI Housing Executive, and financial reserves, the Trustees are satisfied that there are adequate resources available to continue operating for the foreseeable future.

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Achievements and performance

Current need

The Department for Communities released the latest edition of its Housing Bulletin for September to December 2024. The statistics record yet another rise in the number of households on the social housing waiting list with homelessness status. In December 2024, there were 48,325 households on the social housing waiting list with 30,982 of those households having homelessness status.

Over the last decade, the number of households on the social housing waiting list has increased by 23% from 39,338 in March 2015 to 48,325 in December 2024. Over the same period, the number of households with homelessness status has grown from 13,644 households to 30,982. This is an increase of 127% over the last decade. In each of the last ten years, the number of households with homelessness status on the list has steadily increased year on year.

Belfast City Council has the highest number of households with homelessness status at 9,661. Over the last decade, the number of households in Belfast with homelessness status has more than doubled from 4,557 households in March 2015. This is followed by Derry and Strabane Council area with 4,344 households having homelessness status (up by 117% over the last decade) and then Newry, Mourne and Down with 2,780 households (up 110% over the last decade). Seven of Northern Ireland's eleven councils recorded an increase in the number of households with homelessness status compared to the figures recorded on September 30.

Performance

The delivery of services is against a backdrop of increasing demand.

Men's Hostel

Admissions	40
Move On	38
Occupancy	93.07%
Referrals	266

Clarendon Shelter Women & Children

Admissions	40
Occupancy	93%
Move On	41
Referrals	141

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Achievements

NWMM has undertaken a review of investments and designated funds for the development of move on accommodation during the year.

Following the agreement reached with Clooney Hall Church and the Methodist Church in Ireland for the purchase of a property for the project No.34 Clooney Terrace was acquired. Since acquisition the ground floor of the building is being used as a family contact centre operated by the WHSCT. Discussions are ongoing involving a number of stakeholders on the future development and renovation of the property

Policy reviews have been completed with a range of policies having been reviewed and updated during the year.

Activities continue to be delivered and developed to enhance the support provided to our clients, these include:

- Afternoon tea's, themed meal nights & quizzes
- Daytrips
- MENTALK Programme aimed at addressing loneliness and social isolation.
- Cooking nutritious meals on a budget
- Marking key days and events such as International Women's Day, Mental Health Awareness Day, Volunteers Week, Healthy Eating Week and Homeless Awareness Week

We continue to fundraise and develop our social media profile and presence with several key events delivered during the year:

- The Mission was instrumental in hosting a number of events with key partners in Derry-Londonderry to mark White Ribbon Day, the annual date on which campaigners seek to raise awareness about male violence against women and girls. Since 2020, more than 20 women have died in Northern Ireland as a result of gender-based violence.
- On Sunday 24th November 2024, a Twilight Service of Remembrance was held in Clooney Hall Methodist Church. This was an ecumenical service of prayer and remembrance of the women who have died as a result of gender-based violence. Also on Sunday 24th November, the Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District, Councillor Lilian Seenoi-Barr, hosted a civic reception for agencies working to support women and girls who have experienced violence and abuse, including White Ribbon NI. The event concluded with the directors and staff of NWMM, and its partners signing the White Ribbon Charter.
- On Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th November - with the mayor's support - North West Methodist Mission hosted the 'Breaking Through to Freedom' exhibition in the Guildhall. 'Breaking Through to Freedom' depicts the artist and poet Talia Sena's individual creative journey through her own experience of domestic abuse.

