

EVERY NATION MINISTRIES BELFAST
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
(INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

The Trustees (who are the charitable company's Directors for the purposes of company law) have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

Objects of the charity

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee. It was incorporated on 22 October 2014 and was registered as a charity on 11 May 2015. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The objects of the charity, as set out in the governing document, can be summarised as being:

- a) to advance the Christian faith in Belfast, Northern Ireland and throughout the world
- b) to relieve persons in need or hardship in Belfast, Northern Ireland and throughout the world

The Trust seeks to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by being a community and internationally focused church in Belfast. In planning the activities the Trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for determining the parameters within which the charity should operate rests with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. Responsibility for the day to day operation of the charity has been delegated to a leadership team led by Johann Vizagie. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees, by a majority vote.

Review of Activities

Every Nation Ministries Belfast is centred around developing, serving, and bringing together communities from Belfast and the nations. Our values as a church continue to be to love God and love people well.

Sunday / weekly services

We have seen a steady growth in our congregation membership with Sunday attendees up from around average 65 people on a Sunday to approximately 110 members including children by the end of 2022.

Community Outreach and World Missions

Our EN Belfast missions team had the opportunity to visit the Ukrainian / Polish border in March 2022 to serve many refugees and families in the most vulnerable time during the ongoing war in Ukraine. Our team managed to provide and bring some much needed support for so many crossing over the border into Poland. As a team and church we provided humanitarian aid, relief and emotional support for so many crossing over the border into Poland. As a team and church we managed to raise £12,227 for our Ukraine mission trip to support the relief and mission work on the ground on the border among refugees.

Our Global Café culture nights continue to feed, serve and welcome many new newcomers to Belfast. We also received a generous grant of £3,744 to support our global café programme with some practical food and toiletries and bus tickets and to host outreach events and family fun days at church for some refugees and newcomers to Belfast.

Israel Study Tour

EN Belfast had the opportunity to lead another study tour to Israel with 15 members. Our annual tour provided individuals the opportunity grow in their relationship with God and to be theologically equipped as leaders and ministers. All travel funds were paid by each individual and member. We had the opportunity to also support our missionary friend Andrey Gelbet and his family in Israel with a financial gift.

Campus Ministry

As a ministry we are continuing to reach the next generation of leaders on the University campuses of Belfast through our iLive leadership course and through our one to one discipleship and life coaching and to also equip the next generation of leaders on campus! In June we sent one of our campus leaders to Marseille to be equipped in campus ministry by our campus ministry team in Europe and Ireland.

Leadership Equipping

Last year in May we sent our Senior Pastor Johann Vizagie to Krakow Poland to attend a leadership summit for Senior Pastors to further his leadership development and theological training.

We also hosted two discipleship and leadership development courses for members to help them in their growth and discipleship journey as new believers.

EVERY NATION MINISTRIES BELFAST
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT CONTINUED

Staff / employment

During the year we had three employees. Johann Vizagie who is one of the Senior Pastors), Brian O'Neill who is our worship and associate Pastor and Chrissy Charleman who until recently led our Campus ministry. However we could not operate without our team of volunteers, which includes Andrea Vizaige who is the other senior pastor, and Danica O'Neill who is our administrator and also oversees our Global Café outreach among refugees. Chrissy has recently returned to the USA to further her professional development by enrolling in a Masters in counselling in the USA. At the moment, Chrissy plans to return to Belfast in 2024 after completing her Masters course.

Leadership, staff and oversight:

The ministry is led by our Senior Pastors Johann & Andrea Vizagie and associate pastors Brain O'Neill who serve the ministry full time.

The ministry partners with Every Nation Ministries across the globe and particularly in Europe. Every Nation Europe provides advice, accountability and leadership oversight to us on day to day operations as a ministry and charity. We also received leadership development courses to help us grow as an organisation and ministry in various areas of leadership and as a church.

Financial Review

We are thankful for the generosity of our members. It reflects a culture of generosity in the church to serve our community and world missions.

During the year the charity's income increased by £46,817 to £158,015, and expenditure increased by £39,908 to £158,051. As a result the charity has reported a deficit this year of £37 (2021: £6,945) and net assets decreased by £37 to £4,490. This comprised cash of £6,777 less other net current liabilities of creditors of £2,287.

Reserves Policy & Going Concern

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £10,000, which equates to about 2 months of unrestricted expenditure, so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. The charity ended the year with an unrestricted cash deficit of £185. The trustees are taking steps to clear the deficit and it is anticipated that unrestricted cash will return to surplus in the new financial year. Thereafter the trustees will be seeking to add to unrestricted cash each financial year until the target set for holding unrestricted cash has been achieved.

The trustees note that, after deducting other net current liabilities, the charity ended the year with a deficit of £2,472 on unrestricted funds. The trustees are taking steps to try to increase income and control expenditure and anticipate that unrestricted funds will return to surplus by the end of the new financial year. The church operated by the charity is growing and so is the charity's income; the trustees are confident that the charity's supporters would provide any funding that the charity might require to continue operating.

Risk Statement

Trustees have reviewed the safeguarding policy and the trustees manage risks on a continuing basis.

EVERY NATION MINISTRIES BELFAST
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT CONTINUED

Responsibilities of trustees under company law

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Sara Hinton

Date: 26.7.23