

2022 TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
for
CHRISTIAN CONCERN FOR ONE WORLD
Registered charity no. 1008146

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Trustees:

Colin Date	Acting Chair
Catriona Cappleman	Secretary and Treasurer
Colin Cockshaw	Until 15/11/2022
Keith Whyte	

Senior staff:

Maranda St John Nicolle	Director
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Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is a trust governed by a trust deed dated 20 December 1991. Trustees are selected by the existing trustees.

Objectives and Activities

Objects of the charity as set out in the governing document

The advancement of Christian religion, relief of poverty, the advancement of education and for such other charitable purposes, trusts or institutions as the trustees shall in their absolute discretion from time to time think fit.

Summary of Main Activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

CCOW's strapline is "helping Christians love God and neighbour in a globalised world". We focus in particular on three areas which offer particular opportunities for local Christians to live out their love: care for creation and climate action and advocacy; support for refugees and asylum seekers; and economic justice, especially around trade.

In order to encourage Christians and their churches to deepen their engagement in these areas, the charity carries out three forms of activity. Firstly, we provide resources – including background information, theological reflections, worship materials, and suggestions for action – that enable individuals and their churches to reflect, pray and act more knowledgeably and effectively.

Secondly, we supplement these with in-person talks, training, and mentoring, acting as a catalyst for action by particular groups and communities.

Thirdly, we network people and groups with each other. We are an ecumenical charity, so connected to churches from a variety of traditions. We are also involved with a wide range of community groups, local and national charities, statutory bodies, and coalitions that work in our focal areas. We

seek, where possible, to link individuals, churches, and wider groups that have similar aims and objectives, to help them accomplish more together.

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

STANDING ALONGSIDE REFUGEES

We believe ...

each human being is made in the image and likeness of God and possesses inherent dignity and value.

every person has the right to seek safety when fleeing armed conflict and persecution.

all of us are called to love our neighbours as ourselves – and love doesn't look the other way when people are in need.

We help people turn principles into action through:

... providing information to inform prayer and practical action

In 2022 we continued to produce our quarterly refugee support newsletter for people with a specific interest in supporting refugees locally, as well as offering information to a wider online audience through social media channels, our website, and our more general prayer emails. We also offered hard copy resources upon request, including a brochure on the Nationality and Borders Bill and a new Christmas-themed 'Refugees Welcome' poster.

A major focus of our work was providing resources for individuals and churches who wanted to support Ukrainians arriving in the UK. Our 'Ukraine – ways to make a difference' page was a 'one-stop shop' to help people pray, give, or take practical action. It hosted a wide range of our own materials, including an interactive map of groups supporting Ukrainians in the Thames Valley, a template 'welcome leaflet' in English and Ukrainian that churches could use to give key information to people arriving in their area, bilingual worship resources, and a shopping list of food items that would be most helpful for giving to new arrivals as a 'welcome basket' or donating to food banks. It also contained links to a range of resources to support people seeking to host Ukrainians, to pray for Ukraine, or to donate to organisations offering humanitarian relief in Ukraine and practical support for Ukrainian refugees.

We are grateful to Alexandra Sevko, headteacher of the Reading Ukrainian School, for her translations of resources and for providing the shopping lists, and to Alexandra and Mick Polleck, from the Reading Ukrainian Community Centre, for speaking at an online 'Introduction to Ukrainian culture, history & traditions,' which offered vital background for hosts and supporters.

These resources were widely used and referred to by other local organisations, including Asylum Welcome and the Diocese of Oxford.

... being a catalyst and making connections

While our particular strength is offering resources that help churches to link faith and local action, it is a principle of our work with refugees that we work with people of all faiths and none, finding common ground in our concern for the rights and dignity of people seeking safety in the UK. We often work in coalition – in 2022, we were active members of Together with Refugees and regular participants in the Ukraine Welcome network convened by Asylum Welcome – and partner with individual community groups, statutory bodies, and other refugee-focused charities.

Through our many connections, we are able to help churches network not only with each other and with Christian charities, but also with a wide range of other organisations.

In 2022, we worked with individual churches that wanted to support Afghan refugees, sponsor a family, or support Ukrainians in their community. We also worked with Churches Together groups and with denominational bodies, gathering information through them on what their members were doing, sharing general information about what they could encourage their churches to do, forwarding specific requests from agencies, and helping to form the 'Didcot Churches Refugee Welcome' group.