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

- Rev. Dr Stephen Skuce, speaking on behalf of the city's church leaders prior to the White Ribbon events, said: "As Christians, we know that there are no circumstances where violence against women or girls is acceptable. We are committed to helping to create a society where all women and girls can live without fear."
- The Director of North West Methodist Mission, Liam Milligan, said at the time: "As a provider of temporary accommodation services and support to women and children fleeing domestic abuse and finding themselves homeless, the Mission is determined to shine a light on the subject and encourage conversation about how we can all help eradicate it from society. We hope the planned events create greater public awareness of the epidemic of violence, abuse, and harm against women and girls, and encourage society to work together to help end it."
- The Tour de Foyle, our annual cycling fundraiser was back bigger and better with a family fun run added. A huge thank you to all who took part and to volunteers, marshalls, the Rapid Relief Team and the Executive Office without whose support we could not run the event
- We held a breakfast event during Homelessness Awareness Week which included very moving testimonies from past and present Service Users of their experience of homelessness and the valuable support provided by the Mission

We continue our Partnership with the United Methodist Church Global Ministries welcoming a second Global Mission Fellow to the Mission and the City to assist with social media, communications, and our Homelessness Awareness Outreach Programme. We are grateful Tino for his vocation and presence in our Mission.

We hosted a meeting of the Committee for Communities in our Clooney Centre and highlighted our concerns on the upward trend in homelessness figures and the impact the recent budget will have particularly in relation to increase in ENIC and the increase to the NMW

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

What our clients say about us.

Clarendon Shelter Women & Children

"Thank you for all your help and support. It is very much appreciated"

"Thank you to all the girls from Ashmore house for being so kind and helpful. lots of love"

"Thanks for all you do and special thanks for your support"

" To the Ashmore team. God bless you for your support and kindness. Keep up the good work. I will keep you in my prayers"

" As a mum I am eternally grateful to your staff for helping my daughter get better"

"Thank you, Ashmore family.

*Let this plaque remind you that you are all so special through and through
and thought about so warmly and very often too.*

*You are all so helpful and supportive in a way that warms the heart,
whatever happens you are there to play your thoughtful part.*

*Thank you for your kindness, which can never be repaid,
and for your understanding and the difference it made.*

We would be lost without you.

Love a mother and 2 sons"

Men's Hostel.

"staff are friendly"

"was very worried about coming into a hostel for the first time. This is not what I expected."

"Staff are always there to talk to"

"I feel safe here"

"Staff helped me get an appointment with my GP to get my medication sorted"

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Financial review

Review of activities 2024

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024 is set out on page 16 of the Financial Statements. The company returned a surplus for the year of £106,186 after other recognised gains and losses. Income generated from the company's activities was £1,702,380 (2023 - £1,636,999) of which 63% was grants from the NI Housing Executive and the Western Health Social Care Trust.

Support services are regulated and funded by the Supporting People policy and funding framework, which is administered by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive. The Mission Board share collective responsibility and are committed to good stewardship of funds received, a high standard of service provision and a prudent reserves policy. The aims and objectives for 2024 included continuing enhancement of quality services, greater participation of residents, the strengthening of resettlement services, actively supporting residents to "move- on" and to sustain more independent tenancies.

The Mission Board is pleased to report that significant progress has been made to meet the aims and objectives during 2024. A budget income and expenditure account including the above objectives is prepared at the start of each financial year and the 2024 objectives were met. A decision was taken by the Trustees to separate the finances of Clooney Hall Church from NWMM in order to streamline reporting and reduce the burden on church volunteers. The accounts for 2024 reflect this change.

The NWMM Board considers it prudent to hold funds in reserve in case unforeseen circumstances should lead to financial difficulties, which might put the future of its employment capacity, residents' well-being, general mission work and property in jeopardy. Reserves may be defined as restricted or unrestricted. Restricted reserves relate to surpluses accumulated as a result of a binding restriction by the donor over the use of the income donated. Unrestricted reserves relate to surpluses accumulated from all other sources of income and will be applied to general purposes within the company at the discretion of the Board. Designated reserves refer to that portion of unrestricted reserves which the Board has allocated for a specific purpose.

The Board considers 100% of unrestricted annual operating costs to be adequate reserves. Accumulated reserves as at 31 December 2024 were £1,478,892, (2023 - £1,427,552) of which £799,884 were designated funds and £96,880 (2023 - £42,034) were restricted funds.

