

# THE NATIONAL UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP



The Unitarian Postal  
and  
On-Line Fellowship in the UK

77<sup>th</sup> Annual Report & Accounts

2021

Registered Charity Number 1040294

Affiliated to the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free  
Christian Churches

## **Secretary's Report**

It has been a good time to be Secretary and Treasurer for the National Unitarian Fellowship.

We have had a revamp of the web site to give a contemporary feel.

We have changed banks to NatWest and this has allowed for easy payment to the account and to pay bills electronically to printers and for web site upkeep.

We have appointed a company of book keepers to look after our accounts.

One new idea we had was to explore World Religions and to that effect we have had a speaker from the Zoroastrian Faith and Chinese religions and we are to have a speaker from the Sufi faith.

New and Views has come out regularly although the editor had to step down due to health reasons and we have a temporary editor.

We received £150 pounds from the Norman Duncan Trust. We ran the Dorothy Archer Prize and had numerous entrants for different categories such as art work and poetry. And prize money was distributed to the winners.

The Secretary responded to an idea to set up a Unitarian – Hindu Connections and that group has been running monthly meeting bringing together Unitarians and Hindus.

We have donated some money to Send A Child To Hucklow and to the Inquirer.

We have a new member on the committee Roslyn Connelly and we are looking to expand the Committee further.

Thanks

Indra

## **News & Views Report**

Sadly, the last editor, Nick Saunders, was diagnosed with Myeloma and had to step down from the role, one which he had been doing extremely well. His aim was to make the publication one which included articles from congregations, societies, individual Unitarians as well as NUF members. He brought his expertise to the job. Having stepped into the role of editor temporarily, until we can find a new and more permanent editor, I have attempted to follow the guidelines which Nick introduced. Nick keeps the membership updated on his progress through the pages of *News & Views*. We send him all our good wishes. Each edition concentrates on addressing a theme. These have included: New Beginnings: Resolution and Perseverance: For the Healing of the Nations: 'Celebration?'

I would like to thank all our regular contributors, also those who have willingly responded to a request for a specific article.

It is a matter of concern that a more permanent editor comes forward soon and I would urge members to help in either volunteering themselves or helping to encourage someone they know to come forward. A full job description on contacting the editor will be available to anyone who is interested.

*Joan Wilkinson*

Website report ([www.nufonline.org.uk](http://www.nufonline.org.uk))

This has been a year of transition. John Wilkinson had built and developed the NUF website since we first went on line and he suggested that it had now become too dated and needed a new look. We agreed to use a professional website designer and our search ended when we appointed Jessica Russel who runs the Digiwow web design company. Digiwow built a new website but retained the address [nufonline.org.uk](http://nufonline.org.uk) for us. We also have a maintenance and updating contract with them. The NUF committee's brief to her was to build a site that would connect Unitarians not only within the NUF but across the whole Unitarian Movement. The site now offers notice board and events pages which can be used by Unitarian congregations and Societies for publicity. Secondly the site should be attractive to internet surfers who are looking for a spiritual home or inspiration. The site includes worship material and a catalogue of Unitarian publications.

Tony McNeile

## **Membership Report**

The membership through 2021/22 has remained stable at around 100 members, with most of them renewing at the first time of notification for which we are grateful.

As we have tidied up the membership list, we have had a very small number who decided not to renew and some who have died. However, there are always new people joining the Fellowship thus maintaining the membership numbers.

We are also grateful for those who have moved to on-line bank transfer or pay through a standing-order. However, payment by cheque is still welcome.

We thank all the members for responding kindly and promptly to the renewal slips and emails which we send to you, as it helps to make the role of membership secretary a very enjoyable one. Please know we are always here if you have any queries about your membership.

*John & Joan Wilkinson*

## **Minister's Report**

This has been a year of transition. The committee meetings are now always on Zoom and we find the face to face contact both bonding and stimulating. We all feel involved in the process of running the NUF for the benefit of its members and the wider Unitarian Movement. It was good to hear from the headquarters staff at Essex Hall that the NUF is a valued part of the Unitarian Movement. Transition too that we have settled into a system with our finances and followed an ethical investment policy.

We were pleased with the response to the Dorothy Archer competition and will run it again.

I am grateful to everyone on our committee who give time to meet up every six weeks or so for an hour to keep the business of the NUF going and I would like to thank every one who is an NUF member for being part of this fellowship and supporting it. Ideally we would like you to be more involved. Perhaps you would enjoy the friendship of the committee and the feeling of 'having a hand on the wheel' or perhaps you would write something for the News and Views, sharing experiences about life, work or adventures. Your wisdom would be appreciated.

As the minister I continue to write my pages for the News and Views and I do hope you find them helpful sometimes. Please keep in touch. It is always good to hear from you and if you need some solace well, ring me or write.

*Tony McNeile*

# The NUF Accounts

## Profit & Loss

### National Unitarian Fellowship

Accounting Year 2020/21

	Debit	Credit
<b>Turnover</b>		<b>46,091</b>
Subscription Income		1,489
Donations		55
Legacies		44,547
<b>add Other Income</b>		<b>414</b>
Interest Received		214
Grant Income		200
<b>less Administration Expenses</b>	<b>1,313</b>	
Web Hosting	168	
Printing	439	
Advertising and Promotion	615	
Postage	7	
Bank/Finance Charges	84	
<b>Operating Profit</b>		<b>£45,192</b>
<b>less Drawings</b>		<b>£0</b>
<b>less Profit &amp; Loss journal entries</b>		<b>£0</b>
<b>Retained Profit this period:</b>		<b>£45,192</b>
<b>Retained Profit brought forward:</b>		<b>£13,696</b>
<b>Distributable Reserves / Retained Profit carried forward:</b>		<b>£58,888</b>

# Balance Sheet

## National Unitarian Fellowship

As at 30 September 2021

	£	£
<b>Capital Assets</b>		
Net Book Value	£0	
<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>58,888</b>	
Bank Account: Business Current Account	6,254	
Bank Account: CAF Fixed Interest Fund	7,634	
Bank Account: Newtons - Investment	45,000	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>£58,888</b>	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>£58,888</b>	
<b>Owner's Equity:</b>		
Retained Profit		58,888
<b>Total Owner's Equity</b>		<b>£58,888</b>

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*Kenneth Smith NUF Treasurer and Membership Secretary January 2020*

- President - Howard Wilkins  
Minister - Rev Tony McNeile  
Treasurer - Indra Sikdar  
Secretary - Indra Sikdar  
Committee - Robert Saunders  
Ilan Martin  
Monika Strell
- News & Views Editor - Joan Wilkinson  
Distributor - Derek Harvey  
Books of Fellowship - Pat Caddick  
Website - Digiwow  
Membership Secretary - John and Joan Wilkinson  
Bookkeepers - Clearcut Accounts

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Address. ....

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Post Code. ....

Contact details. ....

Subscription: £13.00 Students:£5.00

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