In the Autumn, to enable further networking and sharing of best practice, we held larger events that brought a range of different churches and potential partners together.

Our September online gathering, 'Standing with Refugees: Where are we now and what next?' included keynote talks from Mark Goldring, Director of Asylum Welcome; Nick Harborne, Director of Refugee Support Group; local church leaders whose churches have founded key programmes, a Syrian with lived experience of being a refugee in our area; and Krish Kandiah, founder of Sanctuary Foundation. Breakout workshops drew on the expertise of speakers from the Diocese of Oxford, Reset, Aspire Oxford, Connection Support and Refugee Education UK to offer advice on supporting Ukrainians, community sponsorship, and helping refugees find work, housing, and access to higher education.

In December, we worked with Reading City of Sanctuary and others to put on a 'Churches Standing with Refugees' event at which speakers included the Mayor of Reading; Nick Harborne; Maggie Filipova-Rivers from Reading City of Sanctuary; Fiona Winterbottom from Greyfriars Reading; and Sam, a sanctuary seeker in Reading.

... assisting in advocacy

As partners with a number of refugee-focused charities and members of the Together with Refugees coalition, we seek to advocate and help others advocate for better policy and practice in relation to asylum seekers and refugees.

We disseminated advocacy materials relating to the Nationality and Borders Bill and the Homes for Ukraine scheme to our supporters, encouraged the lobbying of MPs, and took part in a number of joint advocacy moments, including a faith leaders' letter to the Prime Minister around the Nationality and Borders Bill, and a Together with Refugees letters on the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme and the plan to send asylum seekers to Rwanda.

Having worked in climate advocacy for some time, we were conscious that it would be helpful to bring some of the lessons learned from that sphere into helping people build local coalitions and create long-term relationships with MPs, so that refugee-focused advocacy could be less reactive

and have a greater long-term impact. We are grateful to four Oxford University micro-interns who assisted us in scoping out the first stages of this project and creating some initial resources around ways of doing advocacy, the use of composite case studies to inspire action, and how to link faith and advocacy in a specifically Christian context. These will form the basis for a toolkit and local church advocacy strategy.

CARING FOR CREATION and TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE

We believe ...

- that the earth is the Lord's – and that all are called to join in creation's praise of the Maker.
- that it is necessary to recognise and repent of the role that we human beings and our institutions play in disturbing the balance of nature and imperilling ecosystems, species and our brothers and sisters.
- that prayer, practical action, and advocacy on creation care in general and the climate crisis in particular is an essential part of Christian discipleship, a vital part of living out the call to love God and neighbour.

In 2022, we helped people pray, take practical action, and advocate on creation care and the climate crisis through providing a variety of resources ...

Climate Sunday Legacy

"Climate Sunday's ... members will continue to provide opportunities for local churches to make climate action a significant part of their discipleship and mission and to contribute to civil society efforts to secure adequate national and international action." www.climatesunday.org

As members of the steering group for Climate Sunday, we worked to ensure that the movement, which had engaged more than 2,200 churches across Britain and Ireland, would have a lasting legacy. We helped to organise and participated in an online event offering churches guidance on next steps and worked with others in the team to ensure that the legacy website would be a useful resource for churches seeking to engage in the issues.

Pray and Fast for the Climate

Since 2014, we have worked with Isabel Carter to provide climate-related monthly prayer points for individuals and churches under the banner of Pray and Fast for the Climate. The materials are a combination of information, prayer points, short prayers and reflections. They are used by individuals and small groups across the UK and in several other countries; in 2022, we also had online sessions for people who didn't belong to a small group but wanted to join with each other in prayer. The materials are regularly promoted by Green Christian, which asks its supporters to join in with the prayers on the 1st of every month, as well as by other groups such as CTBI and Climate Stewards.

Isabel retired from doing Pray and Fast towards the end of the year; we thank her for inspiring and helping to sustain the programme.

Website resources

We continued, in 2022, to develop the creation care and climate-related resources on our website, which, especially because of the links from Climate Sunday, have been widely used.

PROMOTING FAIR TRADE

We believe ...

- that, as theologian Dewi Hughes said, "Since Jesus asks us as Christians to love our neighbours as ourselves, and our neighbour is any other human being with whom we come into contact, the demand to love must prevail when we shop."
- that Fair Trade promotes a positive model for relationships between people who produce goods and those who use them.
- that the existence of dedicated Fair Trade Organisations, including producers and retailers, is essential to safeguarding the integrity of the Fair Trade movement.

