



Life Triumphant Church
Omagh

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Life Triumphant Church Full Gospel Alliance

REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDING 5th APRIL 2024

CHARITY NUMBER: - NIC 102263

Reference and Administrative Details

CHARITY NAME

Life Triumphant Church Full Gospel Alliance, which is also known as LTC Omagh.

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Registered in Northern Ireland by the Charity Commission on 9th February 2016.

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

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CHARITY TRUSTEES AS OF 5th April 2024

Mr Graham McElhinney	Chairman
Mrs Pamela McElhinney	Secretary
Mr Alan Hutchinson	Trustee

Accountant/ Independent Examiner

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OBJECTIVES

The object of our organisation as set out in our Constitution is:

1. To spread and propagate the full Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and primarily, but not, exclusively the Fundamental Truths;
2. To demonstrate the full Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by the relief of people who by reason of their disability, age, infirmity, sickness, social or economic circumstances or caring responsibilities have a need of health, social care or other related community services or recreational facilities by the provision of information, advice, support and other services and facilities calculated to relieve those needs; and
3. To demonstrate the full Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by the advancement of education in such ways as may from time to time be charitable.

HOW WE HAVE CARRIED OUT OUR OBJECTIVES

Looking back on year ending 5th April 2024 we are confident that we have carried out our stated objectives as detailed above. The cost-of-living crisis, the war in the Ukraine and increased living costs have been a contributing factor as to why our services have been in high demand. We have worked hard at community engagement and have connected with more agencies than in previous years.

We continued to meet on Zoom weekly for our Tuesday Night Prayer meetings. This allows more people to "attend". On a Thursday evening we hold home group and open up our home for those from the community to come in who want to learn more about God and be encouraged. The last Sunday of every month we hold a sharing and communion service and then in the evening we open up the Outreach Building for people to drop in for tea & coffee and a chat.

In April we had an Easter Egg hunt after church for children and we also had a game of find the golden egg for the adults. Also, in April some of the ladies from our various groups attended a cross-border tea party in Dundalk as part of engaging with people of other backgrounds and nationalities.

In May we carried out a Food bank drive in Asda to raise awareness in the local community that there is a Food Bank in Omagh and also to engage with people who weekly put items into the food bank trolley in Asda.

In June we celebrated our 9th birthday as a church. We held a celebration picnic; this was attended by different sections of the community. Later in the month we had an event for ladies where our guest speaker came to talk to the ladies about how to "dress to kill". She showed us how to dress up our clothes by wearing scarfs different ways.

In July we continued to engage with the community on a day-by-day basis in the food bank. No activities were organised in July to give our volunteers a break.

In August we had a guest speaker come to church to share an encouraging but yet challenging talk. We also helped out at a music festival which was being held in Cookstown.

In September we attended a gathering in Dundalk that brought people from all communities together for a special time of teaching and singing. We also went to Londonderry to hear an inspiring talk of someone who faced challenge after challenge but her faith in God brought her through.

In October we began the first of three Christmas Hamper Drives in Asda where we encouraged customers to purchase certain items for our Christmas Hampers that are distributed via agencies in our local community.

At the end of November, we met together to “Dec the Halls” and put-up Christmas decorations in our church building and the Outreach building. This brought a sense of Christmas cheer. Also, in November we had another Christmas Hamper Drive, we also held our Flourish ladies Christmas party.

December is always a busy month for Church and the food bank. We had our final Christmas Hamper Drive, and we made up Christmas hampers for 450 people in our community. Local churches helped contribute to the amount of hamper. We had our annual carol service and Christmas dinner this month as well.

At the start of January, we “Undecked the Halls” and took down decorations for another year. At end of January, we had 3 days of prayer in preparation for Vision Sunday on the 11th of February 2024. At that service the pastors brought a plan of what lay ahead for the church for the next year.

On the 15th of February we held a Pancake Thursday home group where we sampled delicious home-made pancakes with lots of toppings to choose from. We also had an organisation called Christian Vision for Men take one of our men’s meetings at the Outreach Building.