Plans for future periods

- Continue to provide high quality temporary accommodation and support to homeless men including harm reduction support through our Men's Hostel.
- Continue to provide refuge and temporary accommodation to women fleeing domestic abuse, homeless single women and children via our Clarendon Shelter services.
- Continue to work in partnership and build sustainability.
- Explore and research longer-term accommodation solutions for our service users.
- Continue to provide other services such as the Drop-in Centre and the Parent & Toddler Group.
- Further develop Clooney Centre as a community resource
- Further develop and communicate the work of the Five Missions Forum
- Continue to develop and deliver our homelessness education and awareness programme to schools and community organisations within the region
- Continue to invest in the skills and development of our Trustees, staff and volunteers through appropriate training and development opportunities both on and off the job
- Continue to ensure quality standards are understood and met across the organisation
- Ensure our core values and clients are at the centre of all we do

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Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, 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).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

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 applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

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The trustees' annual report (incorporating the directors' report) was approved on 21 May 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr M Johnston (Treasurer)
Trustee

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of North West Methodist Mission

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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of North West Methodist Mission (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes, 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 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 charity 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 the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 28 to the financial statements, 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

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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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, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) 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 charity'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 liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

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Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Alistair Sterritt (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
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21 May 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
(including income and expenditure account)
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		2024	2024		2023
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	13,309	–	13,309	21,181
Charitable activities	6	694,845	979,211	1,674,057	1,601,901
Other trading activities	7	3,972	–	3,972	4,448
Investment income	8	11,042	–	11,042	9,469
Total income		<u>723,168</u>	<u>979,211</u>	<u>1,702,380</u>	<u>1,636,999</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of other trading activities	9	635	–	635	347
Expenditure on charitable activities	10,11	687,064	931,742	1,618,807	1,715,369
Total expenditure		<u>687,699</u>	<u>931,742</u>	<u>1,619,442</u>	<u>1,715,716</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>35,469</u>	<u>47,469</u>	<u>82,938</u>	<u>(78,717)</u>
Transfers between funds		(7,377)	7,377	–	–
Other recognised gains and losses					
Gains from revaluation of fixed assets		23,248	–	23,248	27,384
Net movement in funds		51,340	54,846	106,186	(51,333)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,427,552	42,034	1,469,586	1,520,919
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,478,892</u>	<u>96,880</u>	<u>1,575,772</u>	<u>1,469,586</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

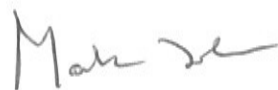
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North West Methodist Mission
Company Limited by Guarantee
Statement of Financial Position
31 December 2024

		2024		2023 <i>(restated)</i>
	Note	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Tangible fixed assets	16		152,174	16,963
Current assets				
Debtors	17	127,277		65,387
Investments	18	672,076		648,828
Cash at bank and in hand		774,572		949,471
		<u>1,573,925</u>		<u>1,663,686</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	<u>150,327</u>		<u>211,063</u>
Net current assets			<u>1,423,598</u>	<u>1,452,623</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>1,575,772</u>	<u>1,469,586</u>
Net assets			<u>1,575,772</u>	<u>1,469,586</u>
Funds of the charity				
Restricted funds			96,880	42,034
Unrestricted funds:				
Revaluation reserve		50,632		27,384
Other unrestricted income funds		1,428,260		1,400,168
Total unrestricted funds		<u>1,478,892</u>		<u>1,427,552</u>
Total charity funds	22		<u>1,575,772</u>	<u>1,469,586</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 21 May 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr M Johnston (Treasurer)
Trustee



