

**CASTLEWELLAN CONGREGATION OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105148)

CASTLEWELLAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Castlewellan congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

5 Newcastle Road
Castlewellan
Co Down
BT31 9DP

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105148)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were

Rev Andrew Downey	Mr Thomas Wright	Mr Noel Gibson
Mr Bertie Smyth	Mr Alan Blakely	Mr Trevor Irvine
Mr Thomas Patterson	Mr David Campbell	Mr Bertie McCammon

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister Name:- Rev. Andrew Downey

Clerk of Session Name:- Mr David Campbell

Treasurer Name:- Mr Trevor Irvine

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr Gareth Russell
180 Glassdruman Road
Annalong
BT34 4QL

BANKERS

Danske Bank
PO Box 183
Donegall Square West
Belfast
BT1 6JS

SOLICITORS

Fisher & Fisher
51A Main St,
Newcastle
BT33 0AD

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

The charity trustees of the congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds. It ensures pastoral care is in place in the congregation and seeks to further the contribution of the Church to Christian witness and service in the local community. The Kirk Sessions has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregations. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the ministers in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held monthly.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member, regular attendant on its ordinances, an a contributing member in the last financial year. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

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Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Castlewellan congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Iveagh Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administration and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during the first week in June for worship and to conduct its business. At the end of business it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

The charitable purpose of the congregation is the advancement of religion.

Castlewellan congregation of the Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregation's mission purposes are as follows:-

In the "Great Commission" Jesus commands us to "make disciples" of Christ. Our mission is 'making disciples' of Christ through preaching the gospel and expressing our faith in practical ways. This mission is to be worked out in the local congregation, the local community and the wider world.

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ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

* **Worship:** - We cater for all ages using both traditional and contemporary music accompanied by organ, piano and on occasions a band or junior orchestra. The Church Choir leads our praise in morning worship and at other special services, with the men's choir ministering in song on special occasions. We seek to be faithful to God's word as teaching given is Bible centred.

We believe in membership participation:- leading in prayer, scripture readings, speaking to children and missionary efforts.

Our meeting house is welcoming and well equipped with modern visual and sound equipment

* **Discipleship:** Discipleship takes place in a variety of forms for the different age groups within the Church. Sunday morning and evening services, mid-week meeting, monthly home groups and Presbyterian Women meetings provide opportunity for Christian teaching. Sunday morning Sunday School, crèche and Junior Bible Class and monthly Senior Bible Class cater for our children and young people. Newcastle Presbyterian provides both a Boy's and Girl's Brigade Company. Other areas for Christian growth include special men's events, Marriage and Communion Preparation Classes and Women's Retreats. Prayer meetings take place before the morning service, and weekly at mid-week. The weekly Church services are recorded onto CD's and distributed to those unable to attend Church and posted on U-Tube

* **Ministry:** Church ministry takes place at home and overseas.

There are many opportunities given to the congregation in the fields of outreach and service. We cater for local children and young people on a Friday evening at King's Club and JP's. Every summer some of our members help lead the holiday bible club at Leitrim Presbyterian Church. Mum's and Tots has proved very popular amongst the local population as a weekly meeting point. Elderly folk from both Church and community enjoy the monthly Silver Service meal, our ladies are also very active in providing catering at funerals and other events. The Craft Group meets every other Thursday evening and has proved quite popular. The men's choir is greatly appreciated especially in the local residential homes. Through all these activities we endeavour to reach out to and into the local community. The annual May Day event based in and around the Church premises attracts people from the surrounding area and further afield: many avail of the free tea and coffee on offer and welcome the free activities offered on the Church premises and in the town. Christmas and Easter cards are delivered to every house in the town and surrounding area: most are well received with many interesting conversations. The Caravan outreach takes place in Castlewellan Forest Park during the summer months and involves handing out invitation leaflets for the morning Church service.

As a Church we encourage inter Church relations when it is deemed appropriate. Several of our members are involved in the local community choir and others in the local Castlewellan Prayer

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Group. The Church co-operates with the local Loyal Orders in hosting special services. There are also occasional services within the Church designed to reach out to the local community. The Church has always enjoyed a special bond with Castlewellan Castle Christian Conference Centre. The Church makes use of the Castle premises from time to time and provides a place of worship for Castle staff.

Church ministry extends beyond our shores. Church members have been involved in mission related activities in Moldova, Nigeria and Malawi. Over the past number of years a team of 4/5 have travelled to Uganda with Hope Builders to build school accommodation. Approximately 20 Ugandan children are sponsored by members of the congregation via Fields of Life. The Church currently supports 2 missionary families serving with Wycliff Bible translators and, Crossroads in Hong Kong.

