REGISTERED CHARITY – 1188733

GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN YOUTH

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

REFERENCE DETAILS

Registered charity	1188733
Principal address	9 Grierson Close, Hucclecote, Gloucester GL3 3UF

GOVERNANCE DETAILS

Trustees	Kamphata Botha	Zambia
	Simon Gallaher	United Kingdom (from 22 June 2025)
	David Martin	United Kingdom (to 22 August 2025)
	Margaret Pang	United Kingdom
	Khareem Perry	Trinidad
	Kim Koch Rasmussen	Denmark
General Manager	Bill Stevenson	
Treasurer	David Martin (to 22 August 2025) Simon Gallaher (from 23 August 2025)	
Independent Examiner	Sarah Alexander FCCA FCA Lewis Brownlee (Chichester) Limited, Appledram Barns, Birdham Road, Chichester, West Sussex PO20 7EQ	
Investment Manager	CCLA, 1 Angel Lane, London EC4R 3AB	
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Trustees' report
Year ended 31 December 2025

The Trustees present their report with the financial accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is a charitable incorporated organisation which is governed by its constitution. It has been registered with the Charity Commission since 24 March 2020. It is the successor charity to an unincorporated organisation of the same name with heritage dating back to 1963.

The Charity is called Global Fellowship of Christian Youth and was formerly the World Conference of The Boys' Brigade. The Charity operates as the Global Fellowship of The Boys' Brigade and other Christian organisations.

Organisational structure

The Charity's Council meets every three years, or more often if requested to do so by not less than five member organisations. The most recent Council meeting took place in Ghana in August 2025.

The Charity co-operates closely with its members who are autonomous and corresponds with individual groups and units only with the knowledge and consent of the Members which are the national body.

Recruitment, appointment, induction and training of new trustees

The Executive Committee is the trustee board of the Charity. They are elected at Council in accordance with the Constitution from amongst the representatives of members attending the Council meeting. The Executive Committee may co-opt additional members where the need arises.

New trustees are briefed on their election and receive an induction pack designed to assist them perform their duties, including copies of the Constitution, recent financial information, policy documents, Executive Committee minutes and Charity Commission publications.

Risk management

The Executive Committee has a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure that appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The Executive Committee has examined the major risks which the Charity faces. It has established systems to enable regular reports to be produced whereby reasonable and prudent steps can be taken to mitigate exposure.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objections and aims

The Charity is a global network whose purpose is the advancement of Christ's Kingdom, the promotion of education and relief of poverty amongst the youth of the world by serving and supporting member organisations. Its current objectives are identified within the Executive Committee's Strategic Plan which is available on the Charity's website.

Volunteers
The Executive Committee members are the trustees of the Charity and give their time free of charge. Although out of pocket expenses where reasonably incurred are reimbursed, some Executive Committee members are supported by their member organisation with cost and travel support or through personal means.

During the year, Kamphata Botha (Zambia), Margaret Pang (UK), Khareem Perry (Trinidad) and Kim Koch Rasmussen (Denmark) served as trustees on the Executive Committee. David Martin (UK) served as Treasurer and Trustee up to 22 August 2025. Simon Gallaher was appointed as Trustee on 22 June 2025 and became Treasurer on 23 August 2025.

The Charity also benefits from several volunteers who willingly give of their time without charge. Where claimed, reasonable travel expenses are paid.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Public benefit and charitable activities
The Executive Committee has complied with the requirements in Section 17 Charities Act 2011 and has had due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission and confirm that it complies in all respects.

2025 proved to be another encouraging and productive year for the Global Fellowship of Christian Youth. We witnessed continued growth across many member organisations, with particularly strong expansion in African nations where membership numbers and local engagement have steadily increased. Throughout the year, the Fellowship remained committed to advancing its charitable purposes by strengthening organisational capacity, promoting sound governance practices, supporting strategic development planning, and investing in leadership training at local and national levels.

Our General Manager and Africa Development Manager remained actively engaged in supporting member organisations worldwide. Across Africa, targeted development work was undertaken in countries including Malawi, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, and the Democratic Republic of Congo, with a focus on improving governance structures and expanding leader training programmes. Regional Fellowship networks continued to regain momentum, with both West Africa and Central & Southern Africa Regions convening regular meetings that encouraged collaboration, resource sharing, and peer learning among national leaders. Interest in establishing new work remained strong, with exploratory discussions held with churches and youth ministries in parts of Asia and West Africa.