In 2022, we focused on creating a hub of Fair Trade resources for churches.

CCOW's Fair Trade resources have long been among the most popular items on our website, downloaded by churches around the UK and around the world. In 2022, we did a major update of individual resources and created a new thematic hub to enable easy access to materials that focus on learning about Fair Trade, prayer and preaching on the topic, accessing and using Fair Trade goods, and holding different kinds of Fair Trade-related events.

We remain active members of the Oxford Fair Trade Coalition and work with other members to promote Fair Trade in Oxford.

WORK WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

CCOW is a member of the **Ecumenical Council for Corporate Responsibility**, now known as the Just Money Movement. While our director has now retired from the board, having served for nine years, we remain engaged with ECCR and continue wholeheartedly to support its mission to help Christians and Christian institutions work towards a world where money is used to create a fairer, greener future.

The Director is a member of the steering group for the **International Anglican Family Network**.

Throughout 2022, CCOW's Director was seconded for two days a week to the **Diocese of Oxford**. One day a week she acted as a consultant to the Environment Action Programme, helping the diocese with its net zero planning, energy audit programme for churches, training for environmental action, and other environmental projects. One day a week she worked as Partners in World Mission Project Officer, resourcing work with global partners and UK and other mission and development agencies.

Financial Review

In 2022 income was £29,714 (£200 restricted) and expenditure £26,980 (£63 from restricted funds). CCOW aims to keep a minimum six months' expenditure in reserves. It has £3,000 set aside in a 60-day notice account and £2,000 in a 12-month fixed rate saver.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees

Signature(s)	CM Cappleman
Full name(s)	CM CAPPLEMAN
Position	HON TREASURER

Christian Concern for One World
Receipts and Payments Account
for the period from 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022

Charity number: 1008146

Section A

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds (note 1)	Total 2022	Total 2021
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £

A1 Receipts

Grants from church organisation	14,290	-	14,290	15,370
Donations from churches	-	-	-	50
Donations from individuals (GA)	1,707	-	1,707	2,226
Donations from individuals (non-GA)	12,573	200	12,773	5,470
Income tax refund	365	-	365	557
Grants	-	-	-	-
Misc	579	-	579	69
TOTAL Receipts	29,514	200	29,714	23,742

A3 Payments

Salaries, NI & pensions	22,291	-	22,291	23,304
Publications	42	-	42	1,156
Payroll expenses	390	-	390	378
Admin - website/stationery	3,059	-	3,059	1,443
Admin - travel	15	-	15	91
Conferences & meetings	-	63	63	-
Insurance	964	-	964	1,049
Subscriptions	75	-	75	75
Bank charges	81	-	81	96
TOTAL Payments	26,917	63	26,980	27,591

Net of Receipts/Payments	2,597	137	2,734	- 3,849
A6 Cash funds last year-end	16,810	3,499	20,309	24,159
Cash funds this year-end	19,407	3,636	23,043	20,310

Section B

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds (note 1)
	to nearest £	to nearest £

Co-operative Bank current account	531	
CAF Bank current account	13,876	3,436
CAF 12-month fixed rate saver	2,000	
CAF 60-day notice account	3,000	

Section C

Note 1

Notes applicable to CCOW Accounts

Restricted funds

Balance at

Balance at

1/1/2022

Income

Expenditure

31/12/2022

MF Wright 2	445	-	63	382
Capacity building	2,054	-	-	2,054
Barnsbury Trust grant	1,000	-	-	1,000
Young donation Refugee support	-	200	-	200

Note 2

The year-end balance includes £22.30 expenses to Joanna Schuder, £223.35 paid to Maranda Loengard St John Nicolle for Canva and Microsoft invoices paid by her and £569.99 also to Maranda Loengard St John Nicolle for a computer she bought, all of which refer to 2022.

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

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Print Name

CM CAPPLEMAN

Date

16/5/2023



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Christian Concern for One World

On accounts for the year ended

31 December 2022

Charity no (if any)

1008146

Set out on pages

CC16a R & P accounts. Pages 1 & 2 dated 16/5/2023

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: 

Date: 19/07/2023

Name:

Ian Greer

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.