* Fellowship: Fellowship cements our members together as we seek to reach out to others in our congregation and community. A weekly Church Announcement Sheet provides information regarding Church life and activities. Also, we have a Web presence under 'Castlewellan Together' giving a profile of the Church and current announcements. The men have a choir and throughout the year attend an inter-church breakfast, men's day conference in Belfast and local inter-church 'challenge for men'. Our Ladies' Breakfast provided by the men has proved to be a popular event. The ladies hold monthly Presbyterian Women meetings and Christmas dinner to which women from the Craft Group and Mum's and Tots are invited. They are heavily involved together in catering activities throughout the year. The Sunday School and youth groups have annual parties and outings at Christmas. Everyone in the congregation has the opportunity to join the Church Walking Group and enjoy hikes in this area of such outstanding beauty. There is also a Church BBQ in June and Church Day Out in September. The Church Hall is often used to celebrate special occasions.

* Pastoral care: Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors

Weekly Events

Sunday Services – morning 10:30am and evening 6:30pm.

Sunday School - Primary School Age.

Junior Bible Class - Years 8-10

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CD Distribution

Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer meeting

Mums & Tots Thursday Morning

Craft Evening - Thursday Evening (Fortnightly)

Kings Club - Friday Evening (Primary School Age)

JP's Club - Friday Evening (Lower Secondary Age)

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Other Activities

Fund raising for Mission Endeavours eg New Beginnings Orphanage Uganda

May Day - Outreach

Holiday Bible Club

Christmas/Easter Card Distribution

Outreach Caravan Ministry

Outreach Walking Group

Fellowship/Outreach Church BBQ

Fellowship/Outreach Church Outing

Fellowship Ladies Breakfast

Service/Outreach Silver Service

Service/Outreach Men's Choir

*** ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

At 31 December 2022 there were 90 communicant members and 74 families connected with the congregations. The average week attendance at morning worship is 70

* **Presbytery:** The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and / or one of the elders. This provides an important link between the congregations and the wider structures of the church.

* **General Assembly:** The minister and one of our elders were nominated to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June.

* **Volunteers:** The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on committees and helping with organisations and other church activities.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of religion.

The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved).

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Generally the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public.

The purpose does not lead to harm. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to Ministers, Missionaries, Deaconesses, Irish Mission workers and Lay Agents who receive benefits as a result of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purpose. There are no other private benefits. The beneficiaries of this purpose are members, their families, other individuals that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is in direct and indirect contact with, the community in which pastoral services are provided and other communities throughout Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and worldwide which benefit from our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public.

The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 90 contributors during the year donating a total of £38,592.26

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £ 81,682.83

Total expenditure of the congregation during the year was £ 127,096.98

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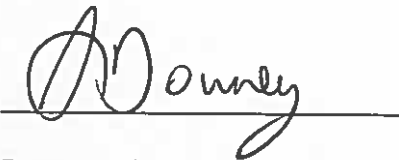
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

As the congregations total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 01.03.2022 and signed on its behalf by



Rev. Andrew Downey

Date:- 06.04.2023



Mr David Campbell

Date :- 06.04.2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CASTLEWELLAN
CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

See attached Independent examiners report.

CASTLEWELLAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account) for the year
ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2022
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations & Legacies	2	49,910.36	22,358.57		72,268.93
Charitable Activities	3	0.00	595.00		595.00
Other Trading Activities	4	414.02	5,625.00		6,039.02
Deposit Interest	5	145.47	3.38		148.85
Other Income	6	752.91	1,878.12		2,631.03
Sale of investments		0.00	0.00		0.00
Sale of fixed assets		0.00	0.00		0.00
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Total Receipts		51,222.76	30,460.07		81,682.83
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Payments					
Raising Funds	7	589.00	0.00		589.00
Charitable Activities	8	45,251.09	79,625.68		124,876.77
Investment Property Expenses	9	0.00	1,631.21		1,631.21
Purchase of investments		0.00	0.00		0.00
Purchase of Fixed Assets		0.00	0.00		0.00
		-----	-----		-----
Total Payments		45,840.09	81,256.89		127,096.98
		-----	-----		-----
Net receipts/ Payments		5,382.67	(50,796.82)		(45,414.15)
Transfers between funds		(2,065.61)	2,065.61		0.00
Net Movement in Funds		3,317.06	(48,731.21)		(45,414.15)

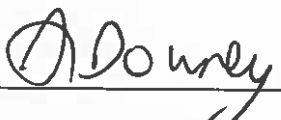
CASTLEWELLAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN
IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
As at 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2022
		£	£	£	£
Fund Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year		52,439.29	77,874.22		130,313.51
Net Movement in Funds		3,317.06	(48,731.21)		(45,414.15)
		-----	-----		-----
Bank and Cash at end of year		55,756.35	29,143.01		84,899.36
		=====	=====		=====
Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Current Accounts		55,756.35	28,589.40		84,245.75
Cash In Hand			553.61		553.61
					84,899.36
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Other Assets					
Church Premises					2,160,348.46
Manse					402,722.28
39/39 Main St Castlewellan					329,250
Investments					
General Bequest Fund					35,822.08
Stewart Bequest Fund					468,231
Gift Aid receivable on donations					8,300.00

