

**The Anglican-Lutheran Society
Annual General Meeting - 11th March
2023
Coventry Cathedral**

Co-Moderators' Report

The main aims of the Anglican-Lutheran Society are to:

- to encourage prayer for the unity of the Church, and especially between Anglicans and Lutherans;
- to develop opportunities for common worship, study, friendship and witness;
- to promote a wider interest in and knowledge of the Anglican and Lutheran traditions, and contemporary developments affecting them

The functions of the Co-Moderators are to:

- ensure that the work of the Society is conducted in accordance with its aims;
- ensure that the business of the Executive Committee is conducted in an orderly and effective manner;
- ensure that the requirements of this Constitution are met;
- ensure that the Society's Newsletter serves the aims of the Society and reflects its concerns in a balanced and proper manner;
- invite the nomination of persons to temporary membership of the Executive Committee when positions become vacant between Annual General Meetings;
- ensure that appropriate publicity be given to the Society. The Secretary shall
- call General Meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met four times. Despite COVID restrictions the Society managed to continue its activities. As an international organisation the Society not only at its Committee meetings but also through different channels paid serious attention to the war in Ukraine which started in February, following the Russian annexation of Crimea and parts of Southeast of Ukraine in 2014. For instance, in the October issue of *The Window* the Ukrainian situation was highlighted.

The Society is a well-supported and active international organisation, providing information and networking opportunities to several hundred people in various countries and in all continents. Last year the Society has again pursued its aims in a number of ways.

A reception was held at Westminster Abbey on 17 January for all the Lutheran chaplains and pastors in the various National Churches, the Lutheran Church in Great Britain, the Council of Lutheran Churches, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in England.

The **Annual Meeting** was held on 5 March in the German Church in London. In conjunction with the meeting we had a seminar on "Climate energy. Connecting faith and community". The meeting and the seminar were well covered in the Society's Newsletter *the Window*.

The biannual **Conference** was held in Trondheim, Norway, 25-29 July. The theme was "A Pilgrimage Towards Hope". Pilgrimages in the UK and Norway were described and the participants also had an opportunity to take part in a short pilgrimage as part of St Olav Festival. The conference brought together more than 50 people from several countries for five days to hear presentations from experts on a pilgrim-related topics. We were happy to have with us many younger participants. Much of the committee's time was devoted to planning the programme and arrangements. Special thanks to our National Coordinator in Norway, the Rev Fredrik Ulseth. In the Window special issue in September there was a full coverage of the successful conference.

The Anglican Bishops' Lambeth Conference took place in July-August in which our Co-President Bishop David Hamid and Co-Moderator Bishop Michael Ipgrave took part. One of the speakers at the Conference was the General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, the Rev Dr Anne Burghardt. It may be noted that she is also a member of the Society.

WCC General Assembly which was held in Karlsruhe, Germany, August-September, was attended by many members of the Society. Also, the activities of the Conference of European Churches were actively observed.

Contacts were made with several educational institutions and Colleges in Europe. Ecumenical links were strong, e.g., we have one Methodist and one Roman Catholic observer in our Committee.

We have actively used four important channels of communication:

The **web site** (anglican-lutheran-society.org) which during past 15 years has twice been updated, gives members and enquirers an easy way of accessing information about the Society and keeps up-to-date on Anglican-Lutheran issues. For example, the themes and presentations at the AGM and the Conference are available on the web site. It is an important means of communicating with members and encouraging new ones.

Another important channel of communication for the Society is its newsletter, **The Window**, which was published four times. It is sent to all members and also to ecumenical offices, many theological colleges and international contacts. Your views would be welcome - as would articles of interest to our members. We are extremely grateful to the editor Dick Lewis for his skilful and innovative way of producing each issue. The Window clearly reflects the international character of the Society.

In social media both **Facebook** and **Twitter** have been used actively. On Facebook we have four regional or thematic sites.

We have national coordinators in Finland, Germany, Norway, Sweden and the United States. They promote the Society in their countries, in some cases collect subscriptions and, as time and money permit, organise activities for local members.

The work of the society is done by volunteers - there are no paid staff. As moderators we can say that we are blessed with committee members and national coordinators who are willing to interrupt their busy schedules to attend

meetings, plan programmes, promote the Society and in various ways support the objectives of the organisation. We express thanks to all members of the executive committee, both elected trustees and observers, and the national coordinators. Without them, there would be no Anglican-Lutheran Society. A very special word of thanks to our Presidents is in order. Bishops Jana Jeruma-Grinberga and David Hamid have been unstinting in giving so much of their time and their enormous talents to the work of the Society. They have been active, hands-on Presidents and the committee has enormous appreciation, respect and affection for them.

Submitted by

The Rt Revd Dr Michael Ipgrave, Anglican Co-Moderator
The Revd Dr Jaakko Rusama, Lutheran Co-Moderator

Anglican-Lutheran Society

Charity Number 1015153

Financial Statements to end of December 2022

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to the Trustees of the Anglican Lutheran Society
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Report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on the following pages _3_ to _5_.

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.

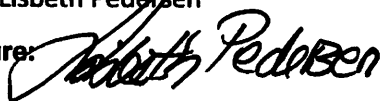
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 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Signature:



Date: 22.2.2022

Relevant Professional Qualification: Master of Business Administration

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Financial Statements to end of Dec 2022

		Dec 2022	Dec 2021
	Notes	£	£
Statement of Income & Expenditure			
Voluntary Income	1	1,110	3,360
Subscriptions		4,319	5,195
Investment Income		414	374
		<u>5,843</u>	<u>8,929</u>
Charitable Activities	3	2,516	1,011
Governance Activities	4	866	162
		<u>3,382</u>	<u>1,173</u>
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<i>Unrestricted Surplus/ (Deficit)</i>		<u>2,461</u>	<u>7,756</u>
Conference Income			
Conference Income	2	21,183	629
Conference Donations	2	292	-
Conference Expenses	2	(21,285)	1,039
<i>Conference Surplus/ (Deficit)</i>		<u>190 (410)</u>	
Total Surplus/ (Deficit) for year to date		<u>2,651</u>	<u>7,346</u>
		2022	2021
		£	£
Funds Movements			
Opening General Fund		27,625	20,913
Prior year impact of move to accruals accounting		-	(635)
Restated opening reserves		<u>27,625</u>	<u>20,278</u>
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Conference surplus/ (Deficit) - General		190 (410)	
Designated Fund - Speakers and Students Events Fund	6	1,500	-
Designated Fund - National Co-Ordinators' Fund	6	1,500	-
		<u>33,276</u>	<u>27,624</u>
Opening revaluation reserve		2,348	493
Gains/(Losses) on Investments		(1,784)	1,855
Closing Revaluation Reserve		<u>564</u>	<u>2,348</u>
Closing Balance		<u>33,840</u>	<u>29,972</u>

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Investments		
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Wise Euros (PMSL personal)	-	444
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3 Charitable Activities

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Window Printing	-	77
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Window Stationery	36	-
Admin cost	860	516
Events	1,055	-
Bank Charges	315	188
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4 Governance Activities

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Trustee travel and accomm.	748	162
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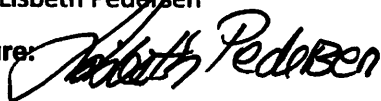
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