During the year, our General Manager visited many member organisations strengthening international relationships and providing strategic support. These visits included engagement with local companies, national councils, church leaders, and government ministers. This helps to raise awareness of the Fellowship's work and reinforce its reputation as a global Christian youth movement. Masauso Mwanza, Africa Development Manager, co-ordinated "train the trainer" courses in several developing member organisations. These personal connections continue to play a vital role in building trust, encouraging collaboration, and sustaining long-term growth across the network. Developing partnerships within BB Asia remained a key strategic priority. and regular engagement was maintained with their leadership.

The highlight of the year was our triennial Conference and Council meeting which took place at the Presbyterian Women's Centre at Abokobi just outside Accra, Ghana. The programme ran from the 20th to 22nd August. GF provided financial support to some delegates and twenty nations were able to attend; we were pleased that a quarter of the delegates were young leaders. The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ghana the Rt Rev Dr Abraham Nana Opare Kwakye preached at the opening service; as well as the council meeting the programme included plenary sessions and workshops on vision and values, progressive programmes and the Duke of Edinburgh Award. BB Ghana proved to be excellent hosts and their President's Opening dinner and visits to local groups were particularly memorable.

Elections to the Executive Committee, our trustee board took place at the council meeting. This saw the existing members being re re-elected for another three-year term and Kamphata Botha from BB Zambia was subsequently confirmed as chair. After nine years of dedicated service David Martin from BB UK stood down as treasurer. David was warmly thanked for all his service; Simon Gallaher also from the UK was appointed as his successor. The meeting also approved the next strategic plan which will run from 2026 to 2028.

Governance and strategic oversight remained a priority throughout the year. The Executive Committee met both in person and online, reviewing progress against the current strategic plan and initiating consultations for the next phase of organisational development. Trustees also continued to build relationships with partner churches and supporting organisations to enhance the Fellowship's mission and visibility.

The Fellowship's Young Leader Network continued to grow through regular online meetings and collaborative projects, enabling young people from across continents to share ideas and support one another in ministry. In November we were represented in person at the UN Climate Change Conference in Belem, Brazil and a team of virtual delegates also observed the proceedings.

Digital engagement and communication continued to expand. Global online events helped maintain strong connections between member organisations, including a successful GF Week in June in the lead up to Pentecost. The theme was "Building Stronger" and daily worship, challenges and international contributions, helped to foster unity across the network. This year we were pleased to see increased engagement from local groups in GF Week. GF's monthly newsletter saw further growth in readership, while social media platforms continued to attract new followers and provide a means of sharing stories, resources, and encouragement worldwide.

Fundraising and financial sustainability remain an area of active development. The Fellowship explored new partnerships and grant opportunities to support international development work and leadership training. Appeals and individual donations provided valuable financial support, and we remain deeply grateful to our generous supporters whose contributions helped to sustain our ongoing ministry.

The Executive Committee also recognises that our continued success depends on the dedication and faithfulness of countless volunteers, leaders, office-bearers, trustees, and staff members across the world. Their commitment and service ensure that young people continue to benefit from strong Christian fellowship, leadership development, and opportunities for growth in faith and service. Our sincere thanks are extended to all who contribute their time, energy, and resources to sustaining and strengthening the work of the Fellowship globally.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial activities

The Charity has prepared its accounts using the receipts and payments basis as prescribed by the Charity Commission. Given the level of income, an independent examination is commissioned on an annual basis.

The Charity's unrestricted income on ordinary activities was £30,980 (2024: £42,546), against which £71,853 (2024: £59,333) was expended. £30,000 (2024: £40,000) of investments were sold during the year to fund day to day expenditure.

It is pleasing to note that more member organisations are now contributing subscription fees. This is welcome. The Executive Committee's policy remains that grants or financial support will only be made to Member organisations who have contributed subscriptions and membership information.

The Charity is very grateful to its donors in supporting the work of Global Fellowship. The Charity wishes to extend its individual donor base during 2026, as well as attract further trust funding.

Investment performance

The Executive Committee's investment strategy is to hold its investment fund in an established charitable investment fund. CCLA Investment Management undertake this using their Ethical Investment Fund. The Charity's investments are held as income generating units.

The Investment Fund returned £20,229 (2024: £20,974) of income. Although £30,000 of investment units were sold during the year to fund operations, the dividend remained in the same ballpark. The Executive Committee is pleased with investment performance which is consistent with general charity sector investment trends. The capital performance of the investment fund continues to be effective on an unrealised basis.

Investment policy

The Charity's investment policy is aimed at maintaining the real value of the portfolio and generating a reasonable level of income to support its operational strategy. The Executive Committee undertook its periodic investment strategy review in November 2023 and the continued used of pooled charitable investment funds was agreed.