					3,404,673.82
					=====
Liabilities					
					0.00


					3,404,673.82
					=====

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 06.04.2022 and signed on its behalf by



Rev. Andrew Downey

06.04.2022



Mr. David Campbell

06.04.2022

CASTLEWELLAN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015) to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2022 £
Recorded Giving	41,336.26	10,810.00		52,146.26
Loose Collections	828.13	1,270.30		2,098.43
Donations and Gifts	1,440.00	925.00		2,365.00
Gift Aid	6,179.30	1,409.74		7,589.04
Legacies and Bequests	126.67	7,943.53		8,070.20
	----- 49,910.36	----- 22,358.57	-----	----- 72,268.93
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3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2022 £
Income charitable activities				
Fees Weddings & Funerals		500.00		500.00
Fundraising events				
Membership Fees		95.00		95.00
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		595.00		595.00
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2022 £
Letting of Premises	414.02	5,625.00		6,039.02
Trading Income				
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	414.02	5,625.00		6,039.02
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2022 £
Deposit Interest	145.47	3.38		148.85
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	145.47	3.38		148.85
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6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2022 £
Other Income	752.91	1,878.12		2,631.03
	----- 752.91 -----	----- 1,878.12 -----	-----	----- 2,631.03 -----

7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2022 £
Printing FWO Envelopes	589.00			589.00
	----- 589.00 -----	-----	-----	----- 589.00 -----

8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2022 £
General Asb/ly Assessments	9,922.25	0		9,922.25
Presbytery Fees	327.00	0		327.00
Ministry and staff costs	29,391.56	0		29,391.56
Congregational run expenses	5,610.28	64,673.97		70,284.25
Donations missions/charities	0.00	14,951.71		14,951.71
	----- 45,251.09 -----	----- 79,625.68 -----	-----	----- 124,876.77 -----

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9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2022 £
0.00	1,631.21	0.00	1,631.21
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0.00	1,631.21	0.00	1,631.21
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10. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 5 Newcastle Road, Castlewellan, Co. Down, BT31 9DP and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £2,160,348.46

The congregation further owns the Manse at 5 Mill Hill, Castlewellan, Co. Down, BT31 9NA. This has an insurance value of £402,722.28

The congregation further owns the property at 37/39, Main Street, Castlewellan, Co. Down, BT31 9DQ. This has an insurance value of £329,250.00

11. INVESTMENTS

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

31.12.2022

General Investment Fund - £35,778.90

Stewart Bequest - £468,231.00

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2022

12. FUND BALANCES

	Balance at Start	Receipts	Payments	Surplus/ Deficit	Transfers	Balance at End
General Account Unrestricted Fund	£52,439.29	£51,222.76	£45,840.09	£5,382.67	(£2065.61)	£55,756.35
General Missions Acc	£1,170.99	£5,464.40	£6,645.76	(£1,181.36)	£2,000.00	£1,989.63
United Appeal	£0.00	£4,105.39	£4,171.00	(£65.61)	£65.61	£0.00
Presbyterian Children's Society	£0.00	£635.59	£635.59	£0.00		£0.00
World Dev. Appeal	£0.00	£300.00	£300.00	£0.00		£0.00
Earl Haig Fund	£0.00	£170.20	£170.20	£0.00		£0.00
Bequest Dividend to Minister	£0.00	£32.45	£32.45	£0.00		£0.00
Moderators Appeal	£0.00	£1,585.00	£1,585.00	£0.00		£0.00
Forson Gift	£0.00	£640.00	£640.00	£0.00		£0.00
Property Fund	£68,917.12	£14,843.29	£64,137.36	(£49294.07)		£19,623.05
Sunday School Fund	£384.86	£20.28	£16.98	£3.30		£388.16
Mother & Toddlers Fund	£289.22	£227.10	£225.86	£1.24		£290.46
Silver Service Fund	£553.61	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£553.61
PW Fund	£2,527.74	£2,341.37	£2,617.77	(£276.4)		£2,251.34
JPs Fund	£1,642.41	£95.00	£16.00	£79		£1,721.41
Kings Club Fund	£2,017.76	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£2,017.76
Youth Fellowship Fund	£337.59	£0.00	£30.00	(£30.00)		£307.59
Midweek Fund	£32.92	£0.00	£32.92	(32.92)		£0.00
Totals	£130,313.51	£81,682.83	£127,096.98	(£45,414.15)	£0.00	£84,899.36