

# THE METHODIST CHURCH AND ITS MAIN FUNDS (updated March 2010)

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From time to time there are appeals for the financial support of the main funds.

The main restricted funds are:

*The Mission in Britain Fund*  
*The Fund for World Mission*  
*The Fund for Property*

The donations, gifts and all other income to these funds can only be used for the particular work of the fund including the work of relevant sections of the Connexional team.

## 48 The unrestricted Methodist Church Fund

The other main fund

*The Methodist Church Fund*  
(SO 361)

is an **unrestricted fund** which finances a considerable amount of general work that the Church undertakes including the resourcing of the staff of the Connexional team and the payment of other expenditure and grants. It is able to be used where the need is greatest.

It receives the majority of its income from the Churches in the connexion who contribute an amount according to the number of ministers/deacons and members in the District as part of the Circuit assessment or share which is passed on to the Methodist Church Fund.

It is important that Church treasurers are aware of these funds. Information about the needs of each fund and further details about their purposes are regularly published in the Methodist press but enquiries can be addressed to The Helpdesk, Methodist Church House, London. NW1 5JR

**Circuit Connexional fund treasurers are requested to transfer monies regularly, directly to the Connexional fund accounts using uniquely encoded paying in books which are available from the Connexional Finance Office (in London).**

There are, of course, other Methodist funds regularly supported by the local Church, such as the Methodist Relief and Development Fund.