Rev Dr S F Skuce (Chair)
Trustee

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Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 (restated) £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net income/(expenditure)		82,938	(78,717)
<i>Adjustments for:</i>			
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		11,818	7,069
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		(11,042)	(9,469)
Accrued income		(14,400)	(7,328)
<i>Changes in:</i>			
Trade and other debtors		(54,513)	16,976
Trade and other creditors		(51,954)	24,011
Cash generated from operations		<u>(37,153)</u>	<u>(47,458)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(37,153)</u>	<u>(47,458)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		11,042	9,469
Purchase of tangible assets		(147,029)	(9,087)
Other investing cash flow adjustment		-	35,554
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities		<u>(135,987)</u>	<u>35,936</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(173,140)	(11,522)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		944,032	955,554
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	19	<u>770,892</u>	<u>944,032</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2024

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 36 Clooney Terrace, Londonderry, BT47 6AR.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Buildings	-	2% straight line
Fixtures & fittings	-	20% straight line
Motor Vehicles	-	33% straight line
Equipment	-	33% straight line

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Limited by guarantee

North West Methodist Mission is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

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Year ended 31 December 2024

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023 <i>(restated)</i>
	£	£	£	£
Donations				
Mission donations	13,309	13,309	21,181	21,181

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Grant income - Supporting People	–	973,637	973,637
Grant income - W.H.S.C.T.	99,150	–	99,150
Hostel accommodation & personal charges	560,603	–	560,603
Room hire & related income	32,055	–	32,055
Project & activities income	3,037	5,574	8,612
	<u>694,845</u>	<u>979,211</u>	<u>1,674,057</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023 <i>(restated)</i>
	£	£	£
Grant income - Supporting People	–	893,706	893,706
Grant income - W.H.S.C.T.	92,010	–	92,010
Hostel accommodation & personal charges	550,696	–	550,696
Room hire & related income	30,540	–	30,540
Project & activities income	3,432	31,516	34,949
	<u>676,678</u>	<u>925,222</u>	<u>1,601,901</u>

7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023 <i>(restated)</i>
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	3,972	3,972	4,345	4,345
Provision of support services	–	–	103	103
	<u>3,972</u>	<u>3,972</u>	<u>4,448</u>	<u>4,448</u>

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8. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023 <i>(restated)</i>
	£	£	£	£
Income from listed investments	2,080	2,080	1,958	1,958
Income from cash investments	8,962	8,962	7,511	7,511
	<u>11,042</u>	<u>11,042</u>	<u>9,469</u>	<u>9,469</u>

9. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023 <i>(restated)</i>
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising costs	635	635	347	347

10. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Clooney Hall activities	64,714	–	64,714
General charitable	58,024	–	58,024
Clooney Church	–	–	–
Homeless Services	522,337	875,366	1,397,702
34 Clooney	7,526	–	7,526
Support costs	34,463	56,376	90,841
	<u>687,064</u>	<u>931,742</u>	<u>1,618,807</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023 <i>(restated)</i>
	£	£	£
Clooney Hall activities	60,576	–	60,576
General charitable	47,471	–	47,471
Clooney Church	123,608	–	123,608
Homeless Services	519,926	897,424	1,417,350
34 Clooney	–	–	–
Support costs	52,098	14,265	66,364
	<u>803,679</u>	<u>911,689</u>	<u>1,715,369</u>

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Year ended 31 December 2024

11. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Clooney Hall activities	64,714	136	64,850	60,671
General charitable	58,024	1,412	59,436	47,852
Clooney Church	—	—	—	123,608
Homeless Services	1,397,702	49,642	1,447,344	1,464,635
34 Clooney	7,526	2,730	10,256	—
Governance costs	—	36,921	36,921	18,603
	<u>1,527,966</u>	<u>90,841</u>	<u>1,618,807</u>	<u>1,715,369</u>

12. Analysis of support costs

	Support costs £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Finance costs	991	991	971
Governance costs	36,922	36,922	18,602
Other Support costs	53,069	53,069	46,791
	<u>90,982</u>	<u>90,982</u>	<u>66,364</u>

13. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 <i>(restated)</i> £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	11,818	7,069
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	11,434	11,670

14. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024 £	2023 <i>(restated)</i> £
Wages and salaries	1,083,366	1,035,608
Social security costs	85,482	79,762
Employer contributions to pension plans	24,567	24,568
	<u>1,193,415</u>	<u>1,139,938</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 42 (2023: 44). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Number of staff	<u>42</u>	<u>44</u>

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14. Staff costs *(continued)*

The number of employees whose remuneration for the year fell within the following bands, were:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
£60,000 to £69,999	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel include all persons that have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total compensation paid to key management personnel for services provided to the charity was £245,867 (2023:£228,304).

15. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No expenses, remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

16. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 January 2024 (as restated)	–	105,031	20,125	25,561	150,717
Additions	136,515	4,166	–	6,348	147,029
At 31 December 2024	<u>136,515</u>	<u>109,197</u>	<u>20,125</u>	<u>31,909</u>	<u>297,746</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 January 2024	–	88,957	20,125	24,672	133,754
Charge for the year	2,730	6,256	–	2,832	11,818
At 31 December 2024	<u>2,730</u>	<u>95,213</u>	<u>20,125</u>	<u>27,504</u>	<u>145,572</u>
Carrying amount					
At 31 December 2024	<u>133,785</u>	<u>13,984</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>4,405</u>	<u>152,174</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>–</u>	<u>16,074</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>889</u>	<u>16,963</u>

17. Debtors

	2024	2023 <i>(restated)</i>
	£	£
Trade debtors	11,148	10,553
Prepayments and accrued income	68,290	60,192
Other debtors	47,839	(5,358)
	<u>127,277</u>	<u>65,387</u>

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18. Investments

	2024	2023 <i>(restated)</i>
	£	£
Listed investments	38,106	41,860
Unlisted investments	633,970	606,968
	<u>672,076</u>	<u>648,828</u>

19. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:

	2024	2023 <i>(restated)</i>
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	774,572	949,471
Bank overdrafts	(3,680)	(5,439)
	<u>770,892</u>	<u>944,032</u>

20. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023 <i>(restated)</i>
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	3,680	5,439
Trade creditors	13,324	61,523
Accruals and deferred income	37,019	44,042
Social security and other taxes	29,987	27,599
Other creditors	49,872	48,092
Other creditors	16,445	24,368
	<u>150,327</u>	<u>211,063</u>

21. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £24,567 (2023: £24,568).

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Year ended 31 December 2024

24. Financial instruments

Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	11,148	10,553
Cash at bank and in hand	774,572	949,471
Investments	672,076	648,828
Total	1,457,796	1,608,852

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	13,324	61,523
Credit card	3,680	5,439
Total	17,004	66,962

25. Prior year adjustments

The Statement of Financial Position and associated notes in respect of the previous year have been restated due to changes in the classification of restricted funds in accordance with agreements from funders.

26. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Jan 2024	Cash flows	At 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	949,471	(174,899)	774,572
Bank overdrafts	(5,439)	1,759	(3,680)
Current asset investments	648,828	23,248	672,076
	<u>1,592,860</u>	<u>(149,892)</u>	<u>1,442,968</u>

27. Related parties

During the year the charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	Transaction value		Balance owed by/(owed to)	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Payment in respect of church assessment contributions	–	36,570	–	–
Payment in respect of pastoral support	30,180	30,180	–	–
Receipts in respect of administration expenses recharged	–	(103)	–	–
	<u>–</u>	<u>66,647</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>

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27. Related parties *(continued)*

As detailed above, during the year North West Methodist Mission made payments to and received amounts from the Londonderry, Inishowen, Limavady and Strabane Mission Circuit, an organisation which is also governed by the Methodist Church in Ireland and which has some officials who are also directors of North West Methodist Mission.

North West Methodist Mission is under the direction of the Methodist Church in Ireland. During the year the Methodist Church in Ireland continued to invest funds with Epworth Investment Management on behalf of the company. At the year end these funds were valued at £633,970 (2023: £606,968).

28. Ethical standards

In common with many other charities of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

