

NEW HEART MINISTRIES – Registered Charity 100234

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TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT – April 2023-March 2024

TRUSTEES

Mr Geoff Lennox, Mr John Henshaw and Miss Lorna McConaghie approved the Annual Report on 29 January 2025. In the setting of our objectives and planning activities, they have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

New Heart Ministries is constituted as a church as set out in our Constitution document. According to the Church's Constitution the power of appointing new trustees is vested in the Oversight (Elders) of the Church and the method is by resolution. The Board of Trustees can range from three to seven in addition to the Chairperson.

The Trustees, Elders and Pastors propose policy guidelines which are discussed with Department Team Leaders who meet quarterly when minutes are recorded.

The Church itself is made up of Members, Associate Members and Department Team Leaders such as Treasurer, Worship Leader, Teaching and Administration.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial position is as follows:

NHM is in a healthy position with a surplus of £11,452.00 period ending 31 March 2024. NHM has unrestricted funds of £7536.00 and restricted funds of £3916.00. As constant income exceeds expenditure services, activities are able to be maintained.

Geoffrey McGookin (Auditor)

Income comes from Members of the Church who give voluntary contributions of money throughout the year either by Church Offerings or Bank Standing Orders. Expenditure is mainly salaries for Pastors, gifts to Missions throughout the world, low-interest loans to individuals and Ballyclare Family Focus. Also property maintenance including cleaning, repairs and running expenses.

SUMMARY OF PURPOSES

We promote Christianity in Northern Ireland and other parts of the world. This includes education about Christianity using all means of communication as well as promoting missionary work through various projects.

Our main purpose is to provide for the spiritual, mental and emotional needs of our church community and pastoral care for the members of the Church.

Our main contribution to the local and wider community is through our financial support of Pastor Adelyn Carr which allows her to manage Ballyclare Family Focus with the purpose of helping and supporting individuals and families in need. This includes such helps as Active Listening and referral services to other agencies.

In addition, we aim to foster links with other organisations and churches to help and support the wider community which involves the promotion of reconciliation in a cross community and cross border setting.

SUMMARY OF REGULAR ACTIVITIES

We provided regular worship services for our members on site as well as through Zoom media every Sunday and Wednesday night. Up to 30 members attended these. In addition pastoral care, prayer ministry and personal support were all available

We provided podcasts of teaching on a regular basis on our website – St Patrick Ministries. These teachings were accessed by other pastors and Christians abroad who show their appreciation by email. This social media provides resources to people in the wider community with a message of reconciliation and a cross-community outreach.

The outcomes for beneficiaries were improved spiritual, mental and emotional health and holistic well-being. Participation was entirely voluntary and only experienced and trained volunteers took part in dealing with those who sought prayer so no harm was experienced. There was no private benefit.

All of the above supported the public benefit of developing the skills and talents of the participants who then were able to have confidence to serve the wider community and other churches.

In addition members of the local community, who are not members of NHM, can approach to request prayer and active listening. Approximately 30 such requests were made during the year. This enabled New Heart to help participants with decision-making and the alleviation of anxiety in a safe environment. One of our members is a professional counsellor.

Our main contribution to the local community is through Ballyclare Family Focus which helps individuals and families in difficult circumstances as well as providing educational courses to support families eg suicide and bereavement courses. For example we held a 12-week Pot of Gold Course on Child Bereavement with 10 children during the period September 2023 – January 2024. In addition, NHM allows the community to use their building for Play Group activities (3/4 times in the year).

BFF also ran Parent Groups and operated a Pre-school which has a curriculum with a Bible-story focus. These took place in the period April 2023 – March 2024.

In addition to Clive's Pastoral and Hospital visits, he officiated at 2 weddings in May and December 2023 at La Mon Hotel and Ross Park Hotel respectively.

Our NHM volunteers provided the following support:

- Pastor Adelyn Carr (funded by NHM) was responsible for the organisation, management and co-ordination of BFF.
- NHM also acts as a sponsor for BFF facilitating the need for the financial reserves of the charity.

- New Heart members helped with BFF financial administration and events in the community. They also function as volunteers in community outreach work and family support activities.

Missionary Support

- We regularly support financially one of our members who is an OM Missionary in Moldova and her work involves dire poverty and orphanages.
- We are also supporting financially, on a regular basis, another member who is working as a nurse in India.
- From time to time we give gifts to social care in our community involving needy individuals.
- We also gave a contribution to the Gaza Relief Fund (a Christian organisation).

The beneficiaries of all of these activities were individuals and organisations who help minister to some of the poorest people in the world.

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF NHM

Conferences

These were supported by NHM and attended by members.

21 April 2023 – Wild Islands organised by Tracey Brown in La Mon Hotel.

6-7 May 2023 – Rebecca Friedlander and Prophetic Team (USA) – organised by NHM in Ballyclare.

13-14 October 2023 – Saints and Scholars at Skainos Centre, Belfast, organised by Rose and Kevin Sambrook.

Prayer Ministry Training Course for NHM members

This was a 7-month course spanning six dates from 1 June 2023 – 8 January 2024 – teachers were Clive and Adelyn Carr.

Young Adults Group

This group met at NHM for discipleship from September 2023 – March 2024.

Inter Church Fellowship

- **Connections with local church leaders** included Rose and Kevin Sambrook who arrange Leaders' Conferences periodically. Also Clive and Adelyn met occasionally with three other ministry couples for prayer and fellowship.
- **Hidden Treasures of the Torah Portions** is a weekly Zoom Bible study led by Adelyn and attended by a group of 6-8 ladies and emailed to 28 other people internationally. The teachings have been recorded and videos are sent out.
- **Special Speakers to NHM** included Lori-Beth (Kilarney) on 5 separate Sundays from 30 April 2023 – 17 March 2024 as well as Tracey and Craig Seawright (Belfast) on 18 February 2024- .
- **Special Events**
- 12 May 2023 – The showing of Rebecca Friedlander's new film 'Celtic Rhythms'.

- 26-29 May 2023 – Ministry Weekend to Killarney with Lori-Beth. 15 members in attendance.
- July – August 2023 – Ballyclare 24/7 Summer Prayer Room (open to Public) at NHM. Organised and run by Nicole Caskey
- 17 December 2023 – NHM Christmas Dinner at Fuzzy Beak Restaurant, Whitehead attended by over 30 members and friends.
- 19 January 2024 – Ladies Outing to hear Rachel Hickson at Covenant Love Church.
- 31 February 2024 – AGM at New Heart, Ballyclare.
- 22 March 2024 – Beetle Drive at NHM.

These inter church events help to promote the transformation of lives for good and strengthen local church and community relationships.

Signed on behalf of Trustees

Lorna McConaghie

Chairperson