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Veritas College International
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Trustees' report and financial statements
for the year ended 30 June 2021

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Legal and administrative information

Charity number	1009018
Company registration number	2686377
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Report of the trustees (incorporating the directors' report)
for the year ended 30 June 2021

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021. The trustees, who are also directors of Veritas College International for the purposes of company law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance, management and public benefit statement

Veritas College International (VCI) has complied with the duty in section 4 of the 2006 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission (i.e. public benefit statement). VCI is an organisation whose mission is to serve the church in its various expressions at the local church level around the world. This mission is fulfilled by training church leaders and believers who will be able to train others, using a curriculum with approaches and methodologies to facilitate the following processes: Interpret the Bible in a practical and responsible way; apply the obtained absolutes of the Bible in the local context and communicate the absolutes in the local context.

VCI works internationally via National Colleges with a focus in areas where there is a need for practical, professional or academic biblical training and/or where time or resources are limited. VCI training takes place in existing churches of any denomination or in church planting settings. The training aims to be integrated into the life and ministry of the church. Since 1992, VCI has become a key provider of theological training in over 40 countries. Starting in 2006, Australian accredited vocational training is available in the Veritas Network.

The underlying governing document for VCI is the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The document was originally signed on 23rd November 1991 and amended by a special resolution dated 6th November 2007. The Certificate of Incorporation on Change of Name was issued on 19th December 2007. Trustees are recruited to the international board by assessing their experience and commitment to the ethos of VCI. The aim is to give the board the necessary expertise and oversight to ensure the college is well managed.

VCI's board is the ultimate decision maker for the charity's operations and is the custodian of the charity's assets. VCI has intellectual property licence agreements with National Veritas Colleges and denominations and other organisations that are permitted to operate Veritas training within agreed policies and procedures. The purpose of the agreements is to permit effective local training and management while protecting the intellectual property, reputation and goodwill of VCI. The CEO is instrumental in ensuring that board decisions are carried out within the international college structure.

Objectives and activities

Our objectives in the last year were to support our existing international training networks; to ensure the training is to the right standard, funded and adequately staffed; to implement the accredited training that is enabling students to have recognised qualifications from the West Australian Government using their vocational training in a practical and local setting; to implement the post-graduate training that is offered by VCI that is registered in the State of Texas; to maintain the Candidate Status accreditation for the post-graduate US qualifications and to work towards full accreditation; to keep the VCI network updated on policies and procedures; and to ensure good reporting of training throughout the network according to the licence agreements. VCI endeavours to meet and liaise with National Veritas College directors, local staff and local board members.

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Achievements and performance

This year the number of student enrolments in the Foundation Training was 14,628 in 44 countries. This represents a drop of only 14.5% of the pre-COVID-19 level. The number of modules completed was 10,233. This represents a drop of only 16.5% of the pre-COVID-19 level. The reasons why we were largely able to sustain the level of training are as follows: The incredible commitment of our staff and volunteer facilitators; the national geographic spread of our staff and volunteer facilitators - while some countries were in lockdown others had more favourable circumstances; the local geographic spread of our many volunteer facilitators - for example while Lilongwe, the capital of Malawi was in lockdown many rural areas were untouched; the emphasis that we have on employing local staff who did not have to return to their home countries because of the pandemic; our emphasis on the adoption of technology that helped us to add online training quickly and effectively. Having said all of this, we are very aware of the Lord's grace!

The Diploma Training has been advanced by various cohorts applying for recognition of prior learning (RPL) to the accredited VCI entity in Australia.

The Graduate training offered through the VCI entity established in the State of Texas, USA has progressed well. A fourth cohort of the MA in Biblical Ministry in Egypt has graduated and the first cohort of the MDiv in Texas has graduated. This institution received Candidate Status from the Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) in the USA in February 2020 and was approved in June 2020 to offer distance education. This accrediting body is associated to the World Evangelical Alliance of which VCI is an associated member. The US Department of Accreditation recognises the Candidate Status of VCI as the equivalent of accreditation status. We are grateful that this accreditation status for our post-graduate US qualifications will complement our non-formal Foundation Training and our Australian Accredited Diploma Training.

The processes to monitor and ensure quality and timely reporting, accounting and administration by the network of training colleges are well in place.

Financial review

Veritas has generous donors who continued to support our ministry this last financial year. Our board and their families set an example by providing 49% of all donations received by the VCI network of colleges. Our charity's main revenue stream was further strengthened by donations and grants received from our global donor base of churches and individuals, as well as Christian foundations that partner with us to fund the training activities. Income generated from training activities in the past financial year represents about 10% of our total income. The donations received for general and restricted use were lower than the previous year. Globally we received sufficient donations and grants to cover the expenses for the year for which we are very grateful. Our goal is to see local Veritas staff, churches and volunteers raising more support within their own countries. A key benefit for Veritas continues to be the large number of volunteer facilitators who are involved in the charity. The approach to serve networks of churches and organisations, leads to many of them making their facilities and staff available to run the training. This approach to training helps to make for a very cost effective charity. Our CEO and his wife serve as volunteers on a full-time basis.

Grant making policy

Funds that are received for a specific country or project (called restricted funds) are safeguarded to be used for only that purpose. Just before the beginning of a new financial year all the countries within the network must submit budgets for the new financial year. The VCI board makes discretionary allocations of unrestricted funds to the various National Veritas Colleges.

Principal funding sources

The principal funding resources of VCI were trusts, foundations, churches and individuals.

