



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 2023

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Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2023

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References and administrative details

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Trustees

Mr Andrew Brannigan (From 21.3.2023)
Rev Dr Andrew Campbell
Rev Alan Cross
Rev Nathan Ervine
Mr Denis Fullerton
Dr Ruth Gardiner (From 21.3.2023)
Rev Isaac Hanna (To 21.3.2023)
Rev Claire Henderson
Rev Neville Hughes (To 21.3.2023)
Ven David Huss
Rev Andrew Irwin
Mrs Alison Kane (From 21.3.2023)
Rev Raymond Kettle
Rev Mark Lennox
Rev Catherine Simpson (To 21.3.2023)

Principal Office-bearers

Chairman: Rev Dr Andrew Campbell
Hon Secretary: Rev Nathan Ervine
Hon Treasurer: Rev Andrew Irwin
Membership Secretary: Miss Patricia Halliday (Co-opted, Non-voting. Not a Trustee)

Independent Examiner

Aubrey Campbell, Aubrey Campbell & Co, 631, Lisburn Road, Belfast, BT9 7GT

Bankers

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

Ulster Bank, Patrick Street, Cork (Euro Account) to May 2023

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st August 2023

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 2023.

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.

Returning to in-person public meetings, CIEF organised two events, the first in November 2022 with Bishop Andrew Foster in Hillsborough Parish Church and the second in June 2023 with Rev Dr Ian Paul in Lisburn Cathedral.

These evenings were accompanied by music and prayers and both were well supported.

The Annual General Meeting via Zoom was held on 21st March 2023 and had a modest attendance.

CIEF has continued to resource the Church of Ireland and beyond, with a new website and social media on which recordings and resources may be found.

Financial Review

At the reporting date of 31st August 2023, the following is an overview of CIEF's financial position.

At the end of the financial year there was a surplus of £709.01. Year-end stock value of booklets was £1,301 (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.

Web hosting was moved from the previous provider and is now provided under a free charity scheme.

At the financial year end CIEF has cash in the bank of £8,656.53. The Euro account was closed and the balance transferred into the Sterling account.

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 2023 can be signed off as a going concern.

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.

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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 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.

The committee met five times during the year via both in person and electronically, with an average attendance of 58%. 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.

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



Rev Andrew Irwin
Hon Treasurer
Date