

The Upper Room Cross Community Victory Church

Registered Charity

For the year ended 31 March 2023

Trustees' report

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and independent accountants' report of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with current statutory requirements, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing 1 January 2016).

Legal Structure

The Upper Room Cross Community Victory Church is a registered charity in Northern Ireland (Charity Registration No. 102813). The charity is an unincorporated charity.

Purpose

The Upper Room provides a setting for worship and holds services on a weekly basis to accommodate such. o provides social and outreach opportunities for bringing people together from outside the immediate, local church membership. o provides a cross-community youth club targeting children of primary school age. It facilitates, in collaboration with other church bodies in the local area, projects geared towards reaching out to the vulnerable and needy.

Public Benefit

The benefits from this purpose include the provision of a central location for corporate Christian worship and sharing of the Word of God. People will have an opportunity to exercise their right to engage in public worship. The benefits will also promote reduced stress and worry, balance and healthy relationships as these Biblical principles are applied. The benefits from this purpose also include improved understanding of the Bible and how to apply the Godly and/or moral teaching contained therein to one's everyday life. These benefits are demonstrated through feedback from church members and via visitors to our Facebook page. This purpose does not lead to harm. The beneficiaries are people living in Northern Ireland, particularly those living in the Coleraine area. The people targeted transcend age groups or social class. A private benefit exists to our Senior Pastor who would receive remuneration for his services to leading the church. These benefits are incidental and necessary.

Achievements and Performance

Total incoming resources amounted to £19,661 (2022 - £26,346) and after deducting total resources expended of £20,084 (2022 - £18,796), net outgoing resources amounted to £423 (2022 net incoming resources - £7,550). At the year-end unrestricted funds amounted to £52,036 (2022 - £45,486). All resources received and expended are treated as unrestricted funds, unless otherwise stated.

Governance and Management

The Trustees of the charity have the responsibility for the operational deliverance of the charity's activities and achievement of the objectives. The Trustees who served during the year are as stated below:

Rosemary Creelman
Peter Creelman
Timothy Creelman
Mark Creelman
Elizabeth Kennedy
John Parkhill

Trustees are elected in accordance with the Charity's governing document.

The Trustees have assessed major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure.

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The Trustees' report (Cont'd)

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

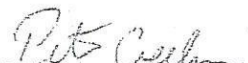
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).


The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires that the Trustees prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity and the incoming resources and application of the resources, including the net income or expenditure, of the charity for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees at the meeting on 5th December 2023 and signed on its behalf by


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