Reserves policy

The Executive Committee has adopted a reserves policy which recognised that its investment income and suitable use of its portfolio is essential for funding its activities. The Charity's medium to long term aim is to sustainably deploy its reserves in assisting member organisations to become self-sustaining and capable of supporting their local work, as well as the international aspects of the Global Fellowship.

The Charity has no long term or significant liabilities. As a result, it is a going concern which has access to the necessary funds to cope with emergencies and contingencies.

Independent examination

Lewis Brownless (Chichester) Limited have continued to perform the independent examination to comply with Charities Act requirements.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

A new 3-year strategy at the 2025 Triennial Council Meeting held in Ghana. It is also hoped to introduce The Boys' Brigade to several new countries, and to also host more Young Leaders events.

The trustees continue to consider how we can increase the effectiveness of our network. During 2026 we are planning to continue to improve the level of engagement we have with members organisations. Additional work to help rebuild our network of regional fellowships is also planned. The Charity is committed to increasing international connections and ensuring that all members are aware that they are part of the worldwide BB family.

GF Week will again take place, and plans are in hand to host another Thrive event for young leaders in Zambia in August. We are also working to see how we can work in partnership with the World Council of Churches and other global bodies.

Since its foundation in 1883 by Sir William Alexander Smith, the Brigade has played a key part in assisting the mission of local churches. This year, it has been pleasing to see even more Church denominations introduce the BB programme into the life of their churches. Member organisations continue to provide first class programmes and help point young people towards the Good News of the Gospel. The Charity looks forward to seeing what it can do to continue support and develop its Members in over 60 countries who now work with over 1 million members.

This report was approved by the Executive Committee of Trustees on 4th July 2026 and signed on its behalf.

Kamphata Botha
Trustee and Chair of Executive Committee

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Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees
Year ended 31 December 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Global Fellowship of Christian Youth ('Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 20 July 2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary income					
Donations	2,960	160	-	3,120	17,548
Gift aid	-				
Investment income					
Dividend income	19,278	-	951	20,229	20,974
Income from charitable activities					
General income	8,742	-	-	8,742	5,210
Total income	30,980	160	951	32,091	43,732
Investment sales	30,000	-	-	30,000	40,000
Total receipts	60,980	160	951	62,091	83,732
PAYMENTS					
Cost of raising funds					
Staff/establishment costs	3,215	-	-	3,215	3,809
Charitable activities					
Staff/establishment costs	22,506	-		22,506	26,662
Investing in Organisations	31,553	1,209	-	32,762	13,314
Marketing & general	1,461	-	-	1,461	1,425
Governance costs					
Trustee meetings	4,657	-	-	4,657	4,757
Staff/establishment costs	1,608	-	-	1,608	1,904
Independent examination	1,140	-	-	1,140	1,080
Support costs					
Staff/establishment costs	4,823	-	-	4,823	5,713
Insurance	560	-	-	560	499
Bank charges	330	-	-	330	170
	71,853	1,209	-	73,062	59,333
Investment purchases	-				
Total expenditure	71,853	1,209	-	73,062	59,333
Net receipts/(payments)	(10,873)	(1,049)	951	(10,971)	24,399
Transfers	951	-	(951)	-	-
Cash brought forward	38,098	4,627	-	42,725	18,326
Cash carried forward	28,176	3,578	-	31,754	42,725

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
CASH ASSETS					
Bank of Scotland	28,176	3,578	-	31,754	42,725
Total - cash	28,176	3,578	-	31,754	42,725
ASSETS					
Monies due to Charity	-	-	-	-	-
Total – other assets	-	-	-	-	-
LIABILITIES					
Accounts due	-	-	-	-	-
Total – liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
INVESTMENTS					
Market value	613,489	-	30,256	643,745	709,373
Total – investments	613,489	-	30,256	643.745	709,373
TOTAL FUNDS	641,665	3,578	30,256	675,499	752,098

The accounts were approved by the Trustee Board on 4th July 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Kamphata Botha
Trustee and Chairman

Simon Gallaher
Trustee and Treasurer

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	As at 1 January 2025 £	Net cash movements £	Gains / (Losses) £	Transfers £	As at 31 December 2025 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
Cash	38,098	(10,873)	-	951	28,176
Debtors	-	-	-	-	-
Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	676,033	(30,000)	(32,544)	-	613,489
	714,131	(40,873)	(32,544)	951	641,665
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Malawi fund PCI/CMF	4,627	(1,049)	-	-	3,578
	4,627	(1,049)	-	-	3,578
ENDOWMENT FUNDS					
Dennis Webb fund	33,341	951	(3,085)	(951)	30,256
	33,341	951	(3,085)	(951)	30,256
TOTAL FUNDS	752,098	(40,971)	(35,629)	-	675,499