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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	09	24	To	31	08	25

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

Methodist Church The Shetland District Lerwick & Walls Circuit	
SC 008658	
Breckon	
4 West Baila	
Lerwick	
Shetland	Postcode ZE1 0SG

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev. Stephen Charman	Dep Chair(Shetland)		
2	Rev. Mark Slaney	Chair (Scotland)		
3	Graham Dorrat	Circuit Treasurer		
4	Valerie Hall	Circuit Steward		
5	Shyrleen Pottinger	Circuit Steward		
6	Dr Valerie Turner	Sen Circuit Steward		
7	Matthew Dorrat	Circuit Steward		
8	Cecil Tait	Circuit Steward		
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The constitutional practices and Discipline of the Methodist Church Vol 2 (2012)

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Through membership of the District Leadership Team recruited by the team and Chair of District, with appointments ratified by Synod.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The promotion of Christian worship, teaching and fellowship in welcoming and safe environments throughout Shetland. Outreach to the people of Shetland and visitors to the isles through word and mission service, working in partnership with other churches and bodies where possible and appropriate. We make charitable donations to UK and international organisations such as All We Can and Christian Aid. We support local organisations through charitable giving and volunteering.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

- Maintenance of public worship in churches and other buildings and through home fellowship.
- Supporting and developing work with children and young people to encourage their participation.
- Improve the quality and range of church activities for all ages.
- Provide and enable good support for churches within the Shetland district.
- Manage district finances for the overall benefit of the district.
- Build ecumenical links and offer outreach in the community.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

- Maintenance of regular worship throughout Shetland within churches and through outreach in community care facilities, schools and house groups.
- Churches have been upgraded for disabled and other access.
- Church manses continue to be upgraded to provide accommodations for ministers and others.
- New programmes and forms of worship are being tried to appeal to those outwith the church (messy church, café church). Shared worship between churches within the District is being promoted and ecumenical links are being forged and developed through the promotion of non denominational worship
- All church officers and others within the church working with vulnerable people have been trained and continue with updates through the Safeguarding programme and safeguarding policies issued to all churches and a safeguarding team appointed
- Continuing support is offered to ministers, deacons, lay preachers and assistants
- Good pastoral care and support continues to be offered to older people and families throughout Shetland (where possible)
- To support charitable giving by the church coffee mornings, café church, and other activities where donations are invited continue to be developed
- Promotion of new initiatives to attract new people continue as well as ongoing outreach into schools by ministers and deacons up to Lockdown)
- The promotion of our activities and reports on same are on social media
- Ongoing missional activity in the form of Food for the Way to provide opportunities for support and fellowship through the medium of regular lunch clubs and a food bank and to a range of people with various issues centred around addiction, mental health and lifestyle. New initiatives centred around the Fresh Start project, notably Fresh Start Gardening, continue to expand with partnership working within and outwith Shetland.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves are held by the church in several trust funds (managed by TMCP) and in two CFB accounts. The reserve funds are supplied by occasional donations and by interest from an investment fund. The funds are available, under the management of the District Leadership Team, on behalf of Synod, for use in making grants available for District/ Circuit purposes and to churches for mission or property purposes. The funds are not restricted in their use (except where noted for specific allocation) except that their use shall be for the purposes of the Shetland District of the Methodist Church. Grants are to be applied for according to the policy & procedures document of the Shetland District.

Details of any deficit

Overall in the year 2024 25 we had a deficit of £21,496.09. This was due to all income streams being reduced, and although expenditure was also much reduced it did not reduce enough to obtain a surplus.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

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Other optional information

Regular online streaming of services and other worship and fellowship activities continue as hybrid forms of worship are developed. Zoom meetings of District Leadership team continue and strategic planning has been focussed on activities to ensure the continuance of worship as well as exploring new outreach initiatives to carry the work of Food for the Way forward and place it into the context of current need by working with partnership organisation within Shetland and farther afield. The core of the Fresh Start project to date is Fresh Start Gardening which is being developed around a large Polycrub sited on a piece of land in central Lerwick to grow fresh food year round and skill groups of volunteers in horticulture. This is a partnership with NHS Shetland and works in conjunction with the other "growing" initiatives already in place and is managed by our Pioneer Worker in the context of Recovery Church which is a key part of Food for the Way.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>		
Full name(s)	Graham Dorrat	Rev. Stephen Charman
Position (e.g. Chair)	District Treasurer	Depute Chair of Shetland District
Date	27th May 2026	27th May 2026