

Public Benefit Requirement

The trustees of The Methodist Church had due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in compliance with its duties under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011.

This guidance sets out two key principles:

1. The organisation must have an identifiable benefit.
2. The benefit must be to the public or a section of the public.

The Church exists, inter alia, to:

1. increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love;
2. help people to learn and grow as Christians, through mutual support and care; and
3. be a good neighbour to people in need and challenge injustice.

The trustees consider that for these reasons the charity meets these public benefit requirements.

Structure

The Methodist Church applied and became a registered charity on 20 October 2009 (1132208 – “The Methodist Church in Great Britain”). The members of the Methodist Conference are the trustees and their names are publically available on the Charity Commission website. The Methodist Council is appointed annually by the Conference. Amongst other functions it is responsible for the adoption annually of a unified statement of connexional finances, clearly distinguishing between restricted and unrestricted funds and conforming to the law and accounting regulations so as to give an overall view of those monies and other assets for which the Council is responsible. The Council is further responsible for presenting that unified statement of connexional finances to the Conference. The names of the members of the Methodist Council are appended at the end of these accounts.