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Nature of risks

The charity is dependent upon donors to fund the training. Whilst tight accounting procedures and audits are part of the college ethos, there is a risk that some monies could be misused causing a breakdown of trust between donors and the charity. In order to manage the risk, controls are in place such as annual budgeting, quarterly financial reports, annual auditing, policies and procedures and efficiency ratios comparing the cost of training between different countries. There are specialised training courses for the trainers and other checks to ensure that high levels of quality training are maintained as there could be some dilution in the teaching quality with a potential reputational risk. The growth of our training brings increased workloads, which require the regular assessment of the levels of staffing and resources by the VCI board. Therefore the Board approved new appointments to strengthen the capacity.

Plans for future periods

To find additional opportunities to serve whole denominations or existing training networks in order to increase the number of those benefitting from our training in a cost effective way.

To expand the footprint of VCI training in the countries where Veritas is established and to carefully consider new areas where the work is needed.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Veritas College International for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

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for the year ended 30 June 2021

By the order of the board



BP Wolvaardt
Director
2 November 2021

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Veritas College International.

I report on the accounts of Veritas College International for the year ended 30 June 2021 set out on pages 2 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act; to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention. I confirm that the accounts are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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:

- (i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or

- (ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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2 November 2021

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 30 June 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Incoming resources					
Income from:					
Donations and legacies		507,271	265,780	773,051	900,629
Investments		70	-	70	789
Incoming resources from charitable activities		750	-	750	290
Total incoming resources		<u>508,091</u>	<u>265,780</u>	<u>773,871</u>	<u>901,708</u>
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	2	202,784	342,141	544,925	529,385
Other costs	3	2,326	-	2,326	2,686
Total resources expended		<u>205,110</u>	<u>342,141</u>	<u>547,251</u>	<u>532,071</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers					
		302,981	(76,361)	226,620	369,637
Transfers between funds		(112,696)	112,696	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year		190,285	36,335	226,620	369,637
Total funds brought forward		<u>371,295</u>	<u>260,246</u>	<u>631,541</u>	<u>261,904</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>561,580</u>	<u>296,581</u>	<u>858,161</u>	<u>631,541</u>

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet
as at 30 June 2021

	Notes	£	2021	£	£	2020	£
Current assets							
Cash at bank and in hand		860,588			754,531		
		<u>860,588</u>			<u>754,531</u>		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year							
	6	(2,427)			(122,990)		
		<u>(2,427)</u>			<u>(122,990)</u>		
Net current assets			858,161			631,541	
			<u>858,161</u>			<u>631,541</u>	
Net assets			<u>858,161</u>			<u>631,541</u>	
Funds							
	7						
Restricted income funds			296,581			260,246	
Unrestricted income funds			<u>561,580</u>			<u>371,295</u>	
Total funds			<u>858,161</u>			<u>631,541</u>	

The Balance Sheet continues on the following page.

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Balance sheet (continued)

**Trustees statements required by the Companies Act 2006
for the year ended 30 June 2021**

In approving these financial statements as trustees of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ;

(b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 30 June 2021.

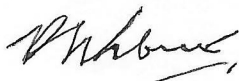
(c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:

(1) ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006, and

(2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the board on 2 November 2021 and signed on its behalf by



BP Wolvaardt
Director

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to financial statements
for the year ended 30 June 2021

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

1.1. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

1.2. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations and legacies are included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

1.3. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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2. Costs of charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Support grants	-	342,141	342,141	420,353
Office support costs	177,890	-	177,890	108,955
Computer costs	-	-	-	145
Insurance costs	886	-	886	655
Legal costs	3,177	-	3,177	4,312
Company filing fees	60	-	60	60
General expenses	359	-	359	353
Bank charges	518	-	518	498
Loss/(profit) on currency exchange	19,894	-	19,894	(5,946)
	<u>202,784</u>	<u>342,141</u>	<u>544,925</u>	<u>529,385</u>

Support grants payable are analysed on the Restricted Fund note to these accounts.

3. Other costs

	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Accountancy fees	<u>2,326</u>	<u>2,686</u>

4. Employees

Employment costs

No salaries or wages have been paid to employees, including the trustees, during the year.

Trustees received expenses in respect of travel and subsistence incurred while performing their charitable duties.

5. Taxation

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

**6. Creditors: amounts falling due
within one year**

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>2,427</u>	<u>122,990</u>

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7. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 30 June 2021 as represented by:			
Current assets	564,007	296,581	860,588
Current liabilities	(2,427)	-	(2,427)
	<u>561,580</u>	<u>296,581</u>	<u>858,161</u>

8. Unrestricted funds

	At 01/07/20	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	At 30/06/21
	£	£	£	£	£
General reserves	<u>371,295</u>	<u>508,091</u>	<u>(205,110)</u>	<u>(112,696)</u>	<u>561,580</u>

Purposes of unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds relate to gifts received for non specific purposes and are appropriated by the charity at the discretion of the trustees.

9. Restricted funds

	At 01/07/20	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	At 30/06/21
	£	£	£	£	£
Field worker funds	17,088	10,934	(24,678)	-	3,344
Ministry funds	243,158	254,846	(317,463)	112,696	293,237
	<u>260,246</u>	<u>265,780</u>	<u>(342,141)</u>	<u>112,696</u>	<u>296,581</u>

Purposes of restricted funds

Restricted funds have been set up to control the expenditure relating to gifts received for specific purposes.

10. Company limited by guarantee

Veritas College International is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.