In March we undertook a “Proverb a day” challenge where we encouraged people to read the book of Proverbs, there are 31 Proverbs just perfect for the 31 days in March. This month we also began a study book called In Search of Timothy at home group, this was designed to encourage people to put others before themselves and to serve in church in a practical way.

Easter was in March, and we held our usual Good Friday service and Easter Sunday service. Both were well attended by all sections of the community

The USPCA continues to supply food to us for dogs & cats so we could distribute to those who needed it for their animals.

We are very thankful to Asda for the opportunity to have a trolley dedicated for shoppers who can donate food and toiletry items to the REACH Food Bank. This trolley is emptied weekly and all food is used for our daily food bags. Asda also gave us permission to hold three “Christmas Hamper Food Drive” days where we handed out a “wanted” list which had specific items listed which would be used for our Christmas Hampers.

We have seen a demand in clients requesting hygiene products as these items have increased in price significantly. We now have a special area set aside where clients can choose items they need when they came to the food bank. This was a much-needed addition to our food bags.

We have a local farmer who supplies eggs to the REACH food bank, we are so thankful for this addition to our food bags.

We have been so overwhelmed by the generosity of the public, Sainsburys, FODC, schools, churches, and several local businesses for their support during this challenging time.

We continue to see an increase in asylum seekers from other parts of the European Union using our services, this has created some challenges with the language barrier, but we are thankful that we’ve been able to help them and to also signpost them to other agencies for help also. More than ever we are seeing working class families use our services.

At Christmas time we always provide Christmas Hampers for several agencies in our area. This year we had more churches partner with us than last year to make up hampers and they were distributed to the agencies two weeks before Christmas. We held a “Hamper Making day” on Tuesday 12th December where several agencies and our volunteers came together help make up hampers for the community. This brought so much joy to many families when they received them. We were able to distribute 450 Christmas hampers.

We have regular visitors to church on Sunday which brings people hope and encouragement and which helps spread the full Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All age groups and all religions regardless of their social or economic standing were made very welcome at all our services. The public benefit has been achieved as people who joined our online services and in person services noticed a change personally in their lives and their circumstances as a result of the advancement of religion in their lives. People's knowledge of the bible has increased, and this has given them a sense of hope for a brighter future.

We continue to receive offerings on as Sunday, and we have seen an increase in people giving electronically into our church bank account. Any offerings received were, used to cover the cost of any expenses incurred by Life Triumphant Church and the REACH Food Bank. Total income less expenses in the year amounted to a deficit of £221. Total reserves for the year-end 5th April 2024 were £32,435.

The REACH Food Bank continues to have a huge impact within our community. We continue to supply food to single parents, unemployed and employed, youths and families from all walks of life. Our food bank is now well established and our location is easily accessible by all. Weekly we gave out on average food bags to approximately 50 people in need and at Christmas time we made up Christmas hampers for an extra 400 people, this increases year after year. We have seen an escalation in food poverty which has increased dramatically, and we are thankful that we are able to support, offer advice and give information to help relieve those in need.

We continue to work closely with Social Services, Mental Health Teams, Housing Executive, First Housing, Probation Service, Action for Children, General Practitioners, Health Visitors, and many more statutory agencies that refer vulnerable people to ourselves for food and also to befriend them. We have been able to help as many disadvantaged people as possible that have come across our paths and improve their quality of living regardless of who they are or what social class they are from. The public benefit for relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage has been achieved.

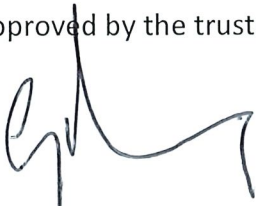
There was no harm or possibility of harm outweighed by our stated benefits. There were no private benefits flowing from our stated purposes.

Our charity adheres to its Constitution as its governing document.

There have been no new trustees appointed in the last year and all trustees are willing to remain trustees for the foreseeable future.

The trustees all declare that they have had regard to the Commission's guidance on Public benefit and have reported on the activities above, which has furthered its purposes for the public benefit.

Approved by the trustees at our annual general meeting 13th January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Graham McElhinney
CHAIR of TRUSTEES