



Church of Ireland
Evangelical Fellowship

The Church of Ireland Evangelical Fellowship

Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities

For the year ended 31st August 2022

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Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2022

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References and administrative details

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Rev Dr Andrew Campbell
Rev Alan Cross (From 27.1.2022)
Rev Nathan Ervine (From 27.1.2022)
Mr Denis Fullerton
Rev Isaac Hanna
Rev Claire Henderson
Rev Neville Hughes
Ven David Huss (From 27.1.2022)
Rev Andrew Irwin
Rev Peter Jones (to 27.1.2022)
Rev Raymond Kettle (From 27.1.2022)
Rev Canon Malcolm Kingston (To 27.1.2022)
Rev Mark Lennox
Rev Mark Loney (To 3.9.2021)
Mr Ross Meneely (To 27.1.2022)
Rev Catherine Simpson

Principal Office-bearers

Chairman: Rev Dr Andrew Campbell
Hon Secretary: Rev Nathan Ervine
Hon Treasurer: Rev Andrew Irwin
Membership Secretary: Miss Patricia Halliday (Not a Trustee)

Independent Examiner

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Bankers

Ulster Bank, Belfast City Office, Donegall Square East, Belfast. (Sterling Account)

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st August 2022

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for the Church of Ireland Evangelical Fellowship for the year ended 31st August 2022.

Objectives and Activities

The purpose of the organisation is to advance the Evangelical Christian Faith on the island of Ireland, particularly among members of the Church of Ireland. As evangelicals united in the Gospel, we promise to watch over and care for one another, to pray for and forgive one another, and to reach out in love and truth to God's people everywhere, for we are one family, one in the Holy Spirit and one in Christ.

Centuries ago it was said that in things necessary there must be unity, in things less than necessary there must be liberty, and in all things there must be charity. With this in mind, we have worked to facilitate the bringing together of God's people, in order that we may encourage one another to grow in the Christian Faith. Each event is planned in such a way as to educate through the exploration of the Word of God, in order to prepare God's people to serve Christ's Kingdom here on earth.

Achievements and Performance

The Church of Ireland Evangelical Fellowship seeks to promote Biblical Christianity in a positive, effective and informed way and to foster evangelical unity within the Church of Ireland. To this end, the organisation arranges events each year which are open to everyone. These events are advertised widely through parishes, the website and local Christian bookshops. Members and non-members are all welcome to attend our events.

Remaining with a digital format, our main event, "Why being yourself is a bad idea", was held on 23rd March 2022 on Zoom. The speaker Bishop Graham Tomlin (Bishop of Kensington), spoke on his book of the same title challenging the current zeitgeist of individualism and encouraging those present to find their place within something bigger than themselves. The evening was accompanied by music and prayers.

The Annual General Meeting via zoom was held on 27th January 2022 and had a modest attendance.

CIEF has continued to resource the Church of Ireland and beyond, by publishing recordings of the past two events (Bishop Jill Duff and Bishop Graham Tomlin) and a publication entitled "Why am I still here" by Canon John McCammon.

The committee has met and planned its next event for November 2022 with Bishop Andrew Forster. This will be the first in-person event since 2019.

Financial Review

At the reporting date of 31st August 2022, the following is an overview of CIEF's financial position.

At the end of the financial year there was a surplus of £266.66. Year-end stock values of booklets was £1435 (which is discounted by 20% from cost as a quantity of publications are more than two years old). Sales of the up-dated Parochial Nominator booklet will come in over the period of a few years and it is hoped that with the return of "in-person events" we will increase sales in general.

At the financial year end CIEF have cash in the bank of £5729 in the sterling accounts and €2579 (£2218 Stg Equiv.) in the euro account. In line with standard accounting practice we have translated the Euro figures into Sterling and the accounts show the combined figure.

As CIEF is not deemed a trading organisation the Trustees consider that minimal reserves are required and they ensure that any planned expenditure is financed in advance.

Going Concern

The trustees have reviewed the budgets for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that CIEF can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2022 can be signed off as a going concern.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

The constitution was originally adopted on 22nd October 2001 and revised on 29th January 2015.

Membership is open to anyone who accepts the Basis of Membership of the organization and members are largely from within the Church of Ireland and domiciled within the island of Ireland.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The organisation is managed on a day to day basis by a Committee of twelve members (Trustees) who are elected from the CIEF membership. Trustees are elected to serve for a term of three years and are eligible to serve for a maximum of two consecutive terms. A number of Trustees will usually retire from the committee each year at the AGM having concluded one or two terms thus providing a turnover of personnel. Consultants or specialized officers may be co-opted from time to time, though these positions do not have voting rights.

Pay and remuneration

The Church of Ireland Evangelical Fellowship has no employees.

Organisational Structure

The committee met six times during the year. Five via Zoom and one "in-person".

While Covid has receded and the necessity of having remote meetings, the committee have found it an efficient use of time to hold meetings via Zoom as members are from various parts of Ireland. Going forward we plan to hold a mixture of remote and in-person events and explore the feasibility of hybrid meetings on occasions.

The Trustees from within themselves elect a Chairman, Vice-chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and other Office Bearers as deemed necessary from time to time.

The Trustees may appoint such sub-committees, advisory groups or working parties of their own members and other persons as they may from time to time consider necessary for the carrying out of their work and may determine their terms of reference, duration and composition. All such sub-committees shall make regular reports on their work to the Committee.

Compliance with Public Benefit

CIEF has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the organisation's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.


Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities


The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the statement of receipts and payments and statement of assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with Income of less than £250,000 requires the trustees to prepare a statement of receipts and payments and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the organisation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the organisation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the organisation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees


Rev Dr Andrew Campbell
Chairman
Date 23/2/2023


Rev Andrew Irwin
Hon Treasurer
Date 23/2/2023