

RESERVES POLICY of

The Methodist Church- Chelmsford Circuit

(*Church Council /Circuit Meeting /District)

1. General Funds held at Y/E 31/08/2024	£2,230,777
2. Restricted Funds held “	£6,002
3. Endowment Funds held “	£25,541

4. Reserves policy for General Funds

The total general funds of the Circuit total £2,230,777. This amount is made up as follows:

Book value of 4 houses (3 designated as manses, 1 an investment)	£1,532,250
Amount designated for the Schools & Family Worker project	£103,000
Amount designated for the Refugee Support Fund	£5,000
Balance, being free reserves	£590,527

The free reserves are held as follows

Within the Circuit Model Trust Fund	£423,451
Within the Circuit CFB deposit account	£167,076

The reserves policy for the free reserves of £590,527 is that the Circuit should hold at least 6 months' expenditure in reserves, in order to meet the District assessment and Circuit manse expenditure. This assumes that churches in the Circuit will continue to meet their agreed contributions to the Circuit Ministerial costs. This amount to be held in general reserve is £90,000, as at 31.08.24.

The policy for the remaining balance of approximately £500,000 is under review. A proposal is being brought to the Circuit meeting in March 2025.

5. Policy for Restricted Funds

There are two restricted funds:

Hatfield Peverel School worker fund-£4,332 being the balance of grants received from the District, to be spent in on the Schools Work in 2024/25

Ukrainian & other Refugee Support fund-£1,670 being the balance of donations and Gift Aid received. This has all been distributed in refugee support in 2024/25.

6. Terms relating to Endowment Funds held

Endowment Fund-Harriet Walker Fund

This is a permanent endowment with the capital invested through TMCP. The income from the fund is to be used for the local Methodist ministry covering the village of Great Totham, and is transferred to the general fund for this purpose.

This Reserves Policy has been approved by

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Treasurer	Trustee
Full name	Full Name
